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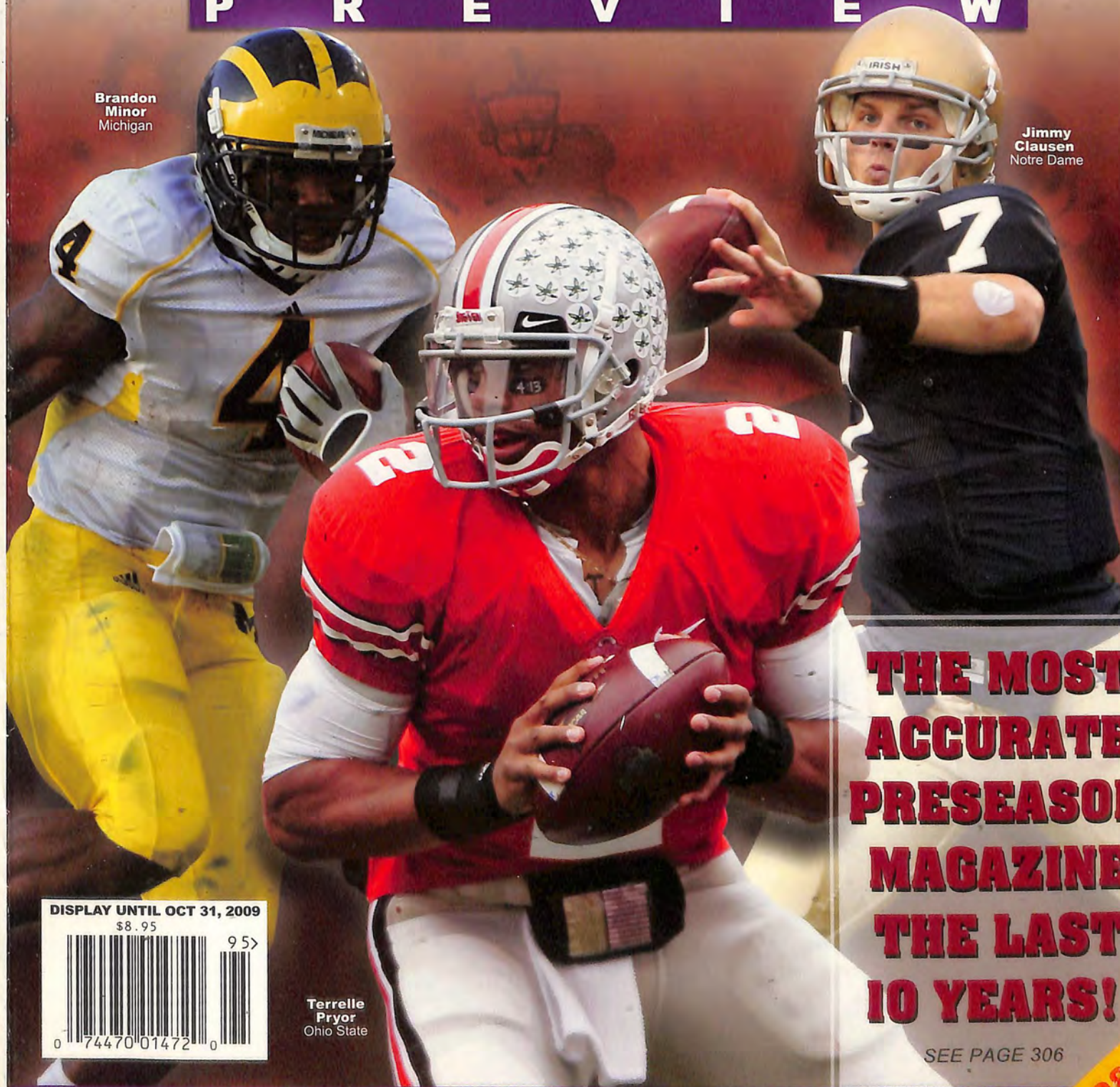

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THE MOST COMPLETE COLLEGE PREVIEW I KNOW YOU WILL AGREE!

Welcome to the 15th edition of my College Football Preview. In the back of the magazine I have a questionnaire form and each year I read through EVERY one of the thousands that are sent back. I want to thank everyone who returned one and really appreciate all of the very nice comments. Those comments keep me going during the long hours of "magazine season" from January through May. I keep adding features thanks, in part, to the questionnaires that YOU have filled out. New things are added every year to get as much information on these pages as possible. The magazine has come a long way from the one page (black and white) on each team provided in the 1st edition!

In 2006 we added the website **philsteele.com**. The last few years we have improved it tenfold (increased it even more this year) and if there is any type of football information you would like to see updated during the year, let us know and we will try to have it up there! After I write the magazine in May there are always numerous players who are injured, suspended or quit over the summer. I will have a complete list of those players online as well so you can update your magazine (I circle the players that are gone in mine). My magazine has limited pages but the website is unlimited and I want to make it your FBS College football source, PLUS it is loaded with information on the FCS (IAA) and NFL! For years I have made thousands of pages of stats and data into numerous books to aide in my research. Now I just post everything on philsteele.com and use that as my personal library. On the website you have access to 80% of the stats and information that I use and it is updated DAILY during the college football season. We also have weekly contests and award prizes when you enter in some of our polls.

There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like The Sporting News, Athlon, Lindy's, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan and ESPN. Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. As always, I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that has as MUCH information as my College Football Preview. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree.

I am very pleased to report that we are the most accurate magazine over the past 10 years (see page 306). This is now the 5th year since I started the Regional magazines and now have five: SEC, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-10 and the ACC/Big East Conferences. The Regional Magazines have SIX FULL pages for each BCS team in the conference and each contains a non-BCS conference i.e. Pac-10 (WAC), Big Ten (MAC), etc. The ACC/Big East also contains my FCS (IAA) college magazine (100+ pages) which has a HALF PAGE on each team (see page 11)!

This year I am putting an NFL magazine on the newsstands for the FIRST time and it has SIX full color pages on every NFL Team!

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the write-ups. This is done so I can put as much information in this magazine as possible. Refer to the glossary on page 3 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations. We also have an index on page 3, so you can find your favorite team quickly. In each conference the teams are listed in projected order of finish.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away in 1989. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which will always be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration. Also I want to thank my mother, Mary, who still invests many hours and prayers into the business.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2010 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 326. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2010 version early, directly through our office or online at philsteele.com. The 2010 Preview will sell for $8.95 and if you order before March 1, 2010, I will pick up the cost of the shipping. Call us at 1-866-918-7711 to order today.

Phil Steele

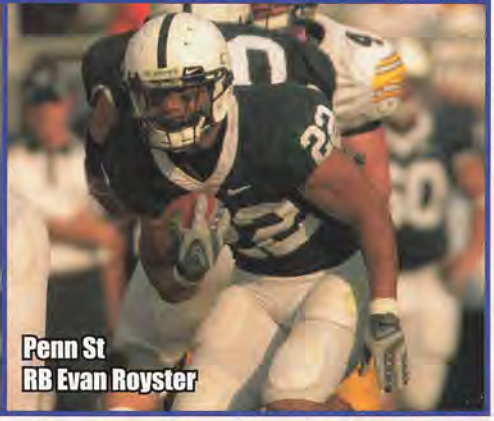
Thank you for purchasing Phil Steele's 2009 College Football Preview!!!

"I would like to acknowledge everyone who worked so hard on this magazine. Thank you for your time and effort. I could not have done it without you!! I appreciate every one of the LONG HOURS and the care that was put in." Phil

Photos of some of Phil's Preseason favorites to win the 2009 Heisman Trophy.

Florida
QB Tim Tebow

Mississippi
QB Jevan Snead


Penn St
RB Evan Royster

2009 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For more Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 16.

BCS NATIONAL TITLE

Rose Bowl
Pasadena, CA
January 7, 2010
Texas vs Florida

BCS NATIONAL TITLE LAST 3 YEARS

2008	Florida 24 Oklahoma 14
2007	LSU 38 Ohio St 24
2006	Florida 41 Ohio St 14

FIESTA BOWL

University of Phoenix Stadium
Glendale, AZ
January 4, 2010
Oklahoma vs Boise St

FIESTA BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Texas 24 Ohio St 21
2007	West Virginia 48 Oklahoma 28
2006	Boise St 43 Oklahoma 42 (OT)
2005	Ohio St 34 Notre Dame 20
2004	Utah 35 Pittsburgh 7
2003	Ohio St 35 Kansas St 28

GATOR BOWL

Jacksonville Municipal Stadium
Jacksonville, FL
January 1, 2010
Notre Dame vs Clemson

GATOR BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Nebraska 26 Clemson 21
2007	Texas Tech 31 Virginia 28
2006	West Virginia 38 Georiga Tech 35
2005	Virginia Tech 35 Louisville 24
2004	Florida St 30 West Virginia 18
2003	Maryland 41 West Virginia 7

INSIGHT BOWL

Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, AZ
December 31, 2009
Kansas St vs Wisconsin

INSIGHT BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Kansas 42 Minnesota 21
2007	Oklahoma St 49 Indiana 33
2006	Texas Tech 44 Minnesota 41 (OT)
2005	Arizona St 45 Rutgers 40
2004	Oregon St 38 Notre Dame 21
2003	California 52 Virginia Tech 49

SUN BOWL

Sun Bowl Stadium
El Paso, TX
December 31, 2009
Texas Tech vs UCLA

SUN BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Oregon St 3 Pittsburgh 0
2007	Oregon 56 USF 21
2006	Oregon St 39 Missouri 38
2005	UCLA 50 Northwestern 38
2004	Arizona St 27 Purdue 23
2003	Minnesota 31 Oregon 30

MUSIC CITY BOWL

LP Field
Nashville, TN
December 27, 2009
North Carolina vs Kentucky

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Vanderbilt 16 Boston College 14
2007	Kentucky 35 Florida St 28
2006	Kentucky 28 Clemson 20
2005	Virginia 34 Minnesota 31
2004	Minnesota 20 Alabama 16
2003	Auburn 28 Wisconsin 14

ROSE BOWL

Rose Bowl
Pasadena, CA
January 1, 2010
USC vs Penn St

ROSE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	USC 38 Penn St 24
2007	USC 49 Illinois 17
2006	USC 32 Michigan 18
2005	Texas 41 USC 38
2004	Texas 38 Michigan 37
2003	USC 28 Michigan 14

SUGAR BOWL

Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, LA
January 1, 2010
Mississippi vs Ohio St

SUGAR BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Utah 31 Alabama 17
2007	Georgia 41 Hawaii 10
2006	LSU 41 Notre Dame 14
2005	West Virginia 38 Georgia 35
2004	Auburn 16 Virginia Tech 13
2003	LSU 21 Oklahoma 14

COTTON BOWL

Cotton Bowl
Dallas, TX
January 2, 2010
Oklahoma St vs LSU

COTTON BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Mississippi 47 Texas Tech 34
2007	Missouri 38 Arkansas 7
2006	Auburn 17 Nebraska 14
2005	Alabama 13 Texas Tech 10
2004	Tennessee 38 Texas A&M 7
2003	Mississippi 31 Oklahoma St 28

CHICK-fil-A BOWL

Georgia Dome
Atlanta, GA
December 31, 2009
Georgia Tech vs Arkansas

CHICK-fil-A BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	LSU 38 Georgia Tech 3
2007	Auburn 23 Clemson 20 (OT)
2006	Georgia 31 Virginia Tech 24
2005	LSU 40 Miami, Fl 3
2004	Miami, Fl 27 Florida 10
2003	Clemson 27 Tennessee 14

HOLIDAY BOWL

Qualcomm Stadium
San Diego, CA
December 30, 2009
California vs Nebraska

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Oregon 42 Oklahoma St 31
2007	Texas 52 Arizona St 34
2006	California 45 Texas A&M 10
2005	Oklahoma 17 Oregon 14
2004	Texas Tech 45 California 31
2003	Washington St 28 Texas 20

MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

Bank of America Stadium
Charlotte, NC
December 26, 2009
USF vs NC State

MEINEKE CARE CARE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	West Virginia 31 North Carolina 30
2007	Wake Forest 24 Connecticut 10
2006	Boston College 25 Navy 24
2005	NC State 14 USF 0
2004	Boston College 37 North Carolina 24
2003	Virginia 23 Pittsburgh 16

ORANGE BOWL

Landshark Stadium
Miami, FL
January 5, 2010
Virginia Tech vs Rutgers

ORANGE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Virginia Tech 20 Cincinnati 7
2007	Kansas 24 Virginia Tech 21
2006	Louisville 24 Wake Forest 13
2005	Penn St 26 Florida St 23 (3OT)
2004	USC 55 Oklahoma 19
2003	Miami, Fl 16 Florida St 14

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, FL
January 1, 2010
Iowa vs Alabama

CAPITAL ONE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Georgia 24 Michigan St 12
2007	Michigan 41 Florida 35
2006	Wisconsin 17 Arkansas 14
2005	Wisconsin 24 Auburn 10
2004	Iowa 30 LSU 25
2003	Georgia 34 Purdue 27 (OT)

OUTBACK BOWL

Raymond James Stadium
Tampa, FL
January 1, 2010
Illinois vs Georgia

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Iowa 31 South Carolina 10
2007	Tennessee 21 Wisconsin 17
2006	Penn St 20 Tennessee 10
2005	Florida 31 Iowa 24
2004	Georgia 24 Wisconsin 21
2003	Iowa 37 Florida 17

LIBERTY BOWL

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
Memphis, TN
January 2, 2010
Southern Miss vs Tennessee

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Kentucky 25 East Carolina 19
2007	Mississippi St 10 UCF 3
2006	South Carolina 44 Houston 36
2005	Tulsa 31 Fresno St 24
2004	Louisville 44 Boise St 40
2003	Utah 17 Southern Miss 0

ALAMO BOWL

Alamodome
San Antonio, TX
January 2, 2010
Michigan St vs Kansas

ALAMO BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Missouri 30 Northwestern 23 (OT)
2007	Penn St 24 Texas A&M 17
2006	Texas 26 Iowa 24
2005	Nebraska 32 Michigan 28
2004	Ohio St 33 Oklahoma St 7
2003	Nebraska 17 Michigan St 3

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, FL
December 29, 2009
Miami, Fl vs Michigan

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Florida St 42 Wisconsin 13
2007	Boston College 24 Michigan St 21
2006	Maryland 24 Purdue 7
2005	Clemson 19 Colorado 10
2004	Georgia Tech 51 Syracuse 14
2003	NC State 56 Kansas 26

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So Little SPACE!

You'll find more information packed into these 328 pages than in any of my competitors' publications. To do that, I had to cut somewhere, so I have used a lot of abbreviations in the upcoming pages. Most are obvious, but here is a complete list of the abbreviations used.

AA	All American	FF	Forced Fumble	JR	Junior	OFY	Out for Year	REC	Receiver/Reception(s)	TFL	Tackle For Loss
AC	All Conference	FG	Field Goal	JUCO	Junior College Transfer	OG	Offensive Guard	RET	Return	TKL	Tackles
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament	FGA	Field Goal Attempt	JV	Junior Varsity	OL	Offensive Line/O-Line	RFR	Redshirt Frosh	TOP	Time of Possession
AD	Athletic Director	FHG	Final Home Game	KD	Knockdown for an OL	OLB	Outside Linebacker	RG	Road Game(s)	TO	Turnovers
AG	Away Game	FL	Flanker	K/P	Kicker/Punter	OOB	Out of Bounds	ROV	Rover	TO	Timeout
AVG	Average	FMBL	Fumble	KO	Kickoff	OPW	Offensive Player of the Week	RS	Return Specialist	TPG	Tackles Per Game
B2B	Back-to-Back	FR	Freshman/Fumble Rec	KO'd	Knocked-Out	OT	OffensiveTackle	RS	Redshirt	TRANS	Transfer
BAN	Bandit	FS	Free Safety	KR	Kick Return	OT	Overtime	RT	Right Tackle	TRUE	True Frosh
BF	Body Fat	GL	Goal Line	L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)	PA	Points Against	RZ	Red Zone	TTL	Total
C	Center	GS	Grayshirt	LB	Linebacker	PBU	Passes Broken Up	S	Safety	TY	This Year
CB	Cornerback	GTD	Game Time Decision	LS	Long Snapper	PD	Passes Defended (pbu+int)	SB	Slotback	UFA	Undrafted Free Agent
CCH	Coach	GW	Game Winning	LT	Left Tackle	PEN	Penalty	SE	Split End	VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
CONV	Conversion	HB	Halfback/H-Back	Ltt'd	Lettered	PF	Points For	SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks	VL	Vertical Leap
DC	Draft Choice	HC	Homecoming	LW	Last Week	POG	Player of the Game	SO	Sophomore	WR	Wide Receiver
DC	Def Coordinator	HC	Head Coach	LY	Last Year	POY	Player of the Year	SOD	Stopped on Downs	XP	Extra Point
DD	Double Digit	HG	Home Game	MCL	Medial Collateral Ligament	PPG	Points Per Game	SPD	Speed	XPNG	Extra Point No Good
DE	Defensive End	HM	Honorable Mention	Med RS	Medical Redshirt	PQ	Partial Qualifier	SPG	Spring	YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
DL	Defensive Line/D-Line	HS	High School	MIT	Most Improved Teams	PR	Punt Return	SR	Senior	YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
DNL	Did Not Letter	HT	Highly Touted Athlete	MLB	Middle Linebacker	PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS	SS	Strong Safety	YPG	Yards per Game
DNP	Did Not Play	IFS	In For Spring	MIP	Most Improved	PSL	Projected Starting Lineup	SSN	Season	YPP	Yards per Point/Punt
DNQ	Did Not Qualify	ILB	Inside Linebacker	MOV	Margin Of Victory	PT	Playing time	ST	Special Teams	YPR	Yards per Return
DPW	Defensive Player of the Week	INC	Incomplete	NB	Nickel Back	PT/PTS	Point/Points	STPW	Special Teams Player of Week	1H	1st Half, (2H) 2nd Half
DS	Deep Snapper	INCL	Including	NG	Nose Guard	PW	Player of Week	ST/STR	Starts/Starters	1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
DT	Defensive Tackle	INEL	Ineligible	NL	No Line	PY	Passing Yards	SU	Straight Up	2PT	2 point conversion
EZ	End Zone	INT	Interception	NOR	Not on roster	QB	Quarterback	TB	Tailback/Touchback	2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
FB	Fullback	IB	I-back (running back)	NT	Nose Tackle	QBH	Quarterback hurries	TD	Touchdown	†	Neutral Site
FD	First Down	JC	Junior College	OC	Offensive Coordinator	RB	Running Back	TE	Tight End	'	Half

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 PRESEASON OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
QB	Tim Tebow, Florida	Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	Colt McCoy, Texas	Dan LeFevour, C Michigan
RB	Jonathan Dwyer, Georgia Tech	Jahvid Best, California	Noel Devine, West Virginia	Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon St
RB	Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma St	Evan Royster, Penn St	CJ Spiller, Clemson	MiQuale Lewis, Ball St
WR	Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St	Brandon LaFell, LSU	AJ Green, Georgia	Jordan Shipley, Texas
WR	Golden Tate, Notre Dame	Eric Decker, Minnesota	DeAndre Brown, Southern Miss	Damian Williams, USC
WR	Arrelious Benn, Illinois	Julio Jones, Alabama	Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas	Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati
TE	Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma	Rob Gronkowski, Arizona	DJ Williams, Arkansas	Dennis Pitta, BYU
C	Kristofer O'Dowd, USC	Josh McNeil, Tennessee	Chris Hall, Texas	Maurkice Pouncey, Florida
G	Sergio Render, Virginia Tech	Brandon Carter, Texas Tech	Rodney Hudson, Florida St	Justin Boren, Ohio St
G	Jeff Byers, USC	Thomas Austin, Clemson	Mike Johnson, Alabama	Kurtis Gregory, Missouri
T	Ciron Black, LSU	Bryan Bulaga, Iowa	Anthony Davis, Rutgers	Trent Williams, Oklahoma
T	Russell Okung, Okahoma St	Sam Young, Notre Dame	John Jerry, Mississippi	Adam Ulatoski, Texas
K	Kai Forbath, UCLA	Thomas Weber, Arizona St	Alex Henery, Nebraska	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama
KR	Brandon James, Florida	Damaris Johnson, Tulsa	Terrence Austin, UCLA	Torrey Smith, Maryland

PHIL'S TOP 60 QB'S

Draft Eligible

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Sam Bradford	Oklahoma	Jr	6-4	218
2.	Tim Tebow	Florida	Sr	6-3	245
3.	Colt McCoy	Texas	Sr	6-3	210
4.	Dan LeFevour	C Michigan	Sr	6-3	229
5.	Jevan Snead	Mississippi	Jr	6-3	215
6.	Colin Kaepernick	Nevada	Jr	6-6	215
7.	Ryan Mallett	Arkansas	So	6-7	248
8.	Max Hall	BYU	Sr	6-1	201
9.	Zac Robinson	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-3	218
10.	Jimmy Clausen	Notre Dame	Jr	6-3	217
11.	Rusty Smith	Fla Atlantic	Sr	6-5	212
12.	Jake Locker	Washington	Jr	6-3	222
13.	Tim Hiller	W Michigan	Sr	6-5	228
14.	Tony Pike	Cincinnati	Sr	6-6	210
15.	Case Keenum	Houston	Jr	6-2	210
16.	Aaron Corp	USC	So	6-4	195
17.	Juice Williams	Illinois	Sr	6-2	235
18.	Jarrett Brown	W Virginia	Sr	6-4	221
19.	Matt Grothe	USF	Sr	6-0	205
20.	Adam Weber	Minnesota	Jr	6-3	217
21.	Trevor Vittatoe	UTEP	Jr	6-2	220
22.	Kevin Riley	California	Jr	6-2	221
23.	Daryll Clark	Penn State	Sr	6-2	233
24.	Tyrod Taylor	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-1	216
25.	Willy Korn	Clemson	So	6-2	220
26.	Kellen Moore	Boise St	So	6-0	184
27.	Pat Devlin	Delaware	Jr	6-4	221
28.	Jerrod Johnson	Texas A&M	Jr	6-5	229
29.	Zach Frazer	Connecticut	Jr	6-4	225
30.	Riley Skinner	Wake Forest	Sr	6-1	210
31.	Thaddeus Lewis	Duke	Sr	6-2	200
32.	Todd Reesing	Kansas	Sr	5-11	200
33.	John Brantley	Florida	So	6-3	217
34.	Taylor Potts	Texas Tech	Jr	6-5	215
35.	Mitch Mustain	USC	Jr	6-3	210
36.	Andy Schmitt	E Michigan	Sr	6-4	238
37.	Kyle Reed	San Jose St	Sr	6-3	215
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43.	TJ Yates	N Carolina	Jr	6-3	215
44.	Stephen Garcia	S Carolina	So	6-2	219
45.	Joe Cox	Georgia	Sr	6-1	210
46.	Christian Ponder	Florida St	Jr	6-2	217
47.	Ryan Lindley	San Diego St	So	6-3	205
48.	Omar Clayton	UNLV	Jr	6-1	200
49.	Bryant Lee	Southern	Sr	6-2	200
50.	Jonathan Crompton	Tennessee	Sr	6-4	228
51.	Curtis Pulley	Florida A&M	Sr	6-4	200
52.	Josh Nesbitt	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-1	214
53.	Greg Alexander	Hawaii	Sr	6-3	230
54.	Jarrett Lee	LSU	So	6-2	216
55.	Austin Davis	Southern Miss	So	6-2	206
56.	Joe Webb	UAB	Sr	6-4	220
57.	Armanti Edwards	Appalachian St	Sr	6-0	184
58.	Jake Christensen	Albany	Sr	6-1	215
59.	Sean Canfield	Oregon St	Sr	6-4	220
60.	Matt Nichols	E Wash	Sr	6-2	220

PHIL'S TOP 63 RUNNING BACKS

Draft Eligible

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	CJ Spiller	Clemson	Sr	5-11	195
2.	Jonathan Dwyer	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-0	228
3.	DeMarco Murray	Oklahoma	Jr	6-0	205
4.	Jahvid Best	California	Jr	5-10	195
5.	Charles Scott	LSU	Sr	5-11	233
6.	Chris Brown	Oklahoma	Sr	5-11	210
7.	Darren Evans	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-0	213
8.	Joe McKnight	USC	Jr	6-0	200
9.	Evan Royster	Penn St	Jr	6-1	209
10.	Noel Devine	West Virginia	Jr	5-8	175
11.	Ben Tate	Auburn	Sr	5-11	217
12.	LeGarrette Blount	Oregon	Sr	6-2	240
13.	Stafon Johnson	USC	Sr	5-11	215
14.	James Starks	Buffalo	Sr	6-2	211
15.	Keiland Williams	LSU	Sr	5-11	229
16.	Damion Fletcher	Southern Miss	Sr	5-10	177
17.	Caleb King	Georgia	So	5-11	212
18.	Javarris James	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	215
19.	John Clay	Wisconsin	So	6-2	247
20.	Kendall Hunter	Oklahoma St	Jr	5-8	190
21.	CJ Gable	USC	Jr	6-0	200
22.	Harvey Unga	BYU	Jr	6-0	239
23.	Da'Rel Scott	Maryland	Jr	5-11	200
24.	Emmanuel Moody	Florida	Jr	6-0	210
25.	Ryan Mathews	Fresno St	Jr	5-11	215
26.	Josh Adams	Wake Forest	Jr	6-0	182
27.	Victor Anderson	Louisville	So	5-9	185
28.	Graig Cooper	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-0	202
29.	MiQuale Lewis	Ball St	Sr	5-6	193
30.	Mike Ford	USF	Jr	6-2	225
31.	Brandon Minor	Michigan	Sr	6-1	216
32.	Michael Smith	Arkansas	Sr	5-7	176
33.	Jamelle Eugene	NC State	Sr	5-10	195
34.	Cordera Eason	Mississippi	Sr	5-10	224
35.	Derrick Washington	Missouri	Jr	5-11	225
36.	Deonté Jackson	Idaho	Jr	5-8	191
37.	Nic Grigsby	Arizona	Jr	5-10	190
38.	Derrick Locke	Kentucky	Jr	5-9	180
39.	Zach Brown	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	208
40.	Reggie Arnold	Arkansas St	Sr	5-9	219
41.	Stephfon Green	Penn St	So	5-10	192
42.	Chris Rainey	Florida	So	5-9	175
43.	Jake Sharp	Kansas	Sr	5-10	195
44.	Marc Tyler	USC	So	6-0	220
45.	André Anderson	Tulane	Sr	6-0	211
46.	Toby Gerhart	Stanford	Sr	6-1	237
47.	Armando Allen	Notre Dame	Jr	5-10	195
48.	Enrique Davis	Mississippi	So	6-0	220
49.	Daniel Dufrene	Illinois	Sr	5-11	205
50.	Mikell Simpson	Virginia	Sr	6-1	200
51.	Matt Asiata	Utah	Sr	5-11	230
52.	Dwight Tardy	Washington St	Sr	5-10	208
53.	DeJuane Collins	Toledo	Sr	5-10	211
54.	James Aldridge	Notre Dame	Sr	6-0	225
55.	LeMarcus Coker	Hampton	Sr	5-10	195
56.	Lonyae Miller	Fresno St	Sr	5-11	215
57.	Vai Taua	Nevada	Jr	5-10	225
58.	Mario Fannin	Auburn	Jr	5-11	226
59.	Jeremy Avery	Boise St	Jr	5-9	171
60.	Jaycen Taylor	Purdue	Sr	5-10	180
61.	Shane Vereen	California	So	5-10	198
62.	Brandon West	W Michigan	Sr	5-10	188
63.	Curtis Steele	Memphis	Sr	6-0	185

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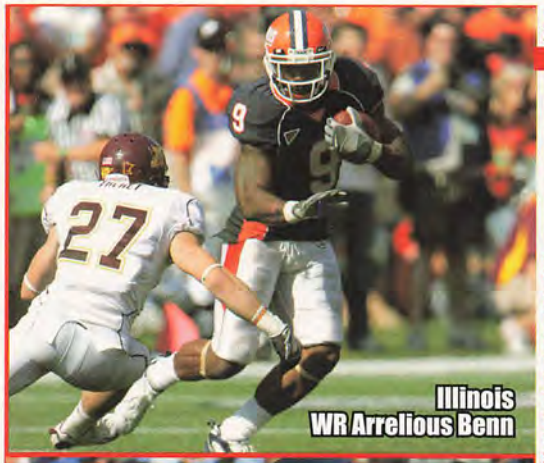
Georgia Tech RB Jonathan Dwyer

Texas QB Colt McCoy

Central Michigan QB Dan LeFevour

California RB Jahvid Best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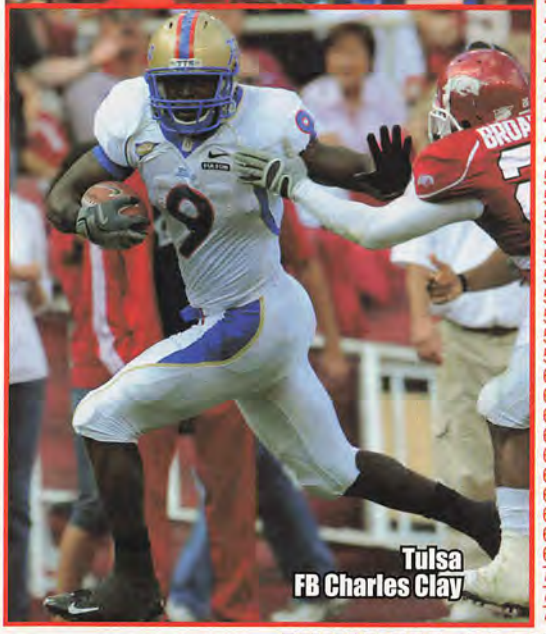
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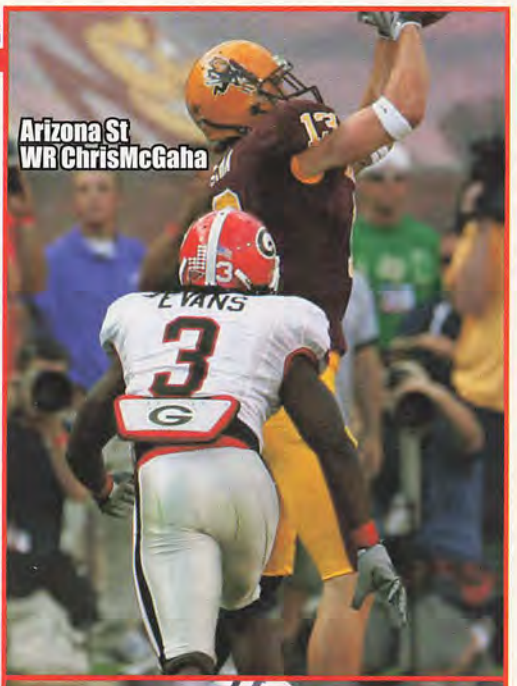
Draft Eligible PHIL'S TOP 72 WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Arrelious Benn	Illinois	Jr	6-2	220
2.	Dez Bryant	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	215
3.	Brandon LaFell	LSU	Sr	6-3	209
4.	Eric Decker	Minnesota	Sr	6-2	215
5.	Dezmon Briscoe	Kansas	Jr	6-3	200
6.	Golden Tate	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	195
7.	Mardy Gilyard	Cincinnati	Sr	6-1	187
8.	Jordan Shipley	Texas	Sr	6-0	190
9.	Kerry Meier	Kansas	Sr	6-3	220
10.	Demaryius Thomas	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-3	229
11.	Naaman Roosevelt	Buffalo	Sr	6-0	187
12.	Damian Williams	USC	Jr	6-1	190
13.	Bryan Anderson	C Michigan	Sr	6-5	213
14.	Jacoby Ford	Clemson	Sr	5-10	185
15.	Jeff Cumberland	Illinois	Sr	6-5	255
16.	Kyle Jefferson	Wisconsin	Jr	6-5	180
17.	Carlton Mitchell	USF	Jr	6-4	212
18.	Greg Mathews	Michigan	Sr	6-3	209
19.	Mark Dell	Michigan St	Jr	6-2	196
20.	Mike Williams	Syracuse	Jr	6-2	204
21.	Carl Moore	Florida	Sr	6-3	225
22.	Duval Kamara	Notre Dame	Jr	6-5	219
23.	Emmanuel Sanders	SMU	Sr	5-11	180
24.	Oderick Turner	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-3	205
25.	Deonte Thompson	Florida	So	6-0	195
26.	David Gettis	Baylor	Sr	6-4	210
27.	Terrance Toliver	LSU	Jr	6-4	194
28.	Vidal Hazelton	Cincinnati	Sr	6-2	210
29.	Kris Adams	UTEP	Jr	6-3	195
30.	Brandon Warren	Tennessee	Jr	6-2	216
31.	David Ausberry	USC	Jr	6-4	235
32.	Cortez Gent	Fla Atlantic	Sr	6-2	170
33.	Stephen Williams	Toledo	Sr	6-5	199
34.	Antonio Brown	C Michigan	Jr	5-10	179
35.	Bert Reed	Florida St	So	5-11	165
36.	Riley Cooper	Florida	Sr	6-3	215
37.	Jeshua Anderson	Wash St	Jr	6-2	188
38.	Michael Moore	Georgia	Sr	6-2	200
39.	Ryan Broyles	Oklahoma	So	5-11	175
40.	Dexter McCluster	Mississippi	Sr	5-8	165
41.	Ryan Wolfe	UNLV	Sr	6-2	210
42.	Terrell Hudgins	Elon	Sr	6-3	235
43.	Scotty McKnight	Colorado	Jr	5-11	185
44.	Trae Johnson	Tulsa	Jr	5-11	180
45.	Ray Small	Ohio St	Sr	5-11	180
46.	Gerald Jones	Tennessee	Jr	6-0	199
47.	Carlos Singleton	Memphis	Sr	6-8	220
48.	Ronald Johnson	USC	Jr	6-1	185
49.	Jock Sanders	W Virginia	Jr	5-8	174
50.	Detron Lewis	Texas Tech	Jr	6-0	209
51.	Freddie Barnes	Bowling Green	Sr	6-0	210
52.	Jimmy Young	TCU	Jr	6-1	204
53.	Ryan Tannehill	Texas A&M	So	6-4	204
54.	Greg Little	N Carolina	Jr	6-3	220
55.	Titus Young	Boise St	Jr	5-11	167
56.	Frantrell Forrest	UAB	Jr	6-2	195
57.	Jarred Fayson	Illinois	Sr	6-0	215
58.	Chris McGaha	Arizona St	Sr	6-1	199
59.	Edward Britton	Texas Tech	Sr	6-0	174
60.	Danario Alexander	Missouri	Sr	6-5	210
61.	David Gilreath	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	162
62.	Phillip Livas	Louisiana Tech	Jr	5-8	175
63.	Owen Spencer	NC State	Jr	6-3	185
64.	Jessie Hester	USF	Sr	6-0	180
65.	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	Iowa	Jr	6-1	200
66.	Duke Calhoun	Memphis	Sr	6-4	200
67.	Kamar Aiken	UCF	Jr	6-2	211
68.	Chris Wellington	Nevada	Jr	6-1	185
69.	Marcus Barnett	Cincinnati	Jr	6-2	174
70.	Slick Shelley	Tulsa	Sr	6-4	200
71.	Niles Paul	Nebraska	Jr	6-1	215
72.	Hayo Carpenter	Minnesota	Jr	5-11	185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Draft Eligible PHIL'S TOP 24 FULLBACKS Draft Eligible

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Charles Clay	Tulsa	Jr	6-3	230
2.	Stanley Havili	USC	Jr	6-0	225
3.	Allen Bradford	USC	Sr	5-11	225
4.	Quentin Castille	Nebraska	Jr	6-1	235
5.	Cory Jackson	Maryland	Sr	6-1	245
6.	Chane Moline	UCLA	Sr	6-1	244
7.	Owen Marecic	Stanford	Jr	6-1	241
8.	Richie Brockel	Boise St	Sr	6-2	244
9.	Marcus Sims	Florida St	Sr	6-0	230
10.	Matt Clapp	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	234
11.	Brandon King	Duke	Sr	6-2	240
12.	James McCluskey	Boston College	Jr	6-2	246
13.	Brody Eldridge	Oklahoma	Sr	6-5	265
14.	Seddrick Holloway	Florida St	Sr	5-10	265
15.	Paul Homer	Washington	Sr	6-1	239
16.	Mike Rinfrette	Wake Forest	Sr	6-3	260
17.	Henry Hynoski	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-2	250
18.	Willie Rose	Fla Atlantic	Sr	6-1	227
19.	Haroon Brown	Maryland	Jr	5-10	257
20.	Rashawn Jackson	Virginia	Sr	6-1	253
21.	Frank Haliburton	Purdue	Sr	6-2	251
22.	Isaac Kinter	Fresno St	Sr	6-1	240
23.	Derrick Catlett	Iowa St	Sr	6-4	252
24.	Anthony Harding	Fresno St	Sr	6-0	220

Draft Eligible PHIL'S TOP 44 TIGHT ENDS Draft Eligible

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Jermaine Gresham	Oklahoma	Sr	6-6	261
2.	Rob Gronkowski	Arizona	Jr	6-6	265
3.	DJ Williams	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	250
4.	Dennis Pitta	BYU	Sr	6-5	248
5.	Garrett Graham	Wisconsin	Sr	6-4	248
6.	Ed Dickson	Oregon	Sr	6-5	243
7.	Cody Slate	Marshall	Sr	6-4	220
8.	Aaron Hernandez	Florida	Jr	6-2	250
9.	Richard Dickson	LSU	Sr	6-3	246
10.	Nate Byham	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-3	255
11.	Charlie Gantt	Michigan St	Jr	6-4	245
12.	Jeron Mastrud	Kansas St	Sr	6-6	253
13.	Andrew Quarless	Penn St	Sr	6-5	253
14.	George Bryan	NC State	So	6-5	270
15.	Anthony McCoy	USC	Sr	6-5	255
16.	Weslye Saunders	S Carolina	Jr	6-5	280
17.	Tony Moeaki	Iowa	Sr	6-4	250
18.	Greg Boone	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	287
19.	Mike Ragone	Notre Dame	So	6-5	251
20.	Tommy Trott	Auburn	Sr	6-5	237
21.	Blaine Irby	Texas	Jr	6-3	235
22.	Mickey Shuler	Penn St	Sr	6-4	249
23.	Luke Stocker	Tennessee	Sr	6-6	240
24.	Rhett Ellison	USC	So	6-5	250
25.	Jake Ballard	Ohio St	Sr	6-6	256
26.	Ryan Moya	UCLA	Sr	6-3	247
27.	Jeffery Anderson	UAB	Jr	6-3	255
28.	TC Drake	Kentucky	Sr	6-6	242
29.	Mike Hoomanawanui	Illinois	Sr	6-5	270
30.	Martell Webb	Michigan	Jr	6-4	254
31.	Riar Geer	Colorado	Sr	6-4	250
32.	Justin Akers	Baylor	Sr	6-4	250
33.	Jeff Cottam	Tennessee	Sr	6-8	260
34.	Lansford Watson	Maryland	So	6-2	260
35.	Sam Wheeler	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	258
36.	Konrad Reuland	Stanford	Jr	6-6	252
37.	Mike McNeill	Nebraska	Jr	6-4	240
38.	Scott Sicko	New Hampshire	Sr	6-3	230
39.	Brett Huffman	Duke	Jr	6-5	235
40.	Michael Palmer	Clemson	Sr	6-5	250
41.	Zack Pianalto	N Carolina	Jr	6-4	250
42.	Bruce Figgins	Georgia	Jr	6-4	253
43.	Lance Kendricks	Wisconsin	Jr	6-4	237
44.	Brandon Barden	Vanderbilt	So	6-5	245

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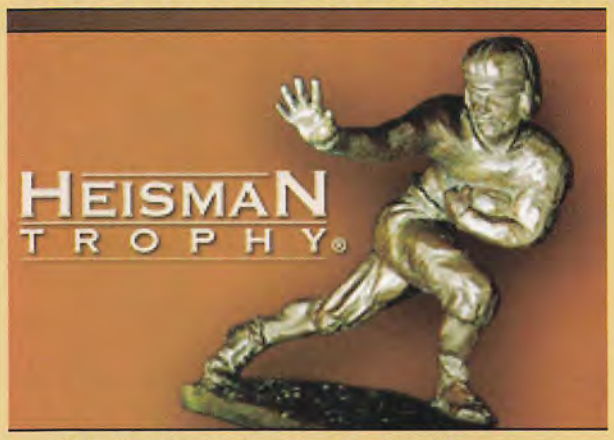

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1986	QB	Vinny Testaverde	SR	Miami (FL)
1987	WR	Tim Brown	SR	Notre Dame
1988	RB	Barry Sanders	JR	Oklahoma State
1989	QB	Andre Ware	JR	Houston
1990	QB	Ty Detmer	JR	Brigham Young
1991	WR	Desmond Howard	JR	Michigan
1992	QB	Gino Torretta	SR	Miami (FL)
1993	QB	Charlie Ward	SR	Florida State
1994	RB	Rashaan Salaam	JR	Colorado
1995	RB	Eddie George	SR	Ohio State
1996	QB	Danny Wuerffel	SR	Florida
1997	CB	Charles Woodson	JR	Michigan
1998	RB	Ricky Williams	SR	Texas
1999	RB	Ron Dayne	SR	Wisconsin
2000	QB	Chris Weinke	SR	Florida State
2001	QB	Eric Crouch	SR	Nebraska
2002	QB	Carson Palmer	SR	USC
2003	QB	Jason White	JR	Oklahoma
2004	QB	Matt Leinart	JR	USC
2005	RB	Reggie Bush	JR	USC
2006	QB	Troy Smith	SR	Ohio State
2007	QB	Tim Tebow	JR	Florida

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1973	John Hicks	Ohio State	1992	Marvin Jones	Florida State
1974	Randy White	Maryland	1993	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame
1975	Lee Roy Selmon	Oklahoma	1994	Warren Sapp	Miami, FL
1976	Wilson Whitley	Houston	1995	Orlando Pace	Ohio State
1977	Ross Browner	Notre Dame	1996	Orlando Pace	Ohio State
1978	Bruce Clark	Penn State	1997	Grant Wistrom	Nebraska
1979	Brad Budde	USC	1998	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M
1980	Hugh Green	Pittsburgh	1999	Corey Moore	Virginia Tech
1981	Kenneth Sims	Texas	2000	Jamal Reynolds	Florida State
1982	Dave Rimington	Nebraska	2001	Julius Peppers	North Carolina
1983	Dean Steinkuhler	Nebraska	2002	Terrell Suggs	Arizona State
1984	Tony Degrate	Texas	2003	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma
1985	Tony Casillas	Oklahoma	2004	David Pollack	Georgia
1986	Cornelius Bennett	Alabama	2005	A.J. Hawk	Ohio State
1987	Chris Spielman	Ohio State	2006	LaMarr Woodley	Michigan
1988	Tracy Rocker	Auburn	2007	Glenn Dorsey	LSU

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PHIL'S TOP 44 CENTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kristofer O'Dowd	USC	Jr	6-5	300
2.	Josh McNeil	Tennessee	Sr	6-4	280
3.	Chris Hall	Texas	Sr	6-4	300
4.	Maurkice Pouncey	Florida	Jr	6-5	318
5.	John Estes	Hawaii	Sr	6-3	295
6.	Stefen Wisniewski	Penn St	Jr	6-3	302
7.	Ryan McMahon	Florida St	Jr	6-3	282
8.	Kenny Alfred	Wash St	Sr	6-2	300
9.	Erik Cook	New Mexico	Sr	6-6	315
10.	John Moffitt	Wisconsin	Jr	6-4	313
11.	Dan Wenger	Notre Dame	Jr	6-4	302
12.	Jacob Hickman	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	295
13.	Tim Barnes	Missouri	Sr	6-4	305
14.	Matt Tennant	Boston College	Sr	6-4	294
16.	AJ Trump	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-3	308
17.	Colin Miller	C Michigan	Jr	6-3	287
18.	Shawn Byrnes	Texas Tech	Sr	6-4	290
19.	David Molk	Michigan	So	6-2	283
20.	Jim McKenzie	Syracuse	Jr	6-4	286
21.	Carl Barnett	Houston	Sr	6-2	285
22.	Ryan Blaszczyk	Rutgers	Sr	6-4	295
23.	Chris Fisher	Louisiana	Sr	6-3	285
24.	Blake Kerley	Arizona	Sr	6-2	290
25.	Zane Taylor	Utah	Jr	6-2	300
26.	Joel Nitchman	Michigan St	Sr	6-3	296
27.	Garrett Anderson	S Carolina	Sr	6-4	307
28.	Tim Walter	Colorado St	Sr	6-6	290
29.	Eddie Adamski	N Illinois	Sr	6-3	280
30.	Pete Saxon	Indiana	Sr	6-6	303
31.	Mason Cloy	Clemson	So	6-3	310
32.	JD Walton	Baylor	Sr	6-3	305
33.	Jake Seitz	UAB	Sr	6-2	290
34.	Ryan Tolar	Washington	Jr	6-5	321
35.	Seaver Brown	S Carolina	Jr	6-5	303
36.	Dominik Riley	Memphis	Jr	6-4	315
37.	Sean Allen	E Carolina	Sr	6-3	307
38.	Lon Roberts	Louisiana Tech	Jr	6-3	277
39.	Chris Guarnero	California	Jr	6-2	275
40.	Chris Jurek	Cincinnati	Sr	6-2	286
41.	Joe Bernardi	Fresno St	Jr	6-2	280
42.	Robb Houser	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-2	285
43.	Brad Serini	FIU	Jr	6-3	300
44.	Eric Jobe	W Virginia	Jr	6-2	284

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PHIL'S TOP 58 GUARDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Sergio Render	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	319
2.	Jeff Byers	USC	Sr	6-4	285
3.	Brandon Carter	Texas Tech	Sr	6-7	340
4.	Thomas Austin	Clemson	Sr	6-3	315
5.	Rodney Hudson	Florida St	Jr	6-2	285
6.	Mike Johnson	Alabama	Sr	6-6	305
7.	Stephen Schilling	Michigan	Jr	6-5	304
8.	Joe Thomas	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-5	300
9.	Kurtis Gregory	Missouri	Sr	6-5	305
10.	Justin Boren	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	315
11.	Orlando Franklin	Miami, FL	Jr	6-7	334
12.	Ryan Miller	Colorado	So	6-8	310
13.	Chris Stewart	Notre Dame	Jr	6-5	337
14.	Lyle Hitt	LSU	Sr	6-2	289
15.	Colin Baxter	Arizona	Jr	6-4	295
16.	Doug Palmer	E Carolina	Sr	6-3	300
17.	Michael Shumard	Texas A&M	Sr	6-5	301
18.	John Bender	Nevada	Jr	6-8	325
19.	Reggie Stephens	Iowa St	Sr	6-4	338
20.	Dan Doering	Iowa	Sr	6-6	300
21.	Mike Pouncey	Florida	Jr	6-5	320
22.	James Wilson	Florida	So	6-5	329
23.	Rafael Eubanks	Iowa	Sr	6-3	280
24.	Ben Ossai	Washington	Sr	6-6	332
25.	Eric Olsen	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	303
26.	Jacques McClendon	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	324
27.	Charlie Tanner	Texas	Sr	6-4	305
28.	Chris Davis	Georgia	Jr	6-4	296
29.	Zach Hermann	USF	Jr	6-3	304
30.	Nick Charles	Air Force	Sr	6-4	285
31.	Mitch Petrus	Arkansas	Sr	6-4	315
32.	Reid Neely	Mississippi	Sr	6-6	310
33.	Shelley Smith	Colorado St	Sr	6-4	293
34.	Chris Jacobson	Pittsburgh	So	6-3	290
35.	Jon Asamoah	Illinois	Sr	6-5	315
36.	DJ Burris	Minnesota	Jr	6-2	290
37.	Josh Evans	Marshall	Jr	6-4	305
38.	Thomas Herring	USC	Sr	6-6	330
39.	Micah Kia	UCLA	Sr	6-5	320
40.	Rishaw Johnson	Mississippi	So	6-4	295
41.	Andrew Jackson	Fresno St	Jr	6-5	295
42.	Rod Huntley	UTEP	Jr	6-3	315
43.	Sam Sterner	Wyoming	Jr	6-4	302
44.	Zack Heberer	USC	Jr	6-5	300
45.	Thomas Claiborne	Boston College	Jr	6-3	323
46.	Matt McCracken	Richmond	Sr	6-4	291
47.	Caleb Ruch	Rutgers	So	6-4	285
48.	Cameron Raschke	UTEP	Sr	6-4	320
49.	Will Furlong	Florida St	So	6-5	276
50.	Nedward Tavale	Minnesota	Sr	6-2	320
51.	Joe Hawley	UNLV	Sr	6-3	300
52.	Mike Iupati	Idaho	Sr	6-6	330
53.	Craig Jenkins	Mississippi St	Sr	6-5	315
54.	David Moosman	Michigan	Sr	6-5	292
55.	Cory Dowless	E Carolina	Jr	6-5	287
56.	Ryan Hebert	Southern Miss	Sr	6-5	310
57.	Jim Barrie	Florida	Jr	6-5	305
58.	Darius Savage	UCLA	Jr	6-4	335

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PHIL'S TOP 20 KICKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kai Forbath	UCLA	Jr	6-0	198
2.	Thomas Weber	Arizona St	Jr	6-1	207
3.	Alex Henery	Nebraska	Jr	6-2	175
4.	Leigh Tiffin	Alabama	Sr	6-1	199
5.	Philip Welch	Wisconsin	So	6-3	200
6.	Matt Bosher	Miami, FL	Jr	6-0	205
7.	Aaron Pettrey	Ohio St	Sr	6-2	199
8.	Joshua Shene	Mississippi	Sr	5-8	170
9.	Kevin Goessling	Fresno St	So	6-0	195
10.	Brett Swenson	Michigan St	Jr	5-8	175
11.	Daniel Lincoln	Tennessee	Jr	6-0	203
12.	Matt Eller	Illinois	So	6-2	210
13.	Chris Summers	Purdue	Sr	6-1	179
14.	Sam Glusman	Troy	Sr	5-10	166
15.	Alex Steigerwald	Toledo	Sr	5-11	181
16.	Nate Reed	Kent St	Sr	5-8	191
17.	Hunter Lawrence	Texas	Sr	6-0	187
18.	Mike Salerno	N Illinois	Sr	5-11	165
19.	Kyle Brotzman	Boise St	Jr	5-10	191
20.	Alex Tejada	Arkansas	Jr	6-0	205

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PHIL'S TOP 65 TACKLES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Ciron Black	LSU	Sr	6-5	325
2.	Russell Okung	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-6	305
3.	Bryan Bulaga	Iowa	Jr	6-6	312
4.	Sam Young	Notre Dame	Sr	6-8	330
5.	Anthony Davis	Rutgers	Jr	6-6	325
6.	John Jerry	Mississippi	Sr	6-5	350
7.	Trent Williams	Oklahoma	Sr	6-5	308
8.	Adam Ulatoski	Texas	Sr	6-8	306
9.	Charles Brown	USC	Sr	6-6	295
10.	Trinton Sturdivant	Georgia	Jr	6-5	293
11.	Lee Ziemba	Auburn	Jr	6-8	304
12.	Ed Wang	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-5	310
13.	Carl Johnson	Florida	Jr	6-5	342
14.	Joseph Barksdale	LSU	Jr	6-5	315
15.	Anthony Castonzo	Boston College	Jr	6-7	287
16.	Jim Cordle	Ohio St	Sr	6-4	297
17.	Jason Fox	Miami, FL	Sr	6-7	310
18.	Clint Boling	Georgia	Jr	6-5	286
19.	Josh Oglesby	Wisconsin	So	6-7	329
20.	Will Barker	Virginia	Sr	6-7	315
21.	Chris Marinelli	Stanford	Sr	6-7	298
22.	Dennis Landolt	Penn St	Sr	6-4	303
23.	Gabe Carimi	Wisconsin	Jr	6-8	313
24.	Tray Allen	Texas	Jr	6-5	315
25.	Blake DeChristopher	Virginia Tech	So	6-5	303
26.	Zane Beadles	Utah	Sr	6-4	305
27.	Chris Scott	Tennessee	Sr	6-5	346
28.	Kyle Hix	Texas	Jr	6-7	320
29.	Justin Anderson	Georgia	So	6-5	338
30.	Calvin Wilson	Southern Miss	Sr	6-6	353
31.	Marlon Winn	Texas Tech	Sr	6-6	325
32.	Jason Pinkston	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-4	300
33.	Butch Lewis	USC	Jr	6-5	300
34.	Matt Reynolds	BYU	So	6-6	320
35.	Micah Hannam	Wash St	Jr	6-4	284
36.	Jake Vermiglio	NC State	Jr	6-5	315
37.	Marshall Newhouse	TCU	Sr	6-3	317
38.	Kyle Calloway	Iowa	Sr	6-7	315
39.	Shawn Lauvao	Arizona St	Sr	6-3	305
40.	Alonzo Durham	Nevada	Sr	6-4	285
41.	Bruce Campbell	Maryland	Jr	6-7	310
42.	Marcus Cannon	TCU	Jr	6-5	350
43.	DJ Scott	E Carolina	Jr	6-6	320
44.	Rodger Saffold	Indiana	Sr	6-5	306
45.	Daron Rose	USF	Sr	6-5	299
46.	Mike Aguayo	UTEP	Sr	6-4	300
47.	Jaivorio Burkes	Nebraska	Jr	6-5	295
48.	Al Netter	Northwestern	So	6-6	290
49.	Jah Reid	UCF	Jr	6-7	310
50.	Rob McGill	Louisiana Tech	Jr	6-6	305
51.	Jeff Griffin	Wake Forest	Sr	6-3	290
52.	Lee Grimes	Texas A&M	Sr	6-6	339
53.	Nick Stringer	Kansas St	Sr	6-6	271
54.	Chris Hairston	Clemson	Jr	6-6	320
55.	Matt Murphy	UNLV	Jr	6-4	290
56.	Jeff Adams	Louisville	Jr	6-8	305
57.	Rich Lapham	Boston College	Jr	6-8	322
58.	Jeff Linkenbach	Cincinnati	Sr	6-6	311
59.	Ian Symonette	Miami, FL	Jr	6-9	351
60.	Dace Richardson	Iowa	Sr	6-6	305
61.	Thomas Welch	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-7	310
62.	Vince Vance	Georgia	Sr	6-8	325
63.	Zipp Duncan	Kentucky	Sr	6-5	285
64.	Mike Gallett	Nevada	Jr	6-6	295
65.	Corey Lambert	Clemson	Sr	6-6	310

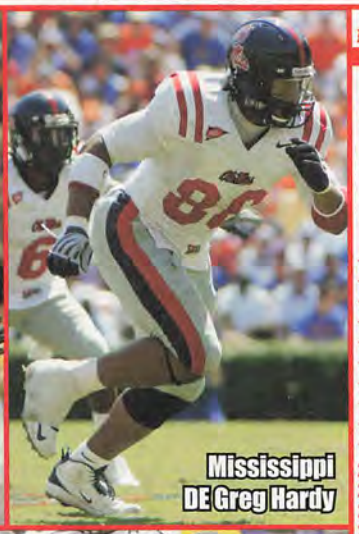
PHIL STEELE'S 2009 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

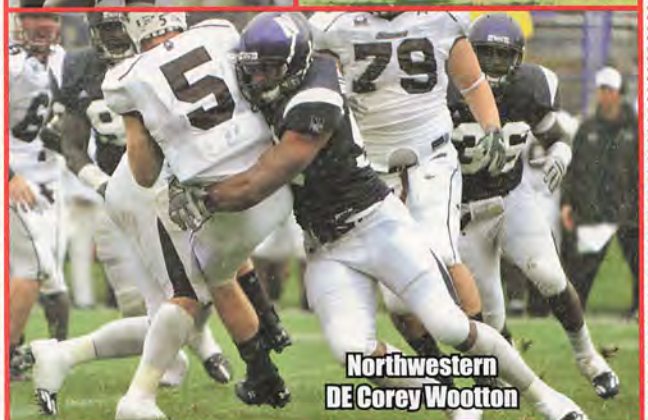
	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DE	Carlos Dunlap, Florida	Greg Hardy, Mississippi	Brandon Graham, Michigan	Dexter Davis, Arizona St
DT	Terrence Cody, Alabama	Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska	Jared Odrick, Penn St	Ekom Udofia, Stanford
DT	Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma	Vince Oghobaase, Duke	Geno Atkins, Georgia	Brian Price, UCLA
DE	George Selvie, USF	Jerry Hughes, TCU	Antonio Coleman, Auburn	Corey Wootton, Northwestern
OLB	Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri	Eric Norwood, S Carolina	Mark Herzlich, Boston College	Rico McCoy, Tennessee
ILB	Brandon Spikes, Florida	Joe Pawelek, Baylor	Micah Johnson, Kentucky	Martez Wilson, Illinois
ILB	Rolando McClain, Alabama	Sean Lee, Penn St	Quan Sturdivant, N Carolina	Greg Jones, Michigan St
OLB	Sergio Kindle, Texas	Rennie Curran, Georgia	Navorro Bowman, Penn St	Nate Irving, NCSt
CB	Trevard Lindley, Kentucky	Ras-I Dowling, Virginia	Myron Lewis, Vanderbilt	Kyle Wilson, Boise St
CB	Joe Haden, Florida	Alterraun Verner, UCLA	Syd'Quan Thompson, California	Walter Thurmond, Oregon
SS	Eric Berry, Tennessee	Morgan Burnett, Georgia Tech	Barry Church, Toledo	Darrell Stuckey, Kansas
FS	Taylor Mays, USC	Deunta Williams, N Carolina	Kam Chancellor, Virginia Tech	Jordan Lake, Baylor
P	Zoltan Mesko, Michigan	Bryan Anger, California	Zach Johnson, E Michigan	Travis Baltz, Maryland
PR	Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St	Javier Arenas, Alabama	Ray Small, Ohio St	Brandon James, Florida

PHIL'S TOP 62 DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Carlos Dunlap	Florida	Jr	6-6	290
2.	George Selvie	USF	Sr	6-4	250
3.	Greg Hardy	Mississippi	Sr	6-4	265
4.	Jerry Hughes	TCU	Sr	6-3	257
5.	Everson Griffen	USC	Jr	6-3	265
6.	Antonio Coleman	Auburn	Sr	6-3	257
7.	Brandon Graham	Michigan	Sr	6-2	268
8.	Corey Wootton	Northwestern	Sr	6-7	265
9.	Ricky Sapp	Clemson	Sr	6-4	240
10.	Cameron Heyward	Ohio St	Jr	6-6	287
11.	Jermaine Cunningham	Florida	Sr	6-3	252
12.	Willie Young	NC State	Sr	6-4	250
13.	Dexter Davis	Arizona St	Sr	6-2	255
14.	Auston English	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	253
15.	Greg Romeus	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-5	265
16.	Albert McClellan	Marshall	Sr	6-2	252
17.	Jan Jorgensen	BYU	Sr	6-3	259
18.	Matt Conrath	Virginia	So	6-7	269
19.	Jeremy Jarmon	Kentucky	Sr	6-3	279
20.	Will Tukuafu	Oregon	Sr	6-4	272
21.	CJ Wilson	E Carolina	Sr	6-4	271
22.	Greg Middleton	Indiana	Sr	6-3	285
23.	Eddie Jones	Texas	Jr	6-3	260
24.	Jeffrey Fitzgerald	Kansas St	Sr	6-4	280
25.	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	Washington	Sr	6-4	263
26.	Clifton Geathers	S Carolina	Jr	6-8	281
27.	Eric Moncur	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	255
28.	Jason Peters	Georgia Tech	So	6-4	272
29.	Thaddeus Gibson	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	240
30.	Alex Albright	Boston College	Jr	6-5	245
31.	Ben Martin	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	239
32.	Justin Trattou	Florida	Jr	6-3	264
33.	Ugo Chinasa	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-5	253
34.	Rob Rose	Ohio St	Sr	6-5	285
35.	Jeremy Beal	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	253
36.	Lawrence Wilson	Ohio St	Sr	6-4	274
37.	Almondo Sewell	Akron	Jr	6-1	280
38.	Adewale Ojomo	Miami, Fl	So	6-3	250
39.	O'Brien Schofield	Wisconsin	Sr	6-3	242
40.	Adrian Clayborn	Iowa	Jr	6-3	282
41.	Quinton Coples	N Carolina	So	6-6	245
42.	Jason Worilds	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-2	240
43.	Rahim Alem	LSU	Sr	6-3	254
44.	Jammie Kirlew	Indiana	Sr	6-3	263
45.	Tyson Alualu	California	Sr	6-3	295
46.	Richetti Jones	Oklahoma St	So	6-3	253
47.	Damario Ambrose	Arkansas	Jr	6-5	268
48.	Andrew Devlin	Virginia	So	6-6	270
49.	Austin Giles	Boston College	Sr	6-3	283
50.	Ryan Van Bergen	Michigan	So	6-6	261
51.	Broderick Stewart	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-5	225
52.	McKinner Dixon	Texas Tech	Sr	6-3	250
53.	Cameron Jordan	California	Jr	6-4	287
54.	Derrick Morgan	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-4	270
55.	Alex Carrington	Arkansas St	Sr	6-5	284
56.	Marcus Tillman	Mississippi	Sr	6-4	260
57.	Ryan Winterswyk	Boise St	Jr	6-4	260
58.	Vince Browne	Northwestern	So	6-5	270
59.	Brandon Lang	Troy	Sr	6-4	256
60.	Markus White	Florida St	Sr	6-4	261
61.	Kevin Basped	Nevada	Jr	6-6	240
62.	Carl Ihenacho	San Jose St	Sr	6-3	256

Auburn
DE Antonio Coleman


Mississippi
DE Greg Hardy


Northwestern
DE Corey Wootton

Alabama
DT Terrence Cody

Oklahoma
DT Gerald McCoy

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE TACKLES

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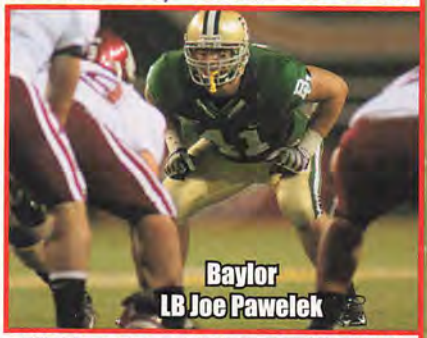
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Terrence Cody	Alabama	Sr	6-5	365
2.	Gerald McCoy	Oklahoma	Jr	6-4	295
3.	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	300
4.	Vince Oghobaase	Duke	Sr	6-6	300
5.	Arthur Jones	Syracuse	Sr	6-4	291
6.	Jared Odrick	Penn St	Sr	6-5	306
7.	Marvin Austin	N Carolina	Jr	6-3	300
8.	Geno Atkins	Georgia	Sr	6-1	287
9.	Brian Price	UCLA	Jr	6-2	295
10.	Ekom Udofia	Stanford	Sr	6-2	322
11.	DeMarcus Granger	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	302
12.	Lawrence Marsh	Florida	Jr	6-4	304
13.	Al Woods	LSU	Sr	6-4	323
14.	Lamarr Houston	Texas	Sr	6-2	290
15.	Jarvis Jenkins	Clemson	Jr	6-4	305
16.	Dan Williams	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	327
17.	Jay Ross	E Carolina	Sr	6-3	306
18.	Andre Neblett	Temple	Sr	6-2	295
19.	Scooter Berry	W Virginia	Jr	6-1	280
20.	Ian Williams	Notre Dame	Jr	6-2	310
21.	Boo Robinson	Wake Forest	Sr	6-2	295
22.	Dexter Larimore	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	300
23.	Jeff Owens	Georgia	Sr	6-3	306
24.	Tydreke Powell	N Carolina	So	6-3	300
25.	Colby Whitlock	Texas Tech	Jr	6-2	281
26.	Ted Laurent	Mississippi	Jr	6-0	303
27.	Anthony Gray	Southern Miss	Jr	6-0	301
28.	Doug Worthington	Ohio St	Sr	6-6	276
29.	Allen Bailey	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-4	290
30.	Kade Weston	Georgia	Sr	6-5	325
31.	Ladi Ajiboye	S Carolina	Jr	6-1	285
32.	Ollie Ogbu	Penn St	Jr	6-1	292
33.	Linval Joseph	E Carolina	Jr	6-6	300
34.	Malcolm Sheppard	Arkansas	Sr	6-2	280
35.	Ben Alexander	Texas	Sr	6-0	310
36.	Budd Thacker	Florida St	Sr	6-2	276
37.	Alan-Michael Cash	NC State	Sr	6-1	286
38.	Phil Taylor	Baylor	Jr	6-4	355
39.	Rajon Henley	Texas Tech	Sr	6-3	266
40.	John Fletcher	Wyoming	Sr	6-6	272
41.	DaJohn Harris	USC	So	6-4	285
42.	Zach Clayton	Auburn	Jr	6-3	285
43.	D'Anthony Smith	Louisiana Tech	Sr	6-2	300
44.	Josh Brent	Illinois	Jr	6-2	315
45.	Derrick Hill	California	Jr	6-2	302
46.	Jaron Baston	Missouri	Sr	6-1	305
47.	Nate Collins	Virginia	Sr	6-2	280
48.	Averell Spicer	USC	Sr	6-2	295
49.	Cameron Elisara	Washington	Jr	6-3	289
50.	Mick Williams	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-1	285
51.	Kendrick Stewart	Florida St	Sr	6-2	271
52.	Ryan Bain	Akron	Sr	6-2	290
53.	Abe Koroma	Penn St	Jr	6-3	317
54.	Aaron Harris	USF	Sr	6-4	270
55.	John Graves	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	275
56.	Adrian Taylor	Oklahoma	Jr	6-4	295
57.	Adam Hahn	Northwestern	Sr	6-4	295
58.	Terrell McClain	USF	Jr	6-3	306
59.	Corey Peters	Kentucky	Sr	6-3	295
60.	Torrell Troup	UCF	Sr	6-3	315

PHIL'S TOP 59 INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brandon Spikes	Florida	Sr	6-3	258
2.	Rolando McClain	Alabama	Jr	6-4	249
3.	Joe Pawelek	Baylor	Sr	6-2	240
4.	Sean Lee	Penn St	Sr	6-2	236
5.	Micah Johnson	Kentucky	Sr	6-2	256
6.	Quan Sturdivant	N Carolina	Jr	6-2	235
7.	Martez Wilson	Illinois	Jr	6-4	240
8.	Greg Jones	Michigan St	Jr	6-1	222
9.	Obi Ezeh	Michigan	Jr	6-2	240
10.	Chris Galippo	USC	So	6-2	255
11.	Reggie Carter	UCLA	Sr	6-1	240
12.	Alex Wujciak	Maryland	Jr	6-3	255
13.	Brian Duncan	Texas Tech	Jr	6-1	238
14.	Brian Smith	Notre Dame	Jr	6-3	245
15.	Ryan Reynolds	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	234
16.	Josh Bynes	Auburn	Jr	6-2	233
17.	Pat Angerer	Iowa	Sr	6-1	235
18.	Lorenzo Edwards	Florida	Jr	6-1	236
19.	Darryl Sharpton	Miami, Fl	Sr	5-11	235
20.	Luther Brown II	USC	Sr	6-2	235
21.	Prince Hall	Alabama	Sr	5-11	235
22.	Boris Lee	Troy	Sr	6-0	245
23.	Kendall Smith	Florida St	Jr	6-1	224
24.	Jarod Norton	Texas	Sr	6-3	237
25.	Casey Matthews	Oregon	Jr	6-2	235
26.	Jacob Cutrera	LSU	Sr	6-4	236
27.	Winston Bowens	Memphis	Jr	6-0	250
28.	Chris Donald	Tennessee	So	6-1	224
29.	Luke Laolagi	San Diego St	Sr	6-1	230
30.	Ben Jacobs	Fresno St	Jr	6-3	225
31.	Chris Marve	Vanderbilt	So	6-0	228
32.	Akeem Dent	Georgia	Jr	6-2	231
33.	Chris Colasanti	Penn St	Jr	6-2	235
34.	Nick Bellore	C Michigan	Jr	6-1	232
35.	Charlie Higgenbotham	Alabama	Jr	6-0	218
36.	Phillip Dillard	Nebraska	Sr	6-1	240
37.	Greg Lloyd	Connecticut	Jr	6-2	244
38.	Ryan D'Imperio	Rutgers	Sr	6-3	240
39.	Brandon Maye	Clemson	So	6-2	225
40.	Austin Spitler	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	234
41.	Matt Mayberry	Indiana	Sr	6-2	244
42.	Jamar Chaney	Mississippi St	Sr	6-1	245
43.	Cobrani Mixon	Kent St	Jr	6-1	230
44.	Michael Mohamed	California	Jr	6-3	237
45.	Anthony Lewis	Texas A&M	Sr	6-2	254
46.	Donald Butler	Washington	Sr	6-1	242
47.	Derrell Acrey	Boise St	Jr	6-1	233
48.	Kion Wilson	USF	Sr	6-2	235
49.	Matt Bauman	BYU	Sr	6-1	229
50.	Cardia Jackson	ULM	Sr	6-2	240
51.	Jesse Smith	Iowa St	Sr	6-0	231
52.	Mike Mele	Syracuse	Jr	6-0	218
53.	Toryan Smith	Notre Dame	Sr	6-1	244
54.	Jonathan Cornell	Mississippi	Sr	6-1	225
55.	Justin Gent	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	235
56.	Ken Lamendola	Air Force	Jr	6-2	230
57.	Michael Sipili	Colorado	Sr	6-1	240
58.	Mario Harvey	Marshall	Sr	6-0	244
59.	Brandon Fanney	Alabama	Sr	6-4	257


Baylor
LB Joe Pawelek

PHIL'S TOP 27 KICK RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brandon James	Florida	Sr	5-7	185
2.	Damaris Johnson	Tulsa	So	5-8	170
3.	Terrence Austin	UCLA	Sr	5-11	173
4.	Torrey Smith	Maryland	So	6-1	200
5.	David Gilreath	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	162
6.	Perrish Cox	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	190
7.	Leonard Johnson	Iowa St	So	5-10	189
8.	Mardy Gilyard	Cincinnati	Sr	6-1	187
9.	CJ Spiller	Clemson	Sr	5-11	195
10.	AJ Jefferson	Fresno St	Sr	6-0	190
11.	Max Suter	Syracuse	Jr	5-11	190
12.	Josh Smith	Colorado	Jr	6-0	190
13.	TJ Graham	NC State	So	6-0	180
14.	Antonio Brown	C Michigan	Jr	5-10	179
15.	Troy Stoudermire	Minnesota	Jr	5-10	183
16.	David Reed	Utah	Sr	6-0	190
17.	Armando Allen	Notre Dame	Jr	5-10	195
18.	Malcolm Lane	Hawaii	Sr	6-1	180
19.	Darius Marshall	Marshall	Jr	5-10	189
20.	Chris Culliver	S Carolina	Jr	6-0	190
21.	Chantz Staden	Wash St	Sr	5-10	202
22.	O'Neill Chambers	BYU	So	6-2	209
23.	Cyrus Gray	Texas A&M	So	5-10	188
24.	Bobby Rainey	WKU	So	5-9	205
25.	Jahvid Best	California	Jr	5-10	195
26.	James Rodgers	Oregon St	Jr	5-7	185
27.	Brandon West	W Michigan	Sr	5-10	188

Florida
MLB Brandon Spikes

Tulsa
KR Damaris Johnson

Alabama
LB Rolando McClain

Eastern Michigan
P Zach Johnson

Florida
RS Brandon James

Michigan
P Zoltan Mesko

Ohio St
LB Ross Homan

PHIL'S TOP 72 OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Sean Weatherspoon	Missouri	Sr	6-2	223
2.	Sergio Kindle	Texas	Sr	6-4	255
3.	Eric Norwood	S Carolina	Sr	6-1	252
4.	Rennie Curran	Georgia	Jr	5-11	228
5.	Mark Herzlich	Boston College	Sr	6-4	238
6.	Navorro Bowman	Penn St	Jr	6-1	230
7.	Rico McCoy	Tennessee	Sr	6-1	220
8.	Clinton Snyder	Stanford	Sr	6-4	231
9.	Nate Irving	NCSt	Jr	6-1	235
10.	Andre Sexton	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-0	217
11.	Keenan Clayton	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	220
12.	Scott Lutrus	Connecticut	Jr	6-2	235
13.	Travis Lewis	Oklahoma	So	6-2	232
14.	Ross Homan	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	229
15.	Manny Abreu	Rutgers	So	6-3	245
16.	Vincent Rey	Duke	Sr	6-1	240
17.	Bruce Carter	N Carolina	Jr	6-3	230
18.	Akeem Ayers	UCLA	So	6-4	255
19.	Roddrick Muckelroy	Texas	Sr	6-2	235
20.	Jonas Mouton	Michigan	Jr	6-2	218
21.	Stevenson Sylvester	Utah	Sr	6-2	224
22.	Jason Beauchamp	UNLV	Sr	6-3	230
23.	Eric Gordon	Michigan St	Jr	6-0	223
24.	Adrian Moten	Maryland	Jr	6-2	230
25.	Cam Martin	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-1	215
26.	Patrick Lavine	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-2	222
27.	AJ Edds	Iowa	Sr	6-4	244
28.	Lorenzo Edwards	Florida	Jr	6-1	236
29.	Lawrence Wilson	Connecticut	Jr	6-1	221
30.	Duke Ihenacho	San Jose St	Jr	6-1	210
31.	Caleb Bostic	Miami, OH	Sr	6-3	232
32.	Andy Mattingly	Washington St	Sr	6-4	255
33.	Tyler Nielsen	Iowa	So	6-4	232
34.	Michael Morgan	USC	Jr	6-4	220
35.	Dustin Doe	Florida	Sr	6-0	231
36.	Perry Riley	LSU	Sr	6-1	240
37.	Kyle Jackson	Ga Tech	So	6-0	226
38.	Colin McCarthy	Miami, FL	Sr	6-3	240
39.	Jerry Franklin	Arkansas	So	6-1	237
40.	Malcolm Smith	USC	Jr	6-1	225
41.	Will Patterson	Indiana	Sr	6-1	236
42.	Denzel Burrell	Virginia	Sr	6-4	230
43.	Darryl Gamble	Georgia	Jr	6-2	247
44.	Mike Nixon	Arizona St	Sr	6-3	224
45.	Patrick Benoist	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-0	224
46.	Patrick Trahan	Mississippi	Sr	6-3	225
47.	AJ Jones	Florida	Jr	6-1	226
49.	Akeem Hebron	Georgia	Jr	6-1	226
50.	Jeremiha Hunter	Iowa	Jr	6-2	235
51.	Daryl Washington	TCU	Sr	6-3	228
52.	JR Bryant	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	230
53.	Kavell Conner	Clemson	Sr	6-1	225
54.	Travis Goethel	Arizona St	Sr	6-3	237
55.	Dekoda Watson	Florida St	Sr	6-2	226
56.	Brian Rolle	Ohio State	Jr	5-11	221
57.	Keaton Kristick	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	226
58.	JT Gitmore	W Oregon	Sr	6-4	260
59.	Austin Box	Oklahoma	So	6-2	221
60.	Bear Woods	Troy	Sr	6-0	232
61.	Chris Robinson	USF	Sr	6-3	245
62.	Paul Igboeli	Utah St	Sr	6-0	201
63.	Kelvin Sheppard	LSU	Jr	6-3	237
64.	Mason Foster	Washington	Jr	6-1	229
65.	Reed Williams	W Virginia	Sr	6-1	228
66.	EJ Savannah	Washington	Sr	6-1	234
67.	Spencer Paysinger	Oregon	Jr	6-3	216
68.	Lee Campbell	Minnesota	Sr	6-3	246
69.	Mike McLaughin	Boston College	Sr	6-0	252
70.	Harry Coleman	LSU	Sr	6-2	205
71.	Quenton Davie	Northwestern	Jr	6-4	225
72.	Cody Grimm	Virginia Tech	Sr	5-11	202

PHIL'S TOP 22 PUNTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Zoltan Mesko	Michigan	Sr	6-5	238
2.	Bryan Anger	California	So	6-3	199
3.	Zach Johnson	E Michigan	Sr	6-0	195
4.	Clinton Durst	Auburn	Sr	6-1	192
5.	Keenyn Crier	Arizona	Jr	6-1	200
6.	Travis Baltz	Maryland	Jr	6-2	200
7.	Jeremy Boone	Penn St	Sr	5-9	184
8.	Brent Bowden	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	201
9.	Derek Epperson	Baylor	Jr	6-3	240
10.	Chas Henry	Florida	Jr	6-4	222
11.	Rob Long	Syracuse	Jr	6-5	175
12.	Ryan Donohue	Iowa	Jr	6-3	180
13.	Scott Love	ULM	Sr	6-0	204
14.	Kyle Petersen	UTEP	Jr	6-4	245
15.	Matthew DiLallo	Colorado	Sr	6-1	200
16.	Kyle Brotzman	Boise St	Jr	5-10	191
17.	Eric Maust	Notre Dame	Jr	6-2	177
18.	Matt Bosher	Miami, FL	Jr	6-0	205
19.	John Gold	Texas	Jr	6-3	212
20.	Mike Brandtner	Iowa St	Sr	6-1	211
21.	David Green	Stanford	So	6-1	199
22.	Chris Hagerup	Indiana	So	6-5	201

PHIL'S TOP 69 CORNERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Trevard Lindley	Kentucky	Sr	6-0	175
2.	Joe Haden	Florida	Jr	5-11	190
3.	Ras-I Dowling	Virginia	Jr	6-2	200
4.	Alterraun Verner	UCLA	Sr	5-11	184
5.	Myron Lewis	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-3	205
6.	Walter Thurmond	Oregon	Sr	6-0	180
7.	Kyle Wilson	Boise St	Sr	5-10	187
8.	Donovan Warren	Michigan	Jr	6-0	187
9.	Syd'Quan Thompson	California	Sr	5-9	191
10.	Patrick Robinson	Florida St	Sr	5-11	194
11.	Kareem Jackson	Alabama	Jr	5-11	192
12.	Jamar Wall	Texas Tech	Sr	5-10	195
13.	Dominique Franks	Oklahoma	Jr	6-0	189
14.	Chimdi Chekwa	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	188
15.	Darrin Walls	Notre Dame	Jr	6-0	190
16.	Stephan Virgil	Virginia Tech	Sr	5-11	189
17.	Perrish Cox	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-0	195
18.	Kendric Burney	N Carolina	Jr	5-9	185
19.	Devin Ross	Arizona	Sr	5-11	175
20.	Jerell Norton	Arkansas	Jr	6-0	200
21.	Tavious Polo	Fla Atlantic	Jr	5-10	175
22.	Jai Eugene	LSU	Jr	5-11	191
23.	Quinton Richardson	Washington	So	6-0	200
24.	Chris Chancellor	Clemson	Sr	5-10	165
25.	Crezdon Butler	Clemson	Sr	6-0	185
26.	Javier Arenas	Alabama	Sr	5-9	198
27.	Omar Bolden	Arizona St	Jr	5-10	195
28.	Marshall Jones	USC	Jr	6-0	185
29.	Sherrick McManis	Northwestern	Sr	6-1	190
30.	AJ Wallace	Penn St	Sr	6-1	201
31.	Kevin Thomas	USC	Sr	6-1	185
32.	Shareece Wright	USC	Jr	6-0	180
33.	Aaron Henry	Wisconsin	So	6-0	197
34.	Curtis Brown	Texas	Jr	6-1	185
35.	Chykie Brown	Texas	Jr	6-1	187
36.	Marcus Gilchrist	Clemson	Jr	5-11	185
37.	Bryan McCann	SMU	Sr	5-10	179
38.	Charles Brown	N Carolina	Jr	5-10	200
39.	DeQuan Bembry	Marshall	So	5-10	173
40.	Mario Goins	Wisconsin	So	6-1	186
41.	Byron Maxwell	Clemson	Jr	6-1	200
42.	Deon Beasley	Texas	Sr	5-10	180
43.	Carl Gettis	Missouri	Jr	5-11	200
44.	Dionte Allen	Florida St	So	5-11	172
45.	Chris Conte	California	Jr	6-3	205
46.	Aairon Savage	Auburn	Sr	5-11	173
47.	Raeshon McNeil	Notre Dame	Sr	6-0	190
48.	Chris Hawkins	LSU	Sr	6-1	184
49.	Chris Rucker	Michigan St	Jr	6-2	197
50.	Jerome Murphy	USF	Sr	6-1	190
51.	Brent Vinson	Tennessee	Jr	6-0	201
52.	Sam Shields	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	186
53.	Vic Hall	Virginia	Sr	5-9	190
54.	Darian Hagan	California	Jr	6-0	186
55.	Joshua Moore	Kansas St	Jr	5-11	184
56.	Prince Miller	Georgia	Sr	5-8	196
57.	Brandon Ghee	Wake Forest	Sr	6-0	191
58.	Emanuel Davis	E Carolina	So	5-11	190
59.	Gary Gray	Notre Dame	So	5-11	188
60.	Justin Thornton	Kansas	Sr	6-1	213
61.	Nick Sanders	TCU	Sr	5-10	174
62.	Richard Sherman	Stanford	Sr	6-3	199
63.	CJ Bailey	Southern Miss	Jr	5-10	189
64.	Jasper Howard	Connecticut	Jr	5-9	171
65.	Aaron Berry	Pittsburgh	Sr	5-11	175
66.	Rafael Priest	TCU	Sr	5-10	181
67.	DeAndre Morgan	NCSt	Jr	5-10	170
68.	Traye Simmons	Minnesota	Sr	5-11	175
69.	Amari Spievey	Iowa	Jr	6-0	190

PHIL'S TOP 20 PUNT RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Dez Bryant	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	215
2.	Javier Arenas	Alabama	Sr	5-9	198
3.	Ray Small	Ohio St	Sr	6-0	195
4.	Syd'Quan Thompson	California	Sr	5-9	191
5.	Brandon James	Florida	Sr	5-7	185
6.	Phillip Livas	Louisiana Tech	Jr	5-8	175
7.	Prince Miller	Georgia	Sr	5-8	196
8.	Kyle Wilson	Boise St	Sr	5-10	187
9.	CJ Spiller	Clemson	Sr	5-11	195
10.	Jeremy Kerley	TCU	Jr	5-10	192
11.	Perrish Cox	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	185
12.	Terrence Austin	UCLA	Sr	5-11	173
13.	David Gilreath	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	162
14.	Kyle Williams	Arizona St	Sr	5-10	186
15.	Vic Hall	Virginia	Sr	5-9	190
16.	Daymond Patterson	Kansas	So	5-9	175
17.	Jarred Fayson	Illinois	Jr	6-0	215
18.	Joe McKnight	USC	Jr	6-0	200
19.	Golden Tate	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	195

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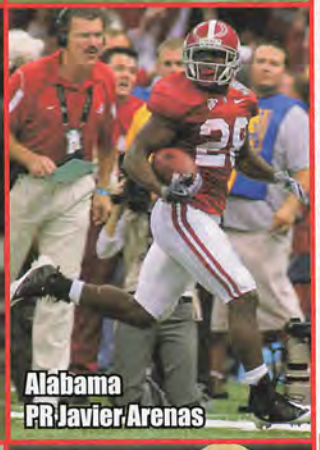
USC
FS Taylor Mays

Tennessee
SS Eric Berry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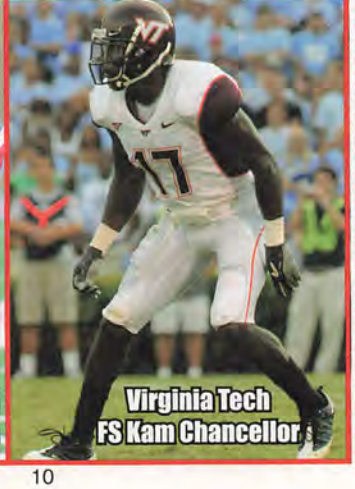
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PHIL'S TOP 44 FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Taylor Mays	USC	Sr	6-3	230
2.	Deunta Williams	N Carolina	Jr	6-2	205
3.	Kam Chancellor	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-4	226
4.	Jordan Lake	Baylor	Sr	6-2	210
5.	Bo McNally	Stanford	Sr	6-0	210
6.	Chad Jones	LSU	Jr	6-3	214
7.	Major Wright	Florida	Jr	6-0	204
8.	Nate Allen	USF	Sr	6-2	205
9.	Van Eskridge	E Carolina	Sr	6-0	200
10.	Antonio Baker	Louisiana Tech	Sr	5-11	200
11.	Andrew Sendejo	Rice	Sr	6-1	211
12.	Anderson Russell	Ohio St	Sr	6-0	205
13.	Shane Carter	Wisconsin	Sr	6-2	202
14.	Danny McCray	LSU	Sr	6-1	212
15.	Harrison Smith	Notre Dame	So	6-2	212
16.	Robert Vaughn	Connecticut	Sr	6-0	202
17.	Cam Nelson	Arizona	Sr	6-1	202
18.	Antwine Perez	Maryland	Jr	6-1	210
19.	Ryan Hamilton	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-2	208
20.	Zac Etheridge	Auburn	Jr	6-0	204
21.	Brett Greenwood	Iowa	Jr	6-0	200
22.	Kendrick Lewis	Mississippi	Sr	5-11	192
23.	Jordan Pugh	Texas A&M	Sr	5-11	191
24.	Chris Culliver	S Carolina	Jr	6-0	190
25.	Alex Knipp	Ball St	Sr	6-0	196
26.	Stevie Brown	Michigan	Sr	6-0	215
27.	Aaron Ware	UCLA	Sr	6-0	206
28.	Braxton Amy	UTEP	Jr	6-0	210
29.	Jamie Robinson	Florida St	Sr	6-2	188
30.	Chris Harris	Kansas	Jr	6-0	185
31.	Brian Lainhart	Kent St	Jr	6-1	207
32.	Torri Williams	Purdue	Sr	6-2	208
33.	Mike Holmes	Syracuse	Jr	5-11	185
34.	Chris Fox	Boston College	Jr	5-11	201
35.	Rickey Thenarse	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	205
36.	Greg James	ULM	Sr	6-1	210
37.	Jaiquawn Jarrett	Temple	Jr	6-2	195
38.	Robert Johnson	Utah	Sr	6-2	195
39.	Travon Bellamy	Illinois	Jr	6-0	205
40.	Nick Sukay	Penn St	So	6-1	208
41.	Brendan Smith	Northwestern	Sr	6-1	215
42.	Virdell Larkins	Idaho	Sr	6-0	191
43.	Chris Prosinski	Wyoming	Jr	6-1	208
44.	Elijah Fields	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-2	220

PHIL'S TOP 44 STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Eric Berry	Tennessee	Jr	5-11	203
2.	Morgan Burnett	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-1	198
3.	Barry Church	Toledo	Sr	6-2	219
4.	Darrell Stuckey	Kansas	Sr	6-1	205
5.	Justin Woodall	Alabama	Sr	6-2	220
6.	Reshad Jones	Georgia	Jr	6-2	212
7.	Kurt Coleman	Ohio St	Sr	5-11	188
8.	Ahmad Black	Florida	Jr	5-9	185
9.	Davonte Shannon	Buffalo	Jr	6-0	193
10.	Larry Asante	Nebraska	Sr	6-1	215
11.	Michael McNeil	Auburn	Jr	6-2	205
12.	Andrew Dailey	Penn St	So	6-2	221
13.	PJ Mahone	Bowling Green	Sr	5-11	195
14.	Earl Thomas	Texas	So	5-10	197
15.	Joe Lefeged	Rutgers	Jr	6-1	200
16.	TJ Ward	Oregon	Sr	5-11	201
17.	Dominique Harris	Temple	Sr	6-3	215
18.	Johnny Brown	Mississippi	Jr	5-11	207
19.	Chima Nwachukwu	Wash St	Jr	5-11	201
20.	DeAndre McDaniel	Clemson	Jr	6-1	200
21.	Kyle McCarthy	Notre Dame	Sr	6-0	203
22.	Austin Thomas	Indiana	Sr	6-2	221
23.	Will Harris	USC	Sr	6-1	200
24.	Klint Kubiak	Colorado St	Sr	6-0	202
25.	Nate Oliver	Ohio St	So	6-0	215
26.	Max Suter	Syracuse	Jr	5-11	190
27.	Shiloh Keo	Idaho	Jr	5-10	214
28.	Jeron Johnson	Boise St	Jr	5-11	190
29.	Korey Mangum	Florida St	Sr	6-0	202
30.	Marcus Ezeff	California	Sr	5-11	219
31.	Sidney Glover	W Virginia	Jr	5-11	210
32.	Quintin Banks	Georgia	Jr	6-2	210
33.	Dom DeCicco	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-3	220
34.	Da'Mon Cromartie-Smith	UTEP	Sr	6-2	210
35.	Brad Phillips	Northwestern	Sr	6-4	210
36.	Joe Dale	Utah	Sr	5-11	200
37.	Tyler Sash	Iowa	So	6-1	210
38.	Courtney Herndon	Kansas St	Sr	6-0	211
39.	Josh Thompson	ULM	Sr	6-2	215
40.	Chris Thomas	Air Force	Sr	5-11	205
41.	Jay Valai	Wisconsin	Jr	5-9	200
42.	Cameron Collins	Oregon St	So	6-2	216
43.	Joseph Nicolas	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-1	197
44.	Darian Stewart	S Carolina	Sr	5-11	216

FCS (Division IAA) Guide

By Phil Steele

At the end of 2006 the NCAA changed its' terminology and began referring to the IAA as FCS which stands for Football Championship Subdivision. They are calling IA teams FBS teams which stands for Football Bowl Subdivision. Now, I study college football 365 days a year and here it is early May two years later, and I still can't get those initials embedded into my head. I have the feeling that you are in the same boat as we have referred to them as IA and IAA for too many years. There are some spots in the magazine where I call them IAA teams and other spots where I use the politically correct term of FCS. If you see FCS that of course refers to IAA. You can let me know how you feel about using these new initials when you fill in the questionnaire on page 326.

This article is about my ever-expanding IAA coverage. There are 125 teams in the FCS which is even more than the 120 currently in IA (aka FBS). While these teams have less scholarships to give out, the numbers vary. Some leagues do not offer football scholarships at all, while some have up to 60, while still others have a set number that may be divided between players as needed. The attendance of most programs pale in comparison to most of the IA teams (avg attendance listed on the team's right-hand page), but a team like Appalachian St which averaged 25,161 would rank above 40 FBS teams. The bottom line is these schools do play solid football and I enjoy watching IAA games whenever they are on. Since IA teams voted to expand their schedules to 12 games there have been many more matchups between these divisions and "upsets" have become more common like 2 years ago when Appalachian St beat Michigan.

If you are a IAA fan that is frustrated by the fact that no magazine really gives top-notch coverage on your school then I am willing to lend a hand. My National Magazine has ZERO coverage on IAA teams. Checking last year's National Magazines *The Sporting News* also had zero coverage and *Lindy's* National Magazine had 4 pages total on IAA. *Street and Smith* was the only other national magazine which gives at least a paragraph on each IAA team but they scaled back their coverage two years ago.

As my staff grows, and since we concentrate on nothing but football year round, we are expanding IAA coverage this year but how much it is expanded in future years depends on what you want to see (page 326).

Let me give you a quick history on how my magazine has expanded its coverage of IA (FBS) teams through the years. I started the magazine in 1995 and it had 88 IA teams in it with no coverage of the MAC or smaller southern independents (now the Sun Belt) at all! In the 4th year I gave three pages total to the 24 teams that played IA that were not in the main magazine. Those 3 pages were a sheet of schedules for the 24 teams, last year's results and one page of conference forecasts, so each of the 24 teams were allotted just one paragraph on that page! In 1999 I gave the 25 smaller IA teams their own page and the coverage on the MAC and Sun Belt teams increased to 28 pages for the 25 teams! I gave them the same amount of coverage in 2000. In 2001 I welcomed the MAC to the big leagues with TWO FULL PAGES on every MAC team, the same amount of coverage the SEC, Big Ten and other BCS conferences received. Finally in 2002 I upgraded it to two full pages for EVERY IA team.

Now let's look at my IAA coverage over the years. Naturally when the minor IA teams were getting very little coverage I had ZERO IAA information in the National Magazine. In 2003 I dipped my toe into the water and had a member of my staff who followed IAA closely write a 1 page article on IAA football with a Preseason Top 25. I did not get a lot of feedback on my questionnaires and with that person moving on in 2004 I went back to zero coverage. In 2005 we put out three Regional Magazines for the Big Ten, SEC and Big 12. I wanted to put a couple of pages on regionally significant IAA teams in those magazines. For many years we have kept track of all IAA statistics so we know how good those teams are when they face IA foes. Jim Seman, a longtime member of my staff, works until 6:00 AM on Sunday mornings during football season making sure all of the stats for both IA and IAA are entered into our computer system and is our resident IAA expert. He wrote two pages with a Top 25 forecast in the 2005 Regionals. When I read thru the questionnaires (yes, I read every one!) that summer there was growing interest in an expanded IAA coverage. In 2006 I went wild. I had Jim, with the help of Josh Buchanan, write up a full-length paragraph on each IAA team and we expanded to 27 pages in my Pac-10 Regional Magazine.

Two years ago I expanded it again to one quarter of a page on each team.Last year I have DOUBLED IT TO ONE HALF PAGE PER TEAM!! I've included one at the bottom of this page as an example of our coverage, defending FCS Champ Richmond. Last year we started using some of the same computer formulas and systems that I use for IA forecasts for the IAA teams. These include my 9 sets of power ratings, applying those ratings to the upcoming schedule, Turnovers=Turnaround and all of the various forecast articles such as YPP, Lettermen Lost, Starts Lost to Injury, etc. My goal is to have it be BY FAR the most in-depth IAA preseason magazine and like the IA version also the most accurate.

This year I decided to include some local FCS coverage in each of my Regional Magazines as some of you requested and to move my full FCS coverage (over 100 pages!) from the Pac-10 to the ACC/Big East Regional as I received the most response from that region of the country. I would love to increase the coverage to a full page in upcoming years. If that happens the FCS could have its own complete magazine. As always, it will happen if the demand is high enough so you, the reader, holds the key. If you are passionate about IAA football then head out to any newsstand in the East where the ACC/Big East Regional is sold and pick one up this year. If you are not on the East Coast you can order by calling our office at 1-866-918-7711. I will even split the cost of postage with you. If you want the ACC/Big East Regional ($6.99) it costs two bucks to ship it via regular mail but I will knock $1 off. It can be yours for $7.99 regular mail or $8.99 priority mail (please mention this article). Finally IAA (FCS) fans have increased coverage and if the reader speaks out it could just be the tip of the iceberg!

RICHMOND SPIDERS

HC: MIKE LONDON (13-3) • RICHMOND, VA

OFFENSE – LAST 5 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TTL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	TOTAL TURN	RECORD		RET STS	DEF PTS	TTL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %
8*	31.6	367	187	4.5	180	63.1	+24	2008	13-3	8	15.6	269	94	3.0	175	57.3
9*	34.9	405	235	5.6	171	59.7	+8	2007	11-3	3	23.9	366	153	3.7	214	59.2
9	24.7	351	163	4.7	188	59.9	-4	2006	6-5	7	18.1	269	116	3.2	153	59.8
9	26.8	381	190	4.6	192	53.2	+5	2005	9-4	10	17.8	339	120	3.4	219	57.6
4	18.0	331	133	3.5	199	58.0	-10	2004	3-8	8	27.0	358	148	3.8	211	63.2

OFFENSE - The Spiders ret'd 8 off starters LY but did have to replace two NFL DC in WR Arman Shields (#4DC OAK) & their all-time leading rusher, AA RB Tim Hightower (#5DC ARZ). As you would expect they went from being the #2 rush off in the CAA to #4 as their rush avg dropped by almost 50 ypg. Still Hightower's backup, Josh Vaughan who had 737 (6.8) in '07 put up impressive numbers. His 20 TD's matched Hightower's # in '07, and his 1,884 (5.0) was just 40 yds short of Hightower's UR ssn rec, but Vaughan (1st Tm CAA) did have 2 extra gms to reach those numbers. They must replace Vaughan and FB John Crone (2x 2nd Tm CAA, 120, 5.7). Their top ret RB's are Garrett Wilkins (311, 4.9) and Justin Forte (120, 5.0). LY UR ret 3 yr starting QB Eric Ward, who threw for 2,808 (64.1%) with a 17-7 ratio and was the #2 rusher (440, 2.9). UR ret'd 5 of their top 6 rec LY led by CAA Off Rookie of the Yr, Kevin Grayson (970, 14.3 '07). He again led with 853 (14.0) earning 1st Tm CAA. WR Jordan Mitchell, who was #2 in '07 (267, 12.1) was #3 LY with 440 (18.3) in 13 st. The #2 was rFr WR Tre Gray, who despite only starting 8 had 723 (12.3). All 3 return. The OL returned 3 starters LY and added OT Tim Silva (25 car st), who was lost in the '07 opener and RS. While the ypc did drop (5.6 to 4.5), they did lose an AA RB and played more playoff gms (tougher sked). They did help UR put up 208 rush yd (5.3) vs Montana in the Championship gm. They return four 16 gm starters incl AA RT Silva and 2x AA LG Matthew McCracken.

DEFENSE - The defense was a big part of LY's FCS Championship as UR ret 8 starters after only ret 3 in '07. As you would expect they made a huge improvement and were the CAA #1 scoring (#6 FCS) and #1 ttl D (#10 FCS) all'g almost 100 ypg less than '07. They set UR record holding Delaware to 53 ttl yds (W&M, 81, '55). They also held Montana to 7 pts, UM's lowest output since their '06 opener vs Iowa. The Spiders return 9 starters and 12 of their top 14 tkl'rs this year but must replace 2x 1st Tm CAA DE Lawrence Sidbury, who led the led UR with 11.5 sks. Sidbury became the 36th all-time Spider taken in the NFL draft (#4 ATL). The DL returned 3 starters LY and added DE Sherman Logan ('06 starter) who was lost after 4 in '07. The DL allowed just 94 ypg (3.0) holding 12 of their 16 opp under 100 yds rush incl Montana (39). The DL loses both DE starters in Sidbury and Logan, who were the team's top 2 in sks having 17.5 of the D's 36. For a 2nd straight yr UR ret's all 3 starting LB's in 1st Tm CAA Eric McBride (#1 tkl'r), Patrick Weldon (#2) and 3rd Tm CAA Collin McConaghy (#7). The secondary ret'd just 2 starters LY but still improved by allowing almost 40 ypg pass less with an impressive 12-29 ratio, which was a big part of their +24 TO margin (tied #1 FCS). This year they return all 4 starters including AA CB Justin Rogers, who led the team with 7 int.

SPECIAL TEAMS - All the top ST players returned LY including '07 CAA ST POY KR Justin Rogers, who saw his KR avg drop from 30.4 to 20.6. PR Derek Hatcher avg 10.8 (2nd Tm CAA). Andrew Howard (2nd Tm CAA) hit 17-27 FG (L/53). P Brian Radford's avg dropped from 38.7 to 37.2. Once again all the top player return.

COACHES - HC Mike London was the DC at Virg in '06-07 and became the 3rd rookie HC to make it to the FCS Championship game. He was named AFCA Nat'l Coach of the Yr. TY he loses DC Russ Huesmann, who took the HC job at Chattanooga. The new DC is Vic Shealy, who was the DC at UNLV the L/4Y. OC Mike Faragalli returns for his 2nd yr and is a former Lafayette & BG OC.

FORECAST - Richmond was stunned by JMU, as UR gave up 15 pts in the final 1:00 to lose 38-31. They were just 4-3 overall and 2-2 in conf play and things did not look bright. However UR would win 9 straight incl beating 3 of the 4 seeded playoff tms and walked away with their 1st ever FCS Championship. For a 2nd straight year they return 16 starters but this year only have to replace 1 NFL DC (2 LY). The offense is once again led by QB Ward and while they once again must replace a 1st Tm CAA RB, they do return their top 3 rec's and 4 OL starters incl 2 AA. While the D loses DE Sidbury to the NFL, they do return 9 starters to a unit that led the CAA and was #6 in the FCS in scoring (15.6 ppg) and # 10 ttl D (269 ypg). They have a manageable schedule and I'm sure they have Oct 10th circled. The Spiders should once again make the playoffs and have the talent for another run at the FCS crown.

2008 SCHEDULE

Sep. 5	at	Duke
Sep. 12	at	Delaware
Sep. 19		Hofstra
Sep. 26		VMI
Oct. 3		
Oct. 10	at	James Madison
Oct. 17	a	Maine
Oct. 24		Massachusetts
Oct. 31	at	Towson
Nov. 7		Villanova
Nov. 14	at	Georgetown
Nov. 21		William & Mary

Last 10 FCS Playoff Games

YEAR	GAME	OPPONENT	SCORE
2000	QF	Montana	20-34
2005	FR	Hampton	38-10
2005	QF	Furman	20-24
2007	FR	E Kentucky	31-14
2007	QF	Wofford	21-10
2007	SF	Appalachian St	35-55
2008	FR	E Kentucky	38-10
2008	QF	Appalachian St	33-13
2008	SF	Northern Iowa	21-20
2008	CH	Montana	24-7

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*

DEFENSE: 9

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2006 RESULTS (6-5)

	OPPONENT	SCORE
at	Duke	13-0
	Virginia Military	58-7
	Bucknell	48-21
	Northeastern	12-7
at	New Hampshire	17-27
at	Rhode Island	31-6
	Delaware	24-28
	James Madison	10-27
at	Villanova	21-31
	Towson	7-31
at	William & Mary	31-14

2007 RESULTS (11-3)

	OPPONENT	SCORE
at	Vanderbilt	17-41
at	Northeastern	49-14
at	Bucknell	45-14
	New Hampshire	45-38
at	Towson	21-23
	Stony Brook	42-0
	Rhode Island	38-6
at	James Madison	17-16
	Villanova	35-27
at	Delaware	62-56
	William & Mary	31-20

2008 RESULTS (13-3)

	OPPONENT	SCORE
at	Elon	28-10
at	Virginia	0-16
	Towson	45-14
	Maine	44-17
at	Villanova	20-26
at	VMI	56-16
	James Madison	31-38
at	Massachusetts	30-15
	Georgetown	48-0
at	Hofstra	34-14
	Delaware	31-14
at	William & Mary	23-20OT

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Josh Vaughan	355	1945	61	1884	20	5.3
Eric Ward	152	628	188	440	8	2.9
Garrett Wilkins	64	334	23	311	2	4.9
John Crone	21	120	0	120	4	5.7
Justin Forte	24	127	7	120	1	5.0
Tyler Kirchoff	22	76	13	63	2	2.9
Shawn White	8	32	0	32	1	4.0
Will Healy	5	18	0	18	1	3.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Eric Ward	359	230	64.1	2808	17	7
Will Healy	9	2	22.2	32	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kevin Grayson	61	853	14.0	3	80
Tre Gray	59	723	12.3	4	51
Jordan Mitchell	24	440	18.3	3	87
Joe Stewart	25	308	12.3	4	42
Joe Monteverde	12	150	12.5	1	22
John Crone	13	92	7.1	1	27
Donte Boston	9	83	9.2	0	13
Josh Vaughan	19	67	3.5	0	9

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	In20
Brian Radford	60	2231	37.2	31.0	25

KICKING	XP	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Andrew Howard	59-61	2-5	1-2	17-27	53
Brian Radford	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-4	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric McBride	108	2	4.5	2	2
Patrick Weldon	92	2	11	4	3
Michael Ireland	90	0	3.5	2	4
Derek Hatcher	84	0	5	5	4
Jordan Shoop	72	3.5	4.5	2	2
Parker Miles	69	2	2.5	2	0
Collin McConaghy	65	0	1	6	0
Martin Parker	56	4	4	3	0
Lawrence Sidbury	56	11.5	8.5	2	0
Justin Rogers	55	0	4	13	7
Sherman Logan	51	6	5.5	2	0
Seth Williams	48	0	0	6	4
David Horton	33	0	0.5	0	3
Tyler Sullivan	33	0	2	0	0
Brooks York	27	0	0.5	0	0
Tremayne Graham	17	0	1	0	0
Nicholas Battle	16	1	2	0	0
Colin Pehanick	12	0	0	0	0
Pierre Turner	12	4	3.5	0	0
Jonathan Ashe	11	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Hatcher	31	334	10.8	0
Justin Rogers	5	86	17.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Justin Rogers	34	702	20.6	0

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

QUARTERBACKS 2009's Top QB Units

1. **FLORIDA** – Tim Tebow should have repeated as the Heisman winner last year and returns for his senior season. He is the toughest runner of any QB and last year improved his passing to 64.4% with a super 30-4 ratio. I also loved the way he took the team on his shoulders after the Ole Miss loss (see Hardcore pg 322). John Brantley (PS#4) enters his 3rd year and was impressive in the spring.
2. **OKLAHOMA** – There was no sophomore jinx for Sam Bradford in '08 as he set the NCAA record for pass efficiency rating in a season and he won the Heisman Trophy! He would have been the first pick of the draft but opted to return and has an amazing 86-16 ratio over two years. Landry Jones (PS#3) is a solid backup.
3. **TEXAS** – Colt McCoy rebounded from an off year in '07 and threw for 3,859 a an NCAA record 76.7% comp and a 34-8 ratio. He also led the Horns in rushing! He was 1st Team AA by the FWAA. He has an even stronger supporting cast this year. Garrett Gilbert (PS#2) is a true frosh and will battle Sherrod Harris (PS#23) for the backup spot.
4. **HOUSTON** – While Case Keenum is not in the top 5 on my list of QB's (that list takes into account NFL draft potential), he will be one of the most productive QB's this year. Last year in the first year of a new offense he threw for 5,020 yards (67.4%) with a 44-11 ratio and is now a junior and knows the offense! Cotton Turner (PS#104) battles two true frosh for the backup spot.
5. **CENTRAL MICHIGAN** – Last year I mentioned that you could call Dan LeFevour "Tim Tebow lite" as he had similar stats to Tebow (one TD away from 20 TD rush, 20 TD pass with more passing and rushing yards). Dan missed a couple of games LY but still threw for 2,784 (66.8%) with a 21-6 ratio and has 37 career starts and is already CM's career leader.
6. **BYU** – Max Hall threw for 3,957 yards (69.2%) with a 35-14 ratio in '08 despite getting sick at mid-year and losing 10-15 pounds. He is stronger and faster this year and should have a monster year. Parade AA Riley Nelson started 7 games as a true frosh at Utah St in 2006 and he transfers in after serving a mission and is a nice insurance policy.
7. **NEVADA** – Colin Kaepernick is amazing to watch as he is 6'6" 215 yet runs like Pat White (1,130 rush, 7.0, 17 TD '08), and yet threw for 2,849 (54.3%) with a 22-7 ratio. Boise HC Chris Petersen called him the "most difficult player to defend" in the WAC. My concern here is that there would be a significant drop off if he gets injured.
8. **OKLAHOMA STATE** – Put Zac Robinson in any other BCS conf except the Big 12 or SEC and he is the FIRST team QB. Robinson threw for 3,064 (65%) with a 25-10 ratio and rushed for 562. Alex Cate (PS#17) and Brandon Weeden are battling for the backup spot.
9. **ILLINOIS** – Juice Williams (PS#11) has improved from 1,489 (39.5%) in '06 to 1,743 (57.3%) in '07 to 3,173 (57.5%) in '08 and if he continues to improve, look out! Juice also led Illinois in rushing (719, 4.1) LY and there is not much drop off when backup Eddie McGee comes in.

Houston
QB Case Keenum

10. **OHIO STATE** – Jim Tressel bit the bullet LY and brought in PS#1 true frosh Terrelle Pryor as the starter in Week 4 and he threw for 1311 (60.6%) and rushed for 631 (4.5). He was magic on 3rd downs late in the year and now has experience. Joe Bauserman is a solid 23 yr old backup.
11. **KANSAS** – Todd Reesing may be just 5'11" but he knows how to run an offense and last year he threw for 3,888 yards (66.5%) with a 32-13 ratio but was overshadowed by all the super Big 12 QB's. He led Kansas to an Orange Bowl win in '07. He has 527 yds rush in 3 years.
12. **NOTRE DAME** – Jimmy Clausen (PS#5) had the 2nd longest streak in ND history with 132 passes without an int in '08. The next 24Q's he had 11 int's and Weis was hesitant to throw the ball. In the bowl, he hit 22-26 for 401 yards and a 5-0 ratio! Dayne Crist (PS#5, rFr) and Nate Montana provide depth.
13. **BAYLOR** – Robert Griffin is a track star (hurdles) that rushed for 843 (4.9) as a true frosh. He also has great vision and threw for 2,091 (59.9%) with a super 15-3 ratio. Blake Szymanski is an exp backup with 13 career starts.
14. **MISSISSIPPI** – Jevan Snead (PS#4) is a Texas transfer that threw for 2,762 (56.3%) with a 26-13 ratio as a 1st year starter. He showed great improvement hitting 64% with a 12-2 ratio over the last 4. Nathan Stanley (PS#36) is the backup.
15. **PENN STATE** – Daryll Clark is 6'2" 233 and mobile (282 rush) but in his first year as a starter he threw for 2,592 (59.8%) with a 19-6 ratio. He is a solid athlete (3% body fat). Kevin Newsome (PS#10 rFr) is the heir apparent who was in for the spring.

Illinois
QB Juice Williams

The rest of the Top 34:

16. Texas Tech
17. Florida Atlantic
18. Washington
19. UTEP
20. Western Michigan
21. Boise State
22. USF
23. Hawaii
24. Minnesota
25. NC State
26. UAB
27. Tulsa
28. Virginia Tech
29. Georgia Tech
30. Wake Forest
31. Duke
32. Florida St
33. TCU
34. USC

RUNNING BACKS 2009's Top RB Units

1. **OKLAHOMA** – No other backfield in the country has a pair of VHT 1,000 yard rushers from 2008 returning. DeMarco Murray (PS#5) and Chris Brown (PS#35) each avg 5.6 ypc rush and also combined for 504 receiving. They add in rFr Jermie Calhoun (PS#2). Both Murray and Brown have a shot at being picked in the 1st round of the 2010 draft.
2. **GEORGIA TECH** – Jonathan Dwyer (PS#5) thrived in the option offense last year and rushed for 1,395 with a super 7.0 ypc. Both AB's return including Roddy Jones who rushed for 690 and 8.5 ypc! This year they add in Anthony Allen who set a Louisville single game rush record with 275 yards in '06 vs MTSt. They also add in VHT rFr Richard Watson (PS#33).
3. **USC** – The Trojans have 4 potential #1 DC's at RB and also have underrated FB Stanley Havili. Stafon Johnson (PS#3), CJ Gable (PS#9) and Joe McKnight (PS#3) combined to rush for 1,981 (5.9) in '08. Marc Tyler (PS#1) and Allen Bradford (PS#3) are 4th and 5th string!
4. **OKLAHOMA STATE** – Kendall Hunter rushed for 1,555 (6.5) and was 1st Team All-American with his biggest games coming vs the toughest foes. Keith Toston has 1,507 rush (5.7) in 3 years and Beau Johnson (PS#7JC) had 357 (6.2) in his first year here.
5. **CALIFORNIA** – Jahvid Best was banged up last year but in the final 3 games when healthier he rushed for 201 (10.6) vs Stanford, 311 (16.4) vs UW and 186 (9.3) vs a tough Miami D in the bowl! That surge put him atop the Pac-10 in rushing. Shane Vereen (PS#25) had 715 (5.0) as a rFr and they add in rFr Covaughn DeBoskie (PS#17).
6. **PENN STATE** – Evan Royster is 209 lbs and added speed last year and after 9 games was leading the FBS in ypc. He finished with 1,236 (6.5) despite being injured in the 1Q of the Rose Bowl. Stephfon Green had 578 (5.5) and Brandon Beachum (PS#14) had 114 (4.1).
7. **LSU** – Charles Scott (PS#7), Keiland Williams and Richard Murphy (PS#27) split the carries in '07 and all have NFL potential. Scott stepped to the forefront last year with 1,174 (5.4) but all 3 return this year. They add in Michael Ford (PS#11) and have Trindon Holliday (4.27 spd) at their disposal.
8. **FLORIDA** – Last year Tim Tebow led the team in rushing and a WR was the #2 rusher! How could I possibly put the Gators in my Top Ten? Did you know that the 3 RB's last year in Emmanuel Moody (PS#6), Jeffrey Demps (PS#28) and Chris Rainey (PS#15) combined to rush for 1,674 yards and a super 7.6 ypc while adding 352 rec yd. That is a pretty productive three headed monster at TB and Moody will be healthier TY.

USC
RB Stafon Johnson

9. **NEVADA** – Luke Lippincott led the WAC in rushing in 2007 with 1,420 (5.3). Last year he was injured and RS. Vai Taua stepped in and he led the WAC in rushing with 1,521 and an even better 6.4 ypc. Lippincott was granted a 6th year, so both return.
10. **ARKANSAS** – Michael Smith (5'7" 176) is not the typical Petrino RB (he likes big power backs). Smith led a rebuilding Hog offense LY and in just 9 starts rushed for 1,072 (5.2). He returns and they also have USC transfer Broderick Green (PS#9), true frosh Ronnie Wingo (PS#12), Knile Davis (PS#26) and De'Anthony Curtis (PS#3) who was banged up last year.
11. **WEST VIRGINIA** – Noel Devine (PS#2) avg 8.6 ypc as the backup in '07 and rushed for 1,289 (6.3) in his first year as a starter. He figures to be the focal point of the offense and they do add in true frosh Tavon Austin (PS#17) who will play immediately.
12. **OREGON STATE** – Jacquizz Rodgers burst onto the scene last year with 1,253 (4.8) and did so despite missing the last 2 full games with injury. Who can forget his performance in the upset of USC? Ryan McCants began LY as starter and adds depth as does Jovan Stevenson (PS#109).
13. **COLORADO** – The Buffs avg'd a paltry 3.4 ypc rush in '08 but should have one of the top rush attacks this year. Darrell Scott (PS#1) was banged up as a true frosh and had just 343 (3.9) but looked much better this spring and could lead the Big 12 in rushing. Rodney Stewart was not a VHT but led the team in rushing as a true with 622 in just 8 games (inj) and was 100% in the spring.
14. **MISSISSIPPI** – Cordera Eason (PS#19) had 647 (4.6) and Brandon Bolden had 542 (5.5) with Enrique Davis (PS#4) struggling as a true frosh with 244 (3.8). They have two more VHT's and are in the 2nd year of Houston Nutt's system which always produces big rush numbers.
15. **SOUTHERN MISS** – Damion Fletcher has rushed for 1,388 (5.0), 1,586 (5.4) and 1,313 (6.0) in 3 years and yes, he is back again. They now add in a rare VHT in true frosh Kendrick Hardy (PS#16).

The rest of the Top 33:

16. Clemson
17. Notre Dame
18. Wisconsin
19. Virginia Tech
20. Miami, Fl
21. Stanford
22. Fresno St
23. Oregon
24. Michigan
25. Ball State
26. Buffalo
27. Maryland
28. Auburn
29. Toledo
30. Georgia
31. Alabama
32. Houston
33. Memphis

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

RECEIVERS 2009's Top Receiving Units

1. **NOTRE DAME** – This will come as a shock to many but the Irish have my #1 set of receivers. Golden Tate was in his 2nd year at WR in '08 and led with 1,080 (18.6). They added true frosh Michael Floyd (PS#2) and he had 719 (15.0) despite basically missing the final 3 regular season gms. They add in rFr John Goodman (PS#10) and Deion Walker (PS#13) and true frosh Shaquelle Evans (PS#9). TE Mike Ragone (PS#2) was injured LY and returns and they have Kyle Rudolph (PS#2) who was 1st Tm Frosh AA as a true.
2. **ILLINOIS** – Arrelious Benn (PS#1) had 1,055 (15.7) in '08 and Jeff Cumberland (PS#13) was #3 with 352 (17.6). TE Mike Hoomanawanui is an NFL prospect. This year they add Florida transfer Jarred Fayson (PS#9) and true frosh Terry Hawthorne (PS#4) who HC Ron Zook says will be a special player for them.
3. **TEXAS** – While UT loses two of their top 3 rec's, Jordan Shipley (PS#7) had 1,060 (11.9) and was granted a 6th year. Malcolm Williams (PS#11) avg 17.9 ypc as a rFr. They move QB John Chiles (PS#8) and his playmaking ability to WR full time. They have 8 backup WR's who are VHT's and TE Blaine Irby (PS#3) had 10 rec in 3 gm in '08 (on pace for 43) but was injured.
4. **USC** – Arkansas transfer Damian Williams (PS#11) was #1 in '08 with 869 (15.0) and Ronald Johnson (PS#14) added 570 (17.3). TE Anthony McCoy (PS#15) had 256 (11.6) but will have to fend off Blake Ayles (PS#1) who was banged up (knee) as a true. Naturally this is USC and the backup WR's are PS#2 and #17.
5. **GEORGIA** – AJ Green (PS#3) lived up to his VHT billing with 963 (17.2) as a true frosh. Tavarres King (PS#6) had 2 rec (33.0) but RS. Michael Moore (PS#15) had 451 (15.6) and they add in true frosh Marlon Brown (PS#3). They also have 3 VHT TE's.
6. **LSU** – Brandon LaFell declared for the NFL (proj 2nd RD) but changed his mind and returned (929, 14.7 in '08). Terrance Toliver (PS#2) had 257 (11.7) in '08. They add true frosh Rueben Randle (PS#1) and have 3 VHT backup WR's. TE Richard Dickson (PS#10) is a solid blocker and had 324 (10.5). He is backed by 2 VHT's.
7. **ARKANSAS** – TE DJ Williams was 1st Tm SEC with 723 (11.9). Joe Adams (PS#25), Jarius Wright (PS#36) and Greg Childs (PS#48) combined for 998 (14.7) as true frosh and now enter their 2nd year. Seven rec's return who topped 270 yds in '08 and this is the 2nd yr of HC Bobby Petrino's system.
8. **HOUSTON** – The Cougars threw for 5,221 yards in '08 and 8 WR's return this year who had at least 235 yds last year. Tyron Carrier led with 1,026 (12.8) and also had 678 return yds. Patrick Edwards had 634 (13.8) before his broken leg in week 7. They add 2 VHT's to the mix in Iowa transfer James Cleveland (PS#50) and true frosh AJ Dugat (PS#31).
9. **SOUTHERN MISS** – HC Larry Fedora somehow signed PS#7WR DeAndre Brown and he lived up to his VHT billing with 1,117 (16.7) as a true frosh. Another VHT, Freddie Parham (PS#44JC), had 173 (9.1). TE Jonathan Massey (PS#21) should emerge after playing behind Shawn Nelson. They also add PS#16JC WR Justin Jordan.
10. **FLORIDA** – TE Aaron Hernandez (PS#1) got stronger in the 2H of the year and should have a great Jr season. Carl Moore (PS#1JC) was not healthy in '08 but should live up to his billing this year. Deonte Thompson (PS#4) had 269 (14.9) as a true and they add true frosh Andre Debose (PS#2). There are 9 VHT WR's and that does not include the dangerous Brandon James.
11. **TULSA** – The Hurricane lose its top WR from '08 but Damaris Johnson had 743 (14.0) and Tennessee transfer Slick Shelley (PS#9) had 627 (16.1). Trae Johnson had 1,088 (15.5) as a true frosh in '07 and while he had just 475 in '08, he avg'd 23.8 ypc.
12. **TEXAS TECH** – At the end of the year Tech's WR's will be among the FBS leaders in receiving yards no matter who they put on the field. While they lose Michael Crabtree, they have 2 WR's back with 1,000+ career yards and plenty of depth and talent.
13. **SMU** – The Mustangs WR's will catch a lot of passes and HC June Jones has compared Emmanuel Sanders and Aldrick Robinson favorably to many of his past WR's. Those two combined for over 2,000 yards in '08 and 15.9 ypc despite both being susp the last 2 games.
14. **KANSAS** – Dezmon Briscoe had 1,407 (15.3) in '08 and converted QB Kerry Meier added 1,045 (10.8) and is now taking almost all WR snaps instead of splitting time between QB and WR. Johnathan Wilson 573 (13.3) is also back.
15. **PITTSBURGH** – The Panthers used to produce a super WR every year including Larry Fitzgerald. They don't have big numbers returning but I like the talent led by Jonathan Baldwin (PS#15) who avg 22.4 as a true, 6'3" Oderick Turner (1454 yds in 3Y) and 1st Tm Big East TE Nate Byham (PS#2).

Florida
TE Aaron Hernandez

The rest of the Top 33:

16. Oklahoma
17. Alabama
18. Wisconsin
19. Miami, Fl
20. Florida Atlantic
21. Minnesota
22. FIU
23. Central Michigan
24. Oklahoma St
25. Arizona
26. BYU
27. UCLA
28. UNLV
29. Mississippi
30. Iowa
31. Cincinnati
32. Fresno St
33. Michigan St

OFFENSIVE LINE 2009's Top OL Units

1. **USC** – You know HC Pete Carroll has the talent on hand and 13 OL are VHT's. Last year they had just one starter back but opened holes for 195 ypg rush (5.0) with just 18 sacks allowed. This year they have the most experienced O-line Carroll has fielded with the entire two deep back. Three OL's make my 1st Team Pac-10 squad.
2. **FLORIDA** – Last year's line had 3 starters back and paved the way for 231 ypg rush with a super 5.9 ypc and allowed just 16 sacks. They have 3 starters back once again and 4 out of 5 proj starters are VHT's. This unit also has great size avg 6'5" and 318 lbs per man.
3. **GEORGIA** – The Bulldogs O-line was young and inexperienced for two years. Last year they had 2 soph and 3 frosh starters after losing star LT Trinton Sturdivant (PS#4) and Vince Vance (PS#35JC) early in the year. They still avg 148 ypg rush (4.5) with just 17 sacks. This year the 5 OL are a year older and they get back Sturdivant and Vance and have 99 career starts as a group.
4. **TEXAS** – Texas had to replace 2 starters last year but with 8 of the top 10 back and a mobile QB like Colt McCoy, they still only had 167 ypg rush (4.3) with 26 sacks. OL coach Mac McWhorter said the unit has the best depth of any OL he's had there (since '02). They only lose 1 starter and have 91 career starts with 13 VHT's in the 3 deep and should live up to the hype this year.
5. **NOTRE DAME** – This unit is always loaded with VHT's but their best ypc of the decade is just 4.1. The unit was a weakness in '07 with just 75 ypg rush (2.1) and 58 sacks allowed. They made dramatic strides LY with a more veteran unit (110, 3.3, 22 sks). This year 8 of the top 10 return and they get back '07 starter Paul Duncan, who missed '08 with injury. This is the Irish's best OL of the decade.
6. **IOWA** – Kirk Ferentz is an ex-pro OL coach who has had 8 OL selected in the last 7 NFL drafts. Last year the line paved the way for 189 ypg rush (4.8) behind Doak Walker winner Shonn Greene. This year the Hawks have 99 career starts which is the 10th most in FBS and there are 3 VHT's in my projected starting lineup including preseason All-American LT Bryan Bulaga (PS#5).
7. **FLORIDA ST** – Rick Trickett had great success as an O-line coach at WV but his first unit here ('07) had just 128 ypg rush (3.7). Trickett had his O-line trim down and despite losing 4 starters last year they improved to 179 ypg (4.8) with 26 sacks. Seven players who started last year were underclassmen and with all 5 starters back, including preseason All-American OG Rodney Hudson, this group is more experienced and should continue to improve.
8. **RUTGERS** – After improving their ypc rush for 3 straight years they took an expected step back last year with 3 starters lost and just 28 career starts returning (11th fewest FBS). They dropped to 128 ypg (3.9) but did allow just 19 sacks. In '07 true frosh Anthony Davis (PS#7) started and last year true frosh Art Forst (PS#25) started. This year all 5 starters return and this is the Big East's top O-line.
9. **CLEMSON** – The last two years Clemson has had to replace 4 starters on the O-line and they really struggled in '08 with 112 ypg rush (3.4) and 34 sacks allowed. Due to injuries 3 frosh started vs NCSt and 9 diff OL's drew starts. This year they have almost everyone back (79 car sts) and this is the most exp CU line since the '06 version which avg 218 ypg rush (5.7) and just 15 sacks.
10. **CALIFORNIA** – Cal had to replace 3 starters last year and then lost 2 starters to injury by mid-year but still improved to 186 ypg rush (5.6) with 25 sacks. This year they lose 2 starters including a #1 DC but have more experience and get the injured OL back as well.
11. **BOSTON COLLEGE** – BC could be called "O-Line U" as 11 former Eagles were on NFL rosters in '08. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but still improved to 143 ypg (3.9) with just 21 sacks. This year 4 starters return including 2 VHT's and LT Anthony Castonzo, who some in the program think could be the best BC OL yet. This is BC's best O-line in at least the last 5 years.
12. **OKLAHOMA ST** – The Cowboys had 4 starters back in '08 and avg 245 ypg rush (5.5) and just 16 sacks. This year they lose 2 starters but add PS#4JC Anthony Morgan, who was in for the spring. LT Russell Okung may be the top pick in the 2010 NFL draft.
13. **NEBRASKA** – The Huskers had to replace two starters in '08 and at one point were down to just 5 healthy OL's but still improved to 170 ypg (4.5) with 21 sacks. They have 61 career starts back this year with 5 VHT starters and OL coach Barney Cotton should have better luck with injuries.
14. **MISSOURI** – Last year the Tigers had to replace their star C and LT (2 most important pos) but still had 154 ypg rush (5.2) with just 2.83% sacks. This year they have 3 starters back again, plus PS#15 Dan Hoch moves into an open spot and neither OL lost made the All-Big 12 tm.
15. **LSU** – The Tigers underachieved in '08 as they had 4 starters back and LT Herman Johnson became their 1st Tm AA (AP) since 1997 but they avg 167 ypg rush (4.4) with 22 sacks. This year they lose Johnson and 1 other starter but Ciron Black turned down the NFL and they should improve.

Iowa
OT Bryan Bulaga

The rest of the Top 33:

16. Ohio State
17. Michigan
18. Texas A&M
19. Louisiana
20. Colorado
21. Air Force
22. Tennessee
23. Stanford
24. Wisconsin
25. Minnesota
26. Miami, Fl
27. Colorado St
28. Louisiana Tech
29. Toledo
30. Southern Miss
31. UCLA
32. Nevada
33. Indiana

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE LINE 2009's Top DL Units

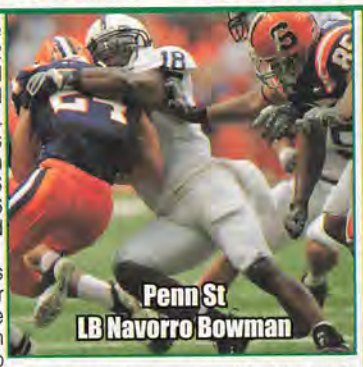
Virginia Tech DE Jason Worilds

1. **OKLAHOMA** - DT Gerald McCoy would have been a 1st Rd NFL DC but opted to return! All 4 starters are back and a backup DT is DeMarcus Granger (PS#1) who was 2nd Tm Big 12 in '07 but banged up last year! The 4 starters combined for 24 sacks LY and they add rFr RJ Washington (PS#4) and true frosh Jamarkus McFarland (PS#9).
2. **FLORIDA** - In 2007 they had to replace 4 NFL DC's and last year basically had one starter back upfront losing a #1DC but still allowed just 105 ypg rush (3.4). This year the entire two deep returns including backup DE Carlos Dunlap who had 9.5 sacks and figures to be a Top 10 pick in the 2010 draft. They had 2 VHT's miss most of '08 with injury and they return.
3. **MIAMI, FL** - After DE Eric Moncur was lost to injury, the Canes basically had 1 starter back last year and struggled with 152 ypg rush allowed (4.0). They played two true frosh in Marcus Robinson (PS#9) and Marcus Forston (PS#2) and they should be much stronger with experience. Seven return with starting exp and I like the size and speed of this unit.
4. **MISSISSIPPI** - When a team like Ole Miss loses a 1st Rd DC DL you normally expect a step back, but this is a talented group. Their top 4 all had 6+ starts last year and includes 3 VHT's and the "backups" are DE Greg Hardy who was 1st Tm SEC in '07 with 10 sacks (banged up LY) and 340 lb DT Jerrell Powe (PS#2) who was out of shape LY and could start this year as well as PS#19JC Emmanuel Stephens who started 2 in '08.
5. **OHIO STATE** - Last year's defense had some disappointing numbers as they allowed 110 ypg rush (3.5) their worst in 4 years (those #'s would be great for most other teams). For the 2nd straight year 7 of the top 8 are back and 7 are VHT's. They should be back to normal this year which means one of the best D-lines in the country.
6. **USF** - DE George Selvie had 14.5 sacks in '07 but was banged up LY and double and triple teamed and only had 5.5. He turned down the NFL and is bigger and stronger than ever. They have 6 of the top 8 DL's back from a unit that allowed just 95 ypg rush (2.8) and they add true frosh Ryne Giddins (PS#7) and JUCO Leslie Stirrups (PS#68).
7. **ALABAMA** - Last year Bama had its best rush D since 1999 yielding just 74 ypg (2.7) and that coincided with 365 lb Terrence Cody's (PS#2JC) arrival. While they lose one starter they plug in Lorenzo Washington who started 12 in '07. Saban adds 4 VHT true frosh.
8. **NORTH CAROLINA** - The Tar Heels had to replace two starters last year but with the return of the entire two deep including 6 VHT's they have their best defensive line since 2001. The top 4 DT's are all 300+ lbs and the 2nd string has 3 VHT's (2 soph, 1 senior) and they add true frosh Donte Moss (PS#3).
9. **CLEMSON** - The Tigers are always tough up front but last year basically had 2 starters back and allowed 127 ypg rush (3.7). They do lose two starters this year but return Da'Quan Bowers (PS#1), Ricky Sapp (PS#5) and 6 of the top 8 are VHT's including true frosh Malliciah Goodman (PS#5).
10. **CALIFORNIA** - Cal had an experienced D-line in '08 but was hit hard by injuries. They still yielded just 122 ypg (3.2). This year they return 3 starters and the unit has good size and experience as well as depth and should stay healthier.
11. **BYU** - This is one of the most veteran D-lines in the NCAA. DE Jan Jorgensen is already the MWC's all-time sack leader. Not only do Brett Denney and Russell Tialavea return as starters but they add Bernard Afutiti (PS#9JC) who RS. This unit is very mature with a lot of returned missionaries.
12. **PITTSBURGH** - Pitt's ypg rush D has improved in each of the last 4 years under Wannstedt and this year they lose just 1 starter and have 4 back that have been full time starters. This experienced unit also adds in rFr Shayne Hale (PS#8).
13. **GEORGIA** - I rated Georgia's D-line #16 in the '08 magazine. Their top DL Jeff Owens was lost in the opener and due to injuries only 1 DL started all 13. The banged up group allowed 3.6 ypc and was #8 in the SEC in sacks. This year they get their injured players back and add some VHT frosh and should be much stronger up front.
14. **VIRGINIA TECH** - VT always has an excellent D-line and last year allowed their "worst" numbers in 4 years at 104 ypg rush (3.2) with 35 sacks. They basically played 3 DT and 3 DE and 5 of the 6 return.
15. **FLORIDA STATE** - Last year Florida St had their "worst" rush D since 1995 yielding 133 ypg (3.8) and they lose two starters including the runner up for the ACC Def POY DE Everett Brown. Just look at the talent on their team page and you will see why they have one of the top D-lines in '09.

The rest of the Top 33:

16. USC
17. Texas
18. Nebraska
19. Texas Tech
20. LSU
21. TCU
22. Nevada
23. Penn St
24. Michigan
25. Tennessee
26. UCLA
27. Arizona St
28. South Carolina
29. Stanford
30. Oklahoma St
31. Troy
32. West Virginia
33. Louisiana Tech

LINEBACKERS 2009's Top LB Units


Penn St LB Navorro Bowman

1. **PENN STATE** - Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" and this year's unit will not disappoint. Last year Sean Lee was a projected 1st Rd DC but opted to return only to go down in the spring with a torn ACL. Navorro Bowman (PS#16) stepped in and was 1st Team Big Ten with 106 tkls and 16.5 tfl. Josh Hull was the #2 tkl'r but may be a backup this year. The Lions have TEN VHT's in the group.
2. **FLORIDA** - Brandon Spikes (PS#6) was 1st Team AA in '08 and turned down the NFL to spearhead a unit with the two deep returning intact including 5 with starting exp and 5 VHT's. They add to that mix rFr Brendan Beal (PS#3), true frosh Jelani Jenkins (PS#2) and Jonathan Bostic (PS#14).
3. **OKLAHOMA** - Ryan Reynolds was the Sooners' top defensive player in '08 but was injured vs Texas and the Sooners took 4 weeks to get over the loss. This year they have 5 of the top 6 back and Reynolds also returns. They add 4 VHT frosh meaning that 10 of the top 12 are VHT's.
4. **TEXAS** - The Horns return their #1, #4 and #5 tacklers from 2008 and they are all VHT's in Sergio Kindle (PS#1), Jared Norton (PS#19) and Roddrick Muckelroy (PS#30). Backup Keenan Robinson (PS#4) had 24 tackles as a rFr, Dustin Earnest (PS#17) is a Jr and they add true frosh Tariq Allen (PS#12).
5. **IOWA** - The Hawkeyes had to replace 2 starters last year but the 3 VHT starters were #1, #2 and #6 in tackles. This year the entire two deep returns and I feel this group has a shot to be comparable to that excellent 2005 group which was led by Chad Greenway (#1DC) and Abdul Hodge (#3DC).
6. **ALABAMA** - This unit was a major concern heading into '08 but performed beyond expectations. Rolando McClain was a Frosh AA in '07 and 3rd Team AA in '08 and a Butkus finalist. This year the entire two deep returns and they add 3 more VHT true frosh to the talented unit.
7. **MICHIGAN STATE** - The Spartans had a solid D last year allowing just 22.1 ppg and Greg Jones was 1st Team Big Ten and #1 tkl'r while Eric Gordon (PS#44) was #2 tkl'r. Their other starter Adam Decker brought down Shonn Greene one-on-one on a crucial 4th down. They add true frosh Chris Norman (PS#16).
8. **ARIZONA STATE** - WLB Mike Nixon (PS#13) led the Pac-10 in int's and was the #1 tkl'r (1st Tm P10), Travis Goethel was #3 tkl'r. While they lose 1 starter they bring in true frosh Vontaze Burfict (PS#3) who has been compared to Ray Lewis. Gerald Munns (3 st '08) also returns.
9. **GEORGIA** - The Bulldogs return their #1, #3 and #7 tkl'rs in this unit including Rennie Curran who is the top ret tkl'rs in the SEC. Behind them are 7 VHT's in the 4 deep and that includes Darius Dewberry (PS#21) and Marcus Washington who have each started 5+ gms.
10. **OKLAHOMA STATE** - The Cowboys should have their best D in quite some time and this unit will be a major factor in that. They return the team's #1, #2, #4, #7 and #9 tacklers from '08 and they have 4 VHT's in the two deep. Andre Sexton was 2nd Team All-Big 12 last year.

Penn St LB Sean Lee

11. **COLORADO** - The Buffs return their top 2 tacklers from '08 in 2nd Tm Big 12 Jeff Smart and Shaun Mohler (PS#5). Jon Major (PS#2) was expected to make an immediate impact but RS (ACL). Five of the top 6 are back and they should continue to improve.
12. **USC** - The Trojans losses are heavy here with their 3 starters all going to the NFL as 1st, 2nd and 4th round picks. DC Seto says that this year's LB corps has more foot speed and 8 of the top 9 are VHT's. Chris Galippo (PS#2), Malcom Smith (PS#12) and Michael Morgan (PS#12) are solid.
13. **MISSOURI** - The Tigers have not had a 1st Team AA LB in their 118 year history but have a shot this year with the return of Sean Weatherspoon who was 2nd Team AA with 155 tackles and 18.5 tfl. They do lose one starter but add Josh Tatum (PS#11JC) who was in for spring.
14. **NOTRE DAME** - The Irish lose a pair of starters but do have 3 back with starting exp including MLB Brian Smith who DC Tenuta calls the "heart and soul" of the D. Much like USC this is a projection pick as ND has 2008's PS#1LB Steve Filer who should have a bigger impact and this year's PS#1 Manti Te'o who should start right away.
15. **MIAMI, FL** - Colin McCarthy was the #1 returning tackler in '07 but was lost to injury after 4 starts in '08. Sean Spence was the #2 tackler last year and Daryll Sharpton was #4 tkl'r and both return. The 2nd string is made up of PS#5, #20 and #22 sophs who all played as true frosh last year.

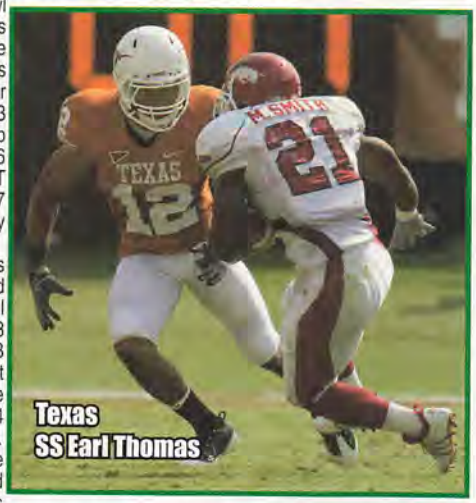
The rest of the Top 33:

16. Mississippi
17. South Carolina
18. Boston College
19. Ohio State
20. Florida St
21. LSU
22. Baylor
23. Rutgers
24. Vanderbilt
25. Virginia Tech
26. Connecticut
27. Tennessee
28. UCLA
29. Mississippi St
30. West Virginia
31. UCF
32. TCU
33. Clemson

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE BACKS 2009's Top DB Units

1. **USC** – The Trojans have been in my Top 10 of my pass D rankings for 6 straight years no matter how many starters they have returning. Last year they took home the #1 spot allowing a 6-19 ratio. Six of the top 8 are back this year including FS Taylor Mays (PS#1) who would have been a high 1st round pick in the NFL draft but opted to return.
2. **FLORIDA** – After their bowl loss to Michigan in '07 folks did not think too highly of the Gator secondary but it was a very young group that year (#72 pass D rankings). With 3 starters back they moved up to #5 in '08 allowing a 12-26 ratio. All 4 starters were VHT underclassmen last year and 7 of the top 8 are back and they should continue to improve.
3. **CALIFORNIA** – The Bears had a somewhat inexperienced secondary last year but still managed to finish a super #3 in my pass D rankings. CB Syd'Quan Thompson was 1st Tm Pac-10. This year 9 of the Top 10 are back including all 4 starters, 3 of which are VHT's.
4. **TCU** – Over the last 3 years the Frogs have finished #9, #4 and #2 in my pass D rankings. This year they return 7 of the top 8 but also add Oklahoma transfer Malcolm Williams (PS#29JC) and Jason Teague who originally signed with LSU.
5. **TEXAS** – While the Horns allowed 259 ypg passing in the pass-happy Big 12 last year they did yield just 56% completions and were #19 in my pass D rankings which take into account the strength of opponent faced (toughest slate). Last year's unit had to replace 3 starters and this year 7 of the top 8 return and they have 11 VHT's in the 3 deep.
6. **LSU** – The Tigers finished #6, #1, #5, #5, #1 and #3 in my pass D rankings from 2002-07 but had to replace a pair of shutdown corners last year and fell to #33. This year they have all 4 starters back and 11 VHT's in the 3 deep including Patrick Peterson (PS#1), who started the last 4 games at CB as a true last year, and true frosh Craig Loston (PS#1), who was in for the spring.
7. **NOTRE DAME** – The Irish lost 2 starters to injury during 2008 and only finished #32 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose 2 starters but get back CB Darrin Walls (PS#5) who started 11 in '07. They return Kyle McCarthy who set a the school record for tackles by a DB and add starting LB Harrison Smith (PS#22) who moves to FS. ND has 7 VHT's in the 2 deep.



8. **TENNESSEE** – SS Eric Berry (PS#1) won my award for top defensive player in the country last year and he returns. The Vols were #23 in my pass D rankings last year and while they lose 2 starters they add 5 VHT true frosh. Four of the top 6 are back this year and all 4 have 7+ starts in a ssn.
9. **OHIO STATE** – The Buckeyes were #9 in my pass D rankings last year and return 6 of their top 8! CB Malcolm Jenkins (#1DC) is a major loss as opponents' OC's game planned around him but there is plenty of talent and experience and they add 4 VHT true frosh.
10. **BOISE STATE** – Boise has finished in the Top 15 of my pass D rankings in 5 of the last 8 years including #4 LY allowing an 8-22 ratio. They had to replace a pair of starters in '08 but this year have 7 of the top 8 back including 1st Tm WAC CB Kyle Wilson and 2nd Tm WAC SS Jeron Johnson. They do lose their '08 Def POY in FS Ellis Powers.
11. **IOWA** – Last year Iowa had just one starter back in the secondary but finished a super #7 in my pass D rankings allowing a 9-23 ratio. This year they lose 1 starter but plug in Jordan Bernstine (PS#11) who was banged up in 2008.
12. **ALABAMA** – The Tide always finishes high in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace 2 starters but finished #17 thanks to 2nd Tm AA Rashad Johnson (#1 tackler). Johnson is a big loss this year but 7 of the top 8 are back and 3 VHT true frosh saw action LY and will be bigger contributors. Bama also adds 3 VHT frosh this year.
13. **CLEMSON** – The Tigers have 5 straight Top 25 finishes in my pass D rankings. Last year Clemson returned all 4 starters and those players started all 13 games but Clemson was only #21. They do lose two starters this year but they have plenty of experience and 6 VHT's in the two deep.
14. **ARIZONA** – The Cats had to replace two top-notch starters last year (#1 & #7DC) but moved up to #15 in my pass D rankings. Devin Ross (PS#8) was 2nd Tm Pac-10. This year they add JC Marcus Benjamin (PS#80) and while equal to '08 with 2 starters back, they do not lose anyone to the NFL.
15. **OKLAHOMA** – The Sooners are always near the top in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace 3 starters but still were #11. This year they lose 1st and 2nd Tm Big 12 defenders and surprisingly 2 of the projected starters are not VHT's but 8 of the top 12 are.

The rest of the Top 33:

16. Mississippi	22. Northwestern	28. Miami, FL
17. Michigan	23. Michigan St	29. Georgia Tech
18. Virginia Tech	24. Auburn	30. Kentucky
19. UCLA	25. Florida St	31. Arkansas
20. Georgia	26. Minnesota	32. Pittsburgh
21. North Carolina	27. Oregon	33. Nebraska

SPECIAL TEAMS 2009's Top ST Units

1. **BOISE STATE** – Boise was #2 in my ST rankings in '08. P's Kyle Brotzman and Brad Elkin combined for a 39.6 net. Brotzman has hit 33 of 44 FG's with a long of 51 over 2 years. Kyle Wilson avg 14.2 on PR's with 3 TD's and Jeremy Avery 23.9 on KR's. Boise has blocked 19 punts the last 7 years. Brotzman had 13 TB's on KO's and all the key players return.
2. **FLORIDA** – Brandon James had 2 KR TD's called back last year and his avg's actually dropped from 28.0 on KR's to 23.1 and 18.1 on PR's to 13.8 from '07 to '08. P Chas Henry may be the best in the game and had nets of 38.7 and 38.1 the last 2 years. Jonathan Phillips hit 12 of 13 FG's in '08 (long 40) and Caleb Sturgis (PS#6) hit a 60 yd FG in the spring game in '08 and had 12 TB on KO's as a true. All of the key players return and look for James to recapture his '07 form.
3. **ALABAMA** – Bama was only #37 in my ST rankings last year after a slow start (allowed 2 early ret TD's) the ST unit basically scored 26 of the 32 points vs Miss St and I was very impressed with the coverage units in the SEC Title game vs Florida. Javier Arenas is one of the most dangerous returnmen (24.3 KR, 15.4 PR) in the game and K Leigh Tiffin hit 20 of 29 FG's with a long of 54. PJ Fitzgerald improved his net to 35.1 and with all of the key guys back this is one of the best ST's units in the land.
4. **MIAMI, FL** – Miami was #33 last year but Matt Bosher hit 18 of 20 FG's with a long of 52 and his strong leg is back. Also the punter, Bosher improved his net avg from 35.0 to 36.2. Travis Benjamin has 4.26 speed and was the top KR (22.5) and PR (11.3) as a true frosh despite missing 3. Benjamin had 274 all purp yds vs Florida St. He will break a TD or two this year and all of the key players return.
5. **OHIO STATE** – The Buckeyes have THREE #1 finishes in my ST rankings ('95, '98 and '04). They were #5 in '08. K Aaron Pettrey had 13 TB on KO's and has a powerful leg hitting 7 of 8 FG's with a long of 54. Ray Small avg 15.2 on PR's and Laamar Thomas 21.6 on KR's. They do lose their super P AJ Trapasso but bring in rFr Ben Buchanan (PS#3).
6. **UCLA** – The Bruins were the only team in the country with 4 straight Top 10 ST finishes heading into '08 but surprisingly dropped to #23. P Aaron Perez had a net of 37.6 in '07 and 36.2 in '08. This year rFr Jeff Locke (PS#2) replaces him. Kai Forbath hit 19 of 22 FG's in '08 (long 53) and is 6-6 from 50+ over 2 years. Terrence Austin had 1,328 return yards despite not getting a TD. Frank Gansz Jr is an excellent ST coach and has the talent to get them back in the Top Ten.
7. **TEXAS** – The Horns' backups are all VHT's which greatly helps this unit. Texas finished in the Top 20 of my ST rankings in 7 of the last 9 years and was #10 in '08. John Gold had a super net punt avg of 39.6 in '08 and both P's return and both K's are back as they hit 11 of 14 FG's LY. Jordan Shipley had a KR and PR TD in '08. They also had 23 TB's on KO's and almost everyone returns.
8. **FRESNO STATE** – Since 2002 Fresno is #2 in the FBS in blocked kicks with 44. They were #9 in my ST rankings in '07 and LY the P, PR and KR jobs were all up in the air days before the opener and they finished just #67. K Kevin Goessling struggled at times but hit a 58 yard game winner vs Utah St. P Robert Malone had his net drop to 31.8 and should improve. AJ Jefferson was #4 in FBS with a 29.3 avg on KR's and Fresno had THREE different players return a punt for a TD! Everyone is back and the Bulldogs should get back in the Top 10.

9. **TCU** – The Frogs are almost always at the top of my ST rankings and despite having to replace their P and K in '08 they were #18. They have produced a 1st Tm All-Conf returnman for 4 straight years. Last year K Ross Evans was the only frosh Lou Groza semi-finalist hitting 16 of 20 FG's (long 50). P Anson Kelton had a 33.6 net as a frosh. Jeremy Kerley avg 13.9 on PR's despite being slowed by injury in 4 gms. They do lose KR Aaron Brown (29.2) but have everyone else back and have blocked 11 punts in 4 years.
10. **NEBRASKA** – In the last 14 years the Huskers have ranked in the Top 10 of my ST rankings 5 times. Last year they had to replace both returnmen and were only #41. They should improve upon '08's 32.1 net punt despite a new P. K Alex Henery hit 18 of 21 FG with a long of 57 (2 miss 50+) and Adi Kunalic led the NCAA with 28 TB's on 66 KO's (42%). Niles Paul avg 23.6 on KR's and they only lose their PR and P.
11. **CINCINNATI** – HC Brian Kelly uses a lot of starters on his ST units. Last year they finished #1 in my ST rankings and return K Jake Rogers who hit 16 of 23 FG's (long 54) and KR Mardy Gilyard (27.6) who had 2 TD's. They lose their star in P Kevin Huber who had an amazing 41.5 net (#1 FBS) and their top PR but will be strong again.
12. **TROY** – The Trojans were #17 in my ST rankings in '08 and return all of the key players this year. P Will Goggans had a 36.5 net as a frosh, KR Jorrick Calvin avg 25.7 and K Sam Glusman hit 20 of 29 FG's (L/48).
13. **CENTRAL MICHIGAN** – CM was #55 last year but everyone is back this year. Antonio Brown was #1 in the NCAA with 20.5 on PR's and in '07 he avg 26.2 on KR's (20.8 in '08). K Andrew Aguila hit 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 48 and Brett Hartman had a 34.6 net in his 1st year.
14. **WISCONSIN** – The Badgers broke in a frosh K and P in '08 and both did well. P Brad Norman had a 35.3 net and K Philip Welch hit 20 of 24 with a long of 52. David Gilreath is an exciting returnman who only avg 19.6 on KR and 8.8 on PR but has the potential for much more.
15. **BAYLOR** – P Derek Epperson made great strides improving his net from 31.0 to 38.8 and is now a Jr. HC Art Briles signed Ben Parks (PS#22) and he hit 6 of 9 FG's as a true. KR Mikail Baker avg a super 25.3 on KR's. All 3 return.

The rest of the Top 33:

16. Kansas State	22. East Carolina	28. Iowa
17. Virginia Tech	23. Iowa St	29. FIU
18. Georgia	24. Ohio	30. Oregon St
19. Notre Dame	25. LSU	31. Auburn
20. Michigan	26. Oklahoma St	32. Penn St
21. California	27. Arizona St	33. USF

2009 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For more Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 2.

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2009.

POINSETTIA BOWL

Qualcomm Stadium
San Diego, CA
December 23, 2009
Arizona vs TCU

POINSETTIA BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2008	TCU 17 Boise St 16
2007	Utah 35 Navy 32
2006	TCU 37 Northern Illinois 7
2005	Navy 51 Colorado St 30

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Independence Stadium
Shreveport, LA
December 28, 2009
Colorado vs Auburn

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Louisiana Tech 17 Northern Illinois 10
2007	Alabama 30 Colorado 24
2006	Oklahoma St 34 Alabama 31
2005	Missouri 38 South Carolina 31
2004	Iowa St 17 Miami, Oh 13
2003	Arkansas 27 Missouri 14

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Sam Boyd Stadium
Las Vegas, NV
December 22, 2009
BYU vs Oregon St

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Arizona 31 BYU 21
2007	BYU 17 UCLA 16
2006	BYU 38 Oregon 8
2005	California 35 BYU 28
2004	Wyoming 24 UCLA 21
2003	Oregon St 55 New Mexico 14

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Ford Field
Detroit, MI
December 26, 2009
Northwestern vs Central Michigan

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Florida Atlantic 24 Central Michigan 21
2007	Purdue 51 Central Michigan 48
2006	Central Michigan 31 Middle Tennessee 14
2005	Memphis 38 Akron 31
2004	Connecticut 39 Toledo 10
2003	Bowling Green 28 Northwestern 24

NEW MEXICO BOWL

University Stadium
Albuquerque, NM
December 19, 2009
Utah vs Fresno St

NEW MEXICO BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2008	Colorado St 40 Fresno St 35
2007	New Mexico 23 Nevada 0
2006	San Jose St 20 New Mexico 12

INTERNATIONAL BOWL

Rogers Centre
Toronto, Canada
January 2, 2010
West Virginia vs Akron

INTERNATIONAL BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2008	Connecticut 38 Buffalo 20
2007	Rutgers 52 Ball St 30
2006	Cincinnati 27 Western Michigan 24

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL

Legion Field
Birmingham, AL
January 2, 2010
South Carolina vs Pittsburgh

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2008	Rutgers 29 NC State 23
2007	Cincinnati 31 Southern Miss 21
2006	USF 24 East Carolina 7

GMAC BOWL

Ladd-Peebles Stadium
Mobile, AL
January 6, 2010
Ohio Vs Wake Forest

GMAC BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Tulsa 45 Ball St 13
2007	Tulsa 63 Bowling Green 7
2006	Southern Miss 28 Ohio 7
2005	Toledo 45 UTEP 13
2004	Bowling Green 52 Memphis 35
2003	Miami, Oh 49 Louisville 28

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

Bronco Stadium
Boise, ID
December 30, 2009
Louisiana Tech vs UNLV

HUMANITARIAN BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Maryland 42 Nevada 35
2007	Fresno St 40 Georgia Tech 28
2006	Miami, Fl 21 Nevada 20
2005	Boston College 27 Boise St 21
2004	Fresno St 37 Virginia 34 (OT)
2003	Georgia Tech 52 Tulsa 10

TEXAS BOWL

Reliant Stadium
Houston, TX
December 30, 2009
Baylor vs Navy

FORMER HOUSTON BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Rice 38 Western Michigan 14
2007	TCU 20 Houston 13
2006	Rutgers 37 Kansas St 10
2005	TCU 27 Iowa St 24
2004	Colorado 33 UTEP 28
2003	Texas Tech 38 Navy 14

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL

Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, FL
December 19, 2009
Louisville vs UCF

ST PETERSBURG BOWL LAST YEAR

2008	USF 41 Memphis 14

EAGLEBANK BOWL

Nationals Park - OR - RFK Stadium
Washington, DC
December 29, 2009
East Carolina vs Boston College

EAGLEBANK BOWL LAST YEAR

2008	Wake Forest 29 Navy 19

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2009's Projected Games:

ACC	Virginia Tech vs Clemson
Big 12	Texas vs Nebraska
MAC	Central Michigan vs Ohio
SEC	Florida vs Mississippi
CUSA	UTEP vs Southern Miss

EMERALD BOWL

AT&T Park
San Francisco, CA
December 26, 2009
Stanford vs Florida St

EMERALD BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	California 24 Miami, Fl 17
2007	Oregon St 21 Maryland 14
2006	Florida St 44 UCLA 27
2005	Utah 38 Georgia Tech 10
2004	Navy 34 New Mexico 19
2003	Boston College 35 Colorado St 21

HAWAII BOWL

Aloha Stadium
Honolulu, HI
December 24, 2009
Nevada vs Houston

HAWAII BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Notre Dame 49 Hawaii 21
2007	East Carolina 41 Boise St 38
2006	Hawaii 41 Arizona St 24
2005	Nevada 49 UCF 48 (OT)
2004	Hawaii 59 UAB 40
2003	Hawaii 54 Houston 48 (3OT)

ARMED FORCES BOWL

Amon G. Carter Stadium
Fort Worth, TX
December 31, 2009
UTEP vs Air Force

FORMER FORT WORTH BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Houston 34 Air Force 28
2007	California 42 Air Force 36
2006	Utah 25 Tulsa 13
2005	Kansas 42 Houston 13
2004	Cincinnati 32 Marshall 14
2003	Boise St 34 TCU 31

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, LA
December 20, 2009
Troy vs Tulsa

NEW ORLEANS BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2008	Southern Miss 30 Troy 27 (OT)
2007	Florida Atlantic 44 Memphis 27
2006	Troy 41 Rice 17
2005	Southern Miss 31 Arkansas St 19
2004	Southern Miss 31 North Texas 10
2003	Memphis 27 North Texas 17

Past Championship Games:

2008 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC	Virginia Tech 30 Boston College 12
Big 12	Oklahoma 62 Missouri 21
MAC	Buffalo 42 Ball St 24
SEC	Florida 31 Alabama 20
CUSA	East Carolina 27 Tulsa 24

2007 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC	Virginia Tech 30 Boston College 16
Big 12	Oklahoma 38 Missouri 17
MAC	Central Michigan 35 Miami 10
SEC	LSU 21 Tennessee 14
CUSA	UCF 44 Tulsa 25

2006 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC	Wake Forest 9 Georgia Tech 6
Big 12	Oklahoma 21 Nebraska 7
MAC	Central Michigan 31 Ohio 10
SEC	Florida 38 Arkansas 28
CUSA	Houston 34 Southern Miss 20

2005 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC	Florida St 27 Virginia Tech 22
Big 12	Texas 70 Colorado 3
MAC	Akron 31 Northern Illinois 30
SEC	Georgia 34 LSU 14
CUSA	Tulsa 44 UCF 27

FOOTBALL 365 DAYS A YEAR

What you see in the picture above is what I look at during football season for 12 hours on Saturday and from 1-7 pm EST on Sunday. I have a great satellite setup (DIRECTV) which allows me to watch almost every college and NFL game. I used to have just 9 TV's in front of my desk but added 3 more in 2004 and the picture above (from 10/25/08) is my actual setup. Many people ask me how you can watch 12 games at one time? When the photographer was shooting the photo, it took him about 20 minutes to actually capture game footage on all 12 TV's with no commercials. As you can see by this particular moment, there are 6 plays in progress and the rest are not. Keep in mind the average play takes 4 to 6 seconds and then there are usually 35 seconds between plays. Throughout the office one of my staff members is "charting" one of these games, or doing the play-by-play and taking notes on the game. We also utilize Sirius radio for the non-televised games so we can listen to them and write down the play-by-play. The person charting focuses on one game and if there is something they think I should know about in a particular game, they let me know afterwards. I usually focus on the 4 TV's directly in front of my desk. At the moment of this picture, the key games for me were Texas Tech-Kansas, Minnesota-Purdue, Baylor-Nebraska and Illinois-Wisconsin. The TV I look at the least is the one in the upper left-hand corner. That game at the time was Oklahoma-Kansas St. We upgraded to flat screens prior to the 2007 season but did not update the photo until last year. This is the setup at my office. At my home office I only have 6 TV's in front of my desk.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I go through the play-by-play of each game that took place the previous weekend to make sure I did not miss anything. My staff has interesting notes on each game, and of course, I watched the majority of them. I then write the Past Histories (which is my recap of the games) and those are the same Past Histories that you will find in my Regional Magazines. I refer to these often during the offseason to get the true feel of the game as final scores can sometimes be misleading.

I mentioned my staff "charting" the games. I have assigned different members of my staff to cover different conferences and they get the articles from the local papers and the Internet and underline all of the interesting information that could affect a team's performance, or have to do with injuries, etc. All the underlined information is then typed into a file for each team. These team reports are anywhere from 35 to 200 pages by the end of the year (there are a lot more articles on Ohio St than Buffalo). I do not have time to read all the information during each week so I read through these reports every year during the months of December, January and February.

Football is what I do for a living seven days a week, 365 days a year. As you can tell by the sheer volume of information, I write each of the 120 team previews which basically puts me on the magazine "deadline" from the end of December through the middle of May.

During the months of January and February, I read through the mountains of information that was underlined and begin to write the teams for the magazine. I give myself about 4 hours to read about just one team and that team is all I focus on. I find it interesting when a writer in the 2nd week is calling for a QB to be benched but then is talking about what a great QB he is at the end of the year after a big game. It really gives me a feel for what went on with the team last year. During the 4 hours I allot for each team, I read everything from the year and take notes. I also write the QB, RB, receivers and Special Teams portions for that team at the time for the magazine. I write these this early because they are the easiest to analyze and have the fewest position changes during the spring. Many times DB's move to LB's, LB's to DL or OL and DL's switch sides. For those positions I wait until spring starts before doing my writing.

During March, April and May it is time to get all the latest info on the teams and analyze the freshmen and JUCO signees. I also read through all of the information from the spring practices. At this time I double check what I wrote to make sure it all still applies after any spring changes. I then write the other 4 positions and go through my individual power ratings on each unit. I once again give myself 3 to 4 hours per team and try to do 3 per day. The next step is to go through what I wrote in the magazine and start cutting out some words because I usually have too much information to fit on the page. While I chop the text down I also go conference-by-conference, to review my power ratings and pick the All-Conference teams. This is another 3 week process. I finalize the 9 sets of power ratings and feed them into my computer which has all the schedules and let the computer play out the season.

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

Let me help clarify the great debate on which conference is the toughest. One of the most exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a yearly basis. I remember back in the late 1960's, when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. Joe Paterno is still not too pleased with President Nixon's proclamation that Texas was #1 after they beat Arkansas in 1969 when his undefeated Penn St team finished #2. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The SEC, of course, is usually at the top, as is the Big Ten. Both conferences have had their powerhouse years, with Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide and the rivalry between Woody Hayes (Ohio St) and Bo Schembechler (Michigan). They, of course, have also had some off-years. There have been a lot of conference changes recently which have created some major shifts of power.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the postseason, or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conf slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conf games vs IAA or BCS opponents and if you go strictly on overall records, the wins and losses count the same.

Before I take a look at 2008's results, let's look at the results for the previous five years for a historical perspective. **In 2002 the Big Ten made a big comeback and was the Top Conference.** Not only did they produce the National Champion in Ohio St but they had the best record of any conference in bowl games at 5-2. The Big Ten also had the best record vs teams from other BCS conferences during the regular season. They were 8-5 (ACC #2 at 10-7). They narrowly edged out the Big 12 for my Toughest Conference honors, with the remainder of the order being: #3 Pac-10, #4 SEC, #5 Big East and #6 ACC.

In 2003, I put together all the factors (non-conf record, record vs BCS conf, average power ratings and bowl records) and rated the conferences with the **SEC narrowly earning the title of 2003's Toughest Conference** with the Big Ten and Big 12 finishing very close behind. The ACC, which only ranked #4 or lower in the other ratings, had the best bowl record at 5-1 and outscored opponents by an average of 21.3 pts!!! The SEC was #2 in the bowls with a 5-2 mark, while the Pac-10 was #3 at 4-2.

For 2004, I eliminated wins vs IAA schools but did include losses vs IAA schools. USC had tremendous power rating numbers which are also a part of my equation. During the season the Big 12 had the best non-conf record and a slight lead but USC's demolition of Oklahoma in the Title game had me awarding the **Pac-10 its first-ever Toughest Conference Title.** The #2 conference was the Big 12, #3 SEC, #4 ACC and the Big Ten was #5.

In 2005, the best non-conf record went to the Big 12 at 23-5 (82%), followed by the Big Ten at 26-6 (81%), the ACC at 24-9 (73%), the Pac-10 at 18-8 (69%) and the SEC at 20-9 (69%). Against BCS schools the Big Ten was #1 with a 6-4 mark, with the only other leagues over .500 being the Pac-10 & Big 12 each at 4-3 and the ACC at 9-7. The MWC (5-7) actually had a better record in the category than the Big East (4-9). Only 3 leagues had winning records in bowl games with the Big 12 at 5-3, the Pac-10 at 3-2 and the ACC at 5-3. Then I looked at the power ratings. The SEC led with 3 teams in the Top 10, with the Big Ten & Big 12 having 2. After taking in all of the above information, **here is how I ranked the 2005 conferences: #1 SEC, #2 ACC, #3 Big Ten, #4 Big 12, #5 Pac-10 and #6 Big East.**

In 2006, it appeared late in the year that the Big Ten was the toughest league with Ohio St and Michigan #1 and #2 and Wisconsin not far behind. The Big Ten got blown up in the bowls with the consensus #1 team, Ohio St, being dominated by Florida and the league went just 2-5. That dropped them to #3 in my rankings. **The SEC was the CLEAR #1 conference.** They led in the amount of bowl teams with 9, followed by 8 for both the Big 12 and the ACC. The best conference record during the regular season vs IA teams was the SEC at 32-8 (80%) followed by the surprising Big East at 27-7 (79.4%) and then the Big Ten at 68.4%. The lowest mark among the BCS conferences was the ACC at 20-17 (54.1%). **The best record for a conference vs BCS foes went to the Big East at 12-6**, while the SEC was #2 at 9-6. The ACC was just 4-11 (27%) and the Big 12 was a lowly 3-8 (27.3%). **Both the MAC and CUSA posted more wins (5) in non-conf BCS games than the Big 12 or ACC!!** The SEC led with 41 players drafted followed by the Big Ten (32), ACC (31), Pac-10 and Big 12 (28 each). The Big East only had 16, which was actually 1 behind the WAC! The SEC and Big Ten each had THREE Top 10 teams with the Big East being third with 2. The SEC was 6-3 in the bowls with 4 wins over ranked teams, which led all conferences. The Big East was 5-0 but had only ONE win over a ranked foe. **All of the factors above were tossed into my computer and the result was #1 SEC, #2 Big East, #3 Big Ten, #4 Pac-10, #5 ACC, #6 Big 12.**

In 2007 it was another finish at the wire with the Big 12 making a huge rebound to #2. The best non-conference record during the regular season vs IA teams was the Big Ten at 29-7 (80.6%) followed by the Big 12 at 29-11 (72.5%) and then the MWC at 70.7%. The best record for a conference vs BCS foes went to the Pac-10 at 5-3, 62.5% while the Big Ten was 5-4, followed by the SEC (7-7) and the ACC (9-10). The bottom BCS conference was the Big 12 at 5-6 (improved from 2006's 3-8 record). The MWC posted more wins (7) in non-conf BCS games than the Big Ten, Pac-10 or Big 12!! The SEC led the way with 35 players drafted, followed by the Pac-10 (34) and the ACC (33). The Big 12 led with FOUR Top 10 teams with the SEC having 2. The SEC and the Big 12 each had 5 Top 25 teams, followed by the Big Ten and Pac-10 (4). The conference with the best bowl record was surprisingly the MWC with a 4-1 record! The SEC was 7-2 with 4 wins over ranked teams in bowls, which tied them with the Big 12 for the lead (MWC 0). **All of the factors above were tossed into my computer and the result was a nail-biting close-win for the SEC.** The Big 12 was a hair behind at #2. A big surprise that year was that the MAC dropped to the bottom.

In the 2008 regular season there was little doubt that the top 2 conferences were the SEC and the Big 12. The top 4 teams in the country heading into the bowls were all from those 2 conferences. They were the top two in terms of non-conf record vs IA foes (Big 12 28-10, 73.7%, SEC 28-11, 71.8%) with the ACC at #3 (67.6%) and the Big 10 at #4 (65.7%). The SHOCKING winner of best record in non-conf games vs BCS schools was the Mountain West at 9-4 (6-1 vs Pac-10) with the ACC at 13-8 (61.9%), the only other conference topping .500 in that category. The Pac-10 was actually 12-17 in non-conf IA games which was 8th best. The bowls saved the Pac-10 as they went a perfect 5-0 in bowl games and finished with 2 Top 10 teams including 4 wins vs ranked bowl foes. The SEC went 6-2 in bowls and won the title game while the Big 12 went 4-3 in bowls. Five conferences had TWO Top 10 teams at the end of the year but one of them was the MWC while the Big East and ACC had NONE. The MWC had 3 Top 25 teams. The top 3 conferences in terms of players that were drafted were the SEC with 37, the ACC with 33 and the Pac-10 with 32. The battle at the bottom was close and while the MAC was 0-5 in bowls they had 6 wins vs BCS foes during the year and won 31.8% of their IA non-conf games to the Sun Belt's 7.7%.

2008 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS

1. SEC	7. Big East
2. Big 12	8. CUSA
3. Pac-10	9. Independent
4. MWC	10. WAC
5. ACC	11. MAC
6. Big Ten	12. Sun Belt

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in 2009. First let me explain how I derive the results. I complete 9 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. First is a pure power rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all of the positions, factor in coaching and special teams, and derive my Power Rating for each team.

The second Power Rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 305). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

Three other sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade every position for each team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement from one year to the next. The scale ranges from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of Power Ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

The question is, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams. But the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the Top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show, of course, is the depth of the conference. For example, let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 non-bowl team and another conference had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 non-bowl teams. The thinner conference would be rated higher if the Top 5 teams had a higher average, even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. I also rate leagues by the Top 3 and the Top 8. By merging the 4 ratings, I get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, after all of that is done, I have 4 different sets of rankings. They break down the conferences based upon the strength of the Top 3 teams in each conference, the Top 5 teams, the Top 8 teams and then the overall strength of the whole conference. Two years ago the Big 12 was #1 in the Top 5 teams and that proved true at the end of the year with 4 in the Top 10!

Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences and also 2008's final polls. This year, the SEC is at the top once again and just like the last 2 years the Big 12 is #2. CUSA will challenge the MWC for the best non-BCS conference this year. Here is how my computer ranks the conferences for the 2009 season.

TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2009

1. SEC	7. MWC
2. Big 12	8. CUSA
3. Pac-10	9. Independent
4. Big Ten	10. WAC
5. ACC	11. MAC
6. Big East	12. Sun Belt

ESPN/USA TODAY 2008 COACHES' POLL

1. Florida	13. Boise St
2. USC	14. Virginia Tech
3. Texas	15. Mississippi
4. Utah	16. Missouri
5. Oklahoma	17. Cincinnati
6. Alabama	18. Oklahoma St
7. TCU	19. Oregon St
8. Penn St	20. Iowa
9. Oregon	21. BYU
10. Georgia	22. Georgia Tech
11. Ohio St	23. Florida St
12. Texas Tech	24. Michigan St
	25. California

THE 2008 ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

1. Florida	13. Georgia
2. Utah	14. Mississippi
3. USC	15. Virginia Tech
4. Texas	16. Oklahoma St
5. Oklahoma	17. Cincinnati
6. Alabama	18. Oregon St
7. TCU	19. Missouri
8. Penn St	20. Iowa
9. Ohio St	21. Florida St
10. Oregon	22. Georgia Tech
11. Boise St	23. West Virginia
12. Texas Tech	24. Michigan St
	25. BYU

2009's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

BY PHIL STEELE

Making my Most Improved List has generally been a blessing for teams, as they usually make big turnarounds. **In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from a winless season in 1998 (0-12) to a 9-4 record and a bowl victory one year later!!!

The year 2000 was a VERY successful season as well for my Most Improved Teams. **Of the top 14 Most Improved Teams that year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!!** South Carolina was my #6 Most Improved Team and they went from 0-11 in 1999 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game to finish with an 8-4 record. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season, they rolled to become co-Big Ten Champions! My top two both went from losing seasons to bowl eligibility.

Illinois
WR/PR Arrelious Benn

In 2001 and 2002, nine of the 20 teams on my MIP list each year went from having a non-winning season to making a bowl. Colorado went from 3-8 to just missing out on the National Title game in 2001. Wash St was picked last in the Pac-10 preseason media poll after their 4-7 season in 2000, but made my Most Improved list and went 10-2 and just missed out on a Pac-10 Title. In 2002 USC went from 6-6 to finishing 11-2 and #4 in the final polls after an Orange Bowl win.

In 2003, 4 of my top 8 Most Improved Teams went from a losing season to being bowl eligible and 8 of the top 20 went from .500 or losing seasons to being bowl eligible. Rutgers, which went from 1-11 to 5-7, just missed out. The biggest turnaround was Memphis, my #8 Most Improved Team. The Tigers went from 3-9 to a super 9-4!!!!!

There were a total of TEN teams that did not have winning records in 2003 who improved to a winning record in '04. NINE (90%) of them were on my list! My #1 Most Improved Team, Texas A&M, went from 4-8 to the Cotton Bowl. **My #3 Most Improved Team, UTEP went from 2-11 to a super 8-4!!** Iowa St made the list and went from 2-10 to 7-5 and tying for the Big 12 North Title!! **Not only did 12 of the 21 go from a non-winning season to a bowl game, but only TWO had more losses than the previous year.**

In 2005, my top 16 Most Improved Teams made incredible strides. This was despite the fact that one of the 16 teams was Tulane, whose season was disrupted by Hurricane Katrina and played 11 games in 11 different venues. **The top 16 Most Improved Teams on my list in 2005 had a combined record of 66-111 (37%) in 2004 and improved to 102-84 (55%) in 2005 and, if you take Tulane out of the equation, the record jumps to 100-75 (57%)!! Penn State went from 4-7 to the #3 team in the country and nearly played in the National Title game. Oregon went from 5-6 to #6 after the regular season, finishing at 10-2!! W Michigan went from 1-10 to 7-4, a huge turnaround. None of my top 16 teams in 2005 had winning records in 2004 but ELEVEN were bowl eligible in 2005.**

2006 was another great year for this list. **My #1 Most Improved Team in 2006 was Arkansas which went from 4-7 to SEC West Champs and rose as high as #5 in the polls!! Wake Forest went from 4-7 to 11-3 and ACC Champs. Houston went from 6-6 to CUSA Champs! Ohio went from 4-7 to MAC East Champs! Troy went from 4-7 to Sun Belt Champs!** Kentucky went from 3-8 to 8-5, including their Music City Bowl win over Clemson. Hawaii went from 5-7 to a super 11-3. Tennessee went from 5-6 to 9-4 and could have been the SEC East Champs had they not let 4Q leads vs LSU and Florida slip away. Kent St went from 1-10 to a bowl eligible 6-6. **The top 10 teams on 2006's MIT list were a combined 71-57 (55.5%) in 2006 after being 33-79 (29.5%) in 2005.** Of the 22 teams, only 2 won less games than they did in 2005 (Mich St & San Diego St).

2007 was another terrific year! The 22 teams on my list had a combined record of 92-177 (34.2%) in 2006 but were 145-134 (52%) in 2007. Of the 22 teams on the list only THREE had more losses than in 2006. Twenty of the 22 teams were coming off losing seasons and of those 20, THIRTEEN ended the regular season bowl eligible!! **MY #2 SURPRISE TEAM IN 2007 WAS ILLINOIS AND THEY WENT FROM 2-10 TO THE ROSE BOWL!!! Memphis (#1 on list) went from 2-10 to a bowl and UCF went from a 4-8 season to CUSA Champs! Ten of the top 14 went from a losing year to bowl eligibility after the regular season!!**

Last year was another GREAT year. **There were 58 teams in 2007 that did not have a winning record. Of those 58, 24 managed to improve their record AND be bowl eligible in 2008 or just 36%. Of those 24, SIXTEEN were on my 2008 Most Improved List (67%)!!!! Twelve of my top 13 Most Improved Teams went from non-winning seasons to bowl eligibility or 92%!!! Those 13 went from a combined 50-95 34.5% in 2007 to a 94-62 60.3% record in 2008!!! There were only 4 teams in the NCAA that did not make a bowl in 2007 that made it to Jan 1-2 bowls and they were South Carolina (6-6), Ole Miss (3-9 in '07), Nebraska (5-7) and Iowa (6-6) and ALL FOUR made my Most Improved list and 3 won their bowl games with the one lose being S Carolina to Iowa!!!** Minnesota which was just 1-11 and Northern Illinois which was just 2-10 both made the list and both made it a bowl!! Only 3 of the 23 teams actually had more losses than in 2007.

With this type of success through the years, you might think that it is very easy to pick teams that had losing records the previous year and have them become bowl eligible the next season. I went back to 1992 and took a look at all of the teams that finished with losing records in a season. In that span, there have been 867 teams that finished with a record below .500. Of those 867 teams, only 246 of them managed to finish ABOVE .500 the next year which comes out to just 28.4%. Teams now play a 12 game regular season so a 6-6 record equals bowl eligibility. To be fair, out of the 867 teams an additional 47 earned a .500 mark the next year. So, of the 867 teams, 293 or 33.8% managed to go from a losing record to at least .500 the next year.

Colorado
WR Josh Smith

The combined record of all teams that had a losing record from 1992-2007 was 2659-4914 or just 35.1%. The next year those same teams showed a slight overall improvement in their records to 3323-4484 or 42.6%. **So on the average, a team that had a losing season in that span improved by 7.5% over the previous year's record. Naturally, the teams I feel are the most improved are in my top 10. My top ten Most Improved Teams over the last 7 years had a combined record of 275-536 (33.9%) the previous year and improved to 454-400 (53.2%) the next year. That is 19.3% better than the previous year and nearly TRIPLE the normal improvement for teams with losing records.**

In the last 7 years, I have had a total of 149 teams on my Most Improved List. I have picked 18 that have had .500 or above records the previous year and of those 18, thirteen improved their record, including USC in 2002 which went from 6-6 to 11-2. **Of the 149 teams that made my Most Improved List in the last 7 years, 127 (85%) have won at least the same amount of games as the previous year or have improved their win total.**

In the last 7 years, I have listed 136 teams on my MIP list that did not have a winning season the previous year. Of those 136 teams, almost all improved their record the next year, but even more impressively, 84 of the 136 teams were bowl eligible the next year which is 62% (16 of 23 70% in '08)!

Taking a closer look at the last 7 years, I found that 373 teams had losing records from 2001-2007, and of those 373 teams, just 96 or 25.7% managed to have a winning record the next year. Of those 96 teams, 57 of them were on my Most Improved List or 59.4%!!! Close to 60% of the teams that have gone from a losing season to a winning season have been on my list!

Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Here is my much anticipated Most Improved Teams list and the team I list at the top is Illinois which went 5-7 last year but not only makes my Most Improved List but also my Surprise Team list (pg 21)! This year my computer has Washington as its #1 most improved team but I do not expect them to be in a bowl so they did not make the list. You can expect a high % of these teams to go from a losing record (or not going to a bowl) to bowl eligibility and over half will make the post season!

2009 MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

1. Illinois
2. Ohio
3. UCLA
4. Michigan
5. UTEP
6. NC State
7. Arkansas
8. Colorado
9. Tennessee
10. Akron
11. Baylor
12. Kansas St
13. Auburn
14. UNLV
15. Stanford
16. Temple
17. Toledo
18. Marshall
19. San Diego St
20. SMU
21. ULM
22. UCF

WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S SURPRISE TEAM?

By Phil Steele

Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve. Next year Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big 12 in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas, with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all of the other 115 Division IA teams and were the only undefeated team. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them in 2000 like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB and a super defense. Your first reaction was this Cinderella story is a one-time thing. However, teams have reached the top and have been big surprises almost every year, and yes, sometimes they bag the National Title despite not being one of the top-ranked teams coming into the year.

Penn St
DT Jared Odrick

Oklahoma was not the only Surprise Team of 2000. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season, and much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free. They also benefitted from +18 turnovers to finish #4 (AP) with a super 11-1 season including a blowout win over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact that year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

In 2002 it was yet another Surprise Team taking home the National Title. Ohio St was not even ranked in the preseason Top 10. In fact, only three magazines even picked them to win the Big Ten, let alone contend for a National Title. I am pleased to report I had OSU at #7, which was higher than anyone else had them pegged coming into the year. I pointed out 3 sets of my Power Ratings called for Ohio St to have a perfect season. The Buckeyes were coming off a 7-5 season and had only 12 starters back. They had the NCAA's 4th highest losses to the NFL draft and did not even have a returning starter at QB. When the smoke cleared, they had beaten Miami, FL in the Fiesta Bowl and took home the National Title.

In 2003 there was another surprise champ and that was LSU. **If you read my 2003 College Football Preview, you know I had LSU pegged as my #2 Surprise Team in the country saying they had a great shot at going undefeated and attaining the National Title.** They were a 40-1 shot in Las Vegas to win the title coming off an 8-5 season including a 35-20 Cotton Bowl loss to Texas. I pointed out they had a great schedule and would have finished stronger in 2002 had their QB not been injured. At the start of the year, not only did 8 of the Big 9 magazines NOT have LSU as a National Title contender, but NONE of them even had LSU winning the SEC WEST DIVISION. That year LSU simply won the SEC outright and shared the National Title!! **The other half of the National Title went to USC who I had listed as my #5 Surprise Team** despite the fact they had to replace their Heisman Trophy winning QB Carson Palmer.

In '04 almost everyone including myself pegged USC and Oklahoma to play in the Orange Bowl game so there was no Surprise Team in the title game BUT Auburn made no major publication's Top 10 and almost got to the big game with its unbeaten season. **I had Auburn listed as my #7 Surprise Team in '04.**

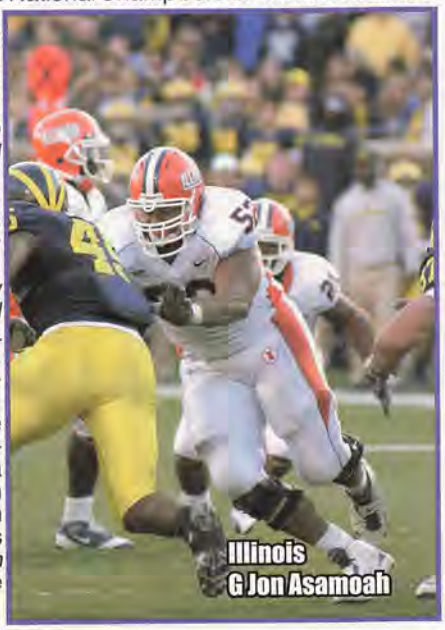
In 2005 the #1 and #2 preseason teams met in the title game so there was no big Surprise Team. Penn St was not ranked in the preseason and finished #3 in the final polls after having a losing season in 2004. While they did not make my Surprise List, they were my #3 Most Improved Team (see page 19).

The 2006 season was a VERY GOOD year for my Surprise Teams and almost a GREAT YEAR! In my round of summer radio shows I got a lot of chuckles with my pick of Boise St to get to a BCS bowl. Only one non-BCS team in history had done so and Boise St was not only unranked to start the year but NOT A SINGLE PUBLICATION IN THE COUNTRY HAD BOISE ST IN THE TOP 20! Well of course I had them in the Top 20, so I should say, not a single magazine other than mine. Boise St, as you all know, was a great story especially with their dramatic win in the Fiesta Bowl and they finished #5 in the polls. I say almost a GREAT year because my #1 Surprise Team was Louisville and they came within inches of playing for the National Title. When I wrote the magazine I had expected the "Derby City Duo" of RB Michael Bush and QB Brian Brohm to be one of the top QB/RB combos in the country. Bush was lost in the 3Q of the opening game and Brohm was injured a few games later. Brohm was only a few games back from injury when the #3 Cards blew a 25-7 3Q lead and lost to Rutgers on a FG on the last play (which was a 2nd chance FG after the first one was missed but the Cardinals were penalized for being offsides). Had they held on and won they would have been #2 in the BCS poll and we would have had a pair of unbeatens meet for the title. As we saw, the Buckeyes were greatly affected by their 51 day layoff and were a vulnerable team. Louisville could have been the fourth team in FIVE YEARS to merit National Championship consideration that was one of my Top 10 Surprise Teams. That is a pretty good record considering I do not pick any of the projected preseason Top 10 teams and in 2006, National Champ (Florida) fell into that category along with the other top teams in the mix (Ohio St, Michigan and USC).

In 2007 I had Ohio St listed as my #4 Surprise Team and they entered the season #11 but played in the National Title game. I had USF (unranked preseason) as my #5 Surprise Team and they got as high as #2 in the polls. **I had Georgia (#13 AP) as my #6 Surprise Team and they finished #2 and almost played in the title game. I had Oregon my #10 Surprise Team and they were #2 when QB Dennis Dixon was injured. Had Dixon not been injured, they likely would have been in the title game. I had Missouri my #9 Surprise Team and despite being UNRANKED in the AP preseason poll, they were #1 when they faced Oklahoma in the Big 12 Title game and finished #4! I also had Hawaii going unbeaten in the regular season and playing in the Sugar Bowl which is where they ended up!**

Last year I had Texas Tech my #3 Surprise Team and they got to 10-0 and #2 late in the year and came very close (3-way B12 South Division tie) to playing for the Big 12 Championship and possibly the National Title game. Penn St opened the year #22 in the AP poll but was my #5 Surprise team and had they not given away a 9 point 4Q lead vs Iowa they would have been in the title game. Do you want to know the non-BCS school that will get to a BCS bowl? Read my magazine. After pegging Boise and Hawaii the previous two years I stuck my neck out with Utah last year as the top non-BCS school. According to preseason.stassen.com with the exception of my magazine there was not a SINGLE magazine or internet source that even had the Utes winning the MWC let alone contending for a BCS bowl!!

Do you think it is easy picking a National Champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only 3 times has the preseason #1 team gone on to win the National Title. In 2007 NO Magazine had LSU or Ohio St #1 (USC was the consensus #1). In 2006 National Champ Florida was not picked #1 by ANY magazine and they were picked anywhere from #4 (Joe Del Popolo of *GamePlan* had them rated the highest of any magazine) down to #20. They were #7 in the preseason AP Poll and #8 in the Coaches' Poll. Only in 1999 and 2001 did any of the Big 9 preseason magazines correctly pick the National Champ before 2004 when almost everyone had USC. In 2005 everyone had USC again and no one had the actual Champ, Texas. The Big 9 magazines I am referring to are *Athlon*, *Lindy's*, *The Sporting News*, *Street and Smith's*, *Sports Illustrated*, *GamePlan*, *Preview Sports*, *Jim Feist's* and Phil Steele's (*ESPN the Magazine* only came out recently). In 2001, two magazines (*Preview Sports* and *Street and Smith's*) pegged Miami, FL as #1 and they were correct. It used to be the usual suspects like Florida St, Miami, FL and Nebraska that were pegged to win it almost every year. Last year Georgia was the preseason #1 team **but I had FLORIDA to win the title and the Gators delivered for me!!** *Athlon* was the only other source to have Florida #1.


Illinois
G Jon Asamoah

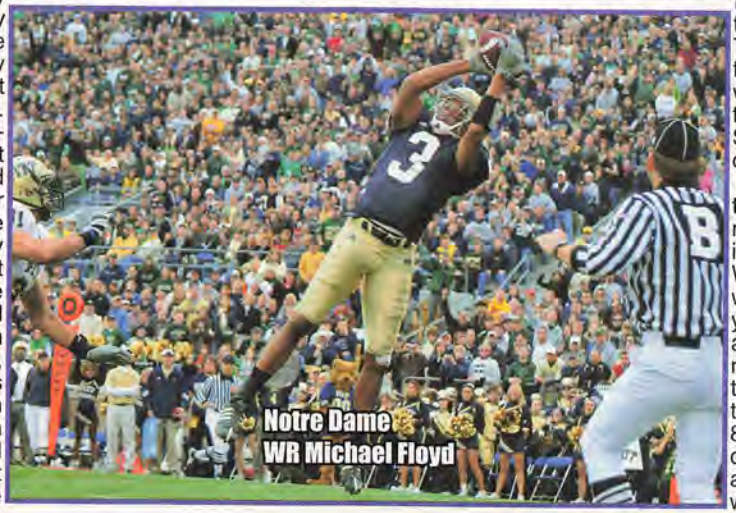
All of this information I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings and some records that date back to 1989. So, what have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years there are big surprises like Oklahoma, Ohio St and LSU who all took home the title after a 5-loss season (Auburn also had 5 losses in 2003 before going unbeaten in 2004). Now comes the question, "Who will be this year's Surprise Team?"

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or what the preseason polls will look like. I can definitely peg some teams that won't rank in the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even in the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been important factors for teams who have climbed to the top in recent years.

In 2001's magazine I listed 9 teams. LSU was a team that was not ranked in the Preseason Top 10, but did earn its way into a BCS bowl by winning the SEC. The other team that almost got there was Colorado and they nearly played in the National Title game. I picked Colorado for this article, despite the fact that they were 3-8 the previous season!! They missed out on the National Title game by a couple of percentage points in the BCS rankings.

In 2002, my #1 Surprise Team in this article was OHIO ST and the Buckeyes shocked the nation by winning the National Title!! Some other teams mentioned in the article were Penn St, Kansas St, USC and Arkansas. Penn St ended up playing in a Jan 1 bowl game after two straight losing seasons. At the end of 2002 you could have made an argument that Kansas St and USC were the two hottest teams in the country. Kansas St outscored their opponents on the year by 33 ppg and USC crushed UCLA, ND and Iowa in their final 3 games by a 134-51 margin. Arkansas was the surprise winner of the SEC West.

In 2003, I had LSU listed as my #2 Surprise Team in the country and they split the National Title with USC. I had USC listed as my #5 Surprise Team as they were not highly ranked at the start of the year. They had to replace Heisman winner Carson Palmer but I noted that 2 of my sets of Power Ratings called them the BEST in the country prior to the season and they claimed the other half of the National Title!!!! My #1 Surprise Team in 2003 was Pitt and they had a shot at the Orange Bowl and a Big East Title but could not beat Miami, FL in their season finale in chilly Heinz Field. In 2003, I listed a couple of non-BCS teams that could factor into the equation and my #1 team was TCU, a team that was ranked #6 in the BCS poll late in the year and almost made it into a BCS bowl before losing late at Southern Miss.


Notre Dame WR Michael Floyd

In 2004 as usual, I eliminated what early polls showed would be Top 10 teams. As I mentioned **I had Auburn as my #7 Surprise Team and they almost played in the National Title game. I had Cal as my #2 Surprise Team and they had a 424-205 yard edge vs USC and just missed winning that game. Had they won, they would have been in the National Title game!** I listed Utah and Boise St among 5 non-BCS surprise teams and both went undefeated in the regular season (Boise lost bowl to finish 11-1).

In 2005, Oregon and Alabama (two teams that were not even ranked in the preseason) made my surprise list. The Tide was 9-0 and was #4 in the country until injuries derailed them but they still finished #8 in the final poll. Oregon went 10-1 and was #6 at the end of the regular season, almost making a BCS bowl. Georgia also made my surprise list and while they were an almost unanimous preseason pick for #3 in the SEC East, they were my pick for the SEC Title and they, of course, won it.

In 2006 only 4 teams who were not in the AP Top 10 at the start of the year finished in the Top 10 and those teams were Louisville, Boise St, Michigan and Wisconsin. As mentioned, Louisville was my #1 Surprise Team and Boise was my #1 non-BCS team and I projected them to get to a BCS bowl. I had Michigan on my anticipated Top 10 list so they were not an option. Wisconsin, meanwhile, surprised even me.

Something I have noticed the last couple of years is a REBOUND Surprise Team. In 2003 Auburn was thinking undefeated season and National Title. They were picked in the Top 10 by EVERY magazine (except mine, #15) including #1 by a major magazine. They were tremendously disappointing, finishing just 7-5 in the regular season. In 2004 the Tigers were no longer the popular pick and few had them in the Top 10 (they were my #7 Surprise Team). With lower expectations they rebounded to go 13-0 and almost played for the National Title. In that 2004 season West Virginia was a popular surprise pick as they had the schedule to run the table. I tabbed WV as my #1 Surprise Team and they did rise to #6 but injuries and some close losses saw them stumble to an 8-4 record. In 2005 the Mountaineer bandwagon emptied fast and no magazine (including mine) had them in the Top 25. WV rebounded with an almost perfect year going 11-1, beating Georgia in the Sugar Bowl and finishing #5. In 2006, Louisville fit that category after having high expectations in 2005 but coming out of the season with 3 unexpected losses. I mentioned earlier how they were inches away from playing in the National Title game. In 2007 my #4 Surprise Team was Ohio St and they made it to the National Title game. Last year USC (pressn #1 '07) was the best fit but I could not pick them because they were in the Top 5 in the preseason. This year the team in that category is Georgia who was everyone's darling (pressn #1) in '08 (except mine).

After I wrote my Top 40 I had my staff go on-line to find out what other sources (like *The Sporting News*, *USA Today*, *Sports Illustrated*) were picking for their Top 10's. Here is the rough list of the teams that will likely be ranked in this year's Top 10 and I put them in order of how many different sources picked them in their Top 10: **Florida, Texas, USC, Oklahoma, Alabama, Virginia Tech, LSU, Oklahoma St, Ohio St and Mississippi. It's likely these 10 teams will make up the Top 10 this year, so I will NOT use any of them as a surprise team.** Now let's take a look at this year's potential surprise teams.

This year my #1 Surprise Team is the Penn State Nittany Lions! A quick check of other preseason polls in May shows they will not be in the Top 10 at the start of the year and Ohio St will be the preseason favorite to win the Big Ten. Penn St was dominant for most of the 2008 season (+124.2 ypg in Big Ten play) with only a close win vs Ohio St and a tough loss to Iowa in a game they dominated, but did not put the Hawks away. Most folks will remember USC's dominance in the Rose Bowl (Penn St trailed 31-7 at half), look at just 9 returning starters and not give them a second thought. I look at some quality returnees like QB Daryll Clark, RB Evan Royster and an exceptional LB corps that gets the return of Sean Lee, who missed '08 with injury. Their toughest two road games are vs Illinois and Michigan St which means they could be favored in all 12 games. They have just one road game in the first 7 weeks so their younger players will be more experienced for most of their tougher tests. They were my #5 Surprise Team last year and came very close to playing in the title game.

My #2 Surprise Team in 2009 is the Rutgers Scarlet Knights. When most folks look at teams for the upcoming year they look at the QB, RB's and WR's and if you look at Rutgers that way you might not even put them in your top 50. They have an untested QB and WR corps and their top RB in '08 rushed for 554 (3.9). I like the talent at those positions and what I really like is their offensive line which I have rated 8th best in the country! I also like the defensive front seven. Rutgers actually comes into the year with a 7 game win streak (tied for 4th longest current streak). The Knights also take on my #106 schedule which includes a pair of FCS foes and all 5 of their road games fall into the winnable category with their toughest games all being in New Jersey where they are 20-7 the last 4 years.

The Pac-10 has been dominated by USC as of late but **my #3 Surprise Team is the California Golden Bears.** Head coach Jeff Tedford has done better than his 1-6 record against the Trojans would indicate. In 2004, Cal outgained USC by 219 yards but lost (by 6) and they also have losses by 2 and 7 and last year they only trailed by 7 until allowing a late TD. Cal is loaded with RB Jahvid Best, some talented WR's and an exp QB. They have my #2 rated O-line and #1 D-line in the Pac-10 and both of the lines are in my Top Ten in the country! They also have my #3 secondary in the FBS and top-notch special teams. Most of my power ratings call for them to go 11-1 with that lone loss to USC, but this is one Pac-10 team that is not intimidated by the Trojans. Cal gets USC at home and the last time in Berkeley they were tied late in the 4Q in a 7 point loss where they had a 399-368 yard edge.

My #4 Surprise Team is the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Last year coming off a 3-9 season they were atop my Most Improved List. The Irish finished '08 at just 7-6 but could easily have been 10-3 as they had THREE blown double digit leads during the year. QB Jimmy Clausen looked great at times but struggled at others. In the bowl vs Hawaii Clausen threw for 401 yards with 5 TD's and this year has my #1 rated set of receivers to throw to. ND has my #5 rated offensive line, #14 LB's and #7 DB's and even a top 20 ST unit (#19). I like DC Jon Tenuta taking over the defensive play calling (one of best in business) and HC Charlie Weis handling the OC duties. ND used to always play one of the toughest schedules in the country but now takes on a manageable #36 slate and only has 4 true road games which all fall into the winnable category. While they have been pitiful the last two years vs USC (outscored 76-3 and outgained by an avg of 456-128 ouch!) the last time they had this good of a team they almost beat an unbeatable USC team at home only losing on the "Bush Push" and USC only has 12 starters back this year. I do not even think ND will be ranked to start the year but they have a shot at playing in the title game.

Keep in mind this is my SURPRISE list which is National Title Contenders and NOT my Most Improved List which are teams that had losing records last year that I think will be bowl eligible. I mention this because **my #5 Surprise Team is the Illinois Fighting Illini** and Illinois is coming off a 5-7 losing record in 2008! HC Ron Zook is a tremendous recruiter and it was the players he recruited at Florida who delivered their 2006 National Title. Illinois was 3-5 in Big Ten play but was +86.5 ypg which was the 2nd best mark. They outgained Ohio St 455-354 and Minnesota 550-312 but lost both. They have QB Juice Williams, WR Arrelious Benn and plenty of VHT's in almost every unit. Just two years ago this team was in the Rose Bowl and this year's squad is superior to that team. Illinois will likely be favored in 5 of their 6 road games this year and gets Penn St at home. Illinois will go into the Horseshoe with confidence as they knocked off a #1 ranked Ohio St team in '07 and outgained them at home last year. As I write this they are a 200-1 shot to win the title in Vegas.

UCLA
DT Brian Price

It took four years but Dave Wannstedt finally got my **#6 Surprise Team the Pittsburgh Panthers** to a winning record and a bowl last year. When you are a member of a BCS conference like the Big East, an undefeated record gives you a great shot at playing in the title game and the Big East is the easiest road to travel. Pitt has 2 QB's who have been full-time starters and should finally get quality QB play especially with my #15 set of rec's to throw to. Pitt has a top-notch defensive front 7 and a Top 15 defense overall. The Panthers have to play both Rutgers and West Virginia on the road and Notre Dame at home but all of those games fit into the toss-up category. Pitt figures to be the preseason favorite in the Big East this year but probably won't be in the Top 20 at the start.

I mentioned above how the AP voters will sour on teams that disappointed them the previous year. **My #7 Surprise Team the Georgia Bulldogs** were ranked #1 in the AP poll to start last year but took on a ridiculously tough schedule (4 straight AG) and suffered some injuries and after a loss to GT fell as low as #16 in the polls. There are no hurt feelings with me as I had them 2nd in the East and that is where they finished. I like Georgia in odd numbered years because that means they have just 3 true SEC road games as one of their "road" games is at a neutral site vs Florida. It is usually during these odd numbered years that I get accused of being a Bulldog alum as I usually have them pegged higher than anyone else. In 2007 they were pegged for 3rd in the East but I had them tied for first and Richt delivered a tie for 1st. In 2005 they were picked 3rd in the East almost across the board but I was the only one that had them 1st in the East and they won the SEC Title! Last year they had 44 starts lost to injury (tied for 6th most in FBS). They do have to face two preseason Top 10 teams away from home but are capable of winning both and Richt is back in his preferred role as the "hunter" rather than the "hunted."

It has been 6 years since **My #8 Surprise Team, the Miami Hurricanes** were actually in contention for the National Title. They were a very young team in 2008 but their talent jumped off the screen at me every time I watched their games (on Directv) as they had great speed and were good-sized along the lines. This year they have 15 returning starters and last year were -10 in turnovers qualifying for my Turnovers=Turnaround article (pg 312). They do have to play Florida St, Virginia Tech and North Carolina all on the road but 6 of my 9 sets of power ratings call them the most talented team in the ACC which gives them a good shot at going unbeaten. There was no dominant team in the ACC last year and they could step up and fill that role. They are a physically impressive team that is a year older and could make the big jump after their 5-7 and 7-6 seasons the last two years.

I mention that writers generally throw a team under the bus if they disappointed them the previous year and if that is the case I should have my **#9 Surprise team the USF Bulls** buried under the highway BELOW the bus! When I started writing this article earlier in the day my first thought was "No South Florida!" Somehow they find themselves back on the list. They do have a veteran QB in Matt Grothe who has engineered wins over teams ranked #5, #7, #13 and #17 the last 3 seasons. USF has managed to climb to #2 and #10 the last two years only to fail miserably under the high rankings and lose 4 and 5 games over the 2H of the seasons. They do have to play Florida St, Pitt and Rutgers on the road but none of those is like playing USC, Florida, Texas or Oklahoma. USF is a team like Miami, FL that has great size and speed throughout and maybe this year they'll learn how to deal with the pressure.

I'm down to the #10 spot on my Surprise Team list and I do not want to leave out a worthy candidate. The highest rated of my remaining teams is **Iowa** but they have to play Ohio St AND Penn St along with Michigan St and Wisconsin all on the road. **Clemson and Nebraska** both have to break in new QB's and have some rough road tests but are the next highest rated on my Power Poll. After much deliberation with each of those 3 teams either in my #9 or #10 spot at different times **my #10 Surprise Team is the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.** If not for that smack down the insulted LSU Tigers gave them (defending National Champ was an underdog) they probably would be higher rated in the preseason. They have one of the top running games in the NCAA and that should help them overcome some big losses in the defensive front. GT only has two road games vs teams I think will be in a bowl this year (Miami, FL and Florida St) and outrushed those 2 by a combined 760-301 in 2008.

Roulette Chips. If you walk up to a roulette table and pick just one number you have a 38-1 shot (37-1 in the big money rooms with no 00) of having your number come in, so it is a long shot but still a possibility. Last year I listed two teams that had poor LOSING records from the previous year and said if the stars align correctly, no injuries happen, and every bounce goes their way, they could be the first team in recent history to go from a losing record to a National Title. You might argue that you could say that about any of the 120 FBS teams but that is not the case, as the odds of a Duke or Wash St walking away with the title are about the same as #78 coming up in roulette. One of two teams that I chose in 2005 was Alabama. They rose as high as #4 in polls at 9-0 and may just have gotten to the big game if not for key offensive injuries. Here are a couple of long shots that I felt compelled to include.

The **North Carolina St Wolfpack** plays in the ACC where there is great parity. They did win their last 4 regular season games last year and play one of the softer schedules of any BCS conference team (#62).

Last year was an obvious rebuilding year for the **UCLA Bruins** as they had just 6 starters back and a new head coach. They suffered some big injuries and were -10 in TO's and were 4-8. This year's team is vastly stronger than the '08 version and at the Las Vegas Hilton they are 200-1.

These are the 10 teams that have a legitimate shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did in 2000, Ohio St did in 2002, LSU did in 2003, Auburn almost did in 2004, Louisville almost did in 2006 and Ohio St almost did again in '07. Last year Texas Tech and Penn St came very close to getting to the Title game. They are also two long shots that had losing records but could surprise. Also listed below are five more non-BCS teams who are long shots to make it to a BCS bowl, let alone a National Title game. **In 2006 my top non-BCS team was Boise St and I PROJECTED THEM INTO A BCS BOWL and they went undefeated and got to a BCS bowl where they beat Oklahoma. In 2007 I called for Hawaii to go unbeaten in the regular season and grab a SUGAR BOWL BERTH and that is exactly what they did! Last year my top non-BCS team was Utah and while they were NOT RANKED in the preseason and no one picked them to win the MWC at the start of the year except me, they finished unbeaten and #2 in the country!** This year the non-BCS teams are drawing attention in Congress with the MWC taking the debate to Capitol Hill. If a non-BCS team is dominant and finishes as one of two unbeatens they do have an ACTUAL shot of playing in the title game thanks to Utah's upset over Alabama last year. The team I give the best shot of an unbeaten season to is Boise St and they are a team that will have to be dominant as their biggest non-conf foe is Oregon. Southern Miss would be a long shot for the title game with their only BCS foe's being Kansas and Virginia. I feel TCU may have been the best non-BCS team last year and if they get thru a schedule of Clemson and BYU on the road they would have a shot. I think BYU beats TCU and that is why I have the Cougars #1 in the MWC but I have them #4 here as they have to play Oklahoma and Florida St in the non-conf slate. If they were to run the table and be one of the two remaining unbeatens they WOULD be in the Title game. Troy will be favored in every game except for Florida and a win there would put them on the map.

2009 Surprise Teams

1. Penn State Nittany Lions
2. Rutgers Scarlet Knights
3. California Golden Bears
4. Notre Dame Fighting Irish
5. Illinois Fighting Illini
6. Pittsburgh Panthers
7. Georgia Bulldogs
8. Miami Hurricanes
9. USF Bulls
10. Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

Roulette Chips (i.e. longshots)

11. NC State Wolfpack
12. UCLA Bruins

Five non-BCS teams who could Surprise

1. Boise St Broncos
2. Southern Miss Golden Eagles
3. TCU Horned Frogs
4. BYU Cougars
5. Troy Trojans

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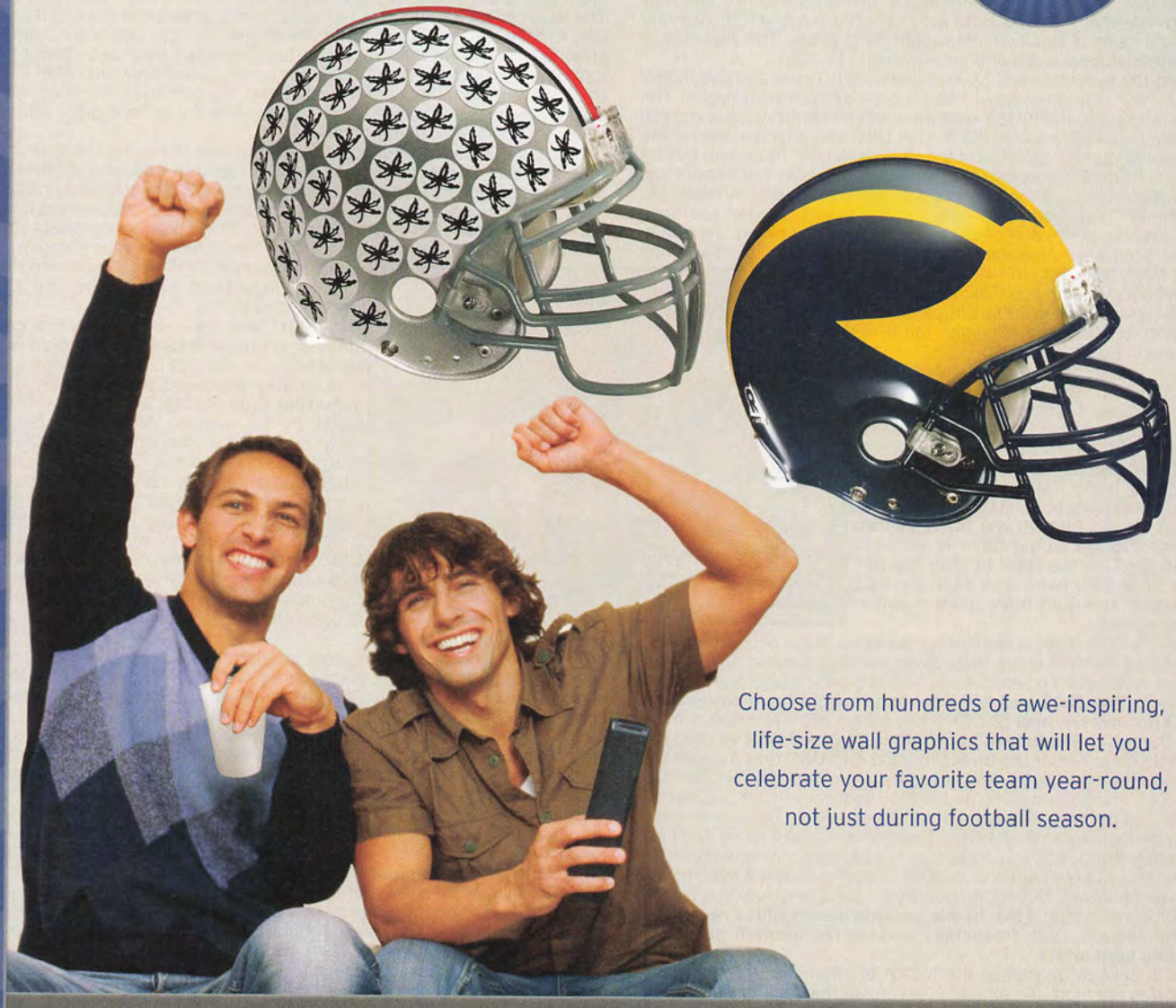

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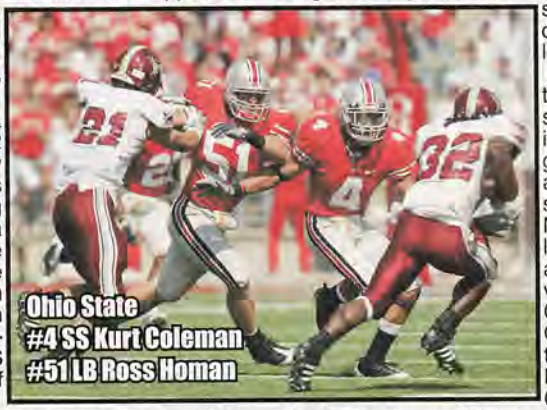
DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP – BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

For nearly a decade now I have been calling for a system that pits the #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 teams in the Jan 1 bowls and the addition of a title game a week or two later which would give us a true National Champ every year. SEC Commissioner Mike Slive proposed this format to BCS officials in April of 2008. It seemed like support would be strong for the plan which would have started in 2010 but it was shot down by the BCS Commission. Last year it seemed like 2014 would be the next shot but I still feel something can happen sooner. The main concern in '08 was that would lead to an 8 or 16-team playoff, which I am also vehemently against. The only other concern was that the Rose Bowl wants the Big Ten and Pac-10 every year and would have its tradition interrupted most years. The Pac-10 just changed commissioners and that door may begin to open.

Last year my system would have allowed both Texas and Oklahoma into the final 4 but would not have been a cure all (see next page). The 2008 season was really the FIRST year my system would not have worked out but nothing could have saved 2008. I felt USC should have been in the mix but they were number SEVEN in the BCS rankings. To try and build a system around fixing 2008 would be ridiculous. Let's face it, if a team lost TWO games during the season they don't deserve to argue they belonged in the title game! Those years are rare. What is unjust is when you have 3 undefeated teams at the end of the year or 3 or 4 deserving teams and one of the two teams is not allowed to compete for the title. This happened to Ohio St in 1998, Nebraska in 1999, Washington and Miami in 2000, Oregon and Colorado in 2001, USC and LSU split the title in 2003, unbeaten SEC Champ Auburn in 2004 and Michigan fell to #3 without playing in both '03 and '06.


Ohio State
#4 SS Kurt Coleman
#51 LB Ross Homan

Now let me go in depth on how my plan for a 4-team playoff would have worked in 10 out of 12 years, while the current system has worked in only 3 out of 12. In 2006, it was business as usual as Michigan was #2 in the BCS rankings after losing to #1 Ohio St but dropped to #3 without playing a game. Florida got to the National Title game while Michigan, like most disappointed teams have done lately, lost its bowl game. **In my bowl system Michigan and Florida would have faced each other on the field for the right to play the winner of Ohio St vs LSU (who was #4 in the BCS rankings) and that would have been a pair of outstanding games.**

In 2005, the BCS method worked out perfectly. In the old system, USC would have faced Penn St in the Rose Bowl and Texas would have played in the Orange Bowl and we would have had two undefeated teams at the end of the year. **The 2003 and 2004 seasons would have worked out PERFECTLY for my method EXCEPT the NCAA did not allow the National Title Game I called for, which would have pitted LSU vs USC in a one-game title match after the bowls in 2003 and USC and Auburn in a one-game title match in 2004.** This would have prevented the co-National Champs of 2003 and Auburn going undefeated and winning the SEC but not playing for a Title in 2004. The one-game playoff is the only plan to make the situation perfect, as an 8 or 16-team playoff would not solve anything. It would destroy the bowls and make the regular season meaningless. I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the holidays, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting. **I feel bowls provide teams with a reward for a successful season, both financially and for recruitment purposes, and should be kept intact.**

I know in college basketball the NCAA tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and almost everyone in the country participates in their office pools, predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. I definitely disagree. Here's the main reason why: If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than they were! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and **meant the entire regular season was meaningless.** In 2005 it was more of the same with all four #1 seeds eliminated. The CHAMPIONSHIP game featured teams that were #7 and #11 in the polls during the regular season. Basically, the regular season meant nothing and if we went to a 16-game football format, would a battle between the #7 and #11 teams really be a title game?

The one thing I love about college football is of all the sports, college or pro, the REGULAR SEASON in college football is the one that MEANS THE MOST. You might be able to stay alive in the overall chase if you lose ONE regular season game, but two losses will most likely, and should, eliminate you. That means the games in September, October and November are just as critical as the bowl games if you want to have a shot at the National Title. No other sport with an expanded playoff system can say that. College basketball's regular season big games really mean ABSOLUTELY nothing, as it only matters what you do in the tournament. If the #1 team loses in college basketball it means nothing, as they will still be in the NCAA Tournament at the end of the year and it only matters what you do in those final 6 games.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There was no doubt in my mind Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late-season upset loss to Nick Saban's Mich St team cost OSU a shot at appearing in the National Championship game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee. The Volunteers won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or Tennessee in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been the favorite to win. The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl.

In 2000, Florida St faced Oklahoma but both Miami, FL and Washington fans said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat Florida St straight up, while Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims, as both faced tough schedules and had just one loss. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Oregon St only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech, who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami by 20.

In 2001, Nebraska suffered its first loss of the year at Colorado by a 62-36 margin in their season finale. Miami, FL went undefeated and indisputably deserved the Rose Bowl (title game) bid. After Florida, Tennessee and Texas all fell by the wayside, Nebraska (controversially, by the BCS formula) got the call to face Miami, while Oregon and Colorado complained loudly that they were the ones who deserved a shot. Had Nebraska defeated Miami, the AP voters would likely have voted the Oregon/Colorado Fiesta Bowl winner the National Champ, showing a great deal of sentiment that those two teams deserved a shot at the Title. My proposed system would have allowed both Oregon and Colorado to play for the Title, along with Nebraska and Miami.

In 2002, it was a dream come true for the BCS, as there were just two unbeaten teams at season's end and they met in the Fiesta Bowl to determine the true National Champion. Ohio St beat Miami in double overtime. No arguments from anybody for the first time in BCS history!!

The 2003 season would have been perfect for my system, but we ended up with a split National Title and the #1 team in both polls NOT playing in the National Title game. Three teams had legitimate claims to appear in the National Title game (once again showing that 8 or 16 teams is unnecessary) and Michigan made a nice pick for the #4 spot. Had my system been in place, the teams would have played just like they did in 2003, but one or two weeks later. LSU would have faced USC and it would have been a true National Title game with NO DISPUTES from anyone!!!!

Once again, in 2004, there were three teams that could have argued for a spot in the National Title game. Auburn plays in the rugged SEC, who not only went undefeated, but also won the SEC Title game and yet did not get a chance to play for the Title. There were a couple of other unbeaten teams at the end of the year, but about 15 teams in the country would have had unbeaten records playing their schedules, so they had no real argument. All teams with one loss had no argument. The bottom line is, as long as the Top 3 got in, it did not matter who the #4 team would have been.

As you can tell, I feel the best team in the country did not win the National Title numerous times the last 12 years. The Title game foes were controversial in 10 of the 12 years with two split National Titles. I really think a BCS conference team that suffers just one tough loss, but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule, deserves a shot at the National Title game (unless there are two unbeaten teams remaining). I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16-team matchups but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the regular season. **I also think by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season.** As an example, when USC travels to Ohio St this year, one may be eliminated from the championship race while the other jumps to the forefront. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserving their importance? If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the postseason and a shot at winning the Title. It would take a GREAT end of the season matchup like Ohio St and Michigan (#1 vs #2 in '06) and make it less relevant. Instead of it being an all-important, destiny-changing game if both teams are in the Top 10, they would prob-

ably make the 16-game playoff whether they win or lose to each other and may even rest players for the all-important playoffs. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel only a select few who meet the challenges of the regular season deserve to be in the Title chase. **I feel college football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the Title chase.**

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ, and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish a true National Champ. This is the TENTH straight year I have called for it in my magazine. To determine the National Champ, I feel they should continue with the BCS rankings and include the Top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semifinal games would be played on Jan 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country, according to the BCS, would be invited. If you look at the last 12 years, this would have included: No. 3 Ohio St in 1998, No. 3 Nebraska in 1999, BOTH Oregon and Colorado in 2001, #1 USC in 2003, undefeated SEC Champ Auburn in 2004, Michigan in 2006 and Texas and USC in 2008. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the January 1 bowls. After the first round matchups, the Championship game could be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time for preparation and for fans to make travel arrangements, given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week the NFL is off. It would also prevent a team like Ohio St from playing in a National Title game after not having played for 50+ days which affected their performance in both 2007 and 2008.

In this format, there would be absolutely no question, it would be a true National Title game as the Top 4 teams would be involved. In past years I have gone year by year on how my system would have produced a clear national title game in TEN of TEN years from 1997-2006 and I list them in the box below. For a complete write-up on how those scenarios transpired check out last year's magazine or PhilSteele.com. Here is a recap of the Top 5 teams in the country over the past 10 years showing how the 4-team format is clearly the best:

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS FROM 1997-2006 ACCORDING TO MY PLAYOFF SYSTEM:

1997
#1 Nebraska (12-0) vs #4 North Carolina (10-1)
#2 Michigan (11-0) vs #3 Florida St (10-1)
#5 UCLA (two losses during the regular season, did not deserve to be in).

1998
#1 Tennessee (12-0) vs #4 Kansas St (11-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Ohio St (10-1)
#5 Arizona (11-1) & #6 UCLA (10-1) had solid results but played in the weak Pac-10.

1999
#1 Florida St (11-0) vs #4 Wisconsin (9-2)
#2 Virginia Tech (11-0) vs #3 Nebraska (11-1)
#5 Michigan (9-2) had two losses.

2000
#1 Oklahoma (12-0) vs #4 Washington (10-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Miami, FI (10-1)
While Oregon St and Virginia Tech each had just one loss they combined to beat ONE Top 25 team all year.

2001
#1 Miami, FI (11-0) vs #4 Oregon (10-1)
#2 Nebraska (11-1) vs #3 Colorado (10-2)
#5 Texas lost to #4 Colorado in the Big XII Title game.

2002
#1 Miami, FI (12-0) vs #4 Georgia (11-1)
#2 Ohio St (13-0) vs #3 Iowa (11-1)
#5 USC and #6 Kansas St both had two losses.

2003
#1 USC (11-1) vs #4 Michigan (10-2)
#2 Oklahoma (12-1) vs #3 LSU (12-1)
The #5 and #6 seeds were not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in.

2004
#1 USC (11-0) vs #4 Utah (11-0)
#2 Oklahoma (11-0) vs #3 Auburn (11-0)
The #5 and #6 seeds were not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in.

2005
#1 USC vs #4 Ohio St
#2 Texas vs #3 Penn St
#5 Oregon with backup QB's was not worthy and only Top 2 really NEEDED to be in.

2006
#1 Ohio St vs #4 LSU
#2 Florida vs #3 Michigan
#5 USC lost to UCLA in their final game or the Trojans would have been #2.

I already talked about how 2003 and 2004 were PERFECT for my system. It would have produced National Title games between LSU vs USC in 2003 and USC vs Auburn in 2004 that no one could argue about. I will add one more note about the playoff formats that are being tossed around. I am hearing talk that some would like to pick the Top 2 teams AFTER the bowls are over and let them play in the National Title game. This method (which would not be #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3) would lead to the same chaos that goes on at the end of the regular season. If the #1, #2 and #3 teams were all in different bowl games and #2 and #3 had impressive wins while #1 just barely won, then all 3 would be lobbying for a spot in the National Title game and someone would be left out again. You must play #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 or else the process will remain chaotic and controversial while possibly leaving some deserving teams out.

Last year would be a great example of why this would not work out. I feel after the bowls the best two teams in the country were Florida and USC and those two would have been favored by everyone. If this post bowl picking method was in place Utah would have played Florida in the "title game" and not only USC would have been left out but Texas would have been pushed aside for a second time!

For those who complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 120 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student-athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3 week layoff would probably allow enough time for any minor injuries from the January 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big of a layoff as the teams have now between the regular season and the bowls and it could lead to a more crisply played Title game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year, but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings, as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact and would be a reward for teams after a solid season. We would crown a true National Champion every year and we would also insure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance as they are today, and the polls would stay a major interest all year.

As I mentioned in the two paragraphs above there would have been controversey after last year regardless of which method you used and I will add one tightener to the system to make it work out perfectly for 2008. When you look at the final BCS poll last year after the conference title games the first thing I thought was "What kind of strange computer ratings are they using in the BCS formula?" The 6 computer power ratings had USC at #3, #6, #6, #6, #7 and #8! My personal set had them #3 prior to the bowls but how could 5 of the 6 not have even had them in the top 5 let alone #8?? I would start with getting some solid power ratings! Using these wacky power ratings the top ten of the BCS formula was: 1. Oklahoma 2. Florida 3. Texas 4. Alabama 5. USC 6. Utah 7. Texas Tech 8. Penn State 9. Boise St 10. Ohio St. Using the method I proposed for 9 years it would have pitted #1 Oklahoma vs #4 Alabama and #2 Florida vs #3 Texas. That would have left my personal #3 rated team at the time USC out of the mix. Also with Alabama at #4, let's say they beat Oklahoma (a good possibility) and Florida beat Texas (a likely possibility). Who would want to see Florida, which just beat Bama on a neutral site by 10, take on the Tide AGAIN just two games later for the "National Title?" It would be anticlimactic. What if Florida was #1 and Bama was #4, my old system would have had the two playing AGAIN the next game. Didn't we just see that?

The tightener I am adding this year to ensure there are no rematches and also would have made sure a team as powerful as USC was not left out is this. **If a Top 4 team loses a conference title game at a neutral site to another team that is in the Top 4 of the BCS final standings, that team is eliminated. I will call this the Immediate Rematch Clause**. Let me clarify the Neutral Site aspect and immediate rematch aspect. In 2006 Michigan travelled to #1 Ohio St and it was a large home edge for the #1 Buckeyes. Ohio St escaped with a 3 point win. Had the game been at a neutral site perhaps Michigan would have won. They were clearly two of the top 3 teams that year and that loss would not have eliminated Michigan as it was not a conference title game and it was far from a neutral site. I know Texas beat Oklahoma on a neutral site back in October but Oklahoma was up double digits when they lost their top LB to injury and ended up losing. Oklahoma was clearly one of the best teams in the country at the end of the year and last year if both teams had won their #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 match-ups, I think College Football fans would have been thrilled to see the rematch as there was a month of controversy about who deserved to be in the Big XII title game. I have some clear wording in here that does not eliminate a team just because it lost its title game. I go way back to 1998. Kansas St was clealy the #2 team in the country but was upset in the Big XII title game. They only dropped to #4 and still deserved a shot at playing in the #1 vs #4 matchup. They would not have been eliminated as A&M (a 17 pt dog to KSt in that game) only rose to #8 and would not have been in the top 4 invoking the "rematch" part of the clause.

Using my new method it would have been #1 Oklahoma vs #5 USC and #2 Florida vs #3 Texas and I feel USC and Florida would have met for the title game as they were the best two teams in the country.

Now let me take on the whole Non-BCS conference talk that has gone to Congress. First of all if you were having a problem you could not resolve and were looking for a possible solution, how far down your list would be "Take it to Congress?" I do nothing but college football 365 days a year and try to watch EVERY game that is televised (see page 17). When not watching or writing about College Football I am reading about it. Every year I am asked who if my Favorite Team? The answer is whomever I picked high in that particular year's magazine. Last year I was a huge Florida Gator and Utah Ute fan. I was the only magazine that even had Utah winning the MWC. When they went unbeaten and got to the Sugar Bowl, there was not a person in the country happier especially after being beat up by BYU fans all offseason. I can also tell you I followed them all year and late in the 4Q vs both Oregon St and TCU I felt MY Utes had lost but after some late game heriocs they escaped at HOME vs those squads. They also got past New Mexico by 3 on the road. Utah had a very impressive bowl win vs an Alabama team that may have lacked motivation after being #1 after the regular season and they were a huge favorite vs a non-BCS team in the bowl. Utah had perhaps the most impressive bowl performance of any team and as I type this I am wearing one of my Utah Utes polo shirts. Do I feel they would have gone unbeaten playing in a BCS conference last year? No. I did not feel Utah deserved to be in the title game by only defeating 1 BCS team with a winning record during the regular season and that was catching Oregon St on a short week right after they upset USC (tremendous situation for Utah) and they barely won. With that said I can see a year where an unbeaten non BCS team gets into the top 4 and has a chance to play for the title. The method is simple. Give yourself a tough non-conf schedule and win impressively each week. **I feel there will be no need for Congress this year if BYU runs the table. BYU plays Oklahoma and Florida St as well as TCU and Utah** and provided most of their wins are impressive and they are unbeaten I would vote for them over a 1 loss BCS team and they would make the final 4. No act of Congress would be needed just a little common sense.

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PHIL STEELE'S 2009 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2009 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my Power Ratings. As an example- Rutgers is rated #37 in my Power Poll (pg 315) or overall talent rankings but due to a manageable schedule (#106, pg 317), I have them #16, as 4 of my 9 sets of my ratings show them finishing with an unbeaten season. I have LSU rated #8 in my Power Poll which is where I would rank them talent-wise, but as you can read in my write-up at #17, they will probably not finish in the Top 10 due to a difficult schedule. My Top 25 is based on where I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & these Top 25's have always done quite well. In 2002, I had Ohio St rated higher than any other preseason magazine coming into the year and they won the National Title. In 2003, my magazine (and Lindy's) had LSU rated higher than any other preseason magazine and they won the BCS Title. In 2004, I was the only major magazine to have Cal (#4 in the final regular season polls) in the Preseason Top 10! In 2006, I had the only magazine to pick Boise St in the Top 20 (I had them going to a BCS bowl) and I also had Arkansas at #13 (they finished the reg season #12) when they entered the year unranked. In 2007, I had Georgia (finished #2) rated higher than any other magazine and I also called for Hawaii (unranked) to play in the Sugar Bowl. Last year while Georgia was the AP preseason #1, I had them #9 and had the Florida Gators winning the title. These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season. In 2007, 43 of my Top 46 were bowl eligible (93.5%) and last year 46 of my Top 50 (92%)!!!

1. Florida In 2007 the Gators were the defending champs and came into the season ranked #6. My publication was one of the few that did not have them in the Top 10. I liked the talent level but they were very inexperienced and with just 7 returning starters they finished #13. Last year Georgia was the preseason #1 but I had Florida, a team from their same division, as my #1 as they were a much more experienced team and I said they were even more talented than their 2006 National Title team. Florida did not disappoint me and with the exception of their slip up vs Ole Miss (443-325 yd edge but lost) they beat EVERY opponent by double digits with the avg score 43.6-12.9! This year the Gators have 7 starters back on offense including QB Tim Tebow and amazingly their entire defensive two deep returns. They are the most experienced defending National Champ in a long time and not only are they the only team in the country that ranks in all 8 of my individual units but they are in the top 10 in all 8 and in the top 2 in SIX of the eight! For the 2nd straight year I will pick Florida #1 but this time they figure to be the preseason #1 team by almost everyone (unlike '08).

2. Texas The Longhorns were in a 3-way tie for the Big 12 South Title in '08 and despite beating Oklahoma head-to-head lost out and ended up in the Fiesta Bowl finishing 12-1 and #4. Last year they had a tough Big 12 schedule drawing the top 2 teams out of the North and facing both OU and TTech away from home. This year they have 16 returning starters and have 5 units that rank in my top 5 in the position categories. QB Colt McCoy has my #3 set of WR's and #4 O-line to work with. Despite some large graduation losses on the D-line I rate Texas as having the #2 defense and #2 offense in the country. They also have a cupcake non-conf slate and while they face both Oklahoma and Oklahoma St away from home, they have a great shot at getting to the title game, a place Horns' fans thought they should have been last year.

Virginia Tech
CB Stephan Virgil

3. USC The Trojans suffered some huge losses to the NFL but as we see under Pete Carroll each year they just reload and have another title contender as his 3rd and 4th string has NFL caliber players. The Trojans were probably the one team that could have taken Florida to the wire in the title game and some of my Power Ratings at the end of '08 had them #1. Their schedule is not easy this year as they face THREE teams that rank in my Top 10 on the road in Ohio St, Notre Dame and California and all 3 are in the first half of the year when their young team (12 ret sts) might be going thru some growing pains. Despite the youth they have my #3 rated offense and #4 defense and at the end of the year could probably beat any team in the country. The last 3 years they have just missed out on playing in the title game and that will get them some votes this year if it is close.

4. Oklahoma First round draft picks don't grow on trees but this year Oklahoma has not one but THREE projected #1 DC's in QB Sam Bradford, TE Jermaine Gresham and DT Gerald McCoy, who all turned down the big money and return for their senior seasons! Last year the Sooners avg 51.1 ppg and have Bradford and my #1 set of RB's returning. The biggest question mark is the loss of 4 super OL's but the last time they lost 4 OL starters was 2006 and they actually improved by 3.4 ppg. They are tied with Florida for the best defensive front 7 in FBS. The Sooners do play my #3 rated schedule with games vs BYU, Miami (FL), Texas, Texas Tech, Kansas and Nebraska all away from home. The Sooners have dropped 5 straight BCS bowl games but have the talent and will be determined to end that streak.

BYU
DE Jan Jorgensen

5. Penn St The Nittany Lions handed most of their foes their worst defeat of the year last season. They do have just 9 returning starters but have solid talent including QB Daryll Clark and RB Evan Royster and my #1 set of LB's in the country. Much like Ole Miss, the schedule is remarkably soft for a BCS conf school at #72 and they figure to face only two teams that will be ranked in the preseason Top 20 (Ohio St and Iowa) and get both of them at home. Unlike Ole Miss, Penn St won't have to face Florida in a conference title game after the end of regular season.

6. Mississippi This is some rarefied air for the Rebels who just two years ago were 3-9 in their 4th straight losing season. Former HC Ed Orgeron did a great job recruiting and HC Houston Nutt has added to it and has a very talented team. The Rebels got better each week and in their last 4 games in '08 won by an avg of 46-12 despite facing LSU in Death Valley and #8 Texas Tech. This year they are even stronger, as they avoid Florida and Georgia from the East, host both Alabama and LSU in the West and overall take on my #77 rated schedule!

7. Notre Dame I had the Irish as my Most Improved Team last year and they went from 3-9 to a bowl win but could have finished much stronger with 3 blown double-digit leads. Seven of their 8 units make my Top Units list. They have just 4 true road games and 3 year veteran QB Jimmy Clausen operates behind my #5 rated O-line with my #1 set of rec's to throw to. Jon Tenuta will call the defensive signals (one of the best) and he has a lot of talent to work with.

8. Alabama The Tide overcame a killer schedule in '08 and was #1 in the country and until losing a hard fought SEC Title game. They won at preseason #1 Georgia, Tennessee and LSU but an unmotivated team was whipped in the Sugar Bowl. This year they have just four starters back on offense but also have my #5 rated D. They face Ole Miss and Virg Tech away from home but could easily find themselves back in the SEC Title game with a win in Oxford on October 10th.

Ohio State's
#4 Kurt Coleman
#51 Ross Homan

9. California Last year I had Georgia in my preseason #9 slot despite the fact they were AP's the preseason #1. This year's #9 team probably won't be in many Top Tens' but I feel the Bears are a legitimate National Title contender. I love teams that are strong along the line of scrimmage and Cal has a top 10 O-line and D-line, a veteran QB and RB (Jahvid Best) along with my #3 secondary. They are the one team in the Pac-10 that plays USC tough almost every year and they catch the Trojans on their 3rd road game in 4 weeks in the 1H of the season (USC is young). Cal has not finished ranked in the AP Poll the last two years but are my #3 Surprise Team this year.

10. Ohio St Terrelle Pryor now has experience at QB and is a game changer. The Bucks are #1 on my Draft Day Hangover (see pg 308)but still have 7 starters back on defense and I rate that unit #6 in the country. They catch a young USC team making its first road trip and could jump right into the National Title contenders role with an upset there. They do have to play Penn St in Happy Valley but won 37-17 in their last trip. They will be favored in their other 10 games.

11. Virginia Tech Last year the ACC did not have any teams in the Top Ten at the end of the year (parity). HC Frank Beamer did one of his best coaching jobs taking a very young team and guiding them to the ACC Title and a BCS bowl win. This year VT has 16 returning starters including QB Tyrod Taylor and RB Darren Evans on offense to go along with Bud Foster's D and Beamer's special teams. They open up vs Bama in Atlanta but a win would move them up to title contender.

12. Boise St My Power Poll only has Boise #20 but they have the talent and the schedule to run the table and go 13-0 and with Utah's performance vs Alabama and Boise's upset of Oklahoma in '06 they could be a title contender. They have just 11 starters back but play my #117 rated schedule and have my #1 rated ST's.

13. Georgia This is the type of year that HC Mark Richt is most dangerous as UGA is no one's pick to win the East but they have just 3 SEC true road games. They do have to play Oklahoma St, Florida, Tenn and Ga Tech away from home but 7 of their 8 units rank in my Top 30 and this year's #7 toughest schedule is actually easier than last year's brutal slate.

14. Oklahoma St The Cowboys have my #5 rated offense led by the triplets QB Zac Robinson, RB Kendall Hunter and WR Dez Bryant and also have a much improved D. While they take on 3 of my Top 13 teams (Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma) they do get two of them at home.

15. BYU I did not make Cougar fans happy last year picking a team they thought would be in a BCS bowl and pegging them tied for 2nd in the MWC. This year BYU gets both Utah and TCU at home and could be an upset of Oklahoma away from playing in the National Title game.

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1978 Greg Roberts, Oklahoma
1977 Brad Shearer, Texas
1976 Ross Browner, Notre Dame
1975 Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma
1974 Randy White, Maryland
1973 John Hicks, Ohio State
1972 Rich Glover, Nebraska
1971 Larry Jacobson, Nebraska
1970 Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State
1969 Mike Reid, Penn State
1968 Bill Stanfill, Georgia
1967 Ron Yary, USC
1966 Loyd Phillips, Arkansas
1965 Tommy Nobis, Texas
1964 Steve DeLong, Tennessee
1963 Scott Appleton, Texas
1962 Bobby Bell, Minnesota
1961 Merlin Olsen, Utah State
1960 Tom Brown, Minnesota
1959 Mike McGee, Duke
1958 Zeke Smith, Auburn
1957 Alex Karras, Iowa
1956 Jim Parker, Ohio State
1955 Calvin Jones, Iowa
1954 Bill Brooks, Arkansas
1953 JD Roberts, Oklahoma
1952 Dick Modzelewski, Maryland
1951 Jim Weatherall, Oklahoma
1950 Bob Gain, Kentucky
1949 Ed Bagdon, Michigan State
1948 Bill Fischer, Notre Dame
1947 Joe Steffy, Army
1946 George Connor, Notre Dame

CONGRATULATIONS DL BRIAN ORAKPO, TEXAS

BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY

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LB REY MAUALUGA, USC
LB BRANDON SPIKES, FLORIDA
DB ALPHONSO SMITH, WAKE FOREST

PAST NAGURSKI TROPHY WINNERS

1993 Rob Waldrop, Arizona
1994 Warren Sapp, Miami (Fla.)
1995 Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
1996 Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
1997 Charles Woodson, Michigan
1998 Champ Bailey, Georgia
1999 Corey Moore, Virginia Tech
2000 Dan Morgan, Miami (Fla.)
2001 Roy Williams, Oklahoma
2002 Terrell Suggs, Arizona State
2003 Derrick Strait, Oklahoma
2004 Derrick Johnson, Texas
2005 Elvis Dumervil, Louisville
2006 James Laurinaitis, Ohio State
2007 Glenn Dorsey, LSU

16. Rutgers This is the biggest stretch of any team from my Power Poll which has the Knights just #37 to start the year. They have a cupcake non-conf slate and get all of their toughest Big East foes at home. They play the easiest schedule of any BCS team (#106) and have a 7 game win streak heading into 2009.

17. LSU Showing you the difference between my Power Poll and my Preseason Rankings, if my #17 LSU took on my #16 Rutgers, I would forecast LSU to win by a couple of TD's! Thanks to the schedules, I think Rutgers will be in the Orange Bowl and LSU, who has to face Georgia, Bama and Ole Miss on the road and Florida, will not be in a BCS bowl.

18. TCU The Frogs may have been the best non-BCS team last year despite their 2 losses as they outgained Utah 416-275 on the road on a short week and blew a late lead. This year my Power Poll has them as the best non-BCS team again and while they play BYU, Clemson and Virginia on the road, they are capable of winning all 3.

19. Illinois Last year Illinois was off its Rose Bowl appearance and was one of 3 Big Ten preseason favorites in the media poll but I did not have them in my Top 50! This year they make BOTH my Most Improved and Surprise Team lists and they avoid Iowa, get Penn St at home and rebound from their 5-7 finish in '08.

20. Iowa Last year I had Iowa #34, which was higher than any other magazine and they finished #20 coming off a 6-6 non-bowl year. This year they have a great back 7 on defense with my #5 LB's and #11 DB's and I rate their D #8 overall. They do have to play Ohio St and Penn St on the road (Mich St and Wisconsin also) but are a stronger team.

21. Miami, FL Miami has the size and speed to compete with any team in the country and they will get to prove that point as their first 4 games are at Florida St, Georgia Tech, at Virg Tech and Oklahoma! They may not be ranked after those 4 but will be at the end of the year and rank in my Top 28 in 7 of 8 units including my #3 DL and #4 ST's.

22. Nebraska The Huskers have to play Virginia Tech on the road and draw Oklahoma out of the Big 12 South. They have just 13 ret starters and a new QB. I had them picked higher than anyone else last year in the North and they tied for the North Title and this year figure to be the preseason favorite to get to the Big 12 Title game.

23. Pittsburgh The Panthers had their first winning season under HC Dave Wannstedt in '08 and continue to improve with 15 ret starters this year and they have my #20 rated defense. They only have 5 road games and most of those are in the winnable category and Pitt is the top Big East team in my Power Poll.

24. UCLA The Bruins were just 4-8 last year and I pick them in my Top 25? Last year's team had just 6 returning starters and was in the first year of a new HC. This year HC Rick Neuheisel knows the players and it is the 2nd year of his systems with 16 returning starters and 6 of their 8 units rank in my Top 31.

25. Clemson The Tigers were the preseason favorites to win the ACC last year and disappointed everyone. This year they will be under the radar and with RB CJ Spiller back the offense will be solid but I really like the defense which I rate #12 in the country. They are my pick to win the ACC Atlantic.

26. USF USF has teased its fans in each of the last two years by getting into the Top 10 and then collapsing. They do face Florida St, Pitt and Rutgers all on the road but will be favored in their other 9 which could mean a DD win season.

27. Southern Miss SM was fortunate to keep its streak of winning seasons alive LY barely getting to a bowl and getting a fortunate win in it. This year they are more experienced and talented and are a BCS buster contender.

28. Georgia Tech Tech showed LY that they could play with anyone knocking off 3 ranked teams and that was the first year of HC Paul Johnson's systems. They have 18 starters back and will have one of the top offenses in the FBS.

29. Michigan St The Spartans were playing for a share of the Big Ten Title the final week of '08 and have a stronger team this year with 15 returning starters and my #21 rated defense.

30. N Carolina Had the Heels not lost their starting QB in the 3Q vs VT LY they would have been in the ACC Title game. They are very talented with a top 25 defense and despite a rough ACC schedule could top LY's 8 win total.

31. Troy Troy took on '07's defending champ (LSU) and led 31-3 in the 3Q but lost it late. They play Florida in The Swamp and a much improved Arkansas on the road but are the most talented team in the Sun Belt.

32. NC State The Wolfpack leads the FBS with EIGHT home games this year and 3rd year HC's usually fare well and Tom O'Brien is an excellent coach. NCSt won 4 of its last 5 in '08 and will benefit from the unexpected bowl practice of '08.

33. Arkansas I have had a very good handle on the Hogs and this is an "up" year for them as they make my Most Improved List and they actually outperformed my expectations LY with 9 starters back but have 18 this year. The Hogs reside in the SEC West with 3 teams that will be in the preseason Top 10 and draw Georgia and Florida out of the East or I would have had them ranked higher.

34. Florida St Florida St might just walk away with the Atlantic Div or so I thought at the end of last season. Then I took a look at their schedule in the spring and it is the 2nd toughest schedule in the entire country. They face 6 bowl teams from '08 on the road and have a non-conf slate at Florida, at BYU and vs USF. They are ranked in the top 25 in my Power Poll.

35. Nevada Nevada has my #12 rated offense and a quality defense. They do have to play both Notre Dame and Boise St on the road but could be favored in each of their other 10 games so it should be a big year for the Wolf Pack.

36. Oregon St Mike Riley is one of the best and almost every year his squad finishes higher than I have them picked. They have 3 straight Top 25 finishes and last year they were playing for a trip to the Rose Bowl in their Civil War battle vs rival UO but injuries hurt their cause. Only 10 starters return but RB "Quizz" is back.

37. West Virginia I like QB Jarrett Brown and RB Noel Devine and they should both have excellent seasons. The WV defense is a much improved group. Now, Air Force fooled me in '07 by claiming to switch to a pass offense and then att 55 rushes per game (same as '06). Last year WV had 40 more pass att than in '07 but for 111 yards less and WV's ppg went from 39.6 to 24.5. There is talk of a more full blown pass offense this year and that is not their bread and butter.

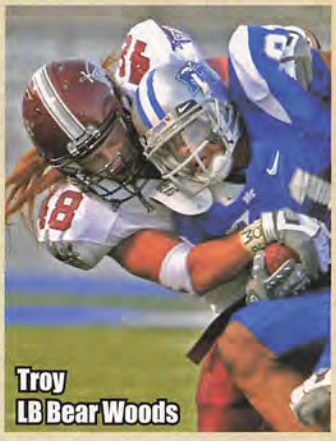
38. Wisconsin The Big Ten is a much improved league but the Badgers will be competitive even with just 11 returning starters. They've been to bowls 7 years in a row and should keep that streak intact.

39. Tennessee The Volunteers are off a rare losing year and have too much talent to have two straight even in the rugged SEC. After their last losing season ('05) they rebounded to go 9-4. S Eric Berry is one of the best defensive players in the game and the Volunteers have 4 units that rank in my Top 27 units.

40. Arizona Last year they had just 3 starters back on defense but performed beyond their experience as they allowed just 21.3 ppg, an improvement from '07. This year they have 7 starters back on D and while they break in a new QB, HC Mike Stoops has this team ready to be a perennial bowl squad.

Georgia Tech
RB Jonathan Dwyer

West Virginia
LB JT Thomas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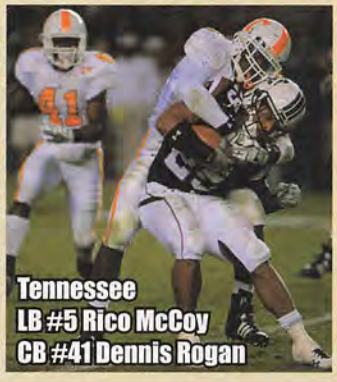
LB Bear Woods


Tennessee
LB #5 Rico McCoy
CB #41 Dennis Rogan

Here are some more teams that just missed the cut for the Top 40 but should be in the postseason in 2009:

41. Texas Tech
42. Colorado
43. C Michigan
44. Utah
45. UTEP
46. Houston
47. East Carolina
48. Michigan
49. Ohio
50. Tulsa

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PHIL STEELE'S 2009 SEC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Tim Tebow, Florida	Jevan Snead, Mississippi	Ryan Mallett, Arkansas	Jordan Jefferson, LSU
RB	Charles Scott, LSU	Ben Tate, Auburn	Anthony Dixon, Mississippi St	Cordera Eason, Mississippi
RB	Michael Smith, Arkansas	Bryce Brown, Tennessee	Mark Ingram, Alabama	Caleb King, Georgia
WR	Julio Jones, Alabama	Shay Hodge, Mississippi	Gerald Jones, Tennessee	Michael Moore, Georgia
WR	AJ Green, Georgia	Dexter McCluster, Mississippi	Joe Adams, Arkansas	Moe Brown, S Carolina
WR	Brandon LaFell, LSU	Deonte Thompson, Florida	Brandon McRae, Mississippi St	Riley Cooper, Florida
TE	DJ Williams, Arkansas	Aaron Hernandez, Florida	Richard Dickson, LSU	Weslye Saunders, S Carolina
C	Josh McNeil, Tennessee	Daverin Geralds, Mississippi	Ben Jones, Georgia	Bradley Vierling, Vanderbilt
OG	Maurkice Pouncey, Florida	Lyle Hitt, LSU	Mitch Petrus, Arkansas	Reid Neely, Mississippi
OG	Mike Johnson, Alabama	Mike Pouncey, Florida	Cordy Glenn, Georgia	Chris Davis, Georgia
OT	John Jerry, Mississippi	Joseph Barksdale, LSU	Trinton Sturdivant, Georgia	Drew Davis, Alabama
OT	Ciron Black, LSU	Clint Boling, Georgia	Zipp Duncan, Kentucky	Lee Ziemba, Auburn
DE	Antonio Coleman, Auburn	Greg Hardy, Mississippi	Rahim Alem, LSU	Brandon Deaderick, Alabama
DT	Geno Atkins, Georgia	Malcolm Sheppard, Arkansas	Jeff Owens, Georgia	Greg Billinger, Vanderbilt
DT	Terrence Cody, Alabama	Dan Williams, Tennessee	Charles Alexander, LSU	Corey Peters, Kentucky
DE	Carlos Dunlap, Florida	Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky	Jermaine Cunningham, Florida	Steven Stone, Vanderbilt
LB	Brandon Spikes, Florida	Rico McCoy, Tennessee	Jamar Chaney, Mississippi St	Dont'a Hightower, Alabama
LB	Eric Norwood, S Carolina	Micah Johnson, Kentucky	Jerry Franklin, Arkansas	KJ Wright, Mississippi St
LB	Rolando McClain, Alabama	Brandon Fanney, Alabama	Perry Riley, LSU	Darian Stewart, S Carolina
LB	Rennie Curran, Georgia	Patrick Benoist, Vanderbilt	Chris Marve, Vanderbilt	Darryl Gamble, Georgia
CB	Trevard Lindley, Kentucky	Javier Arenas, Alabama	Janoris Jenkins, Florida	Kareem Jackson, Alabama
CB	Joe Haden, Florida	Myron Lewis, Vanderbilt	Patrick Peterson, LSU	Dennis Rogan, Tennessee
S	Eric Berry, Tennessee	Reshad Jones, Georgia	Justin Woodall, Alabama	Kendrick Lewis, Mississippi
S	Ahmad Black, Florida	Ryan Hamilton, Vanderbilt	Chad Jones, LSU	Major Wright, Florida
K	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama	Joshua Shene, Mississippi	Daniel Lincoln, Tennessee	Blair Walsh, Georgia
P	Clinton Durst, Auburn	Chas Henry, Florida	Brett Upson, Vanderbilt	Spencer Lanning, S Carolina
PR	Javier Arenas, Alabama	Brandon James, Florida	Trindon Holliday, LSU	Marshay Green, Mississippi
KR	Brandon James, Florida	Dennis Rogan, Tennessee	Chris Culliver, S Carolina	Javier Arenas, Alabama

LSU
RB Charles Scott

Auburn
DE Antonio Coleman

SEC NOTES: It seems that every year the SEC has been rated as my top conference and they get that billing again this year. They have FOUR teams that will likely be in the AP preseason Top 10. The SEC was just 6-9 during the reg season vs other BCS conf (only 7th best!) but did go 6-2 in the bowls and for the third straight year produced the National Champ. Georgia was last year's AP preseason #1 and had the SEC's yardage leaders in passing, rushing and receiving. It's the first time since 1966 (Florida-QB Steve Spurrier) that a team has led the league in all 3 categories. Georgia's AJ Green became the first freshman to lead the SEC in receiving ypg since 1999 (Auburn's Ronny Daniels) and the first Bulldog to lead the SEC in receiving since 1994. In 6 of the last 9 years a coach in his 1st or 2nd year at a school has reached the SEC Title game and Nick Saban got the Tide there last year. I think Houston Nutt can make it 7 of 10 this year. There are 3 new HC's this year with none having produced a winning season as a college HC (only 1 has been a college HC) and they are replacing 3 coaches with a combined 26 winning seasons overall in the SEC. The SEC is the nation's best conference, AGAIN.

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 SEC FORECAST

SEC EAST

1. FLORIDA - Last year Georgia was the preseason #1 team in the country but I picked the Gators to not only win the SEC East, but the National Title. Florida did not disappoint me getting Urban Meyer his 2nd National Title in 3 years. This year's squad has 18 returning starters and is the best that Meyer has put on the field. Despite the fact that their SEC schedule is tougher with just 3 SEC games in The Swamp, all 9 sets of my power ratings call for an unbeaten season and the Gators may have the best offense, defense and ST in the country.

2. GEORGIA - This is the type of year that Mark Richt does best. Last year expectations were high (preseason #1) and the Bulldogs finished a disappointing 10-3. This year 4 SEC teams will be in the Top 10 but the Bulldogs will not. They do have only 3 true SEC road games but also have to face Florida in Jacksonville. Georgia is clearly the 2nd best team in the SEC East but they are only an upset (Florida) away from being a darkhorse national title contender.

3. TENNESSEE - As I chronicle on the Tenn page, the Vols were extremely fortunate to get to the SEC Title game in 2005 and 2007. Last year their luck ran out and they finished 5th in the SEC East at 3-5 (-34.5 ypg). Tenn has just 13 returning starters (tied for 4th fewest SEC) and loses 25 lettermen. After the coaching change, they lost 2 projected starters in the spring in FS Morley and RB Creer (11 players have left since Jan). Even with all of those factors, Tenn has a lot of talent including FS Berry and RB Brown and should get much improved QB play and make my Most Improved List this year.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA - I felt SC had the talent the last 2 years to finish higher than they did in the East (5th and 3rd). This year they have just 11 returning starters (2nd fewest in SEC). They have just 58.8% lettermen returning and lose QB Smelley forcing Garcia to grow up quickly. Spurrier's squad overachieved in his first year but I feel they've underachieved the last 3 seasons and could easily turn it around here. They do figure to be an underdog in all 4 SEC road games and draw Florida at home but should pull off some surprises.

5. VANDERBILT - I am usually pretty good at predicting the ups and downs of the SEC teams. Last year I was dead wrong on Vandy. I picked them for an 0-8 season as it was clearly a rebuilding year with just 9 starters back and a tough schedule. VU caught some breaks as they opened 5-0 despite being #12 in the SEC on offense and #11 on D and actually got their first winning season since 1982. This year they are a much more exp team with 17 returning starters and have just 15 lettermen lost (2nd fewest SEC). They were -76.1 ypg in league play (3rd worst) despite their tie for 3rd place in the East last year. While they are a better team, I think it will be tough for Vanderbilt to match last year's 4-4 SEC record.

5. KENTUCKY - UK was just 2-6 in the SEC last year and in both their victories (Ark, Miss St), they could have easily lost (see Regional mag). They have 12 returning starters (3rd fewest SEC). UK should have a much improved offense while the defense was fortunate when CB Lindley, LB Johnson and DE Jarmon each turned down early entry to the NFL. The Cats figure to be an underdog in 7 of their 8 SEC games but as Brooks has proven in each of the last 3 years, they are capable of upsets and could achieve a 4th consecutive bowl.

SEC WEST

1. MISSISSIPPI - There is not much difference between Ole Miss, Alabama and LSU, as all 3 are deserving Top 10 teams. Last year the Rebels made my Most Improved List and coming off an 0-8 SEC season ('07), went 5-3 and finished #14 in the country. They won't sneak up on anybody this year but do have 16 ret starters and a great schedule with all 4 SEC road games in the winnable category, plus they avoid Florida and Georgia out of the East and get both LSU and Bama at home. For the first time in my magazine's 15 year history, I will call for Ole Miss to win their division and 5 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for a 12-0 regular season.

2. ALABAMA - It's very tough to put the Tide here. They played a great SEC Title game vs Florida and have one of the best D's in the country. Last year I looked at their schedule which had them playing Ark, UGA, Tenn, LSU and Clemson all away from home and thought they were a year away from contending yet they spent 4 weeks at #1 (12-0 reg season). Despite some significant losses, this year's squad is stronger (11 lettermen lost fewest SEC) and they figure to be favored in 11 of their 12 games with only their Oct 10th matchup in Oxford being a toss-up. It wouldn't surprise me if Bama repeated their 12-0 reg season mark of last year.

3. LSU - The SEC West has 3 Top 10 teams heading into the year and my power ratings have them all dead even. Unfortunately for LSU they draw (by far) the toughest schedule of the 3. Not only do the Tigers have to play the other 2 contenders (Bama and Miss) on the road but of the 3, they are the only ones that draw Florida and Georgia who are clearly the best 2 teams out of the East. They are in my Top Ten in the Power Poll (pg 315).

4. ARKANSAS - I have had a great pulse on Arkansas the last few years. I took an Arkansas team that finished 4-7 in 2005 and ranked them #13 in the country in 2006 (that Hog team won the SEC West) and last year took a team that had been to 2 consec NY Day bowls and called for a losing season. The Hogs actually outperformed my expectations last year finishing in a 3 way tie for last in the SEC West thanks to a late season upset. This year they are in the 2nd year of Petrino's systems and are much stronger with 18 returning starters (only 9 '08) and plenty of VHT talent. While they play in the same league as 3 Top 10 teams and pull both Florida and Georgia out of the East, Arkansas makes my Most Improved List which means I think they will be bowl bound.

5. AUBURN - Auburn was the preseason SEC West favorite last year and went through a bizarre season. They switched their offense to the spread but were never married to it and fired their OC at midseason. They lost 6 of their last 7 and suffered their first losing year since 1999. While Gene Chizik may not have been the popular choice for HC, he does step into a solid situation as they return 15 starters and were -8 in TO's. Auburn does have 3 Top 10 teams in the same division and also face Georgia and Tenn on the road out of the East but they make my list of Most Improved Teams and should return to the postseason.

6. MISSISSIPPI ST - When you play in a division with three Top 10 teams, wins will be hard to come by. Throw in the fact that Miss St was -111 ypg (league worst in '08), has just 10 ret starters (fewest SEC) and had an unexpected coaching change with new schemes on both sides of the ball. The 2 non-Top 10 teams in their division both make my Most Improved List and you can see why I am calling for a rebuilding season and a basement finish for the Bulldogs.

2008 SEC vs SEC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Tctal Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
2	Florida	44.9	1	429.4	1	223.8	1	5.8	1	205.6	6	65.7	1	9.6	12	10	2	12	4
12	Georgia	26.9	3	396.4	2	139.4	5	4.2	3	257.0	1	60.6	2	14.7	5	13	5	11	3
17	Mississippi	26.0	4	380.3	3	166.5	3	4.2	4	213.8	5	55.5	4	14.6	7	17	9	15	5
26	Alabama	31.9	2	368.1	5	199.3	2	4.7	2	168.9	8	58.2	3	11.5	11	11	4	10	1
29	LSU	25.9	5	363.4	6	146.9	4	3.8	6	216.5	4	52.3	7	14.0	9	16	8	16	6
45	Arkansas	20.9	6	368.9	4	130.3	6	4.0	5	238.6	2	55.3	5	17.7	3	19	11	27	11
77	South Carolina	20.4	7	300.0	7	73.4	12	2.4	12	226.6	3	54.8	6	14.7	6	19	11	26	10
84	Kentucky	17.9	9	271.6	8	109.1	8	3.4	7	162.5	9	51.8	8	15.2	4	15	7	10	1
87	Tennessee	16.1	10	233.4	11	107.8	9	3.2	9	125.6	11	50.0	12	14.5	8	10	2	17	8
89	Auburn	11.6	12	266.1	9	93.8	10	2.6	10	172.4	7	51.7	9	22.9	1	17	9	17	8
101	Vanderbilt	18.0	8	235.9	10	114.9	7	3.3	8	121.0	12	51.2	10	13.1	10	13	5	16	6
108	Mississippi St	12.1	11	222.1	12	77.9	11	2.5	11	144.3	10	50.2	11	18.3	2	9	1	31	12

2008 SEC vs SEC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
3	Florida	12.5	1	296.0	3	113.4	4	3.7	7	182.6	5	55.4	5	23.7	12	19	1	16	8
6	Alabama	14.4	2	270.0	2	83.0	2	3.0	3	187.0	6	48.4	1	18.8	11	19	2	14	9
10	Tennessee	18.6	3	267.9	1	107.6	3	2.8	2	160.3	2	56.1	7	14.4	8	11	5	17	6
11	S Carolina	23.3	7	306.8	5	127.4	6	3.7	6	179.4	4	58.0	11	13.2	6	15	7	23	2
15	Mississippi	18.6	3	299.4	4	74.0	1	2.4	1	225.4	11	57.0	10	16.1	9	16	4	27	1
25	LSU	31.8	12	367.1	10	129.5	7	3.6	4	237.6	12	59.6	12	11.6	1	11	12	21	3
26	Auburn	18.6	3	315.0	7	154.6	9	4.1	9	160.4	3	49.5	2	16.9	10	8	3	13	10
30	Vanderbilt	21.8	6	312.0	6	168.8	10	4.3	10	143.3	1	53.5	4	14.3	7	19	6	18	5
31	Georgia	26.8	9	322.6	8	123.1	5	3.6	5	199.5	9	56.5	9	12.1	3	11	10	10	12
49	Kentucky	29.8	10	376.9	12	177.0	11	4.3	11	199.9	10	55.6	6	12.7	4	16	9	19	4
64	Mississippi St	25.5	8	333.1	9	145.8	8	3.8	8	187.4	7	56.4	8	13.1	5	12	8	13	10
76	Arkansas	31.0	11	368.8	11	178.6	12	4.9	12	190.1	8	50.2	3	11.9	2	12	11	17	6

2008 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2008	2007	2006
Florida	7	1	359	100	13	1	611	181	+133.4	+65.4	+42.5
Georgia	6	2	215	214	10	3	409	319	+73.8	+36.0	+54.6
Vanderbilt	4	4	144	174	7	6	249	255	-76.1	-64.3	-24.7
S Carolina	4	4	163	186	7	6	270	274	-6.8	-17.7	+6.6
Tennessee	3	5	129	149	5	7	208	201	-34.5	-32.7	-26.3
Kentucky	2	6	143	238	7	6	294	279	-105.3	-2.2	-79.6
WEST											
Alabama	8	0	255	115	12	2	422	200	+98.1	-0.2	+32.3
Mississippi	5	3	208	149	9	4	417	247	+80.9	-68.9	-107.3
LSU	3	5	207	254	8	5	402	314	-3.7	+81.0	+132.2
Auburn	2	6	93	149	5	7	208	216	-48.9	+36.8	-33.4
Arkansas	2	6	167	248	5	7	263	374	+0.1	+40.1	+54.9
Mississippi St	2	6	97	204	4	8	183	296	-111.0	-73.4	-51.9

Coaches of the Year: Nick Saban, Alabama, Bobby Johnson, Vanderbilt, Houston Nutt, Mississippi

SEC TITLE GAME: Florida 31 Alabama 20

2007 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	2	243	246	10	4	455	382
Georgia	6	2	228	171	11	2	424	262
Florida	5	3	305	224	9	4	552	331
Kentucky	3	5	249	276	8	5	475	385
S Carolina	3	5	205	227	6	6	313	282
Vanderbilt	2	6	148	203	5	7	260	271
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
LSU	6	2	298	215	12	2	541	279
Auburn	5	3	156	138	9	4	315	220
Arkansas	4	4	274	249	8	5	485	345
Miss St	4	4	157	215	8	5	279	301
Alabama	4	4	212	190	7	6	352	286
Mississippi	0	8	131	252	3	9	241	342

Coach of the Year: Sylvester Croom, Miss St

SEC TITLE GAME: LSU 21 Tennessee 14

2006 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida	7	1	178	126	13	1	416	189
Tennessee	5	3	212	172	9	4	362	254
Kentucky	4	4	163	207	8	5	347	369
Georgia	4	4	185	168	9	4	327	229
S Carolina	3	5	147	146	8	5	346	243
Vanderbilt	1	7	131	206	4	8	264	284
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Arkansas	7	1	221	134	10	4	404	256
Auburn	6	2	162	133	11	2	322	181
LSU	6	2	220	131	11	2	438	164
Alabama	2	6	133	175	6	7	298	250
Mississippi	2	6	123	182	4	8	188	275
Mississippi St	1	7	127	222	3	9	221	309

Coach of the Year: Houston Nutt, Arkansas

SEC TITLE GAME: Florida 38 Arkansas 28

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Dominic Douglas, Mississippi St	12	49	67	116	9.7
Rennie Curran, Georgia	**13**	**63**	**52**	**115**	**8.8**
Micah Johnson, Kentucky	**11**	**60**	**33**	**93**	**8.5**
Patrick Benoist, Vanderbilt	**13**	**48**	**61**	**109**	**8.4**
Ellix Wilson, Tennessee	11	47	42	89	8.1
Chris Marve, Vanderbilt	**13**	**56**	**49**	**105**	**8.1**
Ryan Hamilton, Vanderbilt	**13**	**51**	**53**	**104**	**8.0**
Braxton Kelley, Kentucky	13	49	49	98	7.5
Emanuel Cook, South Carolina	12	62	25	87	7.3
Rico McCoy, Tennessee	**12**	**38**	**49**	**87**	**7.3**
Jerry Franklin, Arkansas	**12**	**54**	**33**	**87**	**7.3**
Brandon Spikes, Florida	**13**	**52**	**41**	**93**	**7.2**
Freddy Burton, Arkansas	**10**	**46**	**20**	**66**	**6.6**
Kendrick Lewis, Mississippi	**13**	**50**	**35**	**85**	**6.5**
Rashad Johnson, Alabama	14	60	29	89	6.4
Jamarca Sanford, Mississippi	13	55	27	82	6.3
Zac Etheridge, Auburn	**12**	**38**	**37**	**75**	**6.3**
Joe Haden, Florida	**14**	**61**	**26**	**87**	**6.2**
Eric Berry, Tennessee	**12**	**44**	**28**	**72**	**6.0**
KJ Wright, Mississippi St	**12**	**36**	**36**	**72**	**6.0**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Tim Masthay, Kentucky	13	53	2397	45.2
Brian Mimbs, Georgia	13	47	2068	44.0
Chas Henry, Florida	**14**	**44**	**1908**	**43.4**
Britton Colquitt, Tennessee	7	42	1821	43.4
Jeremy Davis, Arkansas	12	57	2460	43.2
Clinton Durst, Auburn	**11**	**70**	**2947**	**42.1**
Spencer Lanning, South Carolina	**12**	**48**	**2019**	**42.1**
PJ Fitzgerald, Alabama	**14**	**59**	**2427**	**41.1**
Brett Upson, Vanderbilt	**13**	**77**	**3113**	**40.4**
Brady Dalfrey, LSU	13	59	2366	40.1
Chad Cunningham, Tennessee	**5**	**25**	**988**	**39.5**
Rob Park, Mississippi	13	54	2099	38.9
Blake McAdams, Mississippi St	12	79	3049	38.6

2008 SEC LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/GM
Knowshon Moreno, Georgia	13	250	1400	16	5.6	107.7
Michael Smith, Arkansas	**10**	**207**	**1072**	**8**	**5.2**	**107.2**
Glen Coffee, Alabama	14	233	1383	10	5.9	98.8
Charles Scott, LSU	**13**	**217**	**1174**	**18**	**5.4**	**90.3**
Anthony Dixon, Mississippi St	**12**	**197**	**869**	**7**	**4.4**	**72.4**
Ben Tate, Auburn	**12**	**159**	**664**	**3**	**4.2**	**55.3**
Percy Harvin, Florida	12	70	660	10	9.4	55.0
Mark Ingram, Alabama	**14**	**143**	**728**	**12**	**5.1**	**52.0**
Arian Foster, Tennessee	11	131	570	1	4.4	51.8
Dexter McCluster, Mississippi	**13**	**109**	**655**	**6**	**6.0**	**50.4**
Cordera Eason, Mississippi	**13**	**140**	**647**	**3**	**4.6**	**49.8**
Jared Hawkins, Vanderbilt	**12**	**139**	**593**	**4**	**4.3**	**49.4**
Tim Tebow, Florida	**14**	**176**	**673**	**12**	**3.8**	**48.1**
Mike Davis, South Carolina	12	163	573	3	3.5	47.8

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Tim Tebow, Florida	**298**	**192**	**64.4**	**4**	**2746**	**9.2**	**30**	**172.4**
Matthew Stafford, Georgia	383	235	61.4	10	3459	9.0	25	153.5
Jevan Snead, Mississippi	**327**	**184**	**56.3**	**13**	**2762**	**8.4**	**26**	**145.5**
Casey Dick, Arkansas	357	205	57.4	14	2586	7.2	13	122.4
John Parker Wilson, Alabama	323	187	57.9	8	2273	7.0	10	122.3
Jarrett Lee, LSU	**269**	**143**	**53.2**	**16**	**1873**	**7.0**	**14**	**116.9**
Chris Smelley, South Carolina	302	169	56.0	15	1922	6.4	14	114.8
Tyson Lee, Mississippi St	**260**	**153**	**58.8**	**5**	**1519**	**5.8**	**7**	**113.0**
Nick Stephens, Tennessee	**130**	**63**	**48.5**	**3**	**840**	**6.5**	**4**	**108.3**
Mike Hartline, Kentucky	**311**	**172**	**55.3**	**8**	**1666**	**5.4**	**9**	**104.7**
Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt	127	61	48.0	3	545	4.3	8	100.1
Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee	**167**	**86**	**51.5**	**5**	**889**	**5.3**	**4**	**98.1**
Kodi Burns, Auburn	**179**	**94**	**52.5**	**7**	**1050**	**5.9**	**2**	**97.7**
Mackenzi Adams, Vanderbilt	**156**	**77**	**49.4**	**8**	**882**	**5.7**	**5**	**97.2**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	LONG
Jonathan Phillips, Florida	**14**	**13**	**12**	**92.3**	**40**
Joshua Shene, Mississippi	**13**	**21**	**17**	**81.0**	**47**
Colt David, LSU	12	21	16	76.2	53
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vanderbilt	13	18	13	72.2	48
Shay Haddock, Arkansas	6	7	5	71.4	44
Leigh Tiffin, Alabama	**14**	**29**	**20**	**69.0**	**54**
Ryan Succop, South Carolina	13	30	20	66.7	54
Blair Walsh, Georgia	**13**	**23**	**15**	**65.2**	**52**
Wes Byrum, Auburn	**11**	**19**	**11**	**57.9**	**52**
Lones Seiber, Kentucky	**13**	**19**	**11**	**57.9**	**40**
Daniel Lincoln, Tennessee	**10**	**18**	**10**	**55.6**	**47**
Adam Carlson, Mississippi St	12	13	7	53.8	43
Alex Tejada, Arkansas	**10**	**9**	**4**	**44.4**	**30**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tristan Davis, Auburn	24	657	2	27.4
Dennis Rogan, Tennessee	**28**	**698**	**0**	**24.9**
Mike Wallace, Mississippi	35	861	1	24.6
Chris Culliver, South Carolina	**34**	**821**	**0**	**24.1**
Javier Arenas, Alabama	**26**	**614**	**0**	**23.6**
Ramarcus Brown, Georgia	26	610	0	23.5
Brandon James, Florida	**32**	**738**	**0**	**23.1**
Derek Pegues, Mississippi St	31	708	0	22.8
Trindon Holliday, LSU	**27**	**609**	**0**	**22.6**
Dennis Johnson, Arkansas	**41**	**905**	**1**	**22.1**
Richard Samuel, Georgia	**19**	**401**	**0**	**21.1**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/GM	AVG/REC	YDS/PG
AJ Green, Georgia	**13**	**56**	**963**	**8**	**4.3**	**17.2**	**74.1**
Brandon LaFell, LSU	**13**	**63**	**929**	**8**	**4.8**	**14.7**	**71.5**
Mohamed Massaquoi, Georgia	13	58	920	8	4.5	15.9	70.8
Julio Jones, Alabama	**14**	**58**	**924**	**4**	**4.1**	**15.9**	**66.0**
Kenny McKinley, South Carolina	10	54	642	4	5.4	11.9	64.2
Mike Wallace, Mississippi	13	39	784	7	3.0	20.1	60.3
DJ Williams, Arkansas	**12**	**61**	**723**	**3**	**5.1**	**11.9**	**60.3**
Shay Hodge, Mississippi	**13**	**44**	**725**	**8**	**3.4**	**16.5**	**55.8**
Percy Harvin, Florida	12	40	644	7	3.3	16.1	53.7
Dexter McCluster, Mississippi	**13**	**44**	**625**	**1**	**3.4**	**14.2**	**48.1**
Louis Murphy, Florida	14	38	655	7	2.7	17.2	46.8
Jared Cook, South Carolina	13	37	573	3	2.8	15.5	44.1
Brandon McRae, Mississippi St	**12**	**51**	**518**	**3**	**4.3**	**10.2**	**43.2**
Lucas Miller, Arkansas	**12**	**30**	**490**	**2**	**2.5**	**16.3**	**40.8**
Sean Walker, Vanderbilt	13	36	520	3	2.8	14.4	40.0

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Robert Dunn, Auburn	15	240	1	16.0
Javier Arenas, Alabama	**41**	**650**	**3**	**15.9**
DJ Moore, Vanderbilt	17	244	0	14.4
Brandon James, Florida	**37**	**510**	**2**	**13.8**
Trindon Holliday, LSU	**21**	**279**	**1**	**13.3**
Dicky Lyons, Kentucky	20	247	0	12.4
Marshay Green, Mississippi	**35**	**381**	**1**	**10.9**
Gerald Jones, Tennessee	**15**	**150**	**0**	**10.0**
Derek Pegues, Mississippi St	26	172	0	6.6
Captain Munnerlyn, South Carolina	18	118	0	6.6

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Rashad Johnson, Alabama	11	5	16
Joe Haden, Florida	**12**	**3**	**15**
Trevard Lindley, Kentucky	**11**	**4**	**15**
Janoris Jenkins, Florida	**11**	**3**	**14**
Eric Berry, Tennessee	**6**	**7**	**13**
DJ Moore, Vanderbilt	7	6	13
Chris Hawkins, LSU	**9**	**3**	**12**
Justin Woodall, Alabama	**8**	**4**	**12**
Ahmad Black, Florida	**5**	**7**	**12**
Ramon Broadway, Arkansas	**10**	**2**	**12**
Kareem Jackson, Alabama	**10**	**1**	**11**
Myron Lewis, Vanderbilt	**6**	**5**	**11**
Walter McFadden, Auburn	**8**	**2**	**10**
Kendrick Lewis, Mississippi	**6**	**4**	**10**
Major Wright, Florida	**6**	**4**	**10**
Jerraud Powers, Auburn	7	2	9

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Carlos Dunlap, Florida	**9.5**	**65**
Eric Norwood, South Carolina	**9**	**63**
Greg Hardy, Mississippi	**8.5**	**73**
Rahim Alem, LSU	**8**	**66**
Peria Jerry, Mississippi	7	54
Malcolm Sheppard, Arkansas	**6.5**	**30**
Jermaine Cunningham, Florida	**6**	**44**
Antonio Coleman, Auburn	**6**	**33**
Myron Lewis, Vanderbilt	**5**	**50**
Adrian Davis, Arkansas	**5**	**47**
Johnny Williams, Kentucky	5	40
Broderick Stewart, Vanderbilt	**5**	**34**
Nevin McKenzie, Tennessee	5	30
Bobby Greenwood, Alabama	5	28
Steven Stone, Vanderbilt	**5**	**23**
Zach Clayton, Auburn	**4.5**	**35**
Myron Pryor, Kentucky	4.5	33
Tyson Jackson, LSU	4.5	27
Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky	**4.5**	**27**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Peria Jerry, Mississippi	18	80
Robert Ayers, Tennessee	15.5	63
Eric Norwood, South Carolina	**14.5**	**74**
Malcolm Sheppard, Arkansas	**14.5**	**56**
Carlos Dunlap, Florida	**13.5**	**75**
Micah Johnson, Kentucky	**13**	**25**
Rolando McClain, Alabama	**12**	**45**
Rahim Alem, LSU	**11.5**	**78**
Kentrell Lockett, Mississippi	**11.5**	**40**
Myron Pryor, Kentucky	11	47
Antonio Coleman, Auburn	**10.5**	**43**
Tyson Jackson, LSU	10.5	37
Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky	**10**	**56**
Jermaine Cunningham, Florida	**10**	**54**
Nevin McKenzie, Tennessee	10	46
Rennie Curran, Georgia	**10**	**46**
Corey Peters, Kentucky	**10**	**36**
Sen'Derrick Marks, Auburn	10	34

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Matthew Stafford, Georgia	13	55	40	383	3459	3499	269.2
Tim Tebow, Florida	**14**	**176**	**673**	**298**	**2746**	**3419**	**244.2**
Casey Dick, Arkansas	11	72	-51	357	2586	2535	230.5
Jevan Snead, Mississippi	**13**	**57**	**60**	**327**	**2762**	**2822**	**217.1**
John Parker Wilson, Alabama	14	72	-6	323	2273	2267	161.9
Jarrett Lee, LSU	**11**	**11**	**-97**	**269**	**1873**	**1776**	**161.5**
Chris Smelley, South Carolina	12	39	-7	302	1922	1915	159.6
Mike Hartline, Kentucky	**11**	**24**	**-9**	**311**	**1666**	**1657**	**150.6**
Kodi Burns, Auburn	**10**	**98**	**411**	**179**	**1050**	**1461**	**146.1**
Tyson Lee, Mississippi St	**11**	**62**	**37**	**260**	**1519**	**1556**	**141.5**
Knowshon Moreno, Georgia	13	250	1400	0	0	1400	107.7
Michael Smith, Arkansas	**10**	**207**	**1072**	**0**	**0**	**1072**	**107.2**
Glen Coffee, Alabama	14	233	1383	0	0	1383	98.8
Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt	12	128	542	127	545	1087	90.6
Charles Scott, LSU	**13**	**217**	**1174**	**0**	**0**	**1174**	**90.3**

PHIL'S SEC UNIT RANKING

West Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Mississippi	2	4	6	6	1	4	5	6	7
Alabama	7	6	5	9	3	2	4	2	2
LSU	3	1	2	3	5	6	2	4	3
Arkansas	4	3	2	10	9	10	8	11	8
Auburn	5	5	8	7	8	10	6	5	10
Miss St	11	7	11	12	12	8	12	9	10
East Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Florida	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Georgia	7	7	1	2	4	3	6	3	4
Tennessee	7	9	7	4	6	8	3	8	10
South Carolina	7	10	9	10	7	4	11	9	5
Vanderbilt	12	12	11	5	10	7	10	11	9
Kentucky	5	10	9	7	10	12	8	7	6

FLORIDA GATORS

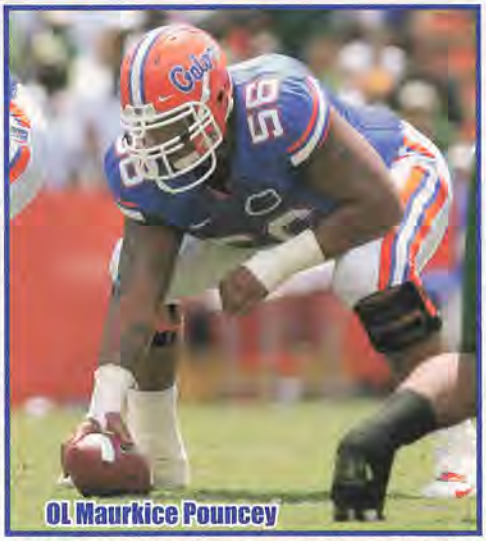
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Tim Tebow (PS#3), who runs like a FB, mostly ran QB draws as a true frosh. While he hit just 22 of 33 for 358 with a 5-1 ratio, he rushed for 469 (5.3). Tebow had a record breaking 2007 becoming the first sophomore to win the Heisman. He was the first player in NCAA history with over 20 rushing and 20 passing TD's in the same season. He set the school record for total offense and an NCAA record for rushing TD's by a QB. He also set an SEC record for total TD's. He accomplished all that despite bruising his shoulder at midseason and then fracturing his non-throwing hand vs FSU. HC Meyer did his best to limit Tebow's carries in '08 but he still was the #1 rusher with 673 (3.8) and threw for 2,746 (64.4%) with an outstanding 30-4 ratio. Tebow was #1 on my Heisman ballot (finished #3), especially after his guarantee after the loss to Ole Miss (see Hardcore). In August it appeared Cam Newton (6'5" 240 Jr, PS#21) would be handling some rush att but he played in just one game (transferred '09). Tebow's backup was rFr John Brantley (PS#4), who threw for 235 (64.3%) in 9 games. Not listed below are Andrew Blaylock (6'1" 210 Jr, PS#326) and Zack O'Quinn (6'1" 229 rFr, PS#174). Tebow turned down an early trip to the NFL and could have his best season yet as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In Meyer's first 3 years, he was very unhappy with the production of his RB's. In 2007 Kestahn Moore led the RB's with 580 (5.6) but he was the team's #3 rusher. Last year Meyer was very high on the RB's efforts in spring and summer. They added USC transfer Emmanuel Moody (PS#6), true frosh track champ Jeffery Demps (PS#28) and rFr Chris Rainey (PS#15). Moody had an injury plagued season and finished with just 417 but 7.2 ypc. Rainey and Demps became the first Florida duo to each top 100 yds rush in a game (Ark) since 1997. Rainey led the RB's with 652 (7.8!) and Demps was #2 with 605 (7.8!). Moore was #4 with 142 (4.9). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Vincent Brown (5'6" 177 So, PS#146, Christopher Scott (5'11" 212 Jr) and Marquis Hannah (5'9" 197 Jr) who both moved over from the D in the spring. This year the only loss is Moore but the Rainey-Demps-Moody combo consists of 3 VHT's who rushed for 1,674 and 7.6 ypc!

RECEIVERS - In Meyer's first year here, the Gator receiving corps was banged up and at one point, they were forced to play a QB and a walk-on in their 5 receiver set. It's been a much different story the last 3 years. Last year they appeared in great shape as they returned Percy Harvin (PS#1) who was #1 in '07 with 858 (14.5), Louis Murphy who was #3 with 548 (14.8) and TE Cornelius Ingram (PS#9) who was #4 with 508 (14.9). They were going to use more 2-TE sets with Ingram and Aaron Hernandez (PS#1), but unfortunately Ingram suffered a torn ACL in Aug. Harvin missed 2 full games and parts of others and finished #2 with 644 (16.1) but was the #2 rusher with 660 (9.4). Murphy improved his speed each year and led with 655 (17.2) while Hernandez was #3 with 381 (11.2). RFr Deonte Thompson (PS#4) was #4 with 269 (14.9) and Riley Cooper (PS#15) added 261 (14.5). This year they lose Harvin (10 st, #1DC MIN), Ingram (0 gm, #5DC PHI), Murphy (14 st, #4DC OAK) and TE Tate Casey (4 st, 4 rec). Not listed below are Omarius Hines (6'0" 204 rFr, PS#30), Cade Holliday (5'11" 194 Sr), Joey Sorrentino (5'7" 175 Sr) and Brandon Frazier (6'3" 216 Jr). Much was expected of Carl Moore (PS#1JC) but he struggled learning the offense and had just 184 (13.1) and I expect a big year out of him. This is a very talented group but with the loss of their top 2 guys, including their game breaker, I'll call it down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 UF had to replace two starters and Maurkice Pouncey became the first true frosh OL to start an opener here since 1992. With Tebow and Harvin combining for 1,659 rush yards, the Gators averaged 200 ypg rush and 5.3 ypc, their best ypg avg S/'89. They allowed just 13 sacks (3.6%). Last year they had three starters back and got the addition of LT Phil Trautwein (2nd Tm SEC '06) who returned after missing '07 with inj. One of the returning starters, Jim Tartt played in just 7 (shoulder) so it was like having three starters back. Tebow and Harvin's rush numbers dropped to 1,333 but the team improved to 231 ypg and a super 5.9 ypc (16 sk, 4.9%). This year the Gators lose 1st Tm SEC LT Trautwein (14 st), RT Jason Watkins (HM SEC, 14 st, 2Y st'r) and LG Tartt (4 st). The Gators' projected starters consist of 5 VHT's and they are one of the largest OL's in the NCAA (318 lb avg) and remain one of the nation's top units.


OL Maurkice Pouncey

DEFENSIVE LINE - In the Gators' 2006 National Title year they had a veteran D-line that yielded just 73 ypg rush (2.7), their best since 1997 (69, 2.1) while recording 34 sacks. In 2007 they had to replace four NFL DC's (#1, #3, #4 and #4) but still allowed just 103 ypg rush (3.0) with 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a #1DC. Projected starting DT Torrey Davis (6'3" 298 Jr, PS#2) was susp'd the first 4 (7 tkl). One of the returning starters, Javier Estopinan (7 st '07) had his 3rd knee surgery and while he played in 14, he did not record a tackle so it was like having 1 starter back. The Gators slipped slightly to 105 ypg (3.4) but with 34 sacks. This year they lose Estopinan and Davis (left team in spring) but the entire 2 deep returns including Omar Hunter (PS#8) who had a back injury last year and should have a bigger impact as a soph. Not listed in the PSL below are Glen Watson (6'2" 312 rFr) who was limited in the spring and Lamar Abel (6'2" 260 So).

LINEBACKERS - In 2007 the Gators had to replace all 3 starters and the 2 deep consisted of all underclassmen. This year an amazing statistic (aided by 1st Tm AA Brandon Spikes turning down an early trip to the NFL) is that the Gators had 77 starts from the LB position in '07 and '08 and all 77 starts return this year. Ten of the top 11 LB's are VHT's and this is perhaps the top LB unit in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gators usually finish near the top of my pass D rankings. They had to replace 3 starters in '06 but brought in Utah transfer CB Ryan Smith and moved up to #3. In 2007 they had to replace 3 starters including 1st & 2nd Tm AA's. UF had a rough year and plummeted to #72. Last year when I picked the Gators #1 at the start of the year, the most FAQ was "with that secondary?" I noted that they only had to replace 1.5 starters and I expected significant improvement. They lost a couple of S's to ACL injuries in Dorian Munroe (2 st '07) and John Curtis then true frosh Dee Finley (PS#20) DNQ. As I expected the Gators improved to #5 with a 12-26 ratio. This year the unit returns almost intact with the only loss being CB Jacques Rickerson (10 tkl). Janoris Jenkins (PS#10) had 12 starts as a true frosh and SS Ahmad Black and CB Joe Haden both earned 2nd Tm SEC. Last year's four starters were all underclassmen and UF will battle for the #1 spot in 2009.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Meyer's first 3 years here the team was #26, #55 and #20 in my ST rankings. A surprising stat to me is that the Gators have not had a KR TD since 1999 and on my website philsteele.com if you look under the "First Time in XXX Years" section, I called for one last year. Brandon James had an 89 yd KR TD vs Ark and one vs The Citadel but both were called back on penalties so the streak remains intact. James (28.0 on KR's in '07) dropped to 23.1 in '08 and his PR avg dropped from 18.1 to 13.8 but had 2 TD. P Chas Henry improved his average from 39.3 (38.7 net) to 43.4 (38.1 net) and was 1 of 10 semi-finalists for the Ray Guy Award. True frosh K Caleb Sturgis (PS#6) hit a 60 yd FG in the spring but was beat out by Jonathan Phillips who hit 12 of 13 (long 40). Sturgis did have 12 TB on 90 KO's. UF blocked 9 kicks and that helped them finish #13. This year everyone is back and James should end their KR drought.

COACHES - Urban Meyer became a HC in 2001 and was 17-6 at Bowling Green. He moved on to Utah (22-2) including an unbeaten 2004 season with a BCS bowl win (#4 finish). Meyer already has 2 National Titles in his 4 years with the Gators. His OC/QB coach Dan Mullen took the HC job at Miss St so the new OC is Steve Addazio who has been the TE/OL Coach here since '05. Charlie Strong was the S Carolina DC from 1999-'02 and enters his 7th year as DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In '05 Urban Meyer inherited a veteran team with 15 starters returning. He was 6-0 at home and swept Fla St, Tennessee and Georgia for just the 4th time in school history. They finished 9-3 (#12). Everything went their way in the magical 2006 National Title year (See Hardcore Fans). They narrowly got to the Title game in the BCS vote but dominated Ohio St allowing just 82 yards. In 2007 the Gators were the preseason favorite to win SEC (#6 AP). I was beat up pretty good by Gator fans over the summer as I had UF tied at 3rd in the SEC East and #14 in my Top 25 which was lower than any other sources documented by *stassen.com*. The Gators opened 4-0 and moved to #3 but dropped 3 of their next 4 and after losing the bowl to Michigan, they finished 9-4 and #13. Last year Georgia was the consensus preseason #1 but numerous factors had me calling for the Gators not only to top them in the SEC East, but to finish #1 in the country. This time it was Georgia fans that beat me up in the preseason. The Gators were a stronger team in 2008 than they were in their first National Title year ('06). In 2006 they outgained SEC foes by 42.5 ypg and last year were #1 in the SEC (+133.4 ypg). In 2006 their average win was only 29.7-13.5. In 2008 it was a dominating 43.6-12.9. The Gators' only loss of the year was vs Ole Miss, a game in which UF had a 443-325 yd edge and was SOD on 4th & 1 when they could have att a game winning FG. Unlike '06 which featured weekly escapes, 2008 did not have a single win by less than 10. Everyone always asks me which team is my favorite and I reply, "the team I pick #1" so I was clearly a Gator fan in the BCS Title game when they beat Okla 24-14 (480-363 yd edge). The bad news for the rest of the country is that the Gators return a remarkable 18 starters including all 11 from their D which allowed just 285 ypg. On the negative side, Florida did benefit from +22 in turnovers and also had greatly beneficial off and def ypp's (see pg 299). The Gators do only have 3 SEC HG's but provided injuries don't crop up, this is by far Urban Meyer's best Gator squad. All 9 sets of my power ratings call for the Gators to go 12-0 during the regular season and while I went out on a limb last year calling for them to win the National Title, they figure to be the consensus preseason #1 this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 15 TIM TEBOW SR. 6-3 245 **PS#3**. Heisman winner '07, 3286 pass (67%) 32-6 ratio, 895 rush. 2746 pass, 64%, 30-4 ratio, 673 rush LY. John Brantley (6'3" 217 So) **PS#4**.

RB 21 EMMANUEL MOODY JR. 6-0 210 **PS#6**. 459 rush (5.8) true USC, 417 (7.2) LY. Jeffery Demps (5'8" 183 So) **PS#28**. 5 st, 605 (7.8) true. **3** Chris Rainey (5'9" 175 So) **PS#15**. 652 (7.8) rFr.

WR 83 David Nelson Sr. 6-5 212 **PS#19**. 4 st, 339 (16.1) 3Y. **25** Brandon James (5'7" 185 Sr) PS#81. 1st Tm AA as ret spec. Frankie Hammond (6'0" 175 So) PS#53.

WR 11 RILEY COOPER SR. 6-3 215 **PS#15**. 2 st, 274 (22.8) 2Y. 12 st, 261 (14.5) LY. Andre Debose **PS#2**. TJ Lawrence (6'1" 196 rFr) **PS#37**. Paul Wilson (6'0" 191 So) PS#64.

WR 6 Deonte Thompson So. 6-0 195 **PS#4**. 269 (14.9), 1 4 gm rFr. **16** Carl Moore (6'3" 225 Sr) **PS#1JC**. 1 st, 184 (13.1) LY. **7** Justin Williams (6'0" 205 Jr) **PS#22**. 16 tkl at S LY.

TE 81 AARON HERNANDEZ JR. 6-2 250 **PS#1**. 2 st, 9 rec true. 11 st, 381 (11.2) LY. Desmond Parks PS#45. IFS. Michael Ross (5'11" 230 rFr). **FB 45** TJ Pridemore (6'1" 241 So) PS#75LB.

C 50 Sam Robey rFr. 6-4 291 **PS#82**. **79** Corey Hobbs (6'3" 300 Jr) **PS#13DL**. 11 gm 2Y. Kyle Koehne (6'6" 300 Fr) **PS#59**. **LS 59** John Fairbanks (6'4" 284 Jr) 14 gm.

RG 55 MIKE POUNCEY JR. 6-5 320 **PS#44**. 4 st DT true. 14 st RG LY. **2nd Tm SEC**. **74** Maurice Hurt (6'2" 305 Jr) PS#104. 1 st, 13 gm 2Y. **68** Jim Barrie (6'5" 305 Jr) **PS#27**.

LG 56 MAURKICE POUNCEY JR. 6-5 318 **PS#32**. 11 st RG true. 14 st C LY, HM SEC. James Wilson (6'5" 329 So) **PS#3**. 10 gm rFr. Nick Alajajian is **PS#11**. Gary Beemer (6'0" 285 Jr).

RT 76 Marcus Gilbert Jr. 6-5 320 **PS#30**. 3 st, 24 gm 2Y. **71** Matt Patchan (6'6" 260 So) **PS#8**. 1 st DT LY, 7 tkl. **78** David Young (6'4" 303 So) PS#167. Jon Halapio PS#116.

LT 57 CARL JOHNSON JR. 6-5 342 **PS#2**. 11 gm '07. 8 st LG, 14 gm LY. Xavier Nixon (6'6" 285 Fr) **PS#1**. Jonotthan Harrison (6'3" 293 Fr) **PS#65**. Shawn Schmieder (6'4" 258 So).

K 38 JONATHAN PHILLIPS SR. 5-10 218 PS#39. 12-13 FG long 40, 78-79 xp, HM SEC LY, set UF single ssn record xp. **19** Caleb Sturgis (5'10" 190 So) **PS#6**. 12 TB, 90 KO true.

DE 8 CARLOS DUNLAP JR. 6-6 290 **PS#4**. 2 st, 39 tkl, 9.5 sk, **2nd Tm SEC**. **94 Justin Trattou** (6'3" 264 Jr) **PS#11**. 20 tkl, 6.5 tfl true. 13 st, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. William Green (6'3" 235 So) **PS#5**.

NT 90 LAWRENCE MARSH JR. 6-4 304 PS#85. 13 st, 28 tkl, 5.5 tfl. Jaye Howard (6'3" 296 So) **PS#23**. Troy Epps (6'0" 306 Sr) **PS#12JC**. Brandon Antwine (6'0" 303 Jr) 2 st, 14 tkl 3Y (inj).

DT 92 TERRON SANDERS JR. 6-2 309 PS#69. 12 st, 25 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. **99** Omar Hunter (6'0" 308 So) **PS#8**. 3 gm true (inj). **97** Edwin Herbert **PS#54JC**. In for spg. Gary Brown **PS#12**.

DE 49 JERMAINE CUNNINGHAM SR. 6-3 252 **PS#36**. 13 st, 64 tkl, 12 tfl '07. 13 st, **2nd Tm SEC**, 52 tkl, 10 tfl LY. Duke Lemmens (6'3" 260 Jr) **PS#50**. 13 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. Earl Okine (6'7" 274 rFr) PS#65.

WLB 41 RYAN STAMPER SR. 6-2 235 PS#91. 1 st, 25 tkl, 5 tfl '06-'07. 11 st, 45 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **32** Dustin Doe (6'0" 231 Sr) **PS#57**. 12 st, 85 tkl, 5 tfl '07. 3 st, 30 tkl LY. Chris Pintado (6'0" 227 Jr).

MLB 51 BRANDON SPIKES SR. 6-3 258 **PS#6**. **1st Tm SEC** '07, 131 tkl, 16 tfl. **1st Tm AA** LY, 93 tkl, 8 tfl, 4 int. Lorenzo Edwards (6'1" 236 Jr) **PS#16DB**. 30 tkl 2Y. Brendan Beal (6'3" 241 rFr) **PS#3**.

SLB 40 BRANDON HICKS JR. 6-2 221 **PS#19**. 6 st, 47 tkl 2Y. AJ Jones (6'1" 226 Jr) **PS#41**. 18 st, 71 tkl 2Y. Lerentee McCray (6'2" 227 So) **PS#17**. John Jones (6'2" 219 Jr) **PS#54DL**. 28 tkl 2Y.

CB 5 JOE HADEN JR. 5-11 190 **PS#11QB**. 12 st true, 63 tkl, 12 pbu. **2nd Tm SEC** LY, 87 tkl, 12 pbu. **14** Markihe Anderson (5'9" 182 Sr) 43 tkl 3Y. Jeremy Brown (5'10" 182 rFr) **PS#48**.

CB 29 JANORIS JENKINS SO. 5-11 188 **PS#10**. 12 st, 39 tkl, 11 pbu, 3 int. **4** Wondy Pierre-Louis (6'1" 185 Sr) 16 st, 56 tkl, 5 pbu, 3 int 3Y. **36** Moses Jenkins (6'2" 184 Jr) 16 tkl 2Y.

SS 35 AHMAD BLACK JR. 5-9 185 **PS#59**. 14 st, **2nd Tm SEC** LY, 59 tkl, 7 int. Dorian Munroe (5'11" 205 Sr) PS#77. 2 st, 44 tkl, 27 gm 2Y. ACL LY. Josh Evans (6'2" 185 Fr) **PS#54**.

FS 21 MAJOR WRIGHT JR. 6-0 204 **PS#13**. 7 st true, 67 tkl. 14 st LY, 66 tkl, 6 pbu, 4 int. **10** Will Hill (6'1" 202 So) **PS#2**. 48 tkl, 2 int true. **13** Dee Finley **PS#20**. Cody Worton (6'0" 200 Jr).

P 17 CHAS HENRY JR. 6-3 222 PS#20. 37 punts, 39.3 avg, 38.7 net as true. **2nd Tm SEC** LY, 44 punts, 43.4 avg, 38.1 net, 21 inside 20. **40** David Lerner (6'1" 200 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Xavier Nixon 6-6 285 PS#1
LB	Jelani Jenkins 6-1 200 PS#2
WR	Andre Debose 5-11 176 PS#2
DL	Gary Brown 6-4 275 PS#12
OL	Nick Alajajian 6-4 288 PS#11
DB	Dee Finley 6-2 211 PS#20 '08
LB	Jonathan Bostic 6-1 235 PS#14
DL	Edwin Herbert 6-2 282 PS#54JC
QB	Jordan Reed 6-3 225 PS#25
RB	Mike Gillislee 6-0 190 PS#46
DB	Josh Evans 6-2 185 PS#54
OL	Kyle Koehne 6-6 300 PS#59
OL	Jonotthan Harrison 6-3 293 PS#65
OL	Jon Halapio 6-4 300 PS#116
TE	Desmond Parks 6-4 233 PS#45
DL	Kedric Johnson 6-4 215 PS#172

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#34

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Charleston Southern	G					
Sep. 12	Troy	G					
Sep. 19	Tennessee	G					
Sep. 26	at Kentucky	G					
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	at LSU	G					
Oct. 17	Arkansas (HC)	G					
Oct. 24	at Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 31	† Georgia *(Jacksonville)*	G					
Nov. 7	Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 14	at South Carolina	G					
Nov. 21	FIU	G					
Nov. 28	Florida St	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Leak 11,213 '03-'06
2. Danny Wuerffel 10,875 '93-'96
3. Shane Matthews 9,287 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Errict Rhett 4,163 '90-'93
2. Emmitt Smith 3,928 '87-'89
3. Neal Anderson 3,234 '82-'85

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Carlos Alvarez 2,563 '69-'71
2. Jabar Gaffney 2,375 '00-'01
3. Andre Caldwell 2,349 '03-'07

The Gators have won 19 consecutive season openers winning the L/11 by 37 ppg. Meyer has never lost a home game to a non-conference opponent (21-0 career).

Florida is 12-1 all-time vs current Sun Belt teams & beat Troy 59-31 in the only previous meeting in '07. UF led 49-7 at the half & finished with a 500-336 yd edge.

The team who has rushed for more yards has won 17 of the last 19 meetings. Meyer is the only UF HC to begin his career with 4 consecutive wins vs Tenn.

Gators have won 22 in a row over the Wildcats. LY UF blk'd UK's 1st 2 punts which led to 2 short TD drives & they led 28-0 before UK got a 1st down in UF's 63-5 win.

Meeting of L/3 BCS Champs. UF has lost to an SEC West team every year since 1999. Meyer's teams are 26-3 coming into this season with more than a wk to prepare.

UF RB's Demps & Harvin both topped 100 yds rush LY in UF's 38-7 win. UF is 7-1 all-time vs Ark with the Hogs' only win in the 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl.

UF is 10-4n since 1995 prior to UGA. In their last trip to Starkville in 2004, #20 UF was upset 38-31. Florida hasn't won in Starkville since 1985 (4 straight losses).

The Gators have won 9 of the last 11 & 16 of the last 19 in this series. Coming into '09, Florida is 11-1 vs the "Big 3" (Tenn, UGA & FSU) under Meyer.

UF has won 18 in a row over Vandy. Tebow accounted for 5 TD's (3 pass, 2 rush) in last year's 42-14 win. UF led 42-0 before allowing 2 late Vandy TD's.

UF WR Harvin rushed for a career high 167 yds & 2 TDs in LY's 56-6 UF win handing former HC Spurrier his worst loss as a HC. UF has now won 17 of the L/18 in the series.

First meeting. Florida has won 8 regular season gms in a row vs instate teams with their last loss being in 2003. The Gators beat SBC foe FAU 59-20 in '07.

UF has won 5 in a row over FSU for the 1st time since their 6 gm win streak ('81-'86). UF has played FSU in their regular season finale every year since '80 (15-13-1).

URBAN MEYER (Career 83-17) Bowls: 5-1
5th Year at Florida Bowling Green '01-'02, Utah '03-'04

Meyer AT FLORIDA/OVERALL

44-9 / 83-17 SU		10-2 / 10-2	Vs Top 10
25-2 / 46-4	Home	16-5 / 18-5	Vs Top 25
11-5 / 27-11	Away	8-1 / 18-3	Vs BCS Teams
8-2 / 10-2	Neutral	9-1 / 16-2	Off A Bye
26-8 / 50-14	Vs Conf	7-1 / 13-2	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (13-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 11

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (20,30,3)
Lost: 18 (10,4,4)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,544 (#9)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (88,548) (#11)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-3	10-2	8-5	8-5	7-5	9-3	13-1	9-4	13-1	87-29
Home	6-0	5-1	5-2	3-3	5-1	6-0	7-0	6-1	6-1	49-9
Away	2-2	3-1	2-2	4-1	2-2	1-3	3-1	3-1	4-0	24-13
Neutral	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	2-0	3-0	0-2	3-0	14-7
vs Conf	8-1	6-2	6-2	6-2	4-4	5-3	8-1	5-3	8-1	56-19
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-0	2-3	2-3	3-1	4-0	5-0	4-1	5-0	31-10
ATS	9-4	8-4	4-9	5-7	7-5	5-6-1	5-7-1	8-4	12-1	63-47-2
Home Fav	5-1	4-2	2-5	1-3	4-2	3-3	3-2-1	5-1	5-1	32-20-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Favorite	2-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-3	0-4	2-1	4-0	12-15
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	8-2
Neutral	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-2	1-0-1	2-1	0-2	3-0	11-9-1
vs Conf	8-1	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-5-1	2-6-1	5-3	8-1	40-33-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	1-4	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-1	4-0	23-14
Off SU Win	7-3	6-3	3-5	3-5	4-3	4-4	4-6-1	5-4	10-1	46-34-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-1-1	0-1	3-0	1-0	11-11-1

Spurrier 1990; Ron Zook 2004-2008; Urban Meyer 2005-2008; Charlie Strong (Bowl) 2004

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tim Tebow	176	792	119	673	12	3.8
Percy Harvin	70	668	8	660	10	9.4
Chris Rainey	84	673	21	652	4	7.8
Jeffery Demps	78	621	16	605	7	7.8
Emmanuel Moody	58	424	7	417	1	7.2
Kestahn Moore	29	147	5	142	4	4.9
Brandon James	14	65	6	59	2	4.2
John Brantley	9	26	18	8	0	0.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tim Tebow	298	192	64.4	2746	30	4
John Brantley	28	18	64.3	235	3	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Louis Murphy	38	655	17.2	7	48
Percy Harvin	40	644	16.1	7	70
Aaron Hernandez	34	381	11.2	5	38
Deonte Thompson	18	269	14.9	3	46
Riley Cooper	18	261	14.5	3	51
David Nelson	12	228	19.0	5	41
Carl Moore	14	184	13.1	1	28
Jeffery Demps	15	141	9.4	1	61
Brandon James	11	95	8.6	1	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chas Henry	44	1908	43.4	10	38.1(t)	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jonathan Phillips	78-79	7-7	4-4	1-2	0-0	12-13	40

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Spikes	93	2	6	2	4
Joe Haden	87	0.5	0	12	3
Major Wright	66	0	0	6	4
Ahmad Black	59	0	0.5	5	7
Jermaine Cunningham	52	6	4	4	0
Will Hill	48	0	1.5	1	2
Ryan Stamper	45	1	2	0	0
Carlos Dunlap	39	9.5	4	1	0
Janoris Jenkins	39	1	0	11	3
AJ Jones	35	0	2.5	3	0
Brandon Hicks	34	2	0.5	4	0
Dustin Doe	30	0.5	2	2	1
Lawrence Marsh	28	3	2.5	0	0
Justin Trattou	27	1.5	2.5	1	0
Lorenzo Edwards	27	0	0	0	0
Terron Sanders	21	0	4	0	0
Markihe Anderson	21	0	1	3	0
Wondy Pieree-Louis	19	0	0	2	1
John Jones	18	0	0	1	0
Justin Williams	16	0	0	1	0
Moses Jenkins	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon James	37	510	13.8	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon James	32	738	23.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Peach - #20	+4	Miami, FI - #14	10-27
05	Outback - #16	E	Iowa - #25	31-24
06	BCS Championship - #2	+7	Ohio St - #1	41-14
07	Capital One - #9	-11	Michigan	35-41
08	BCS Championship - #1	-6	Oklahoma - #2	24-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Florida's All-Time Bowl Record 17-19

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	43.6	445	231	5.9	214	64.1	10.2	16	+22	2008	7	12.9	285	105	3.4	180	53.1	22.1	34
5	42.5	457	200	5.3	257	66.5	10.8	13	+5	2007	2	25.5	362	103	3.0	259	59.4	14.2	29
6*	29.7	396	160	4.7	236	63.9	13.3	23	+5	2006	6	13.5	256	73	2.7	183	53.3	18.9	34
7*	28.6	374	147	3.9	227	62.6	13.1	35	+18	2005	8	18.8	300	95	3.1	205	52.3	15.9	33
5*	31.8	427	156	4.5	271	59.7	13.4	19	+4	2004	4	21.1	346	142	3.7	204	55.4	16.4	23
6	30.0	391	146	4.2	245	60.1	13.0	27	+7	2003	3	20.8	368	159	3.9	209	55.1	17.6	27
5*	25.8	407	136	3.8	271	57.1	15.7	24	-9	2002	5	21.5	325	163	4.0	162	51.1	15.2	20

2008 STATS BY GAME

UF 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
90,575	Hawaii	20	38-255	6.7	10-17	151	1	16	24-60	2.5	21-39	181	4	+6
90,833	Miami, FI	17	27-89	3.3	21-35	256	1	11	37-61	1.6	12-22	79	3	0
106,138	at Tennessee	16	39-147	3.8	8-15	96	1	16	31-96	3.1	18-28	162	0	+3
90,106	Mississippi	24	35-124	3.5	24-38	319	3	10	38-140	3.7	9-21	185	2	-2
70,072	at Arkansas	25	38-278	7.3	19-29	236	1	20	25-141	5.6	24-38	220	4	+1
90,684	LSU	22	41-265	14.0	14-21	210	3	19	26-80	3.1	25-41	241	2	+2
90,589	Kentucky	23	41-214	5.2	13-18	232	0	17	33-141	4.3	17-36	127	1	0
84,649	† Georgia	22	38-185	4.9	13-17	188	1	21	29-106	3.7	20-37	292	2	+4
39,773	at Vanderbilt	24	38-231	6.1	15-21	191	1	15	39-150	3.8	12-22	114	1	-1
90,646	South Carolina	20	41-346	8.4	13-22	173	2	11	25-53	2.1	19-37	120	4	+2
90,374	The Citadel	28	37-394	10.6	17-22	311	0	18	38-103	2.7	17-37	214	4	+3
83,237	at Florida St	22	46-317	6.9	12-22	185	1	17	33-102	3.1	10-32	140	4	+3
75,892	† Alabama	19	42-142	3.4	14-22	216	1	18	33-136	4.1	12-25	187	1	+1
78,468	† Oklahoma	24	44-249	5.7	18-30	231	0	25	29-107	3.7	26-41	256	2	0
TOTALS		306	545-3236	5.9	211-329	2995	16	234	440-1476	3.4	242-456	2518	34	+22
AVERAGES		21.9	39-231	5.9	15-24	214	4.9%	16.7	31-105	3.4	17-33	180	7.5%	1.6

2004 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #11
#11	E Michigan	-37	49-10	
#11	at Tennessee - #14	+3	28-30	
#16	Kentucky	-19	20-3	
#16	Arkansas	-7'	45-30	
#12	LSU - #24	-3'	21-24	
#22	Middle Tenn	-28'	52-16	
#20	at Mississippi St	-24'	31-38	
–	† Georgia - #10	+6'	24-31	
–	at Vanderbilt	-12'	34-17	
–	South Carolina	-7	48-14	
–	at Florida St - #10	+7	20-13	

2005 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #12
#10	Wyoming	-24	32-14	
#10	Louisiana Tech	-29'	41-3	
#6	Tennessee - #5	-6'	16-7	
#5	at Kentucky	-23	49-28	
#5	at Alabama - #15	-3	3-31	
#13	Mississippi St	-27'	35-9	
#11	at LSU - #10	+6	17-21	
#16	† Georgia - #4	-4	14-10	
#13	Vanderbilt	-19'	49-42 2OT	
#12	at South Carolina	-4	22-30	
#19	Florida St - #23	-3'	34-7	

2006 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #1
#7	Southern Miss	-20'	34-7	
#7	UCF	-23	42-0	
#7	at Tennessee - #13	-3'	21-20	
#5	Kentucky	-26'	26-7	
#5	Alabama	-15	28-13	
#5	LSU - #9	-1	23-10	
#2	at Auburn - #11	-2	17-27	
#9	† Georgia	-13'	21-14	
#7	at Vanderbilt	-17	25-19	
#6	South Carolina	-13'	17-16	
#3	W Carolina	NL	62-0	
#4	at Florida St	-9	21-14	
#4	† Arkansas - #8	-3	38-28	

2007 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #13
#6	WKU	NL	49-3	
#4	Troy	-26'	59-31	
#5	Tennessee - #22	-7'	59-20	
#3	at Mississippi	-23	30-24	
#4	Auburn	-17'	17-20	
#9	at LSU - #1	+7	24-28	
#14	at Kentucky - #8	-7	45-37	
#10	† Georgia - #20	-7'	30-42	
#18	Vanderbilt	-14'	49-22	
#17	at South Carolina	-7'	51-31	
#14	Florida Atlantic	-34'	59-20	
#12	Florida St	-14	45-12	

2008 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #1
#5	Hawaii	-34'	56-10	
#5	Miami, FI	-22'	26-3	
#4	at Tennessee	-7'	30-6	
#4	Mississippi	-22'	30-31	
#12	at Arkansas	-26	38-7	
#11	LSU - #4	-6'	51-21	
#5	Kentucky	-25	63-5	
#5	† Georgia - #8	-6'	49-10	
#4	at Vanderbilt	-23'	42-14	
#3	South Carolina - #24	-21	56-6	
#3	The Citadel	NL	70-19	
#2	at Florida St - #23	-15'	45-15	
#2	† Alabama - #1	-10	31-20	

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Mark Richt is hoping for a season like 2005 out of his QB unit. In '05 GA had to replace their all-time career leading passer in David Greene (#3DC). DJ Shockley (PS#3) was lightly tested but led GA to the SEC Title earning 1st Tm SEC throwing for 2,588 (55.8%) with an outstanding 24-5 ratio (322 rush). In 2006 Matthew Stafford (PS#2) was a true frosh who started 8 and was Off MVP in the bowl. As you would expect, in his true frosh year, he struggled throwing for 1,749 (52.7%) with a 7-13 ratio. Heading into '07 Richt said he wanted to play backup Joe Cox (PS#8) in every game, but Cox played in just 6 (5 of 15). Stafford displayed his strong arm throwing for 2,523 (55.7%) with a 19-10 ratio. Last year both ret'd and they added Logan Gray (PS#19), who was the fastest QB, but was mostly used on PR's. Stafford led the SEC throwing for 3,459 (61.4%) with a 25-10 ratio and left early for the NFL (#1DC DET). Surprisingly he had just three 300+ yard efforts in his career. Cox played in just 3 hitting 11 of 15 (73%, 2-0 ratio) but in '06 he did lead a comeback win vs Colorado and was 31-0 as a starter in HS. He does not have the arm strength of Stafford but may be more accurate and is viewed as a team leader. This year they add 2 true frosh in Zach Mettenberger (PS#24) and Aaron Murray (PS#6). Mettenberger is 6'5" with the best arm strength. Murray was the Florida 4A POY with a 33-4 ratio LY. Both were in for the spring. Naturally replacing the #1 overall pick in the draft will be tough, but Richt has developed some solid QB's in his career.

RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly heading into 2007 GA had just one 1,000 yard back since 1992! In '07 rFr Knowshon Moreno (PS#14) did not start until Wk 3, but still became the first GA back since Herschel Walker to have five consec 100 yard rush games and was the first 1st Tm SEC RB here since Garrison Hearst in 1992. He rushed for 1,334 (5.4). Last year Moreno became the 2nd back in GA history to have B2B 1,000 yard efforts (Walker the other). Moreno led the SEC in rushing with 1,400 (5.6) and was #3 in rec. RFr Caleb King (PS#7) rushed for 247 (4.0) but after missing a block vs Florida (sack) had just 1 more att the L/4 gm. True frosh Richard Samuel (PS#10) had 133 (5.1). Moreno opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC DEN). King and Samuel will battle Carlton Thomas (PS#35) Dontavius Jackson (5'10" 194 rFr, PS#22), Kalvin Daniels (5'10" 192 Jr) and true frosh Washaun Ealey (PS#3). Adding depth are Kevin Lanier (5'11" 190 rFr), Josh Bagby (6'2" 240 Sr), Justin Fields (6'1" 232 Jr), Josh Sailors (5'9" 230 So) and Cameron Allen (6'1" 210 rFr). Also gone this year is FB Brannan Southerland. I like the overall talent, but it will be tough to match Moreno's production.

RECEIVERS - GA has sent TE's Randy McMichael, Ben Watson, Leonard Pope and Martrez Milner to the NFL since Mark Richt's arrival. In 2007 Sean Bailey led with 615 (15.8) and Mohamed Massaquoi (PS#5, 505 in '05) who had 366 (12.2) in '06, was #2 with 491 (15.3). TE Tripp Chandler was #3 with 283 (13.5). Last year they had to replace Bailey but got a huge addition in true frosh AJ Green (PS#3). The Green/Massaquoi combo was the best in the SEC as Green led with 963 (17.2) while Massaquoi added 920 (15.9). Each had a shot at a rare 1,000 yard season but combined for just 22 yards in the bowl. Mich St double teamed both of them and Michael Moore (PS#15) had 97 yds and he was #3 (451, 15.6). Big things were expected of true frosh Tavarres King (PS#6) as he had a 41 yard rec vs Ariz St but he RS (inj). Chandler was injured and Bruce Figgins chose to forego shoulder surgery until after the season. Last year GA's TE's had just 10 catches. This year they lose Massaquoi (13 st, #2DC CLE), Chandler (6 st, 5 rec), Demiko Goodman (11 rec), Kenneth Harris (2 st, 11 rec) and Kris Durham (4 st, 13 rec) will RS this year (shoulder inj in spg). Not listed below are TE's Ben Harbin (6'3" 255 rFr, PS#147), Derek Rich (6'4" 255 Jr, PS#157) and Trenton Turner (6'6" 245 rFr). Despite the losses, this unit could be even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 the Bulldogs had to replace 3 starters who were 1st & 2nd Tm SEC and a #6DC. Three frosh started including 2 true but the Bulldogs surprisingly improved to 177 ypg rushing (4.5) while trimming their sack total to 15. Last year they lost two starters and then LT Trinton Sturdivant was lost in Aug (knee). That made it a very young group again and the lone upperclassman starter, Vince Vance (PS#35JC) was lost after 6 starts. The 2H of the year, the O-line consisted of 2 soph and 3 frosh. The numbers slipped only slightly to 148 ypg rush (4.5) while allowing 17 sacks (4.3%). This year not only do all 5 starters return, but they get back Vance and Sturdivant (PS#4). Eight players have starting experience and their 99 career starts are 10th (tied) most in the FBS. This unit goes from being a question mark over the last two seasons to a strength.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 they had to replace their top two DE's and two DT's (comb 8 st) but still allowed just 110 ypg rush (3.3) and led the SEC in sacks with 42. Last year they had to replace their top sack man (#5DC). DT Jeff Owens was lost for the season in Wk 1 and the DE's were banged up all year. The injury-plagued unit surprisingly dropped to #8 in the SEC in sacks (last w/18 reg ssn, 6 bowl). This year they lose DE Jarius Wynn (8 st, 24 tkl, 3 sk, #6DC GB), DT Corvey Irvin (11 st, 34 tkl, 3 sk, #3DC CAR), DE Jeremy Lomax (5 st, 20 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Andrew Gully (1 st, 3 tkl). While the players lost combined for 25 starts, DT Owens (26 car st) returns from inj, so GA has 3 DL starters back (7 with st exp).

LINEBACKERS - In 2007 Georgia had to replace all 3 starting LB's and Dannell Ellerbe earned 2nd Tm SEC. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 12 starts (75 tkl) but had their top 3 LB tacklers back (incl #1 and #4). Unfortunately, Ellerbe was injured in Wk 5 (33 tkl). This year they lose Ellerbe (9 st) and Benjamin Boyd (1 tkl). Despite technically losing a starter, they return their top 3 LB tacklers (started, 6, 8 and 13 gm) and get back Marcus Washington (6 st, 40 tkl '07), so I count them as having 3 starters back giving them one of the SEC's top groups.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '06 GA had to replace three 1st Tm SEC DB's (#2, #5, #5 DC's) but thanks to a top-notch front 7 the unit moved up to #8 in my pass D rankings. In '07 it looked like they would have 3 starters returning but ended up with just one and still finished #17. Last year they had to replace two players (19 st) but I listed them as having 3 starters back as CB Prince Miller started 8 of the last 9. They had great speed in the secondary with Brian Evans (4.26), Ramarcus Brown (4.3) and Miller (4.34). Surprisingly the Bulldogs dropped to #57. This year's unit is led by SS Reshad Jones (PS#6) who earned 2nd Tm SEC and had a big int vs SC with :13 left. Lost is CB Asher Allen (13 st, 53 tkl, 7 pbu, early exit #3DC MIN), SS CJ Byrd (13 st, 49 tkl, 6 pbu), CB Brown (1 st, 16 tkl) and SS Andrew Williams (10 tkl). While this unit is less experienced, they can only improve upon '08's unusually low finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit is always strong under Richt. Heading into last year they had finishes from '02-'07 of #5, #2, #24 and #16. The unit had to replace their K and top PR's and had its ups and downs in '08. K Blair Walsh (PS#5) hit 10 of his first 12 FG's but just 5 of his last 11 (3 miss 50+). Walsh had 4 TB on 75 KO's but 8 were OOB. Brian Mimbs faced 7 of the top 16 PR's in the NCAA but still avg 44.0 (37.5 net). The team avg 21.1 on KR and despite using 5 different PR's, avg 17.6. The Dawgs finished #21. This year they lose Mimbs and top KR Brown (23.5) but Richt will produce another fine unit.

COACHES - Mark Richt was the SEC Coach of the Year in '02 and '05. In '08, Richt received a pay raise bringing his salary to $2.8 mill per year through 2013. Richt turned the play calling over to Mike Bobo prior to the GT game in '06. Bobo, who was a QB here, became the youngest coor in the SEC (32) when he was promoted to OC replacing Neil Callaway (UAB HC). In 2005 DB coach Willie Martinez took over as DC (5th year). Martinez has turned down a couple HC jobs to remain here. LB coach John Jancek is now co-DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Richt is doing an incredible job here. In 2002 GA won their first SEC Title in 20 years and set a school record with 13 wins and finished #3. They had just 9 starters back in 2003 and despite a spate of injuries and susp, were 11-3 with 2 losses to eventual BCS Champ LSU. GA outgained SEC foes by a league best 121.8 ypg and finished #7. In 2004 Richt had his most veteran squad yet including QB David Greene and finished 10-2 (+105 ypg in SEC). They also beat Florida for the first time since 1997. In '05 they had 12 senior starters and had to replace just 15 lettermen but 6 of those were NFL DC's. My publication was the ONLY one in the country to call for GA to win the SEC East as everyone else had them finishing 3rd! I called the Bulldogs one of my surprise teams. They very nearly went undefeated but QB Shockley was injured and they lost to Florida by 4 without him. With Shockley not 100% the next week, they lost to Auburn by 1. They throttled LSU in the SEC Title game but came up short in the Sugar Bowl to finish 10-3 and #10. Only GA and USC finished in the Top 10 each year from 2002-'05. GA's D finished in the Top 20 for seven straight years from '01-'07. Richt became just the 5th SEC coach to win 10+ games in 4 straight years (Bryant, Dooley, Fulmer, Spurrier). In 2006 they had just 9 returning starters and struggled at QB. They surprisingly opened 5-0 and were #9. They lost 4 of their next 5 but won their final 3, all vs ranked teams and finished #23. In 2007 they once again had just 9 returning starters. They were picked #3 in the East by the media and Richt said "We're definitely under the radar." Mine was the only preseason college football magazine that picked them to top the SEC East as I had them tying for the Title. GA went 6-2 and tied Tenn for the SEC East Title. I had them ranked 11th which was higher than any other publication and the Bulldogs even surpassed my expectations finishing #2. The Bulldogs won their final 7 and whipped Florida 42-30 (Tebow not 100%) then crushed Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl 41-10. After finishing '07 as the #2 team in the country and returning as the most veteran unit in the SEC (15 ret st) and they were tagged #1 in the AP poll heading into last year. Of the 14 sources from football.stassen.com, 10 had GA either #1 or #2 and their lowest ranking was #5 but I had the Bulldogs #9 and 2nd in the SEC East. Most of my analysis was due to a killer schedule including a brutal 4 game road trip. The Bulldogs opened the season strong. SC fumbled into the EZ for a TB on 2nd & goal at the 1 mid-4Q and GA won by 7. The next week they beat Ariz St in the desert 27-10 (longest reg ssn road trip S/'60). Despite their 4-0 record, the Bulldogs had dropped to #3 when they hosted #8 Ala and GA trailed 31-0 at the half in a 41-30 loss. GA beat 2 straight ranked foes in #22 Vandy and #11 LSU. They outgained Florida 398-373 but trailed 14-3 at the half. The Gators then handed Richt his worst loss ever, 49-10. The Bulldogs barely got past Kentucky getting a 3rd & goal TD with 1:54 left and edged past Auburn the next week 17-13 with Auburn being SOD at the GA14 at the end. GA did lead GT 28-12 at the half but lost 45-42. They rebounded to beat #19 Mich St in the bowl, 24-12. They finished #13 (#10 coaches poll). GA was +73.8 ypg in SEC play (4th best). This year they lose QB Stafford, RB Moreno and WR Massaquoi. The positive is that the Bulldogs had 44 starts lost to injury (7th most) and should be healthier this year. There are some comparisons to 2005 when DJ Shockley led the team to the SEC Title in his only year as a starter. Both he and Cox were veteran senior backups. Richt performs well when expectations are low. Richt is an amazing 30-4 in opponents' home stadiums including 10-2 vs ranked foes. Despite facing Okla St, GT and Florida all away from home, GA makes my list of surprise teams which means I think they are a surprise (non-Top 10) National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 14 Joe Cox Sr. 6-1 210 **PS#8.** 1 st, 432 pass yds (56.9%) 5-1 ratio in career. **6** Logan Gray (6'2" 186 So) **PS#19.** 21 rush LY, 12.0 PR avg. Aaron Murray **PS#6.**

RB 4 Caleb King So. 5-11 212 **PS#7.** 247 rush (4.0). **22** Richard Samuel (6'2" 222 So) **PS#10.** 133 rush (5.1) as true. **30** Carlton Thomas (5'7" 180 rFr) **PS#35.** Washaun Ealey **PS#3.**

WR 82 MICHAEL MOORE SR. 6-2 200 **PS#15.** 6 st LY, 451 (15.6). **FB** Shaun Chapas (6'2" 244 Jr) PS#143. 6 st, 63 ttl yds rFr. 6 st, 145 ttl LY. **48** Fred Munzenmaier (6'2" 232 Jr).

WR 8 AJ GREEN SO. 6-4 200 **PS#3. 1st Tm SEC,** 11 st, 963 (17.2) as true. Marlon Brown (6'5" 200 Fr) **PS#3.** Rantavious Wooten **PS#40.** Vernon Spellman (6'1" 187 Sr).

WR 12 Tavarres King rFr. 6-1 176 **PS#6.** 2 rec true, Med RS. **28** Israel Troupe (6'1" 215 So) **PS#18.** 39 (9.8) rFr. **26** Tony Wilson (5'11" 198 Jr) PS#49. 2 st, 124 (8.9) '07. 1 st LY (inj'd).

TE 81 Aron White So. 6-4 225 **PS#12.** 1 st. 88 (29.3). **89** Bruce Figgins (6'4" 253 Jr) PS#23. 3 st, 56 (11.2) 2Y. Susp 6. Orson Charles **PS#2.** Arthur Lynch **PS#4.** Bryce Ros (6'4" 242 rFr).

C 61 BEN JONES SO. 6-3 304 **PS#60.** L/10 st @C true. **64** Dallas Lee (6'4" 305 Fr). Enrolled in Jan. **74** Kevin Perez (6'3" 270 Jr) **PS#50.** 10 gm 2Y. **LS 95** Ty Frix (6'0" 201 rFr).

RG 63 CHRIS DAVIS JR. 6-4 296 PS#40TE. 13 st LG '07. 13 st (3C, 3LG, 7RG) LY. **54** Tanner Strickland (6'5" 327 So) **PS#38.** 13 gm LY. **76** Ben Harden (6'3" 313 So) **PS#89.**

LG 71 CORDY GLENN SO. 6-5 331 **PS#36.** 10 st (3RG, L/7LG) 13 gm true. **70** AJ Harmon (6'5" 327 rFr) **PS#11.** Chris Burnette (6'2" 300 Fr) **PS#33.** John Brodin (6'6" 300 rFr).

RT 60 CLINT BOLING JR. 6-5 286 PS#117. 11 st true. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 12 st (2RT, 3RG, L7 LT). **79** Justin Anderson (6'5" 338 So) **PS#12. 7 st** RT LY. **67** Jonathan Owens (6'4" 312 rFr).

LT 77 TRINTON STURDIVANT SO. 6-5 293 **PS#4.** 13 st LT as true. Knee inj LY. **72** Vince Vance (6'8" 325 Sr) **PS#35JC. 6 st** then knee inj LY. **78** Josh Davis (6'6" 293 Jr). 4 st LY.

K 57 BLAIR WALSH SO. 5-10 183 **PS#5.** 15-23 FG true, L/52. 10 of 1st 12. 4 TB/75 KO. Brandon Bogotay **PS#573JC. 96** Andrew Jensen (6'3" 210 Sr). **99** Jamie Lindley (5'11" 168 So).

DE 58 Demarcus Dobbs Jr. 6-2 282 **PS#23.** 4 st, 19 tkl, 2 sk LY. **75** Kiante Tripp (6'6" 270 Jr) **PS#33.** 3 st at OT LY. **83** Cornelius Washington (6'4" 217 rFr) **PS#16.** 10.7 100m.

DT 56 GENO ATKINS SR. 6-1 287 PS#202. **1st Tm SEC** in '07, 41 tkl, 7.5 sk, 7 tfl. 34 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **94** DeAngelo Tyson (6'2" 306 So) **PS#3.** 11 tkl true. Abry Jones is **PS#25.**

DT 95 JEFF OWENS SR. 6-3 306 **PS#22.** 25 st, 69 tkl, 3.5 sk '05-'07. Knee inj LY. Kade Weston (6'5" 325 Sr) **PS#8.** 11 st, 50 tkl, 2.5 sk, 7.5 tfl 3Y. Brandon Wood (6'1" 282 Jr) **PS#23.**

DE 41 RODERICK BATTLE SR. 6-4 265 PS#67. 13 st, 24 tkl, 2.5 sk '07. 7 st, 14 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY (inj). **42** Justin Houston (6'3" 264 So) PS#103. 1 st, 19 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. Neland Ball (6'6" 232 So). **PS#53.**

SLB 50 DARRYL GAMBLE JR. 6-2 247 **PS#53.** 6 st, 60 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu, 2 IR TD vs LSU LY. **52** Darius Dewberry (6'3" 230 Sr) **PS#21.** 5 st, 33 tkl 3Y. **37** Akeem Hebron (6'1" 226 Jr) **PS#7.**

MLB 51 AKEEM DENT JR. 6-2 231 PS#82. 4 st, 36 tkl '07. 8 st, 46 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **44** Marcus Washington (6'0" 250 Sr) **PS#57.** 6 st, 55 tkl, 2.5 sk 3Y. **43** Charles White (6'1" 220 So) **PS#45.**

WLB 35 RENNIE CURRAN JR. 5-11 228 **PS#28.** 5 st, 53 tkl, 9 tfl true. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 115 tkl, 10 tfl. **38** Marcus Dowtin (6'2" 226 So) **PS#34.** 17 tkl true. Christian Robinson (6'2" 212 rFr) PS#64.

CB 23 PRINCE MILLER SR. 5-8 196 **PS#22.** 8 st, 34 tkl, 7 pbu, 1 int '06-'07. 10 st, 50 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **25** Vance Cuff (5'11" 172 Jr). 19 tkl 2Y. 4.41 spd. **30** Eric Elliot (5'9" 190 So).

CB HA Branden Smith Fr. 5-11 171 **PS#5. 20** Brandon Boykin (5'10" 176 So) PS#62. 6 tkl true. **19** Sanders Commings (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#97. **17** Chad Gloer (5'10" 190 Jr) 10 tkl LY.

SS 9 RESHAD JONES JR. 6-2 212 **PS#6.** 2 st, 57 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int '07. **2nd Tm SEC**, 12 st, 76 tkl, 3 pbu, 5 int LY. **31** Quintin Banks (6'2" 210 Jr) **PS#60.** 8 tkl '07. Bacarri Rambo (6'0" 208 rFr).

FS 3 Bryan Evans Sr. 5-11 194 **PS#11. 4.26 spd.** 11 st, 67 tkl, 9 pbu, 1 int 3Y. **44** John Knox (6'2" 205 So). 2 st, 8 tkl. Makiri Pugh (6'0" 188 rFr). Andrew Johnson (5'10" 185 Jr).

P 13 Drew Butler So. 6-2 202 PS#21. 3 punts, 35.7 avg as "coffin corner" specialist LY. Tm net 37.5. **98** Trent Dittmer (5'9" 169 So). **95** Jordan Stowe (6'5" 200 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Marlon Brown 6-5 200 PS#3
DB	Branden Smith 5-11 171 PS#5
RB	Washaun Ealey 5-11 205 PS#3
TE	Orson Charles 6-3 230 PS#2
QB	Aaron Murray 6-1 205 PS#6
TE	Arthur Lynch 6-5 240 PS#4
DL	Abry Jones 6-3 273 PS#25
OL	Austin Long 6-5 268 PS#17
QB	Zach Mettenberger 6-5 229 PS#24
OL	Chris Burnette 6-2 300 PS#33
DB	Jordan Love 6-0 185 PS#45
OL	Dallas Lee 6-4 305 PS#46
WR	Rantavious Wooten 5-10 158 PS#40
LB	Michael Gilliard 6-2 200 PS#37
LB	Chase Vasser 6-3 208 PS#44
DL	Kwame Geathers 6-6 320 PS#62
DL	Montez Robinson 6-5 235 PS#70
DB	Shawn Williams 6-1 195 PS#79
DL	Derrick Lott 6-4 270 PS#138
K	Brandon Bogotay 6-3 200 PS#573JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UGA	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	at Oklahoma St	A				
Sep. 12	South Carolina	G				
Sep. 19	at Arkansas	A				
Sep. 26	Arizona St	G				
Oct. 3	LSU	G				
Oct. 10	at Tennessee	G				
Oct. 17	at Vanderbilt	G				
Oct. 24						
Oct. 31	† Florida (Jacksonville)	G				
Nov. 7	Tennessee Tech	G				
Nov. 14	Auburn	G				
Nov. 21	Kentucky	G				
Nov. 28	at Georgia Tech	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Greene 11,528 '01-'04
2. Eric Zeier 11,153 '91-'94
3. Matthew Stafford 7,731 '06-'08

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Herschel Walker 5,259 '80-'82
2. Garrison Hearst 3,232 '90-'92
3. Lars Tate 3,017 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terrence Edwards 3,093 '99-'02
2. Fred Gibson 2,884 '01-'04
3. Brice Hunter 2,373 '92-'95

UGA is 3-0 all-time vs OSU winning the last meeting 35-14 in 2007. The Bulldogs are 14-7 all-time vs current Big 12 opponents & have won 8 straight road openers.

Six of the last 8 games in this series have been decided by a TD or less. The winner has scored 20 points or less in 7 of the L8Y (combined avg 27 ppg).

UGA is 30-4 on opponents homefields under Richt. UGA is 8-3 all-time vs Arkansas with the last meeting being a 23-20 UGA win in '05. They are UGA's least faced SEC opp.

UGA is 9-4-1 all-time vs current Pac-10 teams. Last year UGA held ASU to 4 yds rushing & UGA WR Green had his season highs with 8 rec for 159 yds.

The Bulldogs have won 6 of the last 8 meetings vs LSU. Last year UGA LB Darryl Gamble returned 2 int's 40 & 53 yds for TDs in UGA's 52-38 rout of LSU.

The visitor has won 4 of the last 6 & the 4 wins were by an avg of 16 ppg. LY UGA had a 29-10 FD edge and a 458-209 yd edge but only won 26-14.

UGA has won 13 of the last 14 in this series with Vandy pulling an upset in '06. Last year, UGA had a 25-14 FD edge & a 425-245 yd edge but only won 24-14.

Since 2002, UGA is 10-2 in the regular season off a bye. UGA has lost 16 of the last 19 in this series. Last year's 49-10 loss was the worst in Richt's career as a HC.

Previous meeting was a 67-0 UGA win in '43. Golden Eagles finished 3-9 in '08 as members of the Ohio Valley Conf. UGA has won 24 straight non-BCS games at home.

The Bulldogs have now won 3 in a row in the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry. LY UGA held Auburn on 4&3 from the 21 & 4&1 from the the 14 the last 2 drives.

UGA is 16-2 S/'91 in this series with UK's last win in '06. UK last won in Athens in 1977! Last year UGA DE Dobbs int'd a pass at the GA13 with :46 left to preserve the 42-38 win.

UGA has ended their reg season vs GT in 55 of the L56Y. LY GT ended a 7 gm UGA win streak with their 45-42 upset in Athens. UGA allowed 26 unanswered pts in the 3Q.

MARK RICHT (Career 82–22)
9th Year at Georgia
Richt's Bowl Record: 6-2

Richt's records AT GEORGIA

82-22	Straight Up	7-6	Vs Top 10
42-9	Home	27-15	Vs Top 25
30-4	Away	17-3	Vs BCS Teams
10-9	Neutral	17-5	Off A Bye
48-19	Vs Conference	16-4	Off A Loss

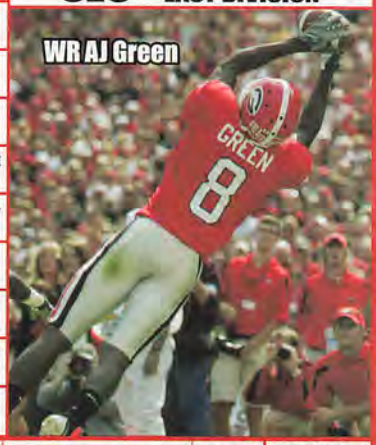
2008 RECORD: (10–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,24,1)
Lost: 22 (8,11,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,746 (#6)

SEC – EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (92,746) (#6)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	8-4	13-1	11-3	10-2	10-3	9-4	11-2	10-3	90-26
Home	5-1	4-2	7-0	6-0	5-1	5-1	5-2	6-1	4-2	47-10
Away	2-2	4-0	4-0	4-1	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	5-0	32-6
Neutral	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	11-10
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	8-1	6-3	6-2	7-2	4-4	6-2	6-2	53-22
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	5-0	5-0	4-0	3-1	5-0	5-0	4-1	37-4
ATS	5-6	6-6	10-3	8-6	4-7	6-6-1	5-6-1	8-4	4-7-1	56-51-3
Home Fav (Mark Richt)	3-1	1-4	4-2	4-2	2-3	2-4	1-3-1	4-2	1-4	22-25-1
Home Dog (Mark Richt)	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3
Away Favorite (Mark Richt)	1-2	1-0	3-0	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-2-1	14-12-1
Away Dog	0-1	3-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	7-3
Neutral	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	12-8-1
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	7-2	5-4	4-4	4-4-1	3-5	5-3	1-6-1	37-36-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	3-1	3-2	0-3	2-2	2-1-1	3-1	3-1	19-15-1
Off SU Win	2-5	4-4	10-1	4-6	3-6	4-5-1	4-3-1	7-3	3-5-1	41-38-3
Off SU Loss	3-1	2-1	0-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	0-1	1-2	12-11

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Outback - #8	-8	Wisconsin - #16	24-21
05	Sugar - #8	-6	West Virginia - #11	35-38
06	Chick-fil-A	+3	Virginia Tech - #14	31-24
07	Sugar - #4	-7'	Hawaii - #10	41-10
08	Capital One - #16	-8'	Michigan St - #19	24-12

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Georgia's All-Time Bowl Record 25–16–3

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	31.5	426	148	4.5	278	61.5	13.5	17	-3	2008	8	24.5	312	122	3.6	190	55.7	12.7	24
6*	32.6	375	177	4.5	198	54.5	11.5	15	+9	2007	3	20.2	323	110	3.3	213	59.2	16.0	42
4	25.2	311	127	3.9	184	53.8	12.4	17	-1	2006	5	17.6	258	108	3.2	150	53.2	14.7	33
7	29.5	391	162	4.6	229	55.4	13.2	20	+11	2005	7	16.4	314	144	3.8	170	57.2	19.1	34
8*	27.9	405	157	4.1	248	55.4	14.5	21	-2	2004	6	16.5	289	107	3.0	182	55.2	17.5	37
3*	26.5	380	135	3.4	245	59.4	14.4	47	+11	2003	6	14.5	277	102	3.1	175	54.4	19.1	30
8*	32.1	385	140	3.6	245	57.8	12.0	31	+8	2002	5	15.1	304	114	3.0	190	55.1	20.0	45

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Knowshon Moreno	250	1463	63	1400	16	5.6
Caleb King	61	278	31	247	1	4.0
Richard Samuel	26	137	4	133	1	5.1
AJ Green	4	61	0	61	0	15.2
Matthew Stafford	55	189	149	40	1	0.7
Shaun Chapas	7	25	0	25	0	3.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matthew Stafford	383	235	61.4	3459	25	10
Joe Cox	15	11	73.3	151	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
AJ Green	56	963	17.2	8	54
Mohamed Massaquoi	58	920	15.9	8	78
Michael Moore	29	451	15.6	2	46
Knowshon Moreno	33	392	11.9	2	37
Kris Durham	13	199	15.3	1	61
Demiko Goodman	11	133	12.1	1	21
Shaun Chapas	9	120	13.3	1	37
Kenneth Harris	11	116	10.5	1	17
Aron White	3	88	29.3	2	48
Tavarres King	2	66	33.0	0	41
Tripp Chandler	5	58	11.6	1	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Mimbs	47	2086	44.0	14	37.5(1)	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Blair Walsh	50-50	6-8	4-6	3-4	2-5	15-23	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Rennie Curran	115	3	7	1	0
Reshad Jones	76	0	2.5	3	5
Darryl Gamble	60	1	2	3	2
Asher Allen	53	1	3.5	7	0
Prince Miller	50	1	1	2	0
CJ Byrd	49	0	2	6	0
Akeem Dent	46	1.5	1.5	2	0
Geno Atkins	34	0	7.5	1	0
Corvey Irvin	34	3	5.5	3	0
Dannell Ellerbe	33	2	4	0	1
Jarius Wynn	24	3	1	1	0
Bryan Evans	24	0	0	3	0
Jeremy Lomax	20	0.5	2.5	0	0
Justin Houston	19	2.5	2	2	0
Demarcus Dobbs	19	2	0	1	2
Kade Weston	18	0	3.5	0	0
Marcus Dowtin	17	0	0	0	0
Ramarcus Brown	16	0	1	1	0
Rod Battle	14	0.5	3	1	0
Vance Cuff	13	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Prince Miller	9	191	21.2	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ramarcus Brown	26	610	23.5	0
Richard Samuel	19	401	21.1	0

UGA 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2008 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
92,746	Georgia Southern	20	32-212	6.6	17-27	323	1	18	35-102	2.9	19-36	188	3	0
92,746	C Michigan	25	36-263	7.3	23-33	289	0	17	22-59	2.7	23-44	250	1	0
83,704	at S Carolina	17	35-106	3.0	15-25	146	4	20	16-18	1.1	23-40	271	2	+2
72,955	at Arizona St	24	39-176	4.5	16-28	285	1	14	19-4	0.2	23-36	208	4	+1
92,746	Alabama	18	16-50	3.1	24-43	274	2	21	45-129	2.9	13-16	205	1	-1
92,746	Tennessee	29	45-148	3.3	25-36	310	0	10	15-1	0.1	13-30	208	2	-2
92,746	Vanderbilt	25	40-231	5.8	13-23	194	0	14	26-114	4.4	16-32	131	0	0
92,904	at LSU	16	36-194	5.4	17-26	249	1	21	41-188	4.6	16-30	309	2	+3
84,649	† Florida	21	29-106	3.7	20-37	292	2	22	38-185	4.9	13-17	188	1	-4
70,626	at Kentucky	17	30-144	4.8	17-27	376	2	20	56-226	4.0	12-20	105	1	0
87,451	at Auburn	20	33-136	4.1	15-24	215	0	19	36-124	3.4	16-31	179	1	0
92,746	Georgia Tech	22	22-81	3.7	24-40	407	2	15	56-409	7.3	1-6	19	0	-1
59,681	† Michigan St	19	33-81	2.5	20-31	250	2	16	34-31	0.9	22-39	205	6	-1
TOTALS		273	426-1928	4.5	246-400	3610	17	227	439-1590	3.6	210-377	2466	24	-3
AVERAGES		21.0	33-148	4.5	19-31	278	4.3%	17.5	34-122	3.6	16-29	190	6.4%	-0.2

2004 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
#3	Georgia Southern	NL	48-28
#3	at South Carolina	-7'	20-16
#3	Marshall	-18'	13-3
#3	LSU - #13	-2'	45-16
#3	Tennessee - #17	-12'	14-19
#12	Vanderbilt	-23	33-3
#10	at Arkansas	-8'	20-14
#10	† Florida	-6'	31-24
#8	at Kentucky	-24	62-17
#8	at Auburn - #3	+3'	6-24
#8	Georgia Tech	-15	19-13

2005 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
#13	Boise St - #18	-7	48-13
#9	South Carolina	-17'	17-15
#7	ULM	-39	44-7
#7	at Mississippi St	-15	23-10
#5	at Tennessee - #8	+3	27-14
#5	at Vanderbilt	-16	34-17
#4	Arkansas	-19'	23-20
#4	† Florida - #16	+4	10-14
#9	Auburn - #15	-3	30-31
#14	Kentucky	-25'	45-13
#13	at Georgia Tech - #20	-4	14-7
#13	† LSU - #3	+1	34-14

2006 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
#15	WKU	NL	48-12
#12	at South Carolina	-3	18-0
#10	UAB	-17	34-0
#9	Colorado	-27	14-13
#10	at Mississippi	-18'	14-9
#10	Tennessee - #13	+2	33-51
#16	Vanderbilt	-14'	22-24
–	Mississippi St	-17	27-24
–	† Florida - #9	+13'	14-21
–	at Kentucky	-7	20-24
–	at Auburn - #5	+11'	37-15
–	Georgia Tech - #16	-3	15-12

2007 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post #2 Score
#13	Oklahoma St	-6'	35-14
#11	South Carolina	-3'	12-16
#23	Western Carolina	NL	45-16
#22	at Alabama - #16	+3'	26-23 OT
#15	Mississippi	-15'	45-17
#12	at Tennessee	-1'	14-35
#24	at Vanderbilt	-7	20-17
#20	† Florida - #10	+7'	42-30
#10	Troy	-15	44-34
#10	Auburn - #18	-1'	45-20
#8	Kentucky - #22	-7'	24-13
#6	at Georgia Tech	-3'	31-17

2008 RESULTS

UGA Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	Post #13 Score
#1	Georgia Southern	-37'	45-21
#2	C Michigan	-24'	56-17
#2	at South Carolina	-7	14-7
#3	at Arizona St	-7	27-10
#3	Alabama - #8	-6'	30-41
#10	Tennessee	-12'	26-14
#10	Vanderbilt - #22	-15	24-14
#9	at LSU - #11	E	52-38
#8	† Florida - #5	+6'	10-49
#14	at Kentucky	-13	42-38
#13	at Auburn	-9'	17-13
#13	Georgia Tech - #18	-7'	42-45

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Tenn has had some fine QB's including Peyton Manning. Eric Ainge (PS#22, #5DC) threw for 3,522 (62.6%) with a 31-10 ratio as a Sr and set Tenn's single season comp record. Jonathan Crompton played in 7 (1 st) in '06 throwing for 401 (47%) with a 4-2 ratio and also played in 7 in '07 (12 att). Crompton won the starting job in '08 but struggled. Crompton fumbled and Auburn rec'd it for a TD in a 14-12 loss and soph Nick Stephens took over. Stephens hit 10 of 19 in a JV game in '07 and hit 10 of 17 for 156 in his first start vs NIII. He threw 2 int vs WY setting up WY's only pts and Crompton retook the job. Stephens did not att a pass in the last 2. RFr BJ Coleman (22 of 31 for 325 in a JV game) hit 4 of 8 for 21 vs Vandy playing the bulk of the game but DNP in the finale. For the season Tenn QB's combined for 1,750 (49.5%) with an 8-9 ratio. Coleman departed after spring, but this unit is more experienced and can ONLY improve on their passing stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Tenn has had many star RB's including Jamal Lewis, Travis Henry and Travis Stephens. After having two 1,000 yard RB's in '04, rFr Arian Foster led with 879 (4.8) in '05. Foster was banged up in '06 and finished with 322 (3.5). LaMarcus Coker (PS#18) led with 696 (6.4). Montario Hardesty (PS#22) added 384 (3.6). The school's 108 ypg rushing was their lowest output S/'64. All 3 ret'd in '07 but Coker was susp and later dismissed. Foster finished with 1,193 (4.9). Hardesty (ankle) was never 100% rushing for 373 (4.2). True frosh Lennon Creer (PS#6) was labeled the TB of the future and avg 5.9 ypc but most of his 214 yds came late in blowout wins. Foster was on pace to become the school's all-time career rushing leader but finished #2 as he had just 570 (4.4) in '08. Creer had his best games late and finished with 388 (5.3). Hardesty had 271 (3.6) and true frosh Tauren Poole (PS#51) added 86 (3.9). This year they lose Foster (10 st), Creer (1 st, transfer) and Ja'Kouri Williams (11 gm) but add PS#1 Bryce Brown. Despite the losses, I look for improved production.

RECEIVERS - The Vols had the reputation of being "WR U" as they've produced plenty of NFL WR's. In '07 it was the biggest question mark here as they had to replace their top 3 WR's who combined for 71% of their rec yards with Robert Meachem (#1DC) setting the school's single season record with 1,298 (18.3). While the rec corps was young the top 3 WR's combined for 2,181 which was just 258 less than the top 3 in '06. The biggest difference was that in '06 the top 3 avg 15.3 ypc and in '07 just 11.8. Lucas Taylor (1,000, 13.7), Austin Rogers (624, 11.1) and Josh Briscoe (557, 9.9) all had problems with drops at times as well as injuries. True frosh Gerald Jones (PS#2) missed 5 gm (11 rec) and also lined up in the G-Gun formation at QB. Last year they had to replace their top 2 TE's but did get FI St transfer Brandon Warren (PS#4). With the inexperienced QB's and new offense, the numbers were way down. Taylor led with 332 (12.8), Jones was #2 with 323 (10.8) with Rogers #4 with 180 (12.9). Soph Denarius Moore (PS#53) was their big play man and despite just 11 rec, he had UT's only 3 catches of 50+ (271, 24.6). Quintin Hancock (PS#69) was the MIP in the spring but did not catch a pass last yr. This year they lose Briscoe (1 st, 14 rec), Ahmad Paige (transfer), Tyler Maples (transfer) and Taylor (11 st). Despite being a little less experienced, I look for a big uptick in production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - After having an injury plagued group in '06 that opened holes for 108 ypg rush (worst S/'64), they had to replace 2 starters in '07 but surprisingly set an NCAA record for fewest sacks allowed with 4 (1%) and opened holes for 139 ypg rush (4.2). Last year they only had to replace starting LT Eric Young (2nd Tm SEC) and 2 backups. When G Anthony Parker turned down an early shot at the NFL they had 62 returning starts in '07. Not much went right for the Vols in '08 as new OC Clawson made changes on the O-line. They now had to play on both sides of the line "quick" and "strong" side scheme. It was still shocking to see the Vols drop to 123 ypg rush (3.6) and surprisingly they allowed 25 sacks (8.1%). This year they lose RT Ramon Foster (12 st, 2Y st'r), 2nd Tm SEC G Parker (12 st, 3Y st'r) and OT Ramone Johnson (7 gm). Four return with 6+ starts including 3 super senior VHT's in Josh McNeil (PS#9), Jacques McClendon (PS#9) and Chris Scott (PS#7). Despite not being as experienced as 2008's under performing unit, this group should pave the way for better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After having inexperienced def fronts for 3 straight years, 7 of their top 8 DL were back in '05 and the Vols (despite a 5-6 rec) were #2 in the FBS in rush D (2.5 ypc). In '06 they had to replace a 3rd Tm AA and two 2nd Tm SEC DE's. The lone returning starter was lost after 3. The Vols allowed 4.1 ypc rush (17 sk), their worst total S/'90. In 2007 they had to replace 3 starters (#1, #2 DC's) and allowed 165 ypg rush (4.2). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and one backup (5 st). They still made dramatic strides allowing just 103 ypg (2.8). This year they lose DT Demonte Bolden (11 st, 35 tkl, 6 tfl), 1st Tm SEC DE Robert Ayers (49 tkl, 15.5 tfl, #1DC DEN) and DT Walter Fisher (4 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk). This is a slightly less experienced unit than '08 (see Hardcore).

LINEBACKERS - UT has had an LB selected in the NFL draft in 9 of the last 11 years. In '06 the returning LB's had just 3 career starts. In '07 they only had to replace 1 starter (#1 tkl'r). Last year they had to replace Jerod Mayo (#1DC) who in '07 had the most tackles (140) for a Vol S/'88 and one other starter. The top 3 returning LB tacklers were #2, #10 and #13 in '07. This year they lose 2 starters again in Ellix Wilson (11 st, 89 tkl) and Nevin McKenzie (8 st, 53 tkl, 5 sk) as well as Adam Myers-White (4 st, 26 tkl, 3 tfl). Rico McCoy has earned 2nd Tm SEC each of the last 2 years. The top 3 LB's back finished #2 and two were tied at #14 in tkl LY.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Vols had just one starter back in the secondary in '07 and the inexperienced group dropped to #78 in my pass D rankings. Last year they were in much better shape only having to replace 1 starter (1st Tm SEC, #3 tkl'r) but had Fr AA SS Eric Berry back. They also got the return of FS Demetrice Morley (10 sts '06, RS '07). One returning starter, Brent Vinson (10 st '07) was susp early playing in just 8 (13 tkl). They basically had 2 starters back. Amazingly, in just his soph season Berry broke the SEC career IR ydg record (Bobby Wilson, Ole Miss 1946-'49, 379 yd). He earned 1st Tm AA honors and was my Def POY. The Vols moved up to #23 allowing an 8-17 ratio. This year they lose CB DeAngelo Willingham (12 st, 42 tkl, 3 int), Morley (10 st, 42 tkl, 2 int) and CB Antonio Gaines (3 tkl). Four of the top 6 are back and all 4 have 7+ starts in a season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Phillip Fulmer's ST units were almost always in my Top 50 and in '07 were #19. Last year most of the key players were back although P Britton Colquitt (36.7 net in '07) was susp the first 5. It was surprising that they dropped to #86. K Daniel Lincoln, who was the FWAA 1st Tm K in '07 hit just 10 of 18 (long 47, 3 miss 50+). Chad Cunningham struggled at P in the 1st 5 gm (39.5) and Colquitt improved his avg to 43.4 (tm net 34.9). Dennis Rogan was solid on KR (24.9). UCLA returned a blocked punt for a TD, the first in the Fulmer era (17 years). This year they lose Colquitt but have most everyone back and should make a good sized climb in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Heading into 2008 Phillip Fulmer had a 147-45 76.6% record which was the best in major college ranks for a coach with 10+ years of service. Fulmer had zero SEC Titles and just 2 Top 10 finishes the last 10 years and was forced to resign after 17 seasons, one year after guiding his team to the SEC Title game. The new HC is Lane Kiffin. Kiffin was the youngest coach (32) in the NFL when he was hired by the Raiders in '07. He was fired by the Raiders after Wk 4. Kiffin had been the OC at USC. His OC is Jim Chaney who was the TE coach for the Rams and a former Purdue OC. While they lose outstanding DC John Chavis, Kiffin made 2 exceptional hires on D. One, his father Monte, who had been the DC for the Tampa Bay Bucs for the last 13 yrs and is one of the best in the game. He also brought in Ed Orgeron as DL coach. He was the former HC at Ole Miss ('05-'07), an outstanding recruiter and DL coach at USC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Phil Fulmer was the HC here for 17 years and took home a National Title in '98 when his tm went 13-0. Unfortunately in his final 10 years he had just 2 Top 10 finishes and 2 losing seasons. The Vols' 10-3 season in '04 was very misleading. They were 7-1 in SEC play and yet only +14.5 ypg (7th best). I pointed out in my SEC Regional magazine that in the worst case scenario Tenn could have been 4-9 in '04. I did not make a lot of friends in Knoxville in '05. UT was ranked #3 in both preseason polls and was the preseason choice to win the SEC Title by the SEC media. I had them #3 as well but it was in the SEC East as mine was the only magazine that called for Georgia to win the SEC and the ONLY magazine that did NOT have UT in first place. UT lost 4 gms in a row for the first time S/'88 as their streak of 16 consec bowls was snapped. Fulmer's previous worst season was '02's 8-5 but they were just 5-6 in '05. In '06 I pointed out many reasons why I thought UT would rebound, among them was that despite their 3-5 SEC mark in '05 they were +28.9 ypg. David Cutcliffe ret'd as OC and they had 7 off starters back. I felt that Ainge would be the most improved QB in the country and I pegged the Vols as one of my surprise teams. UT whipped #9 Cal in the opener and came up a point short vs #7 Florida, beat #10 Georgia and lost by 4 to #13 LSU. They were an inj plagued team that finished #25 at 9-4. They played five Top 13 teams. UT's '07 season reminded me a lot of '04 when they caught a ton of fortunate breaks to tie for the SEC East Title and played in the SEC Title game. After they beat Wisconsin in the bowl they finished the season #12. Despite their 6-2 SEC record, they were -32.7 ypg, the 3rd worst mark in the SEC! Tenn returned 14 starters last year and most Vol fans saw them as a dark horse National Title contender and playing in a Jan bowl at worst. I did not make a lot of friends in Knoxville again when I picked them 4th in the SEC East in '08 and had them playing in the Liberty Bowl. In the opener vs UCLA, Tenn had a 366-288 yd edge but lost in OT. After waxing UAB they twice had a FD inside the Gator 2 in the 1H but fmbl'd and were SOD and they trailed 20-0 at half. In '07 they opened 1-2 and won the SEC East so they were still positive but lost a close game to Auburn by 2. They had just a 225-190 yd edge over NI but escaped with a 4 point win. The next week GA had a 458-209 yd edge in the Vols' 26-14 loss. Thanks to a pair of 4Q IR TD's, Tenn turned a 6-3 halftime lead into a 34-3 win over Miss St. Bama dominated them 29-9 and then SC rolled them 27-6 and Fulmer was let go. Shockingly, WY outgained them 266-219 and pulled the upset in Knoxville, 13-7. Tenn did rebound vs two teams they beat yearly in Vandy and Kentucky (comb 48-20) sending Fulmer out on a winning note. They were 3-5 (5th East) and were -34.5 ypg (5th worst SEC) with 2 net close losses. Kiffin has rattled the cages of a lot of opposing coaches this offseason. Even in their miserable 5-7 season, a little known fact is that the Vols were tied with Bama at #3 in the country in defense and new DC Kiffin inherits some top-notch talent like SS Eric Berry and WLB Rico McCoy. The off can only improve and Tenn makes my Most Improved list which should mean a return to the post season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 6 **JONATHAN CROMPTON SR.** 6-4 228 **PS#3**. 7 st, 1387 pass, 51%, 9-9 ratio 3Y. 17 Nick Stephens (6'4" 227 Jr) PS#41. 1002 pass, 49%, 6-4 ratio 2Y. Mike Rozier (6'5" 245 Fr) PS#164 '04.

RB 28 **Bryce Brown Fr.** 6-0 215 **PS#1**. 2 Montario Hardesty (6'0" 215 Sr) **PS#22**. 1046 (3.8) 4Y. 32 Tauren Poole (5'10" 203 So) 86 (3.9) true. David Oku is **PS#9**. CJ Jackson (5'8" 195 rFr).

WR 87 **Quintin Hancock Sr.** 6-3 207 PS#69. 194 (10.8) 3Y. Denarius Moore (6'1" 190 Jr) PS#53. 483 (19.3). FB Kevin Cooper (6'0" 247 Jr) PS#76. 9 st. Austin Johnson (6'2" 234 So) PS#52.

WR 21 **AUSTIN ROGERS SR.** 6-2 190 PS#54. 20 st, 891 (11.7) 4Y. Brandon Warren (6'2" 216 Jr) **PS#4**. 9 st, 301 FI St '06. 85 (8.5) LY. Zach Rogers (6'2" 170 Fr) PS#71.

WR 4 **GERALD JONES JR.** 6-0 199 **PS#2DB**. 8 st, 434 (10.6), 184 rush 2Y. Nu'Keese Richardson **PS#18**. Todd Campbell (6'0" 186 So) **PS#29**. James Green (6'2" 195 Fr) PS#41.

TE 80 **JEFF COTTAM SR.** 6-8 260 **PS#7**. 7 st, 4 rec 3Y. **Luke Stocker** (6'6 240 Jr) PS#55. 12 st, 150 (8.8) 2Y. Ben Bartholomew (6'2" 250 So) PS#91. Jeremy Jester PS#173.

C 50 **JOSH McNEIL SR.** 6-4 280 **PS#9**. 9 st '06. 14 st, **HM SEC** '07. 12 st LY. 60 Carson Anderson (6'2" 267 rFr) PS#222. Cody Sullins (6'1" 260 Sr). LS Morgan Cox (6'4" 226 Sr).

RG 65 **Jacques McClendon Sr.** 6-3 324 36 gm, 7 st '06-'07. 1st 6 st at RG LY. 645 bench. 77 Cody Pope (6'6" 288 So) PS#124. 1 gm rFr. 53 Minor Bowens (6'3" 293 Jr).

LG 51 **VLADIMIR RICHARD SR.** 6-4 300 **PS#46DL**. 16 gm as bkup '06-'07. L6 st LG LY. 600+ bench. 69 Cory Sullins (6'1" 270 Sr) 2 gm. Kevin Revis (6'4" 265 Fr) **PS#97**. 48 pancakes HS Sr.

RT 74 **Jarrod Shaw Jr.** 6-4 332 PS#68. 2 gm. 78 Aaron Douglas (6'6" 282 rFr) **PS#8TE**. 54 William Brimfield (6'5" 346 So) PS#199DL. 2 gm. Ellis Turner (6'2" 275 So).

LT 79 **CHRIS SCOTT SR.** 6-5 346 **PS#7**. 14 st (8RG, 6LT) in '07. 12 st at LT LY. 71 Dallas Thomas (6'5" 268 rFr) PS#112. JerQuari Schofield (6'6" 315 Fr) PS#141.

K 26 **DANIEL LINCOLN JR.** 6-0 203 PS#48. **FWAA AA**, 21-29 FG, L48 '07. 10-18 FG LY L47, 22-22 xp. 10 Ethan Ingham (6'0" 195 rFr). Takayuki Koyano (5'10" 210 So).

DE 93 **Ben Martin Jr.** 6-3 239 **PS#1**. 25 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. Gerald Williams (6'4" 248 Jr) **PS#43JC**. 12 tkl LY. Willie Bohannon (6'3" 230 rFr) PS#146. Marlon Walls (6'2" 225 Fr) PS#115.

DT 90 **WES BROWN SR.** 6-4 257 **PS#32**. 40 tkl '06-'07. 12 st, 37 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. Montori Hughes (6'4" 312 Fr) PS#356. In for spg. Andre Mathis (6'2" 280 Sr) **PS#19LB**.

NT 55 **DAN WILLIAMS SR.** 6-3 327 PS#97. 10 st, 6.5 tfl '07. 9 st, 48 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. Chase Nelson (6'4" 292 Jr) 4 tkl 3Y. Arthur Jeffery (6'4" 285 Fr) PS#74. Victor Thomas (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#127.

DE 84 **Chris Walker Jr.** 6-3 232 **PS#38**. 18 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. 90 Steven Fowlkes (6'4" 229 rFr). 88 Rae Sykes (6'2" 255 So) **PS#37** '07, JC. In for spg. Jonny Harrison (6'2" 235 Sr).

WLB 5 **RICO McCOY SR.** 6-1 220 **PS#8**. 13 st, 106 tkl '07. 12 st, 87 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **2ndTm SEC** L2Y. Savion Frazier (6'2" 221 Jr) PS#90RB. 33 tkl 2Y. Josh Hawkins (6'1" 223 So) PS#123RB.

MLB 58 **Jerod Askew Fr.** 6-1 230 **PS#19**. 56 Nick Reveiz (5'10" 220 Jr) 1 st, 33 tkl 2Y. 34 Herman Lathers (6'1" 213 rFr) PS#91. 37 Nigel Mitchell-Thornton **PS#51**. In for spg. Anderson (6'1" 179 So) **PS#60**. Marsalous Johnson (5'9" 184 Sr) PS#130. 38 tkl, 7 pbu 3Y.

SLB 42 **LaMarcus Thompson Jr.** 6-1 221 PS#167. 20 tkl 2Y. SEC Fr Tm LY. 19 Chris Donald (6'1" 224 So) **PS#5**. 2 gm. 9 Daryl Vereen (6'0" 213 So) PS#85RB. 3 tkl. **All SEC Fr Tm.**

CB 41 **DENNIS ROGAN JR.** 5-10 178 PS#95RB. 19 tkl true. 12 st, 53 tkl, 5 pbu LY. Anthony Leggett (5'9" 184 Sr) PS#130. 38 tkl, 7 pbu 3Y.

CB 13 **Brent Vinson Jr.** 6-0 201 PS#89WR. 10 st, 50 tkl, 8 pbu, 2 int 2Y. Marsalis Teague (5'10" 180 Fr) **PS#17**. Art Evans (6'1" 173 So) PS#94. CJ Fleming (5'10" 173 So) **PS#27WR**.

SS 14 **ERIC BERRY JR.** 5-11 203 **PS#1**. **2ndTm SEC** true, 86 tkl, 5 int. **1stTm AA** LY. 72 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 6 pbu, 7 int. Janzen Jackson (6'0" 174 Fr) **PS#27**. 22 Rod Wilks (6'0" 220 rFr) **PS#46WR**.

FS 18 **Darren Myles Fr.** 6-2 190 **PS#16**. 23 Prentiss Waggner (6'2" 177 rFr) **PS#52**. Track in HS. Stephaun Raines (5'10" 179 So). 12 Tyler Wolf (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#492.

P 96 **Chad Cunningham Jr.** 6-3 198 **PS#8**. 3 punts, 40.7 avg '07. 25 punts LY, 39.5 avg, 11 inside 20. Steven Hensley (5'10" 185 Sr). Chip Rhome (6'3" 200 So). Orion Hall (6'0" 175 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Bryce Brown 6-0 215 PS#1
RB	David Oku 5-10 186 PS#9
DB	Darren Myles 6-2 190 PS#16
DB	Marsalis Teague 5-10 180 PS#17
DB	Janzen Jackson 6-0 174 PS#27
WR	Nu'Keese Richardson 5-10 165 PS#18
LB	Jerod Askew 6-1 230 PS#19
DB	Eric Gordon 5-10 187 PS#39
RB	Toney Williams 6-0 218 PS#44
DB	Nyshier Oliver 5-10 180 PS#53
WR	James Green 6-3 195 PS#41
DL	Rae Sykes 6-2 255 PS#37 '07
DL	Arthur Jeffery 6-4 285 PS#74
LB	Nigel Mitchell-Thornton 6-0 229 PS#51
DB	Mike Edwards 5-10 170 PS#71
WR	Zach Rogers 6-2 170 PS#71
OL	Kevin Revis 6-4 265 PS#97
DL	Marlon Walls 6-2 225 PS#115
OL	JerQuari Schofield 6-6 315 PS#141
LB	Greg King 6-3 205 PS#147
DL	Daniel Hood 6-5 260 PS#157
LB	Robert Nelson 6-0 205 PS#188
DL	Montori Hughes 6-4 312 PS#356 '08
TE	Jeremy Jester 6-2 232 PS#173 '08

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#9

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	WKU	G					
Sep. 12	UCLA	G					
Sep. 19	at Florida	G					
Sep. 26	Ohio	G					
Oct. 3	Auburn	G					
Oct. 10	Georgia	G					
Oct. 17							
Oct. 24	at Alabama	G					
Oct. 31	South Carolina	G					
Nov. 7	Memphis (HC)	G					
Nov. 14	at Mississippi	A					
Nov. 21	Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 28	at Kentucky	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Peyton Manning 11,201 '94-'97	1. Travis Henry 3,078 '97-'00	1. Joey Kent 2,814 '93-'96
2. Casey Clausen 9,707 '00-'03	2. Arian Foster 2,964 '05-'08	2. Marcus Nash 2,447 '94-'97
3. Erik Ainge 8,700 '04-'07	3. James Stewart 2,890 '91-'94	3. Peerless Price 2,298 '95-'98

The Volunteers have won 14 straight home openers by an avg of 22 ppg. First meeting. Vols are 5-1 vs current Sun Belt tms with their only loss to NT in '75.

UT is 7-5-2 all-time vs UCLA winning 4 of the last 6 but lost 27-24 in OT LY despite a 366-288 yd edge. UT's D grabbed 4 int's in the 1H including a 61 yd IR TD.

The Vols have avg'd just 41 rush ypg vs UF the last 3 years (-11, 37, 96). Tenn has now lost 4 in a row despite outgaining UF LY 258-243 in a 30-6 loss.

First meeting. UT is 4-0 vs current MAC schools with an avg win of 33-13. Last year the Vols squeeked past MAC member NI 13-9. Vols are 12-2 after UF.

Tenn has lost 4 in a row in this series. LY UT lost 14-12 & was held to 191 total yds. Last year the teams combined for 29 drives with 20 going for 4 plays or less.

UGA has won 6 of the last 9 in this series, but UT has won 3 of the last 5. Last year UT was held to 1 yd rushing & UGA had a 458-209 yd edge in their 26-14 win.

The visitor is 1-4 the last 5 in this rivalry traditionally played on the 3rd Saturday in October. The Volunteers are 5-1 off a bye the last 3 years (4-0 in the reg season).

Tennessee is 21-4-2 all-time vs the Gamecocks, but lost LY. Last time here Tennesse led 21-0 at half time & was outgained 338-62 in the 2H but survived & won in OT.

The Vols have never lost a home game vs current members of CUSA (34-0). UT is 20-1 vs Memphis winning the last 5. UT posted a 41-7 win in the last meeting in '06.

UT is 43-18-1 all-time vs UM winning the last 12. For many years this series was played in Memphis or Jackson (MS) & as a result, UT has never lost in Oxford (3-0).

Tennessee has won 25 of the last 26 in this series & are 68-9-2 since 1928. The Vols had a 222-25 yd edge on the ground in last year's 20-10 win by UT.

Tenn has won 24 in a row for the Nation's longest series win streak & 26 straight regular season finales. Last year the Vols sent HC Fulmer out a winner, 28-10.

LANE KIFFIN (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Tennessee — Kiffin's Bowl Record: 0-0

Kiffins's records AT TENNESSEE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

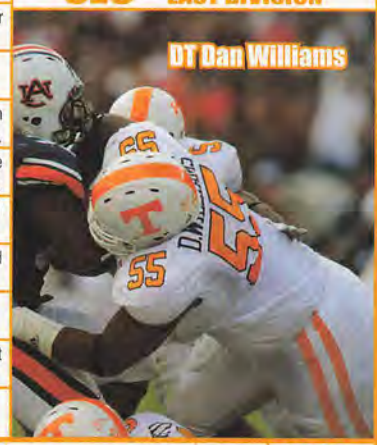
2008 RECORD: **(5-7)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (23,18,4)
Lost: 25 (11,12,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 101,448 (#4)

SEC - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (102,037) (#4)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	11-2	8-5	10-3	10-3	5-6	9-4	10-4	5-7	76-38
Home	5-1	5-1	5-3	6-1	5-2	3-3	5-2	7-0	4-3	45-16
Away	3-2	5-0	2-1	4-1	4-0	2-3	4-1	2-3	1-4	27-15
Neutral	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	4-7
vs Conf	5-3	7-2	5-3	6-2	7-2	3-5	5-3	6-3	3-5	47-28
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	3-2	4-1	3-1	2-1	4-1	4-1	2-2	29-10
ATS	5-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	3-8	8-5	8-4-2	6-6	54-58-2
Home Fav	4-1	2-4	3-4	2-4	2-5	0-6	1-3	4-1-1	3-2	21-30-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	0-2	4-5
Away Fav	1-3	2-2	2-0	2-0	0-2	1-0	4-0	1-1	0-1	13-9
Away Dog	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-0	2-2	0-1	1-2	3-1	11-9
Neutral	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-1	1-0-1	0-0	5-5-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-6	4-4	5-3	3-6	3-5	5-3	4-3-2	5-3	36-37-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	2-3	1-4	3-1	0-3	3-2	4-1	1-3	18-21
Off SU Win	3-5	3-7	3-5	5-5	3-6	0-4	5-4	5-3-1	2-2	29-41-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	3-3	2-1	3-0-1	4-3	21-12-1

Phillip Fulmer (1992, yrs 1, 2, 3 1/2) — Lane Kiffin

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Arian Foster	131	597	27	570	1	4.4
Lennon Creer	73	392	4	388	4	5.3
Montario Hardesty	76	289	18	271	6	3.6
Gerald Jones	23	148	22	126	1	5.5
Tauren Poole	22	87	1	86	0	3.9
Jonathan Crompton	37	107	80	27	2	0.7
BJ Coleman	7	24	7	17	0	2.4
Nick Stephens	23	49	99	-50	0	-2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jonathan Crompton	167	86	51.5	889	4	5
Nick Stephens	130	63	48.5	840	4	3
BJ Coleman	8	4	50.0	21	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lucas Taylor	26	332	12.8	1	48
Gerald Jones	30	323	10.8	4	43
Denarius Moore	11	271	24.6	2	63
Austin Rogers	14	180	12.9	0	49
Josh Briscoe	14	176	12.6	1	41
Arian Foster	19	166	8.7	0	26
Luke Stocker	13	139	10.7	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Britton Colquitt	42	1821	43.4	15	34.9(t)	2(t)	13
Chad Cunningham	25	988	39.5	6	–	–	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daniel Lincoln	22-22	3-3	5-9	2-3	0-3	10-18	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ellix Wilson	89	1	3.5	2	1
Rico McCoy	87	1	2.5	3	0
Eric Berry	72	3	5.5	6	7
Nevin McKenzie	53	5	5	5	1
Dennis Rogan	53	0	1	5	1
Robert Ayers	49	3	12.5	0	1
Dan Williams	48	1.5	7	1	0
Demetrice Morley	42	0	1	2	2
DeAngelo Willingham	42	0	1	4	3
Wes Brown	37	2.5	3	0	0
Demonte Bolden	35	0	6	1	0
Adam Myers-White	26	0	3	2	0
Walter Fisher	20	2	1	0	0
Ben Martin	18	1	1	0	0
Savion Frazier	18	0	0.5	0	0
Nick Reveiz	18	0	0	0	0
Chris Walker	15	3	1	0	0
Brent Vinson	13	0	1	1	1
Gerald Williams	12	0	0.5	1	0
Marsalous Johnson	11	0	0	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gerald Jones	15	150	10.0	0
Dennis Rogan	13	62	4.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dennis Rogan	28	698	24.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Peach	+1	Maryland - #20	3-30
03	Peach - #6	-4'	Clemson	14-27
04	Cotton - #15	+4'	Texas A&M - #22	38-7
06	Outback - #17	-4'	Penn St	10-20
07	Outback - #16	-1'	Wisconsin - #18	21-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Tennessee's All-Time Bowl Record 25-22

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8	17.3	269	123	3.6	146	49.5	15.5	25	+2	2008	6	16.8	264	103	2.8	160	56.0	15.7	23
6*	32.5	402	139	4.2	263	62.4	12.4	4	+7	2007	5	27.3	404	165	4.2	239	59.3	14.8	24
7	27.8	372	108	3.7	264	63.9	13.4	19	+1	2006	4	19.5	328	147	4.1	181	57.4	16.8	17
8*	18.6	326	128	3.5	198	52.2	17.5	19	-7	2005	9	18.6	298	82	2.5	216	59.9	16.0	33
5	29.1	399	186	4.7	213	55.9	13.7	17	+6	2004	3	22.7	356	120	3.5	236	60.8	15.7	33
8*	28.1	371	138	3.9	233	56.4	13.2	31	+3	2003	3	18.4	324	138	3.7	186	55.6	17.6	28
5*	22.8	354	151	3.8	203	61.2	15.5	41	+2	2002	5	17.5	285	129	3.4	156	48.7	16.3	29

2008 STATS BY GAME

UT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
68,546	at UCLA	20	34-177	5.2	19-42	189	1	20	31-29	0.9	25-43	259	1	+2
98,205	UAB	25	41-266	6.5	20-33	282	1	14	26-108	4.2	19-34	167	1	+1
106,138	Florida	16	31-96	3.1	18-28	162	0	16	39-147	3.8	8-15	96	1	-3
87,451	at Auburn	9	33-124	3.8	8-24	67	2	15	38-97	2.6	18-29	129	2	0
99,539	N Illinois	9	32-69	2.2	10-18	156	3	12	34-72	2.1	14-26	118	4	-1
92,746	at Georgia	10	15-1	0.1	13-30	208	2	29	45-148	3.3	25-36	310	0	+2
98,239	Mississippi St	16	39-139	3.6	10-21	136	1	13	30-69	2.3	13-30	120	5	+3
106,138	Alabama	10	21-36	1.7	16-28	137	2	23	43-178	4.1	17-24	188	0	+1
81,731	at S Carolina	11	28-34	1.2	15-32	173	6	11	44-101	2.3	10-20	154	1	-2
99,489	Wyoming	15	31-101	3.3	14-36	118	3	15	48-167	3.5	9-17	99	0	-1
38,725	at Vanderbilt	15	51-222	4.4	4-9	21	2	16	28-25	0.9	19-44	188	7	0
102,388	Kentucky	16	53-210	4.0	6-8	101	2	11	38-96	2.5	9-14	97	1	0
TOTALS		172	409-1475	3.6	153-309	1750	25	195	444-1237	2.8	186-332	1925	23	+2
AVERAGES		14.3	34-123	3.6	13-26	146	8.1%	16.3	37-103	2.8	16-28	160	6.9%	0.2

2004 RESULTS

UT Rank | Pre #14 | Opponent | Line | Score | Post #13

#14		UNLV	-19	42-17
#14		Florida - #11	-3	30-28
#11		Louisiana Tech	-23	42-17
#11		Auburn - #6	-2	10-34
#17	at	Georgia - #3	+12'	19-14
#13	at	Mississippi	-10	21-17
#11		Alabama	-7	17-13
#11	at	South Carolina	+1	43-29
#9		Notre Dame	-7	13-17
#15	at	Vanderbilt	-12'	38-33
#15		Kentucky	-24	37-31
#15	†	Auburn - #3	+14'	28-38

2005 RESULTS

UT Rank | Pre #3 | Opponent | Line | Score | Post –

#3		UAB	-21'	17-10
#5	at	Florida - #6	+6'	7-16
#10	at	LSU - #3	+6'	30-27 OT
#10		Mississippi	-21	27-10
#8		Georgia - #5	-3	14-27
#17	at	Alabama - #5	+3'	3-6
#23		South Carolina	-13'	15-16
–	at	Notre Dame - #8	+8'	21-41
–		Memphis	-18'	20-16
–		Vanderbilt	-11	24-28
–	at	Kentucky	-8'	27-8

2006 RESULTS

UT Rank | Pre #23 | Opponent | Line | Score | Post #25

#23		California - #9	+3	35-18
#11		Air Force	-20	31-30
#13		Florida - #7	+3'	20-21
#15		Marshall	-21	33-7
#15	at	Memphis	-13	41-7
#13	at	Georgia - #10	-2	51-33
#7		Alabama	-10'	16-13
#8	at	South Carolina	-3'	31-24
#8		LSU - #13	+5	24-28
#13	at	Arkansas - #11	+5'	14-31
#22	at	Vanderbilt	-7'	39-10
#19		Kentucky	-20'	17-12

2007 RESULTS

UT Rank | Pre #15 | Opponent | Line | Score | Post #12

#15	at	California - #12	+6'	31-45
#24		S Mississippi	-11	39-19
#22	at	Florida - #5	+7'	20-59
–		Arkansas St	-19'	48-27
–		Georgia - #12	+1'	35-14
#25	at	Mississippi St	-7	33-21
#20	at	Alabama	-1	17-41
–		South Carolina - #15	-3	27-24 OT
#24		Louisiana	-28	59-7
#22		Arkansas	-1	34-13
#19		Vanderbilt	-11'	25-24
#19	at	Kentucky	+2'	52-50 AOT
#14	†	LSU - #5	+7	14-21

2008 RESULTS

UT Rank | Pre #18 | Opponent | Line | Score | Post –

#18	at	UCLA	-7'	24-27 OT
–		UAB	-30	35-3
–		Florida - #4	+7'	6-30
–	at	Auburn - #15	+6'	12-14
–		N Illinois	-16'	13-9
–	at	Georgia - #10	+12'	14-26
–		Mississippi St	-7'	34-3
–		Alabama - #2	+5	9-29
–	at	South Carolina	+5'	6-27
–		Wyoming	-27	7-13
–	at	Vanderbilt	+3	20-10
–		Kentucky	-3'	28-10

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In Spurrier's 4 years here his QB's have played sporadically. In the 2H of '06 he went with mobile Syvelle Newton (1,316 pass, 330 rush). In '07 Blake Mitchell threw for 1,747 (59.6%) with a 10-9 ratio. Chris Smelley (PS#13) threw for 1,176 (56.8%, 9-7 ratio) and Tommy Beecher (PS#72) threw for 175 (1-1 ratio). The debut of rFr Stephen Garcia (PS#10) was highly anticipated LY but he was susp in the spring and not reinstated until fall, putting him #3. Beecher started and Spurrier said that he might stick with him the entire season. Beecher was knocked around in the opener hitting 12 of 22 for 106 with 4 int. He would play in just 1 more. Smelley hit 23 of 39 for 271 vs GA but then had 3 TO's in the 1H vs Wofford. Garcia (mobile, strongest arm) got his first significant action vs UAB. He hit 13 of 20 for 131 while Smelley hit just 3 of 9 for 44. Smelley hit 22 of 32 for 327 vs Ole Miss and was the SEC OPW. He struggled vs UK and Garcia hit 10 of 14 for 169. Garcia started vs LSU and played most of the Tenn contest. Spurrier rotated Smelly and Garcia on almost every snap vs Ark and Fla. He stuck with Smelley vs Clemson even after he threw 4 int. In the bowl, Garcia got the start in his hometown of Tampa but had 4 TO's in the 1H putting SC in a hole. Smelley led them to ten 4Q points in a losing effort. For the season SC's 3 QB's threw for 223 ypg but had the lowest completion % of the Spurrier era (55.1%, 20-27 ratio). Both Smelley (Ala) and Beecher (Liberty) transferred. Added to the mix this year are rFr Reid McCollum (PS#37), mobile Aramis Hillary (PS#53), Seth Strickland (6'3" 180 rFr), Zac Brindise (6'1" 216 So) and true frosh Stephon Gilmore (PS#6DB) who is also working at CB and may be used in running packages. SC can only improve upon last year's poor numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Mike Davis (PS#31) led with 666 (4.6) in '05. Cory Boyd (PS#44) led in '06 with 823 (5.0) while Davis added 474 (4.7). Boyd became just the 2nd back in SC history with 1,000 rushing and receiving in his career joining Stanley Pritchett. Boyd and Davis had a streak of 386 touches without a fumble (Davis 371). In '07 Boyd led with 903 (5.0) and was also #2 in rec. Davis had 518 (4.5). Surprisingly, Brian Maddox (PS#23) had just 6 att in '07. Last year they lost Boyd (#7DC). Davis rushed for 101 (7.2) in the opener but surprisingly finished with just 573 (3.5). True frosh Eric Baker (PS#56) had 182 (4.0) and Maddox missed 6 with inj and had 121 (3.8). This year they lose Davis (11 st), Bobby Wallace (99, 4.0) and Taylor Rank (PS#54, 42 yd) plus FB's Bryan Kingrey and Dustyn McElroy. Despite losing Davis, who had more rushing yards than all of the other RB's combined, this unit can only improve as their 94.1 ypg rush was their lowest S/'99 (#112 FBS).

RECEIVERS - In 2006 Sidney Rice had 1,090 (15.1) and left early for the NFL (#2DC). Kenny McKinley was #2 with 880 (17.3) and the next closest WR was Freddie Brown (4 st) who had 147 (10.5). McKinley ret'd in '07 and set a school record for rec with 77. TE Jared Cook was #2 with 421 (14.0) and was also one of the team's fastest players. Last year McKinley became the school's career leader topping Sterling Sharpe ('83-'87). McKinley was inj'd in the 2Q vs Vandy and missed the next 3 but was still #1 with 642 (11.9). Cook was #2 with 573 (15.5) and Moe Brown (PS#86) emerged with 391 (13.0). 6'4" rFr Jason Barnes (PS#111), who Spurrier compared to Sidney Rice, had 5 rec in the bowl and finished with 346 (12.8). This year they lose McKinley (#5DC DEN, 10 st), Cook (#3DC TEN, 11 st), TE Larry Freeman (2 rec) and WR Freddie Brown (7 rec). Not listed below are Kevin White (6'2" 194 So), Brandan Davis (5'11" 175 So) and TE's Andrew Power (6'4" 253 rFr, PS#132) and Foxy Foxworth (6'3" 252 Jr, PS#50). It will be tough to replace two NFL players but I like the potential of true WR Alshon Jeffery (PS#10) and TE Weslye Saunders (PS#13).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07 SC had to replace 3 OL starters. They had a less mobile QB and went through weekly line shifts. Their rushing totals dropped to 114 ypg (3.6) while the sacks allowed rose to 31. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter. Of

the 4 ret starters, only RT Justin Sorensen started all 13 with LG Jamon Meredith missing 4 sts and both RG Heath Batchelor (3 st) and LG Seaver Brown (0 st) losing their jobs. Kevin Young missed the season (shoulder). Again Spurrier shuffled the unit throughout the year. SC has only had 2 OL ever earn 1st Tm SEC honors (last in '98). SC struggled with just 94 ypg (2.9) while allowing 39 sacks (8.6%). This year they lose RT Sorensen (2Y st'r) and LG Meredith (3Y st'r, #5DC GB). They bring in a new OL coach in Eric Wolford. Seven return who have started 6+ career gms and this unit can only improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - SC struggled with inexperienced and injury plagued DL's in '05 and '06. With the unit racked again by injuries in '07 SC allowed 209 ypg rush (highest ttl in over 20 yrs, 4.8 ypc) and the D had just 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and moved in starting LB Cliff Matthews while also getting back Jordin Lindsey (6 st '06, RS '07) and Nathan Pepper (12 st '06, 3 st '07 inj). I expected big improvement and their most veteran D-line in years trimmed the ypg rush to 133 (3.6), their best since 2000 and they also had 31 sacks. This year they lose Lindsey (12 st, 31 tkl, 1.5 sk), DT Jonathan Williams (7 tkl), DT Marque Hall (8 st '07, 3 tkl '08) and Jamarial Brown (2 tkl). I look for continued improvement from the SC D-line.

LINEBACKERS - SC had a banged up LB corps in '07. Last year they moved DE Eric Norwood to OLB but also moved OLB Cliff Matthews to DE. Rodney Paulk (#4 tkl'r '07) RS so they had just 2 starters back. Jasper Brinkley (275 lbs) and Norwood (252 lbs) formed the heaviest pair of LB's in the NCAA. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC Brinkley (13 st, 65 tkl, 2.5 sk, #5DC MIN), Marvin Sapp (PS#29, 4 st, 64 tkl), Yvan Banag (4 tkl) and Dustin Lindsey (15 tkl) and move SPUR Darian Stewart (13 st) to SS. Spurrier does add 2 VHT JUCO's in Josh Dickerson (PS#73) and Tony Straughter (PS#70). They also return their top LB, 1st Tm SEC Eric Norwood (13 sts, 75 tkls, 9 sk). Not listed on the PSL are Dalton Wilson (6'0" 223 rFr), Darrien Davis (6'0" 211 So) and John Guerry (6'0" 222 Sr). With Paulk's return it's like having 2 starters back but without their #3, #4 and #5 tacklers, I'll call it down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '07 SC had 6 players back with starting experience (lost 1 st'r) and moved up to #35 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 players (comb 8 st, 63 tkl) but had 3 CB's with sub 4.4 speed. They moved FS Darian Stewart to SLB so they had 3 starters back. CB Carlos Thomas was susp in spring and did not start until the final 4. SC finished #30 allowing a 9-14 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC SS Emanuel Cook (12 st, 87 tkl), CB Captain Munnerlyn (12 st, 44 tkl, 5 pbu, #7DC CAR), CB Thomas (4 st, 14 tkl) and CB Stoney Woodson (10 st, 27 tkl, 4 int, #7DC NYG). Spurrier added 2 true frosh who were in for the spring and moves Stewart back to SS but this is a less experienced group (lost 100 car st). They do however have 4 VHT's in the 2 deep.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the final 2 of '07 SC suffered 3 blk'd punts. Ray Rychleski was Maryland's ST coord for 7 years and had the NCAA's longest streak without a punt block (0 in 7 yr). Spurrier brought him in last year to correct the problem. In Spurrier's final year with UF, they finished #6 in my ST rankings. SC finished #108 in Holtz's final season but climbed to #83 in Spurrier's first year and was #50 and #66 the next two. Last year they had all of the top players back and as expected, they moved up to #35 under Rychleski. Surprisingly vs Clemson, the unit allowed a blk'd punt. K Ryan Succop hit 11 of his first 13 FG's but was just 9 of 17 down the stretch. He did have 3 misses from 50+ and was #1 in the SEC with 25 TB's on 61 KO. Succop was the P in '07 but Spencer Lanning (PS#85) took over and avg 42.1 (34.6 net). Chris Culliver (24.1) and Munnerlyn (24.2) handled the KR duties but Munnerlyn's PR avg dropped to 6.6 (9.2 '07). This year they lose Succop (#7DC KC), Munnerlyn and coach Rychleski and might drop a few notches.

COACHES - Steve Spurrier took Florida to 6 SEC Title games. He is his own OC but his son Steve Jr assisted with the play calling in '08. Last year they brought in a new DC in Ellis Johnson who was the DC at Miss St the previous 4 years and in the last 3 seasons there, his unit had finished #8, #7 and #5 in the SEC in total D. SC finished #4 last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

SC's last conf title came in the ACC in 1969. In '05 Spurrier had just 8 (fewest SEC) ret starters and was switching from a run based attack to a pass attack. They set a school record with 62,618 season tickets sold. This program is a sleeping giant and Spurrier, who has guided his teams to bowls in 15 out of 19 years, has done a decent job. Despite having lost 8 straight games to ranked teams, they knocked off #23 Tenn and #12 Florida (1st win over UF S/'39!!) in Spurrier's 1st yr. If GA had lost to Kentucky, SC would have been the SEC East Champ! They also had 5 straight SEC wins for the first time ever. SC led in the bowl 28-7 but lost and finished 7-5. Despite their 5-3 record in the SEC, they were -76.4 ypg. In '06 SC had 12 ret starters and Spurrier was not happy with the attendance during summer workouts. Despite being tied for 2nd in the SEC East in '05, they were picked 4th (for the 5th st yr) in the SEC pressn poll. They had an amazing 8 close games. They won their first 3 SEC road games giving them 5 straight SEC road wins (schl rec). Two blk'd FG's and a blk'd xp cost them vs Florida (1 pt loss) but Spurrier became the first coach to guide SC to B2B bowls in his first 2 years and they beat Houston in the Liberty Bowl. In '07 they had 16 ret starters but were picked 4th in the SEC East again (SEC media). It looked like SC could be a surprise contender when they knocked off #11 GA on the road. While they did lose to #2 LSU, they bounced back and at 6-1 rose to #6 and were already bowl eligible. They outFD'd their next 3 opp by a comb 74-54 but lost all 3 then dropped their final 2 (Fla & Clem) with CU getting a 35 yd FG on the last play to knock them out of a bowl. Last year SC had 16 ret starters and a more favorable SEC schedule. I called for SC to get to their 3rd bowl in 4 years but I also thought they could achieve 8 wins. They opened up by blowing out NCSt 34-0 at home. They were in control vs Vandy (325-225 yd edge) but a punt that went off the up-man hurt, as did losing WR McKinley to injury. The next week vs GA, SC could have easily won. In the 2H down by 7 they had 3 trips into GA terr, including fumbling into the EZ on 2nd & goal and later being int'd after driving to the GA17 (lost by 7). They were 3-2 when they snapped a 6 game SEC losing streak with wins over Miss and Kentucky. They rose to 5-2 and led LSU 17-10 at half. LSU rallied and SC lost by 7. After whipping both Tenn and Ark, they played a decent 1Q vs Fla but 3 TO's turned into a 21-0 deficit and Spurrier was dealt his worst loss ever, 56-6. After a bye they were surprisingly blown out by Clemson by 17 and in the bowl were blown out by Iowa 31-10. They have had 5 straight non-losing seasons for the first time S/'28-'34. SC has arguably some of the best fans in football and they already sold 51,000 season tickets for '09 despite 2 disappointing years. SC was 4-4 in the SEC and was -6.8 ypg (#7). This year SC has just 11 ret starters (2nd fewest SEC) and had only 12 starts lost to inj LY. Their 20.8 off ppg was a Spurrier era low, they have just 7 scholarship seniors and also have to replace 6 asst coaches. They were -11 in TO's (see pg 312). Surprisingly Spurrier has yet to get consistent play out of a QB but if Garcia can avoid his off field problems and TO's, SC could surprise some folks this year despite qualifying for the negative system on page 319.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GARNET — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GARNET — DEFENSE

QB 5 Stephen Garcia So. 6-2 219 **PS#10.** 3 st, 832 pass (53%), 6-8 ratio, 198 rush LY. **14** Reid McCollum (6'3" 218 rFr) PS#37. **13** Aramis Hillary (6'0" 197 rFr). Andrew Clifford PS#202.

TB 3 Jarvis Giles Fr. 5-11 183 **PS#23.** In for spg. **10** Brian Maddox (5'11" 224 Jr) **PS#23. 28** Eric Baker (5'11" 194 So) PS#56. 182 rush (4.0) true. Kenny Miles (5'9" 183 rFr) PS#98.

WR 9 MOE BROWN SR. 6-0 183 PS#86. 10 st, 633 (12.2) 3Y. **85** Joe Hills (6'4" 199 Jr) PS#80. 11 rec. Stephen Flint (6'2" 192 So). **FB** Patrick DiMarco (6'0" 243 Jr) 5 st, 48 ttl yd LY.

WR 4 JASON BARNES SO. 6-4 199 PS#111. 9 st, 346 (12.8) LY. Lamar Scruggs (6'3" 212 Fr) **PS#45. 81** Tori Gurley (6'5" 227 rFr) PS#76. **82** DL Moore (6'3" 202 rFr) PS#102.

WR NA Alshon Jeffery Fr. 6-3 217 **PS#10. 18** Dion LeCorn (5'11" 220 Jr) **PS#40.** 9 st, 421 (10.3) 2Y. **15** Matt Clements (6'0" 185 So) PS#119. Scott Spurrier (5'6" 160 Sr).

TE 88 Weslye Saunders Jr. 6-5 280 **PS#13.** 151 (12.6) true. 3 st, 214 (13.4) LY. Byron McKnight (6'4" 229 So). 7 tkl, 4 tfl DL. Justice Cunningham PS#31. **89** Mike Triglia (6'3" 231 rFr).

C 70 GARRETT ANDERSON SR. 6-4 307 PS#142. 8 st OG '06-'07. 13 sts C LY. Seaver Brown (6'5" 303 Jr) PS#167. 6 st LG '07. Ryan Broadhead (6'5" 261 So). **LS** Charles Turner (6'4" 229 Jr).

RG 60 TERRENCE CAMPBELL JR. 6-3 290 PS#378DL. 1 gm '07, 9 st at RG LY. **55** TJ Johnson (6'4" 297 rFr) **PS#88.** Steven Singelton PS#321JC. **74** Heath Batchelor (6'1" 308 Sr) 6 st 2Y.

LG 57 Lemuel Jeanpierre Sr. 6-4 294 1 st, 17 tkl, 6 tfl in '06. 5 st RG in '07. 5 st (4LG, 1RG) 8 gm LY. **64** Kevin Young (6'5" 310 Jr) **PS#39. 62** Pierre Andrews (6'2" 285 Jr) **PS#72.**

RT NA Rokevious Watkins Jr. 6-4 340 **PS#69JC. 72** Quintin Richardson (6'3" 283 So) **PS#20.** 13 gm LY. **68** Kyle Nunn (6'6" 293 So) **PS#91.** 9 gms LY. **67** Chris Vaughn (6'0" 264 So).

LT 76 JARRIEL KING JR. 6-5 312 **PS#87JC.** 11 st at LT LY. **66** Hutch Eckerson (6'6" 290 Jr) PS#143. 5 st at LT as true. RS '07. 2 st, 7 gm LY. **77** Garrett Chisolm (6'6" 296 Jr).

K 34 Spencer Lanning Jr. 5-11 188 PS#85. 1-1 xp in '07. 48 punts, 42.1 avg in '08. **81** Adam Yates (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#72. **42** Eric Davis (6'1" 178 rFr) PS#77.

DE 96 Clifton Geathers Jr. 6-8 281 **PS#5.** 2 tkl, 11 gm as true. 1 st, 29 tkl, 2.5 sk LY. Leon Mackey **PS#52. 98** Devin Taylor (6'7" 232 rFr) PS#134. **54** Darantzy Brunson (6'0" 258 Jr).

DT 95 NATHAN PEPPER SR. 6-1 300 PS#114. 12 st, 25 tkl, 5 tfl '06. Knee inj '07. 11 st, 23 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **42** Travian Robertson (6'4" 283 Jr) **PS#26.** 1 st, 24 tkl 2Y. Ronald Byrd PS#138OL.

DT 91 LADI AJIBOYE JR. 6-1 285 PS#292. 10 st, 39 tkl, 3 sk true. 12 st, 22 tkl LY, susp spg? **6** Melvin Ingram (6'2" 297 So) PS#106. 15 tkl true. **94** Kenny Davis (6'3" 287 rFr) PS#173.

DE 83 CLIFF MATTHEWS JR. 6-4 249 **PS#22.** 9% body fat. 9 st at LB, 26 tkl as true. 13 st at DE, 32 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **90** Chaz Sutton (6'3" 243 Fr) PS#101. Duane Chisolm (6'2" 256 Fr) PS#73.

WLB 40 ERIC NORWOOD SR. 6-1 252 PS#93. 30 tkl, 7 sk as true. **1st Tm SEC**, 69 tkl, 6 sk, 13.5 tfl '07. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 75 tkl, 9 sk, 5.5 tfl. **31** Gerrod Sinclair (6'0" 226 Sr) **PS#51DB.** 22 tkl 3Y.

MLB 45 Rodney Paulk Jr. 6-0 216 **PS#53.** 10 st, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl '06. 12 st, 64 tkl, 4.5 tfl '07. Inj LY. Josh Dickerson **PS#73JC.** IFS. Shaq Wilson (5'11" 210 So) PS#98. 16 tkl, 2 tfl true.

SLB 43 Alonzo Winfield So. 6-0 222 PS#130DB. 4.38 spd. 3 tkl in 8 gm LY. **44** Tony Straughter (6'0" 209 Jr) **PS#70JC.** 1st Tm AA JUCO. IFS. **32** Reggie Bowens (6'2" 233 rFr) PS#71.

CB 12 CC Whitlock So. 5-10 173 **PS#25.** 1 tkl, 9 gm as true. **7** Addison Williams (5'8" 177 Jr) PS#70. 2 st, 22 tkl 2Y. Chris Payne PS#64. **4** Cedrick Snead (5'6" 178 So).

CB 5 Stephon Gilmore Fr. 6-1 188 **PS#6. 3** Akeem Auguste (5'10" 180 So) PS#91. 18 tkl, 4 pbu as true. **20** Jay Spearman (6'0" 196 rFr) PS#124. Corey Addison PS#111.

SS 24 DARIAN STEWART SR. 5-11 216 PS#175. 10 st at FS, 68 tkl, 7 pbu, 2 int '07. 13 st (12SLB, 1SS) LY, 64 tkl, 9 tfl, 8 pbu. DeVonte Holloman **PS#21.** In for spg. Blake Baxley (5'9" 189 Jr).

FS 17 CHRIS CULLIVER JR. 6-0 190 PS#88. 1 st WR true. 12 st at FS LY, 60 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 3 int. DaMario Jeffery **PS#22. 26** Antonio Allen (6'1" 202 So) 5 tkl true. Jarrett Burns (6'1" 181 rFr) PS#311.

P 34 SPENCER LANNING JR. 5-11 188 PS#85. 41 punt avg as HS senior. 1-1 xp in '07. 48 punts, 42.1 avg, 34.6 net avg, 13 inside 20 LY. Also top candidate for PK job in '09.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Stephon Gilmore 6-1 188 PS#6
WR	Alshon Jeffery 6-3 217 PS#10
DB	DeVonte Holloman 6-2 211 PS#21
DB	DaMario Jeffery 6-4 215 PS#22
RB	Jarvis Giles 5-11 183 PS#23
OL	Rokevious Watkins 6-4 340 PS#69JC
LB	Tony Straughter 6-0 209 PS#70JC
LB	Josh Dickerson 6-1 221 PS#73JC
DL	Leon Mackey 6-6 260 PS#52
WR	Lamar Scruggs 6-3 212 PS#45
DB	Chris Payne 5-10 173 PS#64
RB	Ben Axon 6-1 195 PS#65
DL	Duane Chisolm 6-2 256 PS#73
LB	Matt Coffee 5-11 210 PS#54
DB	DJ Swearinger 5-11 196 PS#85
DL	Chaz Sutton 6-3 243 PS#101
LB	Chaun Gresham 6-3 205 PS#76
DB	Corey Addison 5-11 177 PS#111
TE	Justice Cunningham 6-3 242 PS#31
DL	Aldrick Fordham 6-4 234 PS#129
DL	Ronald Byrd 6-6 285 PS#138OL
LB	Quin Smith 6-0 205 PS#138
DB	Jimmy Legree 6-0 170 PS#172
WR	DeAngelo Smith 6-0 170 PS#137
WR	Charles Holmes 6-3 190 PS#145
OL	Nick Allison 6-4 285 PS#222
WR	DeMario Bennett 6-3 185 PS#181
OL	Steven Singleton 6-3 300 PS#321JC
QB	Andrew Clifford 6-3 215 PS#202

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STEVE SPURRIER (Career 170-62-2) Bowls: 7-8
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Spurrier AT S CAROLINA/OVERALL

28-22 / 170-62-2 SU		1-7 / 19-24-1 Vs Top 10
17-11 / 97-19	Home	5-12 / 47-40-1 Vs Top 25
10-9 / 51-32-2	Away	3-4 / 19-20-1 Vs BCS Tms
1-2 / 22-11	Neutral	4-4 / 28-18 Off A Bye
15-17 / 113-40-1 Vs Conf		8-11 / 30-21-1 Off A Loss

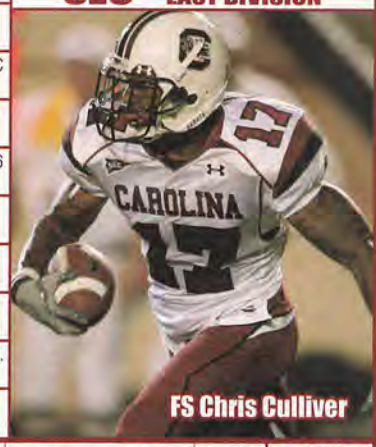
2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (21,17,2)
Lost: 28 (15,12,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,529 (#17)

SEC - EAST DIVISION



FS Chris Culliver

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#1

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SC	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 3	at NC State (Thur)	G					
Sep. 12	at Georgia	G					
Sep. 19	Florida Atlantic	G					
Sep. 24	Mississippi (Thur)	G					
Oct 3	South Carolina St	G					
Oct. 10	Kentucky	G					
Oct. 17	at Alabama	G					
Oct. 24	Vanderbilt	G					
Oct. 31	at Tennessee	G					
Nov. 7	at Arkansas	A					
Nov. 14	Florida	G					
Nov. 21							
Nov. 28	Clemson	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Todd Ellis 9,953 '86-'89
2. Steve Taneyhill 8,782 '92-'95
3. Blake Mitchell 5,992 '04-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. George Rogers 5,204 '77-'80
2. Brandon Bennett 3,055 '91-'94
3. Harold Green 3,005 '86-'89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kenny McKinley 2,781 '05-'08
2. Sterling Sharpe 2,497 '83, '85-'87
3. Zola Davis 2,354 '95-'98

The series is tied 26-26-4 & SC ended a 4 gm losing streak with their 34-0 win LY. The Gamecocks have won 9 straight season openers by an avg of 18 ppg.

SC has only allowed 1 offensive TD in the last 8 quarters vs Georgia. The Gamecocks held UGA to just 252 total yds in their 14-7 loss last year.

SC is 6-0 all-time vs current Sun Belt teams. The only meeting between these two was a 45-6 SC win in 2006. SC had a 492-243 yd edge & a 25-13 FD edge.

Last year SC got their first win in Oxford since 1974, 31-24. QB Smelley had a career high 327 yds passing including leading a 95/11pl 4Q TD drive.

SCSt HC Pough was the RB coach at SC for 3 yrs under Holtz. The Bulldogs went 10-3 in 2008 winning the MEAC Title. Only meeting was 38-3 SC win in '07.

Last year SC held UK to 218 yds offense & won 24-17 despite 4 missed FG's. The Gamecocks have now won 9 straight & lead the all-time series 13-6-1.

SC is 3-10 all-time vs UA but has won 3 of the L/5. The last meeting was a 37-14 SC loss in '05. Spurrier is 2-0 all-time vs Saban winning by an avg of 43-12.

SC has lost 2 in a row to Vandy & Spurrier is now 14-2 vs the Commodores. SC had a 325-225 yd edge but a 3-1 TO deficit cost them in their 24-17 loss LY.

Since 2000, the avg margin of victory in this series is 7 ppg. SC has lost 14 of 16 games in this series but LY won 27-6, their 1st win over UT in Columbia S/'92.

SC is 7-10 all-time in this series but has won 3 of the last 5 including LY 34-21. Last year both Smelley & Garcia had TD passes as they were rotated in & out.

Last yr UF handed Spurrier the worst loss in his playing or coaching career 56-6. The home team has won 4 of the L/5 but the Gamecocks are just 4-22-3 overall.

Bonus: Gamecocks are 3-14 prior to a bye during the regular season since 1992.

SC has lost 10 of the L/12 in this series. SC has won just once ('01) hosting Clemson S/'89. Last time here SC allowed a 61/9pl drive & a 35 yd FG on the final play in the loss.

STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250) (#20)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	9-3	5-7	5-7	6-5	7-5	8-5	6-6	7-6	61-48
Home	5-1	6-1	3-3	5-3	3-3	5-2	3-4	4-3	5-2	39-22
Away	2-3	2-2	2-4	0-4	3-2	2-2	4-1	2-3	2-3	19-24
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-2
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	3-5	2-6	4-4	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	34-38
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	2-2	3-1	2-1	2-2	5-0	3-1	3-2	27-10
ATS	9-3	6-4-1	3-9	5-7	4-7	6-6	9-3	5-5-1	5-6-1	52-50-3
Home Fav	3-0	2-2-1	2-1	1-3	1-4	2-2	2-0	2-2	3-1	18-15-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-0	1-2	1-3	1-1	0-1-1	8-13-1
Away Favorite	2-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	3-0	0-1	1-1	8-6
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	1-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	2-0	2-1-1	1-2	15-13-1
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-2
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-3	4-3-1	4-3-1	36-34-2
vs Non-Conf	4-0	1-1-1	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-3	4-0	1-2	1-3	16-16-1
Off SU Win	5-2	5-3	2-3	3-2	2-4	4-3	5-2	3-2	3-4	32-25
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	1-5	2-4	1-3	2-2	3-1	2-2-1	1-2-1	16-21-2

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Outback	+6'	Ohio St - #19	24-7
01	Outback - #14	-1	Ohio St - #22	31-28
05	Independence	-4	Missouri	31-38
06	Liberty	-5	Houston	44-36
08	Outback	+3'	Iowa	10-31

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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS BY	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	20.8	317	94	2.9	222	55.1	15.2	39	-11	2008	9	21.1	292	133	3.6	159	57.6	13.9	31
7*	26.1	372	114	3.6	258	58.2	14.3	31	-7	2007	9	23.5	378	209	4.8	169	55.6	16.1	21
7*	26.6	395	144	4.5	251	62.5	14.8	24	-2	2006	5	18.7	337	147	4.1	190	54.3	18.0	31
4	23.7	316	95	3.1	221	60.0	13.3	30	+2	2005	4	23.2	361	174	4.1	187	55.9	15.5	32
9*	22.1	369	169	4.0	200	56.8	16.7	19	+1	2004	8	20.8	315	138	4.1	177	53.0	15.1	12
3	22.3	355	161	4.2	194	49.7	15.9	10	+7	2003	6	26.2	369	166	4.3	203	61.9	14.1	15
5	18.8	319	167	4.2	152	53.6	17.0	19	-5	2002	4	21.8	352	165	4.1	187	59.2	16.1	15

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Davis	163	615	42	573	3	3.5
Stephen Garcia	**70**	**289**	**91**	**198**	**2**	**2.8**
Eric Baker	**46**	**191**	**9**	**182**	**0**	**4.0**
Brian Maddox	**32**	**128**	**7**	**121**	**1**	**3.8**
Bobby Wallace	25	110	11	99	0	4.0
Taylor Rank	18	46	4	42	1	2.3
Tommy Beecher	14	41	26	15	0	1.1
Chris Smelley	39	110	117	-7	0	-0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Smelley	302	169	56.0	1922	14	15
Stephen Garcia	**122**	**65**	**53.3**	**832**	**6**	**8**
Tommy Beecher	26	14	53.8	126	0	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kenny McKinley	54	642	11.9	4	41
Jared Cook	37	573	15.5	3	66
Moe Brown	**30**	**391**	**13.0**	**1**	**34**
Jason Barnes	**27**	**346**	**12.8**	**2**	**38**
Mike Davis	24	213	8.9	1	18
Wesley Saunders	**16**	**214**	**13.4**	**3**	**27**
Eric Baker	**9**	**108**	**12.0**	**0**	**42**
Dion LeCorn	**14**	**106**	**7.6**	**2**	**20**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Spencer Lanning	**48**	**2019**	**42.1**	**7**	**34.6**	**1**	**13**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Succop	30-30	6-7	4-7	9-12	1-4	20-30	54

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Emanuel Cook	87	0	0	0	0
Eric Norwood	**75**	**9**	**5.5**	**1**	**0**
Jasper Brinkley	65	2.5	2.5	0	1
Darian Stewart	**64**	**2**	**7**	**8**	**0**
Marvin Sapp	64	1	0	0	0
Chris Culliver	**60**	**1**	**3.5**	**3**	**3**
Captain Munnerlyn	44	2	1	5	0
Cliff Matthews	**32**	**3**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**
Jordin Lindsey	31	1.5	4	0	1
Clifton Geathers	**29**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Stoney Woodson	27	0	0.5	1	4
Nathan Pepper	**23**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Ladi Ajiboye	**22**	**1.5**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Akeem Auguste	**18**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**0**
Travian Robertson	**17**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Shaq Wilson	**16**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Dustin Lindsey	15	0	1	0	0
Carlos Thomas	14	0	1.5	2	3
Addison Williams	**14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Chris Hall	11	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Williams	7	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Captain Munnerlyn	18	118	6.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Culliver	**34**	**821**	**24.1**	**0**

2008 STATS BY GAME

SC 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
80,616	NC State	20	42-171	4.1	17-27	198	5	10	37-89	2.4	5-20	49	2	0
36,850	at Vanderbilt	18	29-92	3.2	23-39	233	4	15	41-135	3.3	8-13	90	2	-2
83,704	Georgia	20	16-18	1.1	23-40	271	2	17	35-106	3.0	15-25	146	4	-2
76,599	Wofford	30	42-172	4.1	23-34	204	2	14	43-185	4.3	8-13	100	1	-3
78,286	UAB	24	45-158	3.5	18-33	195	4	12	25-67	2.7	17-28	140	0	0
54,628	at Mississippi	20	35-78	2.2	22-32	327	3	21	33-118	3.6	21-32	243	2	+2
70,822	at Kentucky	16	34-74	2.2	19-37	274	4	13	22-62	2.8	24-44	156	1	-2
82,477	LSU	16	31-39	1.3	14-26	215	6	22	46-164	3.6	18-29	199	0	-2
81,731	Tennessee	11	44-101	2.3	10-20	154	1	11	28-34	1.2	15-32	173	6	+2
80,290	Arkansas	18	34-132	3.9	13-30	219	2	18	31-54	1.7	20-34	255	6	+2
90,646	at Florida	11	25-53	2.1	19-37	120	4	20	41-346	8.4	13-22	173	2	-2
82,456	at Clemson	20	26-92	3.5	22-47	212	1	19	47-184	3.9	12-17	199	4	-2
55,117	† Iowa	17	14-43	3.1	26-50	270	1	22	47-181	3.9	13-19	147	1	-2
TOTALS		241	417-1223	2.9	249-452	2892	39	214	476-1725	3.6	189-328	2070	31	-11
AVERAGES		18.5	32-94	2.9	19-35	222	8.6%	16.5	37-133	3.6	15-25	159	9.5%	-0.8

2004 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Vanderbilt	-3'	31-6	
–	Georgia - #3	+7'	16-20	
–	USF	-12'	34-3	
–	Troy	-14	17-7	
–	at Alabama	+2'	20-3	
#25	Mississippi	-16'	28-31	
–	at Kentucky	-13	12-7	
–	Tennessee - #11	-1	29-43	
–	Arkansas	-3'	35-32	
–	at Florida	+7	14-48	
–	at Clemson	+3	7-29	

2005 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	UCF	-21	24-15	
–	at Georgia - #9	+17'	15-17	
–	Alabama	+2	14-37	
–	Troy	-20	45-20	
–	at Auburn	+14'	7-48	
–	Kentucky	-12'	44-16	
–	Vanderbilt	-8'	35-28	
–	at Tennessee - #23	+13'	16-15	
–	at Arkansas	+4'	14-10	
–	Florida - #12	+4	30-22	
#19	Clemson	+3	9-13	

2006 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Mississippi St	-7	15-0	
–	Georgia - #12	+3	0-18	
–	Wofford	NL	27-20	
–	Florida Atlantic	-28'	45-6	
–	Auburn - #2	+13'	17-24	
–	at Kentucky	-4'	24-17	
–	at Vanderbilt	-3'	31-13	
–	Tennessee - #8	+3'	24-31	
–	Arkansas - #12	+2'	20-26	
–	at Florida - #6	+13'	16-17	
–	Middle Tennessee	-15'	52-7	
–	at Clemson - #24	+5'	31-28	

2007 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Louisiana	-29	28-14	
–	at Georgia - #11	+3'	16-12	
#17	South Carolina St	NL	38-3	
#12	at LSU - #2	+17'	16-28	
#16	Mississippi St	-13'	38-21	
#11	Kentucky - #8	-4	38-23	
#7	at North Carolina	-7	21-15	
#6	Vanderbilt	-13'	6-17	
#15	at Tennessee	+3	24-27 OT	
#23	at Arkansas	+6	36-48	
–	Florida - #17	+7'	31-51	
–	Clemson - #21	+3	21-23	

2008 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	NC State	-14	34-0	
#24	at Vanderbilt	-9'	17-24	
–	Georgia - #2	+7	7-14	
–	Wofford	-32	23-13	
–	UAB	-26	26-13	
–	at Mississippi	+2'	31-24	
–	at Kentucky	-2'	24-17	
–	LSU - #13	+2'	17-24	
–	Tennessee	-5'	27-6	
–	Arkansas	-12'	34-21	
#24	at Florida - #3	+21	6-56	
–	at Clemson	+1	14-31	

VANDERBILT COMMODORES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Bobby Johnson brought in an option-oriented offense similar to the one he ran at Furman. Jay Cutler became the first ever rFr QB to start an opener at Vandy and had a record breaking career, even being voted the AP SEC POY. Johnson then signed Alabama's 2003 Mr. Football, Chris Nickson (PS#71). Nickson played in six in '05 (3 pass att, 49 yd rush). In '06 after Cutler moved on to be an NFL starter, Nickson threw for 2,085 (54.8%) with a 15-13 ratio. Mackenzi Adams (PS#73) hit 15 of 29 for 224 as a rFr. In 2007 both Nickson and Adams were banged up almost all season. Nickson missed the last 3 and threw for just 763 (52%) with a 6-5 ratio (178 rush). Adams started the last 6 and threw for 1,043 (55.5%) with a 9-6 ratio. In the finale Ariz transfer Richard Kovalcheck hit 23 of 38 for 269 as Adams was inj. Last year rFr Larry Smith (PS#32) joined the competition. Nickson was much healthier and his running ability guided them to a 5-0 start including rushing for 166 vs Miami (OH). He suffered a shoulder injury vs Ole Miss and Adams led two 2H scoring drives. Adams came in late in the 2Q vs Auburn and guided two TD drives for the win. Nickson was pulled in the 4Q vs Miss St and Adams again rallied the team for a TD and took over as the starter. Adams threw for a career high 210 in their loss to Duke but then was inj'd vs Florida and missed UK. Nickson threw for a season high 155 and 3 TD's (118 rush) guiding the win over UK and he started all six of the Commodores' reg ssn wins. Nickson finished 5 yds short of VU's career QB rush record held by Marcus Wilson (1468 from '89-'92). Versus WF with both QB's injured, Smith finally got some action and hit 9 of 17 for 46 leading the team to its only TD. Smith got his first career start in the bowl in VU's biggest game in decades and hit 10 of 17 for 121. This year they lose Nickson (9 st). Added to the mix is VU's first Parade AA since 1985, Charlie Goro (PS#38) and I look for improved QB play.

RUNNING BACKS - Vanderbilt has not had a 1,000-yard rusher since 1995 with just 3 in school history. In 2005 Jeff Jennings started 10 and rushed for 448 (3.6) but tore his ACL and RS in '06. Cassen Jackson-Garrison led the RB's in rushing for 3 straight years as he had 539 (5.6) in '05, 614 (4.0) in '06 and 594 (4.0) in '07. Jennings ret'd in '07 and rushed for 346 (3.6) and Jared Hawkins (298, 6.9 in '06) added 267 (4.4). The team had just one 100 yard effort by a RB in '07. They had to replace Jackson-Garrison last year and Jennings started the opener but then was injured and Hawkins took over the starting job. Hawkins led with 593 (4.3) while QB's were #2 and #3. WR's Graham and Walker were #4 and #5. Jennings was the #2 RB with just 80 (2.4). Not listed below are Reece Lovell (5'10" 218 So), Chavez Scott (5'7" 190 rFr), Jermaine Doster (5'10" 204 So) and Ryan van Rensburg (6'1" 228 So). This year they lose Jennings (2 st) but can only improve.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Commodores had to replace the SEC's all-time reception leader in Earl Bennett who led in '07 with 830 (11.1). George Smith was #2 with 397 (12.4). Last year Smith had foot surgery and missed the first 4 and was later bothered by a hamstring injury and had just 142 (10.9). Sean Walker (270, 13.5 '07) led with 520 (14.4) and VT transfer TE Brandon Barden (PS#25) led all frosh TE's in the NCAA in rec (28) with 209 (7.5). Justin Wheeler (10 st) had 145 (9.1) but tore his ACL this spring. This year they lose Smith (8 st), Walker (12 st) as well as TE's Jake Bradford (1 st, 0 rec) and Matt Bubis (0 rec). They get the significant addition of WR Terence Jeffers who led Connecticut in receiving in '07 with 582 (13.2) and also add Minnesota transfer Tray Herndon (PS#240) who had 7 starts and 235 (10.7) as a true. Despite losing their top receiver again, this group could be more talented and should have increased production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Vandy had the most experienced OL in the NCAA with 5 senior starters. The unit surprisingly only opened holes for 150 ypg rush (with their ypc dropping from 4.7 in '06 to 3.7 in '07) but did allow just 17 sacks. Last year VU had the least experienced O-line in the FBS with 3 career starts. Prior to the year Johnson was very optimistic saying they would be more athletic than the 2007 version. Once again the numbers were surprising. While the sacks rose to 27 (8.5%) the rush total only slipped slightly to 134 (3.7). They did shuffle the line in Wk 7 vs UGA and surprisingly allowing just 10 sacks the first 7 but allowed 17 over the last 6. This year all 5 starters return with the only losses being G's Nick Forte (1 st, 9 gm) and Drew Gardner (13 gm). Naturally I expect improvement from a vastly more experienced front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 VU had six of the top 8 DL back including all the players who accounted for the DL's 17.5 sacks in '06. As you would expect, VU's rush D improved to 128 ypg (3.7), their best since 1997, with 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters and two backups but did return 10 of 16 sacks from the '07 unit. Even with just one starter back, the rush D only slipped a little to 145 ypg (3.8) with 30 sacks. This year the entire 2 deep returns and not listed below is DE Josh Jelesky (6'5" 248 rFr, PS#138). Vandy should have its best rush D of the decade.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Commodores had to replace their #1 tackler (#5DC) and their #3 tackler (12 tfl) plus their #10 tackler missed the year with injury. Patrick Benoist was the top returning LB with just 4 starts (32 tkl, 4 sk) in '07. This year the unit returns intact and Brandon Bryant (3 st, 30 tkl '07) returns and four solid rFr are added. Not listed in the PSL below are Bo Baggerley (6'0" 210 Sr), Michael Garcia (6'1" 228 Jr), Dan Sutton (6'1" 220 So) and Davis Flowers (6'1" 220 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - From 2004-'06 VU finished #103, #94 and #82 in my pass D rankings. In 2007 they had all 4 starters back and VU's 16 int's were their best since 1989, led by 1st Tm SEC CB DJ Moore (6). They moved up to #41 allowing a 15-16 ratio. Last year, on a very inexperienced Vanderbilt team, this was clearly the best unit as the entire 2 deep (6 had been full-time starters) returned. Moore earned 2nd Tm AA honors snagging 6 int's again and he leaves #2 in career int's (Leonard Coleman, 15). FS Ryan Hamilton tied a Vandy record with 3 int's vs Ole Miss (1 ret TD) and was The Walter Camp National DPW. VU had their best pass D finish of the decade by far at #13 allowing a 15-20 ratio. Unfortunately Moore (13 st, 7 pbu) opted to leave early for the NFL (#4DC CHI) and also gone are SS Reshard Langford (13 st, 76 tkl, 3 int), CB Josh Allen (2 st, 10 tkl) and NB Jared Fagan (1 st, 14 tkl). They add WR Jamie Graham, who moved to CB in spring. CB Myron Lewis (6'3") not only had 76 tkl but 5 sk and 5 int and is a physical cover corner. He and Hamilton are a solid combo but with the loss of its star, this unit will drop some.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Johnson's first ST unit finished #48 in my rankings. The past six years they have recorded finishes of just #108, #111, #109, #99, #109 and #99! In '07 DJ Moore tied VU's single season KR avg record set by Kwane Doster in '02 (25.7). Surprisingly Moore's KR avg dropped to 19.4 LY but he took over PR's (14.4). The low finish was surprising as P Upson was the SEC STPW twice and avg 40.4 (net 35.8). K Brian Hahnfeldt hit 13 of 20 FG's (long 45) in '07 and hit 13 of 18 (long 48) last year and had 8 TB's on 56 KO. He hit his first 7, missed 5 and knocked home his last six (3 in bowl). Part of the problem was that VU allowed 5 blk'd punts and a KR TD. This year they lose Hahnfeldt and Moore. Last year I summed it up by saying that everyone was back and they could only improve, but they didn't, so I will wrap it up by saying they should improve this year.

COACHES - Bobby Johnson was 60-36 in 8 years at Furman and was the '01 IAA Nat'l Coach of the Year. Although Johnson did not have a winning record his first six years here, he had a couple of near misses and VU stuck with him. They were rewarded with their first bowl since 1982. OC Ted Cain, who was the OC at NCSt from '86-'96 and HC at VMI 2 yrs, and DC Bruce Fowler, who spent 16 yrs as an asst at Furman (L/3 as DC), both return for the 8th season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into last season, Vanderbilt had 25 consecutive losing seasons with their last bowl in 1982. With Vandy's strict academic standards and playing in a tough conference, they have won just 12 SEC games in the 12 years from 1996-2007 and had just one winning SEC record in the last 48 years. In '04 expectations were high as Johnson had 20 starters returning. VU lost an amazing 5 close games and could have easily been 7-4 but finished 2-9. It was their 4th straight 2 win season. In '05 expectations were lower but VU appeared on the verge of a rare winning season. They had 103 players in August, the most since the mid-1980's. They got their first season-opening win since 1997. They then won their first SEC road opener since 1984 when they upset Ark. After beating Ole Miss at home, they were 2-0 in SEC play for the first time since 1956. After beating Richmond, they were 4-0 for the first time since 1984 and received votes in the *USA Today* Poll. They were upset at home by Middle Tenn despite a 23-11 FD edge. VU almost upset SCar then lost in 2 OT's to Florida. They got their first win vs Tenn in Neyland Stadium since 1975 but finished just 5-6. In 2006 they had to replace star QB Jay Cutler who had guided the team to 27.2 ppg, their best since 1948! New QB Chris Nickson was better than expected and VU avg 22.0 ppg (3rd best S/'87). VU did knock off #16 GA on the road ending a streak of 49 straight losses to ranked teams (1992, #25 Ole Miss) and it was their first ever win over a ranked foe in an opp stadium. They were just 1-7 but were -24.7 ypg in SEC play (7th best). In '07 they had 18 ret starters and a favorable schedule and I called for them to get to their first bowl S/'82. VU started out 5-3 needing just 1 win to be bowl eligible but missed 2 FG's and an xp vs Kentucky. They led Tenn 24-9 with 9:00 left 3Q but UT rallied and VU had a FG bounce off the upright at the end and they lost their last 4 to finish 5-7. I've had a lot of success forecasting the ups and downs of SEC teams but last year in the magazine I saw a VU team with zero returning starting OL and just 9 starters back overall. With a tough SEC schedule I called for an 0-8 record in SEC play in what looked like a rebuilding year. VU caught a lot of breaks. In fact, after 5 games they were #12 in the SEC on off and #10 on def but somehow managed a 5-0 start. In Wk 2 they won their 2nd in a row over SC (24-17) despite being outgained 325-225. Ole Miss had a dominating 385-202 yd edge but gave up a 79 yd IR TD and at the end Ole Miss fmbl'd into the EZ for a TB. VU entered the Top 25 for the first time since 1984 (#19). Aub dominated the first 29:00 to lead 13-0 but VU got a 15 yd TD pass with :39 left in the half and rallied for a 14-13 win. They were #13 in the AP poll when Miss St outgained them 247-107 and dealt them the upset, 17-14. GA had a 425-245 yd edge in a 24-14 VU loss. Duke came into Vanderbilt Stadium and left with a 10-7 upset and UF destroyed them leading 42-0 late 3Q and their record rose to 19 straight losses when trying to win their 6th game. Luckily for VU, they went into Kentucky and came away with the victory (UK did not get first FD until 2:00 left 1H). They lost to UT and WF in the final 2 but finished tied for 3rd in the SEC East. They defeated BC in the Music City Bowl ending BC's NCAA leading 8 gm bowl win streak, and had their first winning season S/'82. That was a young VU team with just 19 Sr and 32 Jr so this year's squad appears to be stronger. Despite a 4-4 SEC record, VU was -76.1 ypg in SEC play (3rd worst) and benefitted from +9 in TO's and from 3 net close wins (pg 299). Despite being more experienced (17 ret st'rs) I don't think they'll get the breaks they did last season and will not match last year's 7 win total.

OFFENSE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

(JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 10 Larry Smith So. 6-2 216 PS#32. 1 st, 167 (56%), 1-1 ratio. 9 Mackenzie Adams (6'3" 212 Sr) 9 st, 2149 (53%)14-15 ratio 3Y. Charlie Goro PS#38. 12 Jared Funk (6'2" 202 Jr) PS#67.

RB 31 JARED HAWKINS SR. 5-10 195 PS#155. 565 rush (5.5) '06-'07. 10 st, 593 rush (4.3) LY. 26 Kennard Reeves (6'0" 202 Jr) 51 ttl yd LY. 27 Gaston Miller (5'7" 175 Jr) PS#94. 83 ttl yd LY.

WR 88 John Cole rFr. 5-11 170 PS#63. Knee inj as true. 4 Alex Washington (5'10" 182 Sr) 130 (10.0) 3Y. Brady Brown PS#95. 36 Chris Reinert (5'9" 172 Sr) 2 rec 3Y.

WR 23 UDOM UMOH SO. 6-0 175 PS#153. 3 rec. 14 Tray Herndon (5'10" 182 So) 235 (10.7) Minn '07. 80 **Justin Wheeler** (6'1" 180 Sr) 11 st, 232 (8.9) 2Y. **ACL spg?**

WR 16 Terence Jeffers Jr. 6-2 220 8 st, 200 (11.8) true. 12 st, 582 (13.2) '07 at Conn. 22 Akeem Dunham (6'3" 198 rFr). 81 Turner Wimberly (6'1" 195 Jr). Jameson Sackey (6'0" 202 So).

TE 87 BRANDON BARDEN SO. 6-5 245 10 st, 209 (7.5) LY. 86 Austin Monahan (6'6" 250 Jr). 3 st, 50 (10.0) 2Y. 82 Justin Green (6'6" 235 Jr) 4 rec 2Y. 84 Chris DeGeorge (6'2" 232 Sr).

C 60 BRADLEY VIERLING SR. 6-3 294 PS#220. 21 gm as bkup '06-'07. 13 st LY, 95% off snaps. 58 Chris Aaron (6'3" 290 Jr). LS John Stokes (6'5" 228 Jr). David Giller (6'1" 205 So) FG LS LY.

RG 66 ERIC HENSLEY SR. 6-6 315 PS#285. 11 gm '06-'07. L7 st at RG LY. 13 games. 71 Joey Bailey (6'4" 290 Jr) 1st 5 st at RG LY until inj. 67 Michael Bryant (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#157.

LG 72 KYLE FISCHER SO. 6-6 308 **PS#69.** 7 st (3LT, L4 at LG), 13 gm LY. 78 Ryan Custer (6'3" 295 Sr) 3 st LG '06. 9 gm bkup '07. 1 st 9 st LG LY. Richard Cagle (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#174.

RT 76 THOMAS WELCH SR. 6-7 310 PS#205QB. 18 gm as bkup '06-'07. 13 st at RT LY. 77 James Williams (6'6" 310 So) PS#206. 3 gm. 78 Caleb Welchans (6'5" 290 rFr).

LT 68 REILLY LAUER JR. 6-6 275 PS#219. 13 gm, 2Y. 10 st at LT (1st 6 & L4) LY. 62 Ryan Seymour (6'4" 275 rFr) PS#383DL. Moved from DL. 55 Rob Ashabranner (6'2" 276 So).

K 94 Ryan Fowler rFr. 5-10 165 PS#26. 5-6 FG & 90% of KO were TB as HS Sr. 97 John Laughrey (6'1" 190 Sr) 1-1 xp, 5 KO in 3 gm in '07. No gm action LY.

DE 96 STEVEN STONE SR. 6-5 272 24 tkl, 6.5 tfl '06. 12 st, 45 tkl, 8 tfl '07. 13 st, 42 tkl. 5 sk LY. Tim Fugger (6'4" 250 So) 14 tkl. John Burrow (6'4" 245 rFr). Johnell Thomas (6'1" 240 rFr).

DT 56 GREG BILLINGER SR. 6-3 287 PS#151. 12 tkl '06-'07. 13 st, 47 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. 94 Rob Lohr (6'4" 275 rFr). 54 Taylor Loftley (6'2" 272 rFr) PS#210. Colt Nichter (6'2" 280 rFr).

DT 59 ADAM SMOTHERMAN JR. 6-4 290 PS#108OL. 11 st, 16 tkl, 2 sk LY. 74 TJ Greenstone (6'3" 278 So) PS#365. 2 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl LY. 62 Ryan Seymour (6'4" 275 rFr) PS#383. OL sp

DE 90 BRODERICK STEWART SR. 6-5 225 PS#96TE. 48 tkl, 11 sk '06-'07. 11 st, 29 tkl, 5 sk, 4.5 tfl LY. 91 Theron Kadri (6'4" 250 Jr) PS#259. 1 st, 25 tkl 2Y. Teriall Brannon (6'3" 242 Jr) 1 st, 4 tkl LY.

SLB 49 JOHN STOKES JR. 6-5 228 PS#84. 10 st, 31 tkl, 4 tfl LY. 11 Brent Trice (6'3" 210 Sr) 48 tkl, 5.5 tfl 3Y. 46 Austin Newton (6'3" 222 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y. Archie Barnes (6'4" 218 rFr).

MLB 13 CHRIS MARVE SO. 6-0 228 PS#96. 13 st, 105 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 4 FF LY. Tristan Strong (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#111. DeAndre Jones (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#65. Brandon Bryant (6'1" 234 Sr) 48 tkl '06-'07.

WLB 30 PATRICK BENOIST SR. 6-0 224 PS#140. 4 st, 46 tkl, 4 sk '06-'07. **2nd Tm SEC** LY, 13 st. 109 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 52 Nate Campbell (6'3" 220 Jr) PS#101. 16 tkl 2Y. Dexter Daniels (6'1" 225 rFr).

CB 25 Jamie Graham So. 6-0 192 PS#270WR. 9 st, 17 rec (7.4), 107 rush (5.1) LY. 19 Casey Hayward (6'0" 180 So) PS#319. 8 tkl, 3 pbu as true. 24 Rich Tompkins (5'11" 185 So).

CB 5 MYRON LEWIS SR. 6-3 205 PS#186. 12 st, 49 tkl, 12 pbu in '07. 13 st, 76 tkl, 5 sk, 6 pbu, 5 int LY. 16 Alan Strong (5'10" 175 Jr) 5 tkl L2Y. Eddie Foster (5'10" 165 Fr) PS#236.

SS 29 Joel Caldwell Sr. 6-1 192 PS#121. 11 st, 42 tkl '06. 25 tkl L2Y. 38 Sean Richardson (6'2" 198 So) PS#323. 11 tkl true. Jay Fullam (6'1" 190 Fr) PS#150. 39 Elvio Tropeano (5'9" 205 So).

FS 2 RYAN HAMILTON SR. 6-2 208 PS#173. 9 st, 43 tkl '06. 12 st, 68 tkl, 5 pbu '07. 13 st, 104 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 4 int LY. Micah Powell (6'0" 205 rFr) PS#177RB. Al Owens (6'2" 212 rFr) PS#282.

P 39 BRETT UPSON SR. 5-11 188 PS#18. 52 punts, 37.4 avg as true. 61 punts, 39.2 avg, 32.8 net in '07. 77 punts, 40.4 avg, 35.8 net, 24 inside 20 LY. Richard Kent (6'2" 190 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Charlie Goro 6-2 192 PS#38
DL	Thad McHaney 6-5 235 PS#99
OL	Wesley Johnson 6-5 250 PS#82
WR	Brady Brown 6-5 200 PS#95
RB	Warren Norman 5-10 188 PS#102
DB	Jay Fullam 6-1 190 PS#150
LB	Blake Southerland 6-2 235 PS#149
RB	Wesley Tate 6-2 210 PS#149
RB	Zac Stacy 5-9 192 PS#155
DB	Eddie Foster 5-10 165 PS#236
DL	Walker May 6-5 210 PS#234
TE	Mason Johnston 6-4 235 PS#65
OL	Justin Cabbagestalk 6-3 265 PS#254
DB	Eric Samuels 6-0 185 PS#264
OL	Mylon Brown 6-5 300 PS#293
DB	Trey Wilson 5-11 182 PS#304
WR	Collin Ashley 5-11 170 PS#327DB
DB	Javon Marshall 5-10 180 PS#594

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#23

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score VU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	W Carolina	G					
Sep. 12	at LSU	G					
Sep. 19	Mississippi St	G					
Sep. 26	at Rice	A					
Oct. 3	Mississippi	G					
Oct. 10	at Army	A					
Oct. 17	Georgia	G					
Oct. 24	at South Carolina	G					
Oct. 31	Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 7	at Florida	G					
Nov. 14	Kentucky	G					
Nov. 21	at Tennessee	G					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

Vandy has won their last 2 season openers & is 76-39-4 all-time in openers. First meeting. The Catamounts finished 3-9 LY as members of the Southern Conf.

Commodores are 6-23 in SEC road games under Johnson but last year beat Ole Miss in their SEC road opener (2-5 under Johnson). VU has lost 9 of the L/10 vs LSU.

Vandy is 2-14 in SEC home openers, but won last yr, 24-17 over SC. Last year Vandy led 14-10 in the 4Q before allowing a 57/10pl TD drive. They were outgained 247-107.

VU is 32-36-3 vs current CUSA teams but 3-1 vs Rice including LY's 38-21 win. VU RB Hawkins rushed for 107 yds vs Rice LY (only 100+yd rush gm by VU RB in '08).

The home team is 6-2 since '01 in this series. VU had a 6-2 TO edge in LY's 23-17 win. VU Saf Ryan Hamilton tied a school record with 3 int including a 79 yd IR TD.

Coming into 2009, Vandy is 9-4 the last 3 years vs non-conference opponents. VU is 4-3 all-time in this series winning the last meeting 41-10 in 1991.

LY was the first time in series history that both teams came in ranked. VU has lost 13 of the last 14 in this series but the last 3 have been decided by an avg of 5 ppg.

Vandy has won 2 in a row vs South Carolina & last year upset #24 South Carolina for their 1st win over a ranked team at home since 1992 (#25 Ole Miss).

VU is 15-18-3 all-time in this series & has lost 10 of the last 11 (1 tie). VU's last win was in 1941. GT won the last meeting 24-17 in OT in 2003 in Nashville.

Vandy has lost 18 in a row to Florida with their last win coming in 1988. Commodores have not won in Gainesville since the series opener in 1945 (7-0).

Commodores broke a 4 gm losing streak vs UK with LY's 31-24 win that clinched VU's first bowl bid S/'82. LY CB Moore had 2 int's & had TD's on his 1st 2 career rec's.

VU is 1-25 vs UT S/'83 with Vandy ending a 22 gm losing streak to the Vols in '05. Last yr the Vols scored 20 pts in the 2Q & held off the Commodores for a 20-10 win.

Bonus: Vandy has lost their last 6 Homecoming games.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jay Cutler 8,697 '02-'05
2. Greg Zolman 7,981 '98-'01
3. Whit Taylor 6,307 '79-'82

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Frank Mordica 2,632 '76-'79
2. Carl Woods 2,490 '83-'86
3. Jamie O'Rourke 2,202 '71, '73-74

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Boo Mitchell 2,964 '85-'88
2. Dan Stricker 2,880 '99-'02
3. Earl Bennett 2,852 '05-'07

BOBBY JOHNSON (Career 27-56) (FCS 60-36)
8th Year at Vanderbilt Johnson's Bowl Record: 1-0

Johnson's records AT VANDERBILT

27-56	Straight Up	1-7	Vs Top 10
18-28	Home	4-22	Vs Top 25
9-27	Away	3-7	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	3-5	Off A Bye
12-44	Vs Conference	14-37	Off A Loss

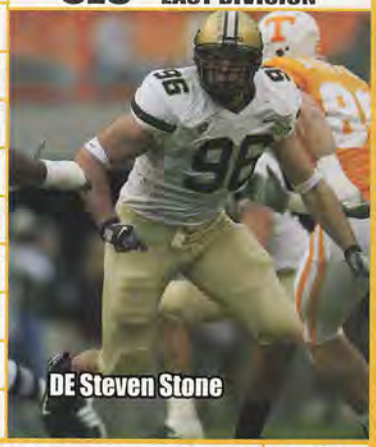
2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (22,22,2)
Lost: 15 (7,6,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,294 (#62)

SEC – EAST DIVISION


DE Steven Stone

STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (39,773) (#80)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	2-10	2-10	2-9	5-6	4-8	5-7	7-6	32-73
Home	1-5	1-5	2-4	2-5	2-4	2-4	2-4	4-4	4-3	20-38
Away	2-3	1-4	0-5	0-5	0-5	3-2	2-4	1-3	3-3	12-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	1-7	0-8	0-8	1-7	1-7	3-5	1-7	2-6	4-4	13-59
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	3-2	19-14
ATS	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	5-5-1	5-5	6-4	6-5	5-6	8-5	47-48-3
Home Fav	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	1-2	6-13
Home Dog	1-2-1	2-1	2-0-1	3-1-1	1-2	0-2	2-2	1-3	3-1	15-14-3
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-4
Away Dog	3-1	1-3	1-4	2-3	3-1	5-0	3-1	2-2	4-1	24-16
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	37-33-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	3-2	10-15-1
Off SU Win	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	0-2	1-1	2-1	1-3	1-4	4-2	12-16-1
Off SU Loss	3-3-1	3-4	3-5	4-3-1	4-3	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-3	31-28-2

Woody Widenhofer '97 – Bobby Johnson '08

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jared Hawkins	139	623	30	593	4	4.3
Chris Nickson	128	689	147	542	6	4.2
Mackenzi Adams	62	240	104	136	0	2.2
Jamie Graham	21	119	12	107	1	5.1
Sean Walker	16	116	17	99	1	6.2
Jeff Jennings	34	105	25	80	1	2.4
DJ Moore	9	76	0	76	0	8.4
Gaston Miller	24	73	21	52	0	2.2
Larry Smith	17	54	14	40	0	2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mackenzi Adams	156	77	49.4	882	5	8
Chris Nickson	127	61	48.0	545	8	3
Larry Smith	34	19	55.9	167	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sean Walker	36	520	14.4	3	79
Brandon Barden	28	209	7.5	4	31
Justin Wheeler	16	145	9.1	1	18
DJ Moore	7	143	20.4	2	54
George Smith	13	142	10.9	0	17
Jamie Graham	17	125	7.4	3	18
Jared Hawkins	16	121	7.6	1	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Upson	77	3113	40.4	11	35.7	5	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bryant Hahnfeldt	30-30	2-2	6-7	5-9	0-0	13-18	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Patrick Benoist	109	2	4.5	5	0
Chris Marve	105	3	3.5	0	0
Ryan Hamilton	104	1	3.5	1	4
Myron Lewis	76	5	2	6	5
Reshard Langford	76	0	2.5	3	3
DJ Moore	58	1	3.5	7	6
Greg Billinger	47	2.5	2	3	0
Steven Stone	42	5	2.5	0	0
TJ Greenstone	33	0	6	0	0
John Stokes	31	0	4	0	0
Broderick Stewart	29	5	4.5	2	0
Brent Trice	22	2.5	1	1	0
Theron Kadri	19	0	0	0	0
Adam Smotherman	16	2	0	0	0
Jared Fagan	14	0	0	0	0
Tim Fugger	14	0	0	0	0
Darlron Spead	11	0	1	2	1
Sean Richardson	11	0	0	0	0
Joel Caldwell	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DJ Moore	17	244	14.4	0
Jamie Graham	11	54	4.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DJ Moore	21	407	19.4	0
Sean Walker	10	237	23.7	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
55	Gator	NL	Auburn - #8	25-13
74	Peach	NL	Texas Tech	6-6
82	Hall of Fame	-9	Air Force	28-36
08	Music City	+3'	Boston College	16-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Vanderbilt's All-Time Bowl Record 2-1-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
3*	19.2	256	134	3.7	123	49.2	13.4	27	+9	2008	6	19.6	320	145	3.8	175	53.3	16.3	30
10*	21.7	326	150	3.7	176	54.4	15.1	17	-2	2007	8	22.6	325	128	3.7	197	59.1	14.4	30
5	22.0	351	150	4.7	201	55.5	16.0	19	-2	2006	6	23.7	353	156	4.1	197	60.1	14.9	25
6*	27.2	396	115	3.5	281	58.7	14.6	24	-2	2005	6	29.2	394	170	4.5	224	57.7	13.5	14
10*	19.3	335	149	3.7	186	59.3	17.4	33	+4	2004	10	26.0	402	194	4.8	208	65.1	15.5	13
6*	19.6	352	145	3.6	207	56.5	18.0	17	-10	2003	6	29.8	380	181	4.3	199	56.1	12.7	21
6	18.4	313	174	4.3	139	49.8	17.0	19	-14	2002	7	30.7	406	187	4.6	219	64.1	13.2	15

2008 STATS BY GAME

VU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
18,398	at Miami, Oh	17	50-269	5.4	9-16	91	2	17	25-96	3.8	19-42	244	3	+1
36,850	South Carolina	15	41-135	3.3	8-13	90	2	18	29-92	3.2	23-39	233	4	+2
37,370	Rice	22	43-273	6.3	7-16	71	1	23	34-108	3.2	25-40	299	3	+2
51,281	at Mississippi	11	41-131	3.2	9-12	71	1	16	40-201	5.0	12-25	184	1	+4
38,773	Auburn	15	32-106	3.3	16-31	157	1	15	44-110	2.5	10-22	98	5	0
43,619	at Mississippi St	7	26-45	1.7	8-20	62	3	16	50-166	3.3	12-22	81	4	-2
92,746	at Georgia	14	26-114	4.4	16-32	131	0	25	40-231	5.8	13-23	194	0	0
38,270	Duke	15	32-81	2.5	14-31	210	4	15	36-28	0.8	21-36	222	5	-2
39,773	Florida	15	39-150	3.8	12-22	114	1	24	38-231	6.1	15-21	191	1	+1
65,595	at Kentucky	21	43-213	5.0	15-27	155	1	12	24-97	4.0	11-26	144	1	+1
38,725	Tennessee	16	28-25	0.9	19-44	188	7	15	51-222	4.4	4-9	21	2	0
25,902	at Wake Forest	16	34-116	3.4	14-35	133	3	16	42-158	3.8	13-21	173	1	-1
54,250	Boston College	8	36-79	2.2	10-20	121	1	17	38-141	3.7	15-36	190	0	+3
TOTALS		192	471-1737	3.7	157-319	1594	27	229	491-1881	3.8	193-362	2274	30	+9
AVERAGES		14.8	36-134	3.7	12-25	123	8.5%	17.6	38-145	3.8	15-28	175	8.3%	0.7

2004 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	South Carolina	+3'	6-31	
–	at Mississippi	+6'	23-26	OT
–	at Navy	+8'	26-29	
–	Mississippi St	-13	31-13	
–	Rutgers	-6	34-37	
–	at Georgia - #12	+23	3-33	
–	E Kentucky	NL	19-7	
–	at LSU - #19	+23'	7-24	
–	Florida	+12'	17-34	
–	at Kentucky	-3	13-14	
–	Tennessee - #15	+12'	33-38	

2005 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	at Wake Forest	+8	24-20	
–	at Arkansas	+10'	28-24	
–	Mississippi	-3	31-23	
–	Richmond	NL	37-13	
–	Middle Tennessee	-14	15-17	
–	LSU - #11	+15'	6-34	
–	Georgia - #5	+16	17-34	
–	at South Carolina	+8'	28-35	
–	at Florida - #13	+19'	42-49	OT
–	Kentucky	-11	43-48	
–	at Tennessee	+11	28-24	

2006 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	at Michigan - #14	+26'	7-27	
–	at Alabama	+15'	10-13	
–	Arkansas	+5'	19-21	
–	Tennessee St	NL	38-9	
–	Temple	-34	43-14	
–	at Mississippi	-1'	10-17	
–	at Georgia - #16	+14'	24-22	
–	South Carolina	+3'	13-31	
–	at Duke	-8'	45-28	
–	Florida - #7	+17	19-25	
–	at Kentucky	+1	26-38	
–	Tennessee - #22	+7'	10-39	

2007 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	Richmond	NL	41-17	
–	Alabama	+3'	10-24	
–	Mississippi	-6'	31-17	
–	E Michigan	-22	30-7	
–	at Auburn	+8	7-35	
–	Georgia - #24	+7	17-20	
–	at South Carolina - #6	+13'	17-6	
–	Miami, Oh	-13'	24-13	
–	at Florida - #18	+14'	22-49	
–	Kentucky - #24	+4	20-27	
–	at Tennessee - #18	+11'	24-25	
–	Wake Forest	+1	17-31	

2008 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	at Miami, Oh	+3'	34-13	
–	South Carolina - #24	+9'	24-17	
–	Rice	-8	38-21	
–	at Mississippi	+7	23-17	
#19	Auburn - #13	+4	14-13	
#13	at Mississippi St	-2'	14-17	
#22	at Georgia - #10	+15	14-24	
–	Duke	-10	7-10	
–	Florida - #4	+23'	14-42	
–	at Kentucky	+3'	31-24	
–	Tennessee	-3	10-20	
–	at Wake Forest	+4	10-23	

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

WR Randall Cobb

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Wildcats have a solid reputation for developing pro-style QB's in Jared Lorenzen and Tim Couch. André Woodson took over in 2005 and finished as the #2 all-time career passer here. He had a phenomenal senior season throwing for 3,709 (63%) with a 40-11 ratio. Curtis Pulley was the most experienced QB returning in '08 (22 gm, 280 yd pass, 273 rush, 220 rec). They signed true frosh Randall Cobb (PS#70) who played both WR and QB early. Pulley was dismissed over the summer and 6'6" Mike Hartline (PS#24, 6 att rFr) took over. Hartline was much maligned and threw for 1,666 (55.3%) with a 9-8 ratio. He threw 2 TD to Cobb vs Ark but then Cobb guided the team to 12 FD's on 4 poss vs Florida while Hartline generated 2 FD's on 7 poss. Hartline played some in Cobb's first start but Cobb took all of the snaps vs both GA and Vandy. When Hartline was benched, he made some negative comments (see Hardcore). Hartline came in for the 3Q vs Tenn and started the bowl (Cobb inj'd). Cobb threw for 542 (52.5%) with a 2-5 ratio (316 rush) and was #2 in rec with 197 (9.4). Will Fidler (PS#34) had 4 att. This year the Wildcats signed 2 VHT QB's in Morgan Newton (PS#13) and Ryan Mossakowski (PS#22) and Cobb will primarily play at WR in '09.

RUNNING BACKS - In '07 Rafael Little (PS#37) missed 3 gms but rushed for 1,013 and had 347 receiving. True frosh Derrick Locke (4.21 spd) who originally came to UK on a track scholarship, rushed for 521 (5.5). Tony Dixon (PS#87) missed 2 and had 411 (5.7). Last year they had to replace Little. Locke was leading the team in rushing (303, 4.8) when he suffered a season ending knee inj in game 7. Dixon led with 430 (3.3). Alfonso Smith (4.24 spd) had 313 (4.2). Good-sized Moncell Allen (225 lb, PS#66) added 202 (5.3). Not listed below are AJ Nance (5'11" 250 Sr), Stephen Ball (5'10" 220 Jr), Trey Bowland (5'10" 190 Jr) Matt Denham (5'10" 178 rFr) and Matt Ramsey (6'1" 205 Jr). This year they lose Dixon (8 st) but everyone else is back and this group should be more productive.

RECEIVERS - The UK receivers had possibly the biggest dropoff of any unit in the NCAA last year. In 2008 they had to replace their top 2 WR's in Steve Johnson (#7DC, 1,041, 17.4) and Keenan Burton (#4DC, 741, 11.2) plus starting TE Jacob Tamme (#4DC, 619, 11.1). The leading returnee was Dicky Lyons who had 655 (11.7) in '07. Lyons was clearly their top WR but was lost in Wk 6 (knee inj). He still led with 264 (8.0). QB/WR Randall Cobb was the #2 WR and their other WR's all had under 200 yards. This year they lose Lyons (6 st), DeMoreo Ford (3 rec) and TE's Tyler Sexton (0 rec) and Andre Henderson (0 rec). Not listed below are EJ Fields (6'1" 195 rFr PS#105), Nick Melillo (6'2" 215 So, 2 TD spg gm), Anthony Cecil (6'0" 194 Sr), Jonathan Gholson (6'2" 190 So) and TE's Gabe Correll (6'3" 227 rFr), Chris Cessna (6'4" 227 So, PS#152LB), DeAunte Mason (6'3" 220 rFr) PS#238 and true frosh Terrell Mitchell (6'5" 220, PS#19). This is not only a more experienced group but gets added talent in Chris Matthews (PS#19JC) and QB Cobb, who moves to the WR unit full-time.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite the fact that the Cats lost three starters and one of their returning starters lost his job after a susp in '07, Brooks still felt they had the opportunity to be the best OL he's had at Kentucky. The numbers showed the best rushing totals in Brooks' tenure (since '03) at 155 ypg (4.2) with 38 sacks (7.2%). Last year they only had to replace two starters. While the rushing numbers dropped to 127 (3.7), the Cats were #1 in the SEC in sacks allowed (13, 3.1%). This year they lose LT Garry Williams (2nd Tm SEC, 11 st, 3Y st'r), RG Jess Beets (9 st until torn ACL) and OT James Alexander (3 gms). They do have 7 back with starting experience including the return of Christian Johnson (12 st '06). Their 86 career starts returning are tied for #25 in FBS.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wildcats allowed 5.0 ypc rush in 2004 and 4.9, 5.0 and 4.6 ypc the next 3 years. Last year they only had to replace one DL starter. I called for the Cats to have their best rush D over the last 4 years but they did even better allowing 139 ypg (3.8), the first time they allowed under 4.0 ypc since 1989 (3.7). This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC DT Myron Pryor (11 st, 36 tkl, 4.5 sk, #6DC NE), DE Ventrell Jenkins (13 st, 43 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE Nii Adjei Oninku (1 st, 17 tkl), and DE Austin Moss (3 tkl). Not listed below are Jacob Lewellen (6'3" 244 rFr), Michael Gardner (6'4" 208 rFr), Charles Mustafaa (6'3" 260 So) and Patryk Bielawski (6'1" 237 So). They add two VHT JUCO's and DE Jeremy Jarmon turned down an early shot at the NFL. Brooks also feels that DT Corey Peters is NFL caliber so they should come close to last year's fine standards.

LINEBACKERS - The top 3 LB's returned in '06 but last year they had to replace Wesley Woodyard (1st Tm SEC) whose 139 tackles were more than twice those of the #2 tackler. Micah Johnson (PS#4DL) had 58 tackles in '07 despite just 1 start. Johnson was the #2 tkl LY (93) and Brooks said he played almost the entire year on a leg and a half (inj). This year they lose WLB Braxton Kelly (13 st, 98 tkl, 4 sk), SLB Johnny Williams (7 st, 39 tkl, 5 sk) and Michael Schwindel (1 st, 10 tkl). Johnson should have an even bigger impact but the other LB's combined for just 1 start and 40 tkl last year, so this unit is less experienced and is my biggest concern on the team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 the Cats finished #106 in my pass D rankings (5 int) and were #87 (14 int) in '06. In '07 with a veteran secondary they rose to #31. Last year they had to replace one starter and then starting CB Paul Warford was ruled ineligible. With two starters back, the Cats actually slipped a little to #46. This year they lose CB David Jones (13 st, 34 tkl, 1 int), FS Marcus McClinton (12 st, 50 tkl, 4 int), NB Robbie McAtee (5 st, 33 tkl, 1 int) and NB Shomari Moore (1 st, 28 tkl, 1 int). Warford (2 int, 9 pbu, 11 st '07) does return so they have 5 back who have each started 5+. Not listed in the PSL below is Rashaad Palmer (6'0" 185 rFr). The Cats could have their best finish in my pass D rankings this decade.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When HC Rich Brooks was hired, he brought in Steve Ortmayer, who had been an NFL ST Coach for 17 years. They finished #22 in my ST rankings in '05 and #37 in '06 but surprisingly dropped to #86 in '07. Injuries hurt their depth but they did return their P and K in '08 so improvement was expected. ST were tough at times as after Florida, they had suffered 8 blk'd kicks in their last 13 games (UF blk'd 2 punts setting up short a TD and a FG). Later the unit almost won them the GA game. Tim Masthay had some booming punts avg 45.2 and they used a pooch punter in Ryan Tydlacka (37.1) which helped his avg. They had a net of 35.3. Lones Seiber hit 11 of 19 FG's (long 40) while Tydlacka hit 3 of 6 (long 51). Dicky Lyons avg 12.4 on PR and Locke 28.5 on KR before both were inj'd. The Cats moved up to #8 and while they lose Masthay and Lyons, they could finish just as strong.

COACHES - Rich Brooks was the head man at Oregon from 1977 to 1994 and compiled a 91-109-4 record there. He did guide Oregon to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years and then left for the St Louis Rams (13-19). Brooks was out of coaching for two years prior to coming to UK in '03. He was awarded a new 4 year, $11 mill contract in '06. He has done a great job with UK winning 3 consec bowls for the first time ever. The OC is Joker Phillips and he was named Brooks' eventual successor last January. Steve Brown, who had been the DB coach (4 yrs), was promoted to DC in '07 and enters his 3rd year in that role.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Brooks' first year ('03) they had just 68 scholarship players. Of the 40 signees from the 2001-'02 class, 24 left the team. While they were 1-7 in SEC play, they still managed a 4-8 finish and the D allowed just 22.8 ppg, not including OT. In 2004, they were up to 73 scholarship players (11 ret st) and had 3 close losses incl giving up a TD to Tenn with :38 left (1-7 SEC, -200.1 ypg). A total of 20 starters and key reserves missed a comb 77 games (inj). In 2005, most of UK's winnable games were on the road and 11 their 81 scholarship players were former walk-ons. With the tough schedule UK was again plagued by injuries. They were drilled by Indiana 38-14 and Brooks' departure seemed a forgone conclusion at 1-5. They knocked Vandy out of a bowl with a 48-43 win and finished 3-8 (2-6 SEC) and were -142.4 ypg (last SEC). That '05 squad was -9 in TO's. In '06 with a much more favorable schedule and 15 ret starters, they gave Brooks another chance. Adding up those factors, I gave them a great shot at a bowl. Going into '06, UK had just 3 seasons of 8+ wins S/'51 and had been to just 10 bowls (2nd lowest SEC). They recorded their first win over one of the Big 3 from the East (Tenn, GA, Fla) S/'96 when they upset Georgia which was the catalyst for their 8-5 season. Heading into '07 UK had not beaten a Top 15 team S/'88. The Cats had another outstanding year. They got a 57 yd TD pass with :28 left to beat #9 L'ville and entered the rankings for the first time in 22 years. Ark had a 373-131 yd edge at the half but UK got a 66 yd FR TD w/:26 left 1H to get back in it and got the comeback win. They upset #1 ranked LSU who was coming off their huge win vs Florida and had to travel. They lose to Tenn in 4OT. In the bowl, FSU had 24 susp players and UK had a large crowd edge winning by 7. UK benefitted from 4 net close wins and their D made great strides. Last year they had 17 of 22 players back on D from the bowl 2 deep but had to replace QB Woodson, their top RB and 3 of their top 4 WR's. Their D improved allowing just 332 ypg (21.5 ppg). UK dominated UL 27-2 in the opener thanks to a pair of FR TD's (only 210-205 yd edge). They survived a scare vs MTSt (20-14). They trailed Bama by 10 most of the 2H but got a TD with :40 left to only lose by 3. After a 7 point loss to SC, they got a fortunate win vs Ark, a game which the Hogs appeared to seal it 3 diff times in the 4Q. They were destroyed by UF 63-5 but Miss St had an xp blk'd and missed a 27 yd FG mid-4Q and UK held on (14-13). They nearly upset #14 Georgia running a new spread offense with a lot of QB runs but GA got a TD with 1:54 left. While they only lost to VU by 7, they didn't get their first FD until 1:54 was left in the 1H. In Phil Fulmer's FHG, UT had a 311-193 yd edge. UK was a dog vs EC in the bowl but the win gave them their 3rd consec winning season. UK finished last in the SEC East at 2-6 and was -105.3 ypg (2nd worst). UK did have 37 starts lost to inj (18th highest). LB Johnson, DE Jarmon and CB Lindley all turned down early entry to the NFL. While UK has just 12 ret starters, it wouldn't surprise me to see Brooks get them to their 4th consec bowl.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 5 MIKE HARTLINE JR. 6-6 204 **PS#24**. 9 st, 1666 pass (55%) 9-8 ratio LY. **1** Will Fidler (6'4" 225 Jr) PS#34. 26 pass yd LY. Ryan Phillippi (5'11" 170 rFr). Tyler Sargent (6'4" 208 So).

RB 29 Alfonso Smith Sr. 6-1 204 PS#143. 4.24 spd. 6 st, 712 rush (4.6) 3Y. Derrick Locke (5'9" 180 Jr) 4.21 spd. 824 (5.2) 2Y. Moncell Allen (5'7" 225 Jr) PS#66. 241 (4.9) 2Y.

WR NA CHRIS MATTHEWS JR. 6-5 210 **PS#19JC**. 15.4 ypc JC LY. **17** EJ Adams (6'0" 197 Sr) 23 tkl CB '06-'07. 9 st WR LY, 180 (12.9). **FB John Conner** (5'11" 240 Sr) 18 st, 236 ttl yd 3Y.

WR 18 RANDALL COBB SO. 5-11 188 PS#70. 8 st true, 542 pass, 316 rush, 197 rec. **22** Aaron Boyd (6'4" 210 So) PS#80. 1 st, 5 rec true. Matt Roark (6'5" 202 So) PS#132. 1st, 1 rec true.

WR 81 Kyrus Lanxter Jr. 6-2 195 PS#152. 1 st, 195 (8.5) LY. **85** Gene McCaskill (6'0" 175 So) PS#137. 4 st, 181 (12.1) true. **13** Eric Adeyemi (6'0" 170 So) 3 st, 108 (8.3).

TE 80 TC DRAKE SR. 6-6 242 PS#145. 1 st, 1 rec 2Y. 7 st, 204 (17.0) LY. Maurice Grinter (6'3" 253 Sr) PS#92. 2 st FB '06-07. 3 st TE LY, 162 (13.5). Ross Bogue (6'5" 241 Sr).

C 61 JORGE GONZALEZ SR. 6-3 305 13 st C LY. Marcus Davis (6'1" 280 Jr) 5 gm 2Y. Matt Smith (6'4" 280 rFr) PS#184DL. Osaze Idumwonyi (6'1" 285 rFr). **LS** JJ Helton (6'3" 226 Jr).

RG 63 Jake Lanefski So. 6-4 286 PS#258. L/4 st @RG, 13 gm LY. **59** Dave Ulinski (6'5" 305 rFr) **PS#58**. **58** Sean Stackhouse (6'4" 266 rFr) PS#51. **59** Jon Thomas (5'10" 229 So).

LG 70 Stuart Hines So. 6-4 295 **PS#59**. 12 gm LY. **78** Christian Johnson (6'4" 325 Sr) PS#259. 10 gm true. 12 st LG '06. 3 st LG '07. RS LY. **60** Dustin Luck (6'3" 290 Sr).

RT 76 JUSTIN JEFFRIES SR. 6-6 310 PS#152. 13 st RT '07. 9 st RT LY, missed 4 w/inj. **75** Brad Durham (6'4" 310 Jr) PS#139. 3 st RT, 13 gm '08. Michael Williams (6'6" 296 Sr) 15 gm 2Y.

LT 72 ZIPP DUNCAN SR. 6-5 285 **PS#39**. 12 gm TE rFr, 13 st (10LG, 3RG) '07. 13 st LG '08. **52** Billy Joe Murphy (6'6" 295 So) PS#147. 3 st LY. Trevino Woods (6'5" 274 rFr) PS#165.

K 36 LONES SEIBER SR. 5-9 195 PS#34. 16-25 FG L/48 '07. 11-19 FG L/40 LY. Ryan Tydlacka (6'1" 202 So) PS#28. 3-6 FG L/51 LY. **48** Jake Stephens (5'11" 215 rFr) PS#72.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 99 JEREMY JARMON SR. 6-3 279 PS#377. **2nd Tm SEC** '07, 12 st, 62 tkl, 9 sk. HM SEC LY, 38 tkl, 10 tfl. **96** Collins Ukwu (6'5" 247 rFr) PS#299. **62** Greg Meisner (6'1" 233 So).

DT 91 COREY PETERS SR. 6-3 295 PS#128. 12 st, 43 tkl, 4 tfl '07. 13 st, 36 tkl, 10 tfl LY. **98** Mark Crawford (6'1" 295 So) **PS#72JC**. In for spg. Antwane Glenn (6'3" 270 So) PS#147.

DT 53 Ricky Lumpkin Jr. 6-4 294 PS#256. 3 st, 35 tkl, 5.5 tfl 2Y. **60** Shane McCord (6'2" 282 Jr) PS#160. 8 tkl 2Y. Mister Cobble is PS#133. **68** Luke McDermott (6'1" 256 So) 5 tkl.

DE NA DeQuin Evans Jr. 6-3 260 **PS#60JC**. 7.5 sk, 19.5 tfl JC LY. **66** Chandler Burden (6'4" 294 So) PS#161. 6 gm true. Donte Rumph PS#102. Taylor Wyndham (6'4" 224 rFr) PS#214.

WLB 41 Danny Trevathan So. 6-1 220 PS#177. 5 tkl true, 1 blk P. **50** Sam Maxwell (6'3" 244 Sr) PS#450. 4 st, 33 tkl '06-'07. 1 st, 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. William Johnson (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#151.

MLB 4 MICAH JOHNSON SR. 6-2 256 **PS#4**. 58 tkl, 4 tfl '07. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 11 st, 93 tkl, 13 tfl. **43** Mikhail Mabry (6'2" 248 Sr) 15 tkl 3Y. **46** Ronnie Sneed (6'2" 235 So) PS#281. 1 tkl rFr.

SLB 57 Jacob Dufrene Jr. 6-1 220 PS#122. 4 tkl 2Y. Qua Huzzie is PS#70. **49** Antonio Thomas (6'1" 228 So) PS#254. **54** Brandon Thurmond (6'2" 226 Jr) PS#458. Inj'd L2Y.

CB 32 TREVARD LINDLEY SR. 6-0 175 PS#189. 13 st, 52 tkl, 12 pbu '06. 13 st, 66 tkl, 11 pbu, 3 int '07. 13 st, 39 tkl, 11 pbu, 4 int. **2nd Tm AA** LY. **14** Anthony Mosley (6'0" 170 So).

CB 34 Paul Warford Jr. 5-10 200 PS#117. 14 st, 75 tkl, 10 pbu, 2 int '06-'07. DNP LY. Randall Burden (6'0" 170 So). Cartier Rice (5'10" 179 rFr) PS#123. Clay Cecil (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#310.

SS 21 WINSTON GUY SO. 6-1 208 PS#91. 11 tkl true. **10** Matt Lentz (6'3" 209 So) PS#45. 5 st, 24 tkl LY. Greg Wilson (6'1" 204 So) 3 tkl. Jordan Aumiller PS#139. Jarvis Walker PS#154.

FS 33 Calvin Harrison Sr. 6-1 205 PS#89. 4 st, 41 tkl '07. 2 st, 32 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **27** Ashton Cobb (6'0" 215 Sr) 3 st, 53 tkl '06-'07, 6 st, 37 tkl LY. **6** Taiedo Smith (6'0" 182 So) 1 st, 4 tkl LY.

P 9 Ryan Tydlacka So. 6-1 202 PS#28. 22 punt, 37.1 avg pooch P LY. **17** EJ Adams 9 st WR LY. #2 P spg. K Pat Simmons (6'2" 199 rFr). Ross Uminger (6'1" 170 So). Kevin Mitts (6'1" 198 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Chris Matthews 6-5 210 PS#19JC
QB	Morgan Newton 6-4 220 PS#13
QB	Ryan Mossakowski 6-4 201 PS#22
DL	DeQuin Evans 6-3 260 PS#60JC
DL	Mark Crawford 6-1 295 PS#72JC
TE	Terrell Mitchell 6-5 220 PS#19
LB	Qua Huzzie 5-10 205 PS#70
OL	Sam Simpson 6-3 285 PS#83
OL	Larry Warford 6-3 349 PS#96
DL	Mister Cobble 6-0 290 PS#133
LB	Ridge Wilson 6-3 207 PS#106
DB	Jarvis Walker 6-1 202 PS#154
DL	Donte Rumph 6-3 265 PS#102 '08
LB	Jordan Aumiller 6-4 199 PS#139
DL	Myron Walker 5-10 270 PS#168
WR	Brian Adams 6-4 210 PS#130
RB	Dakotah Tyler 5-11 205 PS#145
WR	LaRod King 6-4 190 PS#138
OL	Kevin Mitchell 6-6 295 PS#201
WR	Anthony Kendrick 6-3 220 PS#165
RB	Donald Russell 5-11 205 PS#167
LB	Tristian Johnson 6-1 200 PS#199
WR	Justin Bean 6-2 180 PS#217
DL	Demetri Merritt 6-2 222 PS#300
LB	Ryan Mosby 6-0 205 PS#257
DL	Patrick Ligon 6-4 265 PS#341
DB	Martavius Neloms 6-1 185 PS#411
RB	Jonathan George 5-11 185 PS#1023

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#52

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UK	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	† Miami, Oh *(Cincinnati)*	A					
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	Louisville	G					
Sep. 26	Florida	G					
Oct. 3	Alabama	G					
Oct. 10	at South Carolina	G					
Oct. 17	at Auburn	G					
Oct. 24	ULM	G					
Oct. 31	Mississippi St (HC)	G					
Nov. 7	Eastern Kentucky	G					
Nov. 14	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 21	at Georgia	G					
Nov. 28	Tennessee	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jared Lorenzen 10,354 '00-'03
2. André Woodson 9,360 '04-'07
3. Tim Couch 8,435 '96-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Sonny Collins 3,835 '72-'75
2. Moe Williams 3,333 '93-'95
3. Rafael Little 2,996 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Craig Yeast 2,899 '95-'98
2. Keenan Burton 2,376 '03-'07
3. Derek Abney 2,339 '00-'03

Coming into '09, UK has won 14 straight (2nd longest NCAA streak) non-conf games by an avg of 20 ppg. UK is 82 miles from Cincy & Miami is 39 miles. They last met in '91.

For 9 straight yrs, the team with the most rushing yds has won. UK held UL to 205 yds & scored 2 TD's on FR's in LY's 27-2 win & UK has won 2 in a row vs their rival.

Wildcats have lost 22 in a row to the Gators (last win was in '86). UK suffered 3 blks (2 punts, 1 FG) LY & lost 63-5, the 2nd most pts allowed in Brooks' era (71 vs Ark in '03 in 7OT's).

Kentucky is 2-34-1 all-time vs Bama with the last UK win coming in 1997. Last year UK was held to 35 yds rush (1.8) & UA hit a 24 yd FG with 2:12 left for the 17-14 win.

The Wildcats are 0-16 all-time vs Spurrier coached tms & 0-9 S/'00 vs the Gamecocks. Kentucky is 2-11 the last 13 SEC road openers but did win in '07 (vs Arkansas).

UK is 5-24-1 all-time vs Auburn with the last win in 1966. UK has lost 15 in a row to the Tigers. The last meeting was a 49-27 Auburn win in Lexington in 2005.

UK is 8-1 all-time vs current SBC tms (33-16 avg score). Wildcats are 2-1 all-time vs ULM winning the last 2 but losing 21-14 in '94. In last mtg UK trailed in 4Q but won 42-40.

Kentucky has won 5 of 7 but the home team has lost 3 in a row. Last year the Wildcats blocked an xp & the Bulldogs missed a 27 yd 4Q FG in the 14-13 road win.

UK is 2-0 all-time vs EKU winning by an avg of 51-9. The last meeting was a 50-10 UK win in 2007. EKU Colonels were 8-4 in '08 & the Ohio Valley Conf Champs.

VU won 31-24 LY ending a 4 gm UK winning streak in the series. VU had a 21-12 FD edge & held UK without a FD until less than 2:00 were left in the 1H.

UK has lost 11 of the last 12 in this series with their last win a 24-20 upset in '06. Last yr QB Cobb had 82 rush yds & 3 TD's but UGA held off the Cats in a 42-38 win.

UK has lost 24 in a row to UT which is the longest series losing streak in the NCAA. LY UT had a 311-193 yd edge including a 210-96 yd rush edge & won 28-10.

RICH BROOKS (Career 123-150-4)

7th Year at Kentucky — Bowls: 4-3 Oregon '77-'94

Brooks AT KENTUCKY/OVERALL

32-41 / 123-150-4	SU	2-9 / 5-27	Vs Top 10
22-19 / 76-63-4	Home	2-22 / 11-61-1	Vs Top 25
7-22 / 43-83	Away	6-3 / 16-18-2	Vs BCS Tms
3-0 / 4-4	Neutral	7-6 / 16-17	Off A Bye
13-35 / 67-116-2	Vs Conf	18-20 / 54-82-3	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (27,20,3)
Lost: 23 (8,12,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 69,434 (#23)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

C Jorge Gonzalez

STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,942) (#32)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	2-9	7-5	4-8	2-9	3-8	8-5	8-5	7-6	43-64
Home	2-4	1-5	4-3	3-4	2-4	2-4	6-1	5-3	4-3	29-31
Away	0-5	1-4	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-4	1-4	2-2	2-3	11-33
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
vs Conf	0-8	1-7	3-5	1-7	1-7	2-6	4-4	3-5	2-6	17-55
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	4-0	3-1	1-2	1-2	4-1	5-0	5-0	26-9
ATS	2-8	5-6	8-4	6-5	5-6	6-4	7-4-1	6-6	6-6	51-49-1
Home Fav	1-1	0-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	2-1-1	2-2	1-3	12-12-1
Home Dog	1-2	2-3	1-1	1-2	2-2	4-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	15-14
Away Favorite	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	4-2
Away Dog	0-4	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-2	3-2	18-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	1-7	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	6-2	3-5	3-5	36-36
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-3	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-2-1	3-1	3-1	15-13-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-1	4-3	3-1	2-0	1-2	5-2	4-3	3-2	24-15
Off SU Loss	1-6	4-4	3-1	3-3	3-5	4-2	2-1-1	2-3	2-4	24-29-1

Mumme 1997 — Guy Morriss — Rich Brooks

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Dixon	132	472	42	430	7	3.3
Randall Cobb	79	401	85	316	7	4.0
Alfonso Smith	74	342	29	313	2	4.2
Derrick Locke	63	319	16	303	1	4.8
Moncell Allen	38	206	4	202	1	5.3
Mike Hartline	24	54	63	-9	0	-0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mike Hartline	311	172	55.3	1666	9	8
Randall Cobb	99	52	52.5	542	2	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dicky Lyons	33	264	8.0	2	26
TC Drake	12	204	17.0	0	37
Alfonso Smith	16	204	12.8	1	71
Randall Cobb	21	197	9.4	2	32
Derrick Locke	23	195	8.5	1	36
Kyrus Lanxter	23	195	8.5	1	27
Gene McCaskill	15	181	12.1	0	48
EJ Adams	14	180	12.9	0	35
Maurice Grinter	12	162	13.5	2	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tim Masthay	53	2397	45.2	12	35.3(t)	2	13
Ryan Tydlacka	22	816	37.1	6	–	0	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Lones Seiber	34-36	7-8	1-4	3-6	0-1	11-19	40
Ryan Tydlacka	0-0	0-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	3-6	51

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Braxton Kelley	98	4	5	2	0
Micah Johnson	93	2.5	10.5	2	0
Marcus McClinton	50	0	1	0	4
Ventrell Jenkins	43	2.5	0.5	1	0
Johnny Williams	39	5	3	0	0
Trevard Lindley	39	0	0.5	11	4
Jeremy Jarmon	38	4.5	5.5	6	0
Ashton Cobb	37	0	1	0	0
Myron Pryor	36	4.5	6.5	2	0
Corey Peters	36	4	6	2	0
David Jones	34	0	2.5	5	1
Robbie McAtee	33	1	0.5	3	1
Calvin Harrison	32	0	1	2	0
Shomari Moore	28	1	3.5	3	1
Sam Maxwell	25	1	2.5	1	0
Matt Lentz	24	1	0	1	1
Ricky Lumpkin	17	1	2.5	0	0
Nii Adjei Oninku	17	0	0.5	1	0
Alfonso Smith	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dicky Lyons	20	247	12.4	0
Randall Cobb	11	92	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Locke	11	314	28.5	1
Winston Guy	10	291	29.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Outback	+7	Penn St - #22	14-26
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20
06	Music City	+10'	Clemson	28-20
07	Music City	-9	Florida St	35-28
08	Liberty	+3	East Carolina	25-19

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
4	22.6	299	127	3.7	172	54.7	13.2	13	+5	2008	7	21.5	332	139	3.8	193	52.4	15.5	32
7*	36.5	443	155	4.2	288	62.7	12.1	38	-1	2007	8	29.6	397	191	4.6	206	54.8	13.4	24
9*	26.7	375	99	3.1	277	62.6	14.1	39	+15	2006	6	28.4	453	184	5.0	269	57.9	16.0	25
6	21.7	297	129	3.6	169	58.6	13.7	34	-9	2005	5	34.1	440	196	4.9	243	62.2	12.9	16
4	15.7	275	108	3.3	168	54.7	17.5	23	-2	2004	7	31.0	428	225	5.0	203	56.9	13.8	20
7*	27.3	327	125	3.5	202	54.1	12.0	25	-1	2003	4	26.8	383	187	4.2	196	56.4	14.3	30
7*	32.1	347	149	4.1	199	55.7	10.8	28	+7	2002	4	25.1	401	174	4.2	227	47.2	16.0	21

2008 STATS BY GAME

UK 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
42,696	at Louisville	13	33-63	1.9	16-31	147	1	16	29-53	1.8	20-43	152	2	+4
69,118	Norfolk St	22	44-297	6.8	15-26	147	1	8	29-67	2.3	9-24	97	4	-1
68,612	Middle Tenn	21	35-102	2.9	28-48	254	0	13	23-31	1.3	21-37	352	0	+1
70,731	WKU	23	38-216	5.7	21-32	182	0	8	37-142	3.8	6-14	15	4	0
92,138	at Alabama	12	20-35	1.8	20-42	241	1	15	49-282	5.8	7-17	106	3	+1
70,822	South Carolina	13	22-62	2.8	24-44	156	1	16	34-74	2.2	19-37	274	4	+2
70,534	Arkansas	15	28-88	3.1	19-35	284	2	21	51-236	4.6	11-29	94	3	0
90,589	at Florida	17	33-141	4.3	17-36	127	1	23	41-214	5.2	13-18	232	0	0
40,168	at Miss St	17	36-128	3.6	16-30	146	2	18	27-43	1.6	26-42	261	4	-1
70,626	Georgia	20	56-226	4.0	12-20	105	1	17	30-144	4.8	17-27	376	2	0
65,595	Vanderbilt	12	24-97	4.0	11-26	144	1	21	43-213	5.0	15-27	155	1	-1
102,388	at Tennessee	11	38-96	2.5	9-14	97	1	16	53-210	4.0	6-8	101	2	0
56,125	† East Carolina	16	37-106	2.9	19-31	204	1	17	31-101	3.3	18-36	296	3	0
TOTALS		212	444-1657	3.7	227-415	2234	13	209	477-1810	3.8	188-359	2511	32	+5
AVERAGES		16.3	34-127	3.7	17-32	172	3.1%	16.1	37-139	3.8	14-28	193	8.9%	0.4

2004 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville	+9'	0-28
–	Indiana	-2	51-32
–	at Florida - #16	+19	3-20
–	Ohio	-13'	16-28
–	Alabama	+6	17-45
–	South Carolina	+13	7-12
–	at Auburn - #3	+30'	10-42
–	at Mississippi St	+3'	7-22
–	Georgia - #8	+24	17-62
–	Vanderbilt	+3	14-13
–	at Tennessee - #15	+24	31-37

2005 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Louisville - #12	+23	24-31
–	Idaho St	NL	41-29
–	at Indiana	+1'	14-38
–	Florida - #5	+23	28-49
–	at South Carolina	+12'	16-44
–	at Mississippi	+10	7-13
–	Mississippi St	+1	13-7
–	Auburn - #17	+22'	27-49
–	at Vanderbilt	+11	48-43
–	at Georgia - #14	+25'	13-45
–	Tennessee	+8'	8-27

2006 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville - #13	+22'	28-59
–	Texas St	NL	41-7
–	Mississippi	-3'	31-14
–	at Florida - #5	+26'	7-26
–	C Michigan	-9	45-36
–	South Carolina	+4'	17-24
–	at LSU - #14	+26	0-49
–	at Mississippi St	-1	34-31
–	Georgia	+7	24-20
–	Vanderbilt	-1	38-26
–	ULM	-20	42-40
–	at Tennessee - #19	+20'	12-17

2007 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Kentucky	NL	50-10
–	Kent St	-13	56-20
–	Louisville - #9	+5'	40-34
#21	at Arkansas	+7	42-29
#14	Florida Atlantic	-24'	45-17
#8	at South Carolina - #11	+4	23-38
#17	LSU - #1	+9'	43-37 3OT
#8	Florida - #14	+7	37-45
#14	Mississippi St	-14	14-31
#24	at Vanderbilt	-4	27-20
#22	at Georgia - #8	+7'	13-24
–	Tennessee - #19	-2'	50-52 4OT

2008 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville	+3	27-2
–	Norfolk St	-45'	38-3
–	Middle Tennessee	-18	20-14
–	WKU	-21	41-3
–	at Alabama - #2	+15	14-17
–	South Carolina	+2'	17-24
–	Arkansas	-7'	21-20
–	at Florida - #5	+25	5-63
–	at Mississippi St	+2'	14-13
–	Georgia - #14	+13	38-42
–	Vanderbilt	-3'	24-31
–	at Tennessee	+3'	10-28

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Eli Manning (PS#12) set or tied 47 school records and departed after the 2003 season (#1DC) and guided the NYG to a Super Bowl win in '07. The next 4 years Rebel QB's combined to hit 51%, 53%, 48% and 51%. Last year Nutt benefitted from the transfer of Jevan Snead (PS#4) who played in 8 as a true frosh at Texas throwing for 371 (87 rush). Snead had some ups and downs last year completing just 56.3% but he threw for 2,762 with a 26-13 ratio and finished strong completing 65.8% in the final 3. Billy Tapp (PS#294) was the backup and played in 5 (5 att). This year I expect Snead's backup to be rFr Nathan Stanley (PS#36). Snead should be one of the top QB's in the NCAA and Nutt said he was a vastly improved QB in the last 6 games of 2008.

QB Jevan Snead

RUNNING BACKS - In 2007 BenJarvus Green-Ellis became just the second player in Ole Miss history to top 1,000 twice in a career with the other being Kayo Dottley ('49-'50). Green-Ellis, a powerful back, rushed for 1,137 (4.9) in '07. Last year they had to replace their top 2 RB's but had a very deep backfield despite the fact that their leading returnee from '07 was RB/WR Dexter McCluster who had just 63 yards. McCluster also took snaps out of the Wild Rebel formation and lead the team with 655 (6.0). Cordera Eason (PS#19) who has impressive speed for his size (224 lbs) was #2 with 647 (4.6). True frosh Brandon Bolden (PS#147) was surprisingly #3 with 542 (5.5) including 101 (9.2) in the bowl. I say surprisingly because Enrique Davis (PS#4) was expected to be a big factor but had trouble pass blocking and only rushed for 244 (3.8). Derrick Davis (5'10" 224 Jr, PS#45) added 98 (4.7). Not listed below are FB's Devin Thomas (5'10" 200 So, PS#44) who Nutt regretted not RS LY, Andy Hartmann (5'10" 243 Sr), HR Greer (6'0" 225 rFr, PS#269), Ben Benedetto (6'1" 240 Jr), Colby Landers (6'0" 243 Sr) and RB's Andre Sterling (5'9" 206 Fr) and Dan Hoffman (6'0" 222 So). The entire backfield returns with the exception of FB Jason Cook (47 rec yds, 7 st), so they are more experienced.

RECEIVERS - The Rebels ret'd their top 10 rec in 2007 from an underwhelming unit. They showed some solid improvement with Mike Wallace leading with 716 (18.8), Shay Hodge had 593 (13.8) and Dexter McCluster added 326 (12.1). Wallace led again in '08 with 784 (20.1), Hodge was #2, McCluster #3 and soph Lionel Breaux was #4. Nutt signed 6'6" Melvin Harris whom he compared to CAR Panther Marcus Monk. Nutt also signed 2 TE's in EJ Epperson and Ferbia Allen whom he feels could be special. This year they lose their top guy in Wallace (7 st, #3DC PIT), Chris Adams (4 gm) and TE David Traxler (PS#126OL, 4 st, 0 rec) but add PS#5 true frosh Pat Patterson. Not listed below are JD Lawhorn (6'1" 180 Sr, PS#84), Richie Contartesi (5'7" 163 Jr), William Cole (5'11" 190 Sr), Garrett Ryan (6'3" 234 Sr), Artis Ford (6'2" 180 So), Brandon Johnson (6'1" 184 Sr) and Layton Jones (6'4" 215 Jr). This group could be even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Michael Oher (PS#11) became the third Rebel true frosh starter on the O-line since Terrence Metcalf in 1997. John Jerry (PS#60) also started as a true in '06. In 2007 they only had to replace one starter and improved to 4.2 ypc with 28 sacks allowed (7.2%). Oher was projected to be a #1DC but opted to return and was 1st Tm AA (47 straight st). He won the SEC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy. The Rebels had 4 starters back LY and improved to 186 ypg (4.7) while allowing just 20 sacks (5.9%). Their 4.7 ypc was the best since 1961. This year they lose Oher (13 st, #1DC BAL), RG Maurice Miller (12 st, 3Y st'r) and LG Darryl Harris (7 st). Reid Neely had 12 starts at LG in '07 and started the last six in '08, so basically three starters return with 5 VHT's as proj starters. This is a solid O-line with a 322 lb avg (3rd best NCAA) but is less experienced and probably will not match 2008's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Ole Miss had 7 of their top 8 back on the DL in '07 but still allowed 199 ypg (4.7), their worst total S/'01. Despite the poor rush defense, DE Greg Hardy led the SEC in sacks/gm (10 ttl) while only starting 4 (susp 2.5 gm). DT Peria Jerry earned 2nd Tm SEC. Former HC Ed Orgeron, a longtime DL coach, said that Lawon Scott and Ted Laurent (PS#33) are two of the best tackles he's been around in awhile. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 21 starts (59 tkl) but returned their 2 stars and added PS#19JC Emmanuel Stephens. Stephens had just 2 starts and Hardy, who had foot surg in Aug, missed the first 3 and did not start any but still had 8.5 sacks. Hardy, Jerry and Laurent all missed the opener. Jerry had a dominating season and was named 1st Tm AP AA with 7 sacks and 11 tfl from his DT position. This year they lose Jerry (11 st, #1DC ATL), DE Chris Bowers (23 tkl, 1.5 sk) and Jermey Parnell (1 tkl, 1 tfl). They basically had 2 starters back LY and this year have 3 and I expect Hardy to have his most productive season yet. DT Jerrell Powe (340 lbs, PS#2), who originally signed in '05 and was finally eligible LY, will have a bigger impact. This has the makings of one of the best DL's in the country despite the loss of their star Jerry and super DL coach Tracy Rocker.

LINEBACKERS - In '07 they had to replace Patrick Willis, who became the Rebels' first defensive 1st round DC S/'94 (Tim Bowens), as well as their #2 tackler. Basically they had zero returning starters at LB. That was the main reason they allowed 4.7 ypc. Last year 7 ret'd with starting experience and I said it should be one of the nation's most improved LB corps. A quick check of the rush D proves my point as the Rebels' D allowed just 86 ypg and a startling 2.7 ypc. They actually lost 2 players (comb 13 st, 92 tkl) prior to the season so they actually had 2 returning starters. This year they lose WLB Ashlee Palmer (11 st, 50 tkl, 5 tfl) and MLB Tony Fein (2 st, 52 tkl) who were #3 and #4 tkl'rs. While they have 2 starters back, they were just #6 and #8 tkl'rs. The starters are 3 VHT's, all with starting exp. This is a solid group but may be down a notch in 2009.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Ole Miss finished just #72 and #86 in my pass D ranking in Orgeron's last two years. Despite having 7 of their top 8 DB's back, Nutt moved WR Marshay Green and RB Jeremy McGee into the unit. Green beat out returning starting CB Dustin Mouzon (11 st '07). Johnny Brown (PS#36) who started the last 7 as a true frosh, also lost his spot. They only moved up to #54. This year they lose SS Jamarca Sanford (#2 tkl'r, 13 st, #7DC MIN), Mouzon (6 st, 23 tkl) and Terrell Jackson (13 tkl). Green and McGee (UCLA trans, 20 tkl '08) are in their 2nd year at CB and VHT Brown steps into the open SS role. They also add Demareo Marr (PS#56JC) who RS and PS#7 true frosh Darius Barksdale! Not listed in the PSL are Kyle Horine (5'10" 185 rFr), Zane Allcorn (5'10" 198 So), Julian Whitehead (5'9" 190 rFr, PS#378), Griffin Littlefield (5'10" 185 rFr), Hubert Davis (5'10" 200 So), Rudy Wilson (6'0" 200 rFr) and Bruce Williams (6'2" 182 Jr). I'll call for the Rebels to have their best finish in my pass D rankings since at least 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Ed Orgeron's three seasons Ole Miss finished #91, #26 and #74 in my ST rankings with part of 2007's problem being zero TB on KO. Everyone ret'd last year and Mike Wallace emerged and set a UM single season yardage record with 861 (24.6) despite having no KR in the first 3. PR Marshay Green improved to 10.9 (4.0 in '07). P Rob Park took over for PS#7 Justin Sparks (33.1 net '07) and improved the net to 36.5. The team was also successful on 4 fake punts. Sparks had 10 TB on 72 KO and Joshua Shene set UM's single-season record with 52 xp's and has now made 74 in a row. He also hit 17 of 21 FG's (long 47). This year they lose Park and Wallace but they have a chance to finish in the top 40 again this year (#36 LY).

COACHES - In '05 I openly questioned the firing of David Cutcliffe who had guided this team to 4 bowls in his 6 years including a '03 season in which they finished #13. He was let go after his FIRST losing season. In the 3 yrs after his departure, Ole Miss under Orgeron lost more games each year than Cutcliffe lost in his worst ssn. Ole Miss made a great hire LY bringing in Houston Nutt who resigned under pressure at Ark. Nutt, was the SEC Coach of the Year in '01 and '06 and guided the Hogs to B2B Jan 1 bowls. LY Nutt was co-SEC COY with Saban and VU's Johnson. His OC is Kent Austin who was the HC of Saskatchewan, the CFL Title winner in '07. He was a QB at Ole Miss from '81-'85. Tyrone Nix is the DC and was the DC at SC the previous 3 years and at S Miss from '01-'04.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into 2004, Ole Miss was the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible for 7 straight years but ironically, they are the only SEC West team without a trip to the SEC Championship game. Ole Miss' last SEC Title was in 1963. From 1954-1971, Ole Miss went to 17 bowls (9 NY's Day). From 1972 to 1996, they were in just 5 bowls with only one New Year's Day game. Scholarships were short when David Cutcliffe took over but he finally got the team to its full allotment in 2002. In '03, I said Ole Miss had its best team in over a decade and called for them to notch at least 9 wins. They went 10-3 led by QB Eli Manning including a win in the Cotton Bowl. In 2004, it looked like a rebuilding year losing Manning and 7 defensive starters. The team was also hit by the injury bug and went 4-7. Stunningly, they opted to fire HC David Cutcliffe and I talked about them possibly being "Baylored" (see Coaching Changes pg 309). Over the next 3 years Ole Miss finished dead last in the SEC West twice with a 3-21 record in SEC play and was -92.3 ypg in '05 (2nd worst), a league worst -107.3 ypg in '06 and -68.9 ypg in '07 (2nd worst). While Ed Orgeron (HC '05-'07) did not have a lot of success on the field, he did have a lot of success recruiting and Houston Nutt stepped into a tremendous situation last year. He inherited a team with 11 of the top 12 tacklers back from '07 and UM was also -10 in TO's. While they were coming off their first winless SEC season (0-8) S/'82, they made my Most Improved List meaning I thought they would get to a bowl. Ole Miss' strength last year was their line play as their OL and DL ranked among the Top 10 in the country. The Rebels finished 9-4 but could have easily had a stronger record. After whipping Memphis 41-24, WF got a 41 yd FG with :03 left to pull out a 30-28 win. Two weeks later UM had a dominating 385-202 yd edge vs Vandy but fumbled into the EZ for a TB at the end and were done in by 4 int including an IR TD and lost. At 2-2 they upset #4 Fla in The Swamp but then in a letdown spot the next week lost to SC 31-24. Against Alabama they trailed 24-3 at the half but only lost by 4. After beating Ark on the road, they had five comfortable wins including a 31-13 thrashing of #18 LSU on the road in which they had a 409-215 yd edge. They were an underdog to TT in the bowl and rolled to a 47-34 win. **Sounding a lot like last year's situation at Alabama, all of Ole Miss' losses were by 7 pt or less (comb19 pt).** Last year's squad was fortunate to only have 8 starts lost to inj (#10 FBS). While Ole Miss does have some significant losses from LY's team and will not sneak up on anybody this year. They do have 8 starters back on both offense and defense from a squad that outgained SEC foes by 80.9 ypg (3rd best) and have a very manageable schedule. Five of my 9 sets of power ratings call for Ole Miss to go unbeaten and I will call for their 1st Top 10 finish in the AP poll since 1969 (#8).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Pat Patterson 6-3 215 PS#5
DB	Darius Barksdale 6-0 190 PS#7
DB	Jamar Hornsby 6-3 215 PS#20JC
DL	Craig Drummond 6-5 260 PS#22
OL	Logan Clair 6-5 305 PS#62JC
OL	Bobbie Massie 6-7 345 PS#37
RB	Rodney Scott 5-9 195 PS#39
LB	Willie Ferrell 6-0 220 PS#34
QB	Raymond Cotton 6-4 220 PS#37
RB	Gabriel Hunter 5-11 185 PS#62
DL	Eric Smiley 6-5 280 PS#72
RB	Tim Simon 6-2 210 PS#71
QB	Clayton Moore 6-2 205 PS#49
LB	Mike Marry 6-3 225 PS#74
DB	Frank Crawford 6-1 170 PS#95
LB	DT Shackelford 6-1 230 PS#81
DB	Jesse Grandy 5-11 180 PS#108
LB	DeMarcus Knight 6-2 230 PS#84
OL	Emmanuel McCray 6-4 280 PS#101
DL	Corey Gaines 6-1 280 PS#118
WR	Montez Phillips 6-3 190 PS#98
OL	Michael Brown 6-6 315 PS#131
DB	Artice Kellam 5-11 180 PS#136
LB	Joel Kight 5-11 220 PS#120
DL	Mike Thomas 6-4 270 PS#161
OL	Evan Swindall 6-3 285 PS#168
DB	Ryan Campbell 6-0 175 PS#180
RB	Korvic Neat 5-8 170 PS#143
OL	Taylor Quick 6-4 309 PS#244JC
DB	Dele Junaid 6-3 195 PS#212
DL	Alex Williams 6-4 215 PS#210
WR	Terrell Grant 6-3 200 PS#177
K	Andrew Ritter 6-3 200 PS#21
RB	Stephen Houston 5-10 210 PS#192
WR	Ja-Mes Logan 6-2 195 PS#196
DB	Charles Sawyer 5-10 180 PS#263
K	Tyler Campbell 6-2 210 PS#24
DL	Cameron Whigham 6-3 230 PS#282
TE	Z. Mason 6-5 255 PS#96
OL	AJ Hawkins 6-3 315 PS#333 '08
DB	Nick Lanciault 5-10 209 PS#539

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 4 JEVAN SNEAD JR. 6-3 215 **PS#4**. 371 pass true at Texas. 13 st LY, HM SEC, 2762 pass (56%) 26-13 ratio. **12** Nathan Stanley (6'5" 200 rFr) **PS#36**. Billy Tapp (6'4" 230 Sr).

RB 25 CORDERA EASON SR. 5-10 224 **PS#19**. 12 st, 647 rush (4.6) LY. **34** Brandon Bolden (5'11" 220 So) PS#147. 542 (5.5) as true. **27** Enrique Davis (6'0" 220 So) **PS#4**. 244 (3.8). 12 gm.

WR 22 DEXTER McCLUSTER SR. 5-8 165 PS#309. 16 st, 1183 (13.8) 3Y. 655 rush (6.0) LY. Lionel Breaux (6'0" 191 Jr) PS#121. 5 st, 178 (14.8). **FB** Derrick Davis (5'10" 224 Jr) **PS#45**. 98 (4.7).

WR NA Pat Patterson Fr. 6-3 215 **PS#5**. Montez Phillips (6'3" 190 Fr) PS#98. Melvin Harris (6'6" 209 rFr) PS#308. Terrell Grant PS#177. Jacarious Lucas (6'2" 188 Sr) PS#379JC.

WR 3 SHAY HODGE SR. 6-1 207 PS#127. 2 st, 593 (13.8) '07. 12 st, 725 (16.5) LY. **16** Markeith Summers (6'2" 197 Jr) **PS#37**. 5 st, 5 rec 2Y. **19** Andrew Harris (6'2" 200 So) 3 rec.

TE 80 GERALD HARRIS SR. 6-5 250 PS#153JC. 6 st, 84 (12.0). **32** Reggie Hicks (6'1" 234 Jr) PS#102. **33** EJ Epperson (6'3" 230 rFr) PS#82. **83** Ferbia Allen (6'4" 225 rFr) PS#124.

C 72 DAVERIN GERALDS SR. 6-2 312 **PS#63**. Former DL. 13 st C LY. **65** Mark Jean-Louis (6'2" 355 Sr) PS#113JC. Evan Swindall is PS#168. **LS** Preston Powers (6'0" 240 Sr).

RG 75 Rishaw Johnson So. 6-4 295 **PS#49**. 5 gm LY. **50** Taylor Quick (6'4" 309 Jr) PS#244JC. In for spg. Emmanuel McCray is PS#101. **62** Don Mosley (6'1" 300 Jr) 1 gm LY.

LG 71 REID NEELY SR. 6-6 310 **PS#85**. 12 st LG '07. 7 st (1RG, 6LG), 13 gm LY. **63** Brandon Green (6'2" 300 Sr) PS#127JC. 8 gm. AJ Hawkins (6'3" 315 Fr) PS#333 '08.

RT 77 JOHN JERRY SR. 6-5 350 **PS#60**. 12 st RG true. 9 st RG '07. 13 st RT LY. **2nd Tm SEC**. **54** Logan Clair (6'5" 305 Jr) **PS#62JC**. In for spg. Joshua Tatum (6'5" 315 rFr) PS#226.

LT NA Bobbie Massie Fr. 6-7 345 **PS#37**. **78** Bradley Sowell (6'7" 310 So) **PS#81**. 13 gm LY. **73** Alex Washington (6'4" 337 So) PS#196. Michael Brown (6'6" 315 Fr) PS#131.

K 93 JOSHUA SHENE SR. 5-8 170 PS#31. 25-34 FG L52 '06-'07. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 17-21 FG L47. Bryson Rose (5'11" 182 rFr). Case Cooper (5'11" 167 So). David Hankins (6'3" 213 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 40 KENTRELL LOCKETT JR. 6-5 240 **PS#42**. 13 st, 36 tkl, 11.5 tfl LY. **85** Greg Hardy (6'4" 265 Sr) 1st Tm SEC '07, 64 tkl, 10 sk, 8.5 tfl. **2nd Tm SEC** LY, 8.5 sk. Gerald Rivers (6'5" 230 rFr).

DT 96 Lawon Scott Jr. 6-1 322 PS#330. HM SEC LY, 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **93** Justin Smith (6'4" 280 So) PS#176. 6 tkl true. **11** Craig Drummond (6'5" 260 Fr) **PS#22**. In for spg.

NT 99 TED LAURENT JR. 6-0 303 **PS#33**. 7 st, 24 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **57** Jerrell Powe (6'2" 340 Jr) **PS#2**. 8 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Eric Smiley is PS#72. **94** LaMark Armour (6'2" 260 Sr) 2 gm, 3Y.

DE 92 MARCUS TILLMAN SR. 6-4 260 **PS#6**. 36 st, 89 tkl, 15.5 tfl 3Y. Emmanuel Stephens (6'3" 235 Sr) **PS#19JC**. 2 st, 18 tkl, 5.5 tfl. Antonio Turner (6'2" 240 Sr) PS#127RB. 2 st, 8 tkl '07.

WLB 7 Patrick Trahan Sr. 6-3 225 **PS#60JC**. 14 tkl Aub '06. 2 st, 29 tkl, 4.5 tfl here LY. Willie Ferrell is **PS#34**. **37** Lekenwic Haynes (6'3" 205 rFr) PS#368. Trey Trip (6'1" 230 So).

MLB 51 JONATHAN CORNELL JR. 6-1 225 **PS#49**. 3 st, 15 tkl '06-'07. 11 st, 45 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **53** Jason Jones (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#167. Mike Marry is PS#74. Marquis Jenkins (6'1" 238 rFr).

SLB 9 ALLEN WALKER JR. 6-1 215 **PS#13DB**. 13 tkl '07. 9 st, 41 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Lamar Brumfield (6'0" 224 Sr) PS#124JC. 3 st, 28 tkl 2Y. Don Hargroder (6'1" 200 Sr) PS#329. 2 tkl 2Y.

CB 8 MARSHAY GREEN SR. 5-9 170 PS#70. 50 rec (8.7) '06-'07. 12 st CB LY, 32 tkl, 6 pbu, 2 int. Jeremy McGee (5'10" 178 Jr) PS#114. 20 tkl, 5 pbu. George Helow (5'10" 180 Jr) 8 tkl.

CB 24 CASSIUS VAUGHN SR. 5-10 185 PS#114RB. 3 st, 48 tkl '07. 9 st, 43 tkl, 4 pbu, 3 int LY. **1S** Demareo Marr (6'2" 180 Jr) **PS#56JC**. Marcus Temple (5'9" 181 So) 1 st, 22 tkl LY.

SS 20 Johnny Brown Jr. 5-11 207 **PS#36**. 7 st, 60 tkl true. 28 tkl LY. Derrick Herman (5'11" 185 So) 3 tkl. Fon Ingram (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#193. 21 tkl 2Y. Brandon Sanders (6'0" 190 rFr).

FS 1 KENDRICK LEWIS SR. 5-11 192 **PS#54**. 7 st, 57 tkl '07. 13 st, 85 tkl, 4 int LY. Darius Barksdale (6'0" 190 Fr) **PS#7**. Jamar Hornsby (6'3" 215 Jr) **PS#20JC**. Jared Mitchell (6'3" 180 rFr).

P 89 Justin Sparks Sr. 6-2 187 **PS#7**. 51 punts, 39.7 avg, 33.1 net in '07. 10 TB/72 KO LY. Tyler Campbell (6'2" 210 Fr) PS#24. Bryan Powers (6'0" 217 Jr) 38.5 avg at JC.

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#77

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 6	at Memphis (Sun)	A						These schools are only 85 miles apart & Ole Miss leads the series 46-10-2 winning the last 4. The Rebels are 12-1 in season openers with the last 5 vs Memphis.
Sep. 12								
Sep. 19	SE Louisiana	A						First meeting. The Lions went 5-7 as members of the Southland Conf in '08. Ole Miss is 11-3 the last 14 home openers, but just 2-3 the last 5 years.
Sep. 24	at S Carolina (Thur)	G						Ole Miss has lost their SEC opener in each of the last 5 years (2-14 L/16). UM is 5-1 the L/6 in this series. DC Nix faces his former team (DC at SC '05-'07).
Oct. 3	at Vanderbilt	G						Mississippi has won 12 of last 16 in this series but the visitor is just 2-6. Last yr UM had 6 TO's but still was 1&goal at the 7 but fumbled into the end zone.
Oct. 10	Alabama	A						Ole Miss has lost 5 straight to Bama & 13 of 15 (L/4 decided by 3 ppg). Last year UM trailed 24-3 at the half but scored 17 straight pts in the 2H, falling just short 24-20.
Oct. 17	UAB (HC)	A						First meeting. Ole Miss is 125-52-2 vs current CUSA teams winning by an avg of 10 ppg. UM has won 9 straight non-conf/non-BCS games by an avg of 20 ppg.
Oct. 24	Arkansas	A						Mississippi ended a 4 gm losing streak in this series LY as Nutt beat his former tm 23–21. UM led 23-14 with 1:45 left, but UA went 71 yds in :38 for a TD with 1:07 left.
Oct. 31	at Auburn	G						Ole Miss is 4-22 vs Auburn since 1971. UM snapped a 4 gm losing streak to Aub with last year's 17-7 win. It was the fewest pts Auburn had scored vs UM since 1965.
Nov. 7	Northern Arizona	A						Ole Miss hasn't lost to a current FCS team S/'45 winning the L/10 by an avg 29 ppg. The Lumberjacks went 6-5 last year including a 30-13 loss at Arizona St.
Nov. 14	Tennessee	A						UM is 18-43-1 all-time vs Tennessee & has lost the last 12 in this series by an avg of 18 ppg. The last meeting was a 27-10 Volunteer win in Knoxville in '05.
Nov. 21	LSU	A						Mississippi ended a 6 gm losing streak to LSU with last year's 31-13 upset. The Rebels outgained LSU 409-215 & held them to 4 plays or less in 8 of their 13 drives.
Nov. 28	at Mississippi St	G						Ole Miss has won 5 of the last 7 Egg Bowls. Last year the Rebels set a school record with 11 sks in their 45-0 win & had a 461-24 yd edge & a 22-8 FD edge.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Eli Manning 10,119 '00-'03
2. Romaro Miller 6,311 '97-'00
3. Kent Austin 6,184 '81-'85

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Deuce McAllister 3,060 '97-'00
2. Joe Gunn 2,749 '98-'01
3. Kayo Dottley 2,654 '47-'50

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chris Collins 2,621 '00-'03
2. Willie Green 2,274 '86-'89
3. Grant Heard 2,029 '96-'00

HOUSTON NUTT (Career 89-58) (FCS 31-16) Bowls: 3-5 Boise St '97 Arkansas '96-'07
2nd Year at Mississippi

Houston AT MISSISSIPPI/OVERALL

9-4 / 89-58	SU	2-1 / 7-17	Vs Top 10
5-2 / 61-21	Home	3-2 / 18-31	Vs Top 25
3-2 / 25-30	Away	1-1 / 4-10	Vs BCS Tms
1-0 / 3-7	Neutral	2-1 / 12-8	Off A Bye
5-3 / 50-45	Vs Conf	3-1 / 23-24	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (25,23,3)
Lost: 18 (8,8,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,005 (#39)

SEC - WEST DIVISION

STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM (60,580) (#41)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-4	7-6	10-3	4-7	3-8	4-8	3-9	9-4	54-54
Home	5-2	4-2	6-1	5-2	3-3	2-4	4-3	2-5	5-2	36-24
Away	2-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	1-4	1-4	0-5	1-4	3-2	15-29
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	3-5	7-1	3-5	1-7	2-6	0-8	5-3	29-43
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	4-1	3-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	4-1	25-11
ATS	4-7-1	4-6	7-6	9-4	4-7	3-7	5-4-2	6-5	9-3	51-49-3
Home Fav	2-4	1-3	3-2	4-2	1-3	0-3	0-1-2	1-0	4-2	16-20-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-0	3-2	0-0	12-5
Away Fav	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	3-8-1
Away Dog	0-2	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-2	4-0	17-15
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	2-6	5-2-1	5-3	5-3	37-33-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-1	3-2	3-2	0-3	1-1	0-2-1	1-2	4-0	14-16-1
Off SU Win	2-5	3-3	4-2	6-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	6-2	28-20
Off SU Loss	1-2-1	1-3	3-3	3-0	2-5	1-5	3-3-1	4-3	2-1	20-25-2

David Cutcliffe (1998 bowl) — Ed Orgeron — Hudson Nutt

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25
00	Music City	-3'	West Virginia	38-49
02	Independence	+7	Nebraska	27-23
03	Cotton - #16	-2'	Oklahoma St - #21	31-28
08	Cotton - #20	+4	Texas Tech - #8	47-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mississippi's All-Time Bowl Record 20-12

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	32.1	408	186	4.7	221	55.9	12.7	20	-2	2008	8	19.0	307	86	2.7	222	58.8	16.2	38
9*	20.1	345	132	4.2	214	51.0	17.2	28	-10	2007	6	28.5	423	199	4.7	224	63.1	14.9	21
5	15.7	261	125	3.6	136	47.9	16.7	29	-3	2006	5	22.9	354	159	4.2	195	59.6	15.4	14
5*	13.5	281	73	2.4	208	53.1	20.9	26	-5	2005	7	22.3	332	153	3.7	179	56.6	14.9	19
6	19.5	351	159	4.0	192	50.9	18.0	23	-3	2004	4	25.3	391	185	4.5	206	47.3	15.4	22
8*	34.0	433	147	3.9	286	62.8	12.7	19	+6	2003	8	21.9	378	102	3.2	276	56.2	17.3	28
7*	27.0	358	94	3.0	264	58.2	13.3	17	+5	2002	7	25.5	347	160	4.0	187	51.9	13.6	29

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dexter McCluster	109	697	42	655	6	6.0
Cordera Eason	140	660	13	647	3	4.6
Brandon Bolden	98	565	23	542	5	5.5
Enrique Davis	64	258	14	244	3	3.8
Derrick Davis	21	98	0	98	0	4.7
Mike Wallace	10	97	5	92	0	9.2
Jevan Snead	57	187	127	60	3	1.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jevan Snead	327	184	56.3	2762	26	13
Billy Tapp	5	3	60.0	34	0	0
Dexter McCluster	5	0	0.0	0	0	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mike Wallace	39	784	20.1	7	88	
Shay Hodge	44	725	16.5	8	86	
Dexter McCluster	44	625	14.2	1	56	
Lionel Breaux	12	178	14.8	0	39	
Brandon Bolden	10	107	10.7	1	33	
Markeith Summers	5	94	18.8	0	33	
Gerald Harris	7	84	12.0	4	22	
Cordera Eason	10	82	8.2	2	18	
Jason Cook	7	47	6.7	1	16	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Rob Park	54	2099	38.9	20	36.5	0	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Joshua Shene	52-52	6-6	9-10	2-4	0-1	17-21	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Kendrick Lewis	85	1	1.5	6	4
Jamarca Sanford	82	0.5	3.5	0	0
Tony Fein	52	0	5	0	0
Ashlee Palmer	50	1	4	0	1
Peria Jerry	49	7	11	1	0
Jonathan Cornell	45	3	2.5	0	0
Cassius Vaughn	43	1	2.5	4	3
Allen Walker	41	2	2	2	1
Kentrell Lockett	36	2	9.5	0	0
Marshay Green	32	0.5	1.5	6	2
Patrick Trahan	29	2	2.5	0	0
Johnny Brown	28	0	0	0	0
Marcus Tillman	26	1	5	0	0
Ted Laurent	24	1	6	0	0
Chris Bowers	23	1.5	2	0	0
Dustin Mouzon	23	0.5	2.5	1	1
Marcus Temple	22	0	0	1	0
Lawon Scott	21	2	0.5	1	0
Jeremy McGee	20	0	1	5	0
Greg Hardy	18	8.5	1	1	1
Emmanuel Stephens	18	1	4.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Marshay Green	35	381	10.9	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Mike Wallace	35	861	24.6	1	

2008 STATS BY GAME

UM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
56,127	Memphis	19	36-216	6.0	11-23	222	1	28	40-188	4.7	24-44	265	1	+2
31,986	at Wake Forest	21	29-107	3.7	20-33	253	0	22	31-81	2.6	32-43	267	4	-2
52,780	Samford	23	37-196	5.3	14-25	228	0	14	41-74	1.8	16-25	124	1	-2
51,281	Vanderbilt	16	40-201	5.0	12-25	184	1	11	41-131	3.2	9-12	71	1	-4
90,106	at Florida	10	38-140	3.7	9-21	185	2	24	35-124	3.5	24-38	319	3	+2
54,628	South Carolina	21	33-118	3.6	21-32	243	2	20	35-78	2.2	22-32	327	3	-2
92,138	at Alabama	14	34-158	4.6	17-33	201	2	15	34-107	3.1	16-25	219	2	-1
74,168	at Arkansas	21	45-160	3.6	14-27	209	2	17	25-104	4.2	20-38	282	3	0
57,324	Auburn	21	41-233	5.7	15-30	140	3	17	25-75	3.0	27-43	319	0	+3
43,665	ULM	21	53-350	6.6	6-12	170	0	7	34-72	2.1	7-18	59	3	+2
92,649	at LSU	21	45-102	2.3	17-26	307	2	15	29-37	1.3	14-32	178	4	+1
55,231	Mississippi St	22	44-220	5.0	16-24	241	1	8	27-(-64)	-2.4	10-29	88	11	0
88,175	† Texas Tech	26	45-223	5.0	18-29	292	4	24	14-105	7.5	36-58	364	2	-1
TOTALS		256	520-2424	4.7	190-340	2875	20	222	411-1112	2.7	257-437	2882	38	-2
AVERAGES		19.7	40-186	4.7	15-26	221	5.9%	17.1	32-86	2.7	20-34	222	8.7%	-0.2

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Memphis	-4	13-20
–	at Alabama	+11'	7-28
–	Vanderbilt	-6'	26-23 OT
–	at Wyoming	-3'	32-37
–	Arkansas St	-18'	28-21
–	at South Carolina - #25	+16'	31-28
–	Tennessee - #13	+10	17-21
–	Auburn - #3	+16'	14-35
–	at Arkansas	+9'	3-35
–	at LSU - #14	+20'	24-27
–	Mississippi St	-5'	20-3

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Memphis	+2'	10-6
–	at Vanderbilt	+3	23-31
–	Wyoming	-2	14-24
–	at Tennessee - #10	+21	10-27
–	The Citadel	NL	27-7
–	Alabama - #6	+14	10-13
–	Kentucky	-10	13-7
–	at Auburn - #19	+20'	3-27
–	Arkansas	-1'	17-28
–	LSU - #4	+17	7-40
–	at Mississippi St	-1'	14-35

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Memphis	-3	28-25
–	at Missouri	+10	7-34
–	at Kentucky	+3'	14-31
–	Wake Forest	-2'	3-27
–	Georgia - #10	+18'	9-14
–	Vanderbilt	+1'	17-10
–	at Alabama	+16	23-26 OT
–	at Arkansas - #15	+20'	3-38
–	Auburn - #7	+18'	17-23
–	Northwestern St	NL	27-7
–	at LSU - #9	+27	20-23 OT
–	Mississippi St	-3	20-17

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Memphis	-3	23-21
–	Missouri	+6	25-38
–	at Vanderbilt	+6'	17-31
–	Florida - #3	+23	24-30
–	at Georgia - #15	+15'	17-45
–	Louisiana Tech	-13	24-0
–	Alabama	+6'	24-27
–	Arkansas	+5	8-44
–	at Auburn - #23	+18	3-17
–	Northwestern St	NL	38-31
–	LSU - #1	+19	24-41
–	at Mississippi St	+6	14-17

2008 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #14 Score
–	Memphis	-7'	41-24
–	at Wake Forest - #20	+7'	28-30
–	Samford	-40	34-10
–	Vanderbilt	-7	17-23
–	at Florida - #4	+22'	31-30
–	South Carolina	-2'	24-31
–	at Alabama - #2	+11	20-24
–	at Arkansas	-6'	23-21
–	Auburn	-6'	17-7
–	ULM	-22	59-0
–	at LSU - #18	+3'	31-13
#25	Mississippi St	-18	45-0

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 the Tide had to replace Brodie Croyle (#3DC KC) who left as Bama's all-time career leading passer. Croyle threw for 2,499 (59.6%) with a 14-4 ratio in '05. John Parker Wilson (PS#31) hit 7 of 11 for 98 as his backup and in his first year as the starter he threw for 2,707 (57%) with a 17-10 ratio (83 rush). In 2007 Wilson threw for a career high 363 and 3 TD's vs Tenn. Unfortunately he had a costly fumble vs LSU and 2 key int's vs Miss St and ULM. In the first 8, he threw for 235 ypg (58%) with an 11-5 ratio. Over the final 4 reg ssn games he threw for 179 ypg (48%) with a 4-6 ratio. He turned it around in the bowl (19-32, 256) earning MVP honors. Backup Greg McElroy (PS#27) played in just 2 (8-9 for 73). Last year JPW became Alabama's all-time leader in total offense in Wk 3 and also tied an Alabama record with 12 straight comp later in the season. JPW was one of 5 finalists for the Johnny Unitas Award as he threw for 2,273 (57.9%) with a 10-8 ratio. McElroy played in 6 (8-11 for 123). This year battling McElroy will be the mobile Star Jackson (rFr, PS#14), Thomas Darrah (6'6" 212 So, PS#138), Morgan Ogilvie (6'0" 185 So, PS#154) and true frosh AJ McCarron (PS#9). Even with the loss of their all-time passing leader, this year's QB's numbers could improve.

RUNNING BACKS - Kenneth Darby led for 3 straight years topping 1,000 yd rushing in both '04 and '05 but in an injury plagued '06, had just 835 (4.0). In 2007 he had to be replaced (#7DC) as well as their outstanding FB's Le'Ron McClain (#4DC) and Tim Castille. Glen Coffee (PS#62) had 179 (3.7) in '05 and RS in '06. RFr Terry Grant (PS#31) emerged. Grant had 483 in the first 4 but surprisingly Coffee started vs Houston (30 of 39 RB att). Grant started the next 4 but did not have a carry in the last 2 due to a hip inj that hampered him. Grant still led with 891 (5.0) while Coffee added 545 (4.2) and Roy Upchurch had 237 (4.7). Grant is more of a speed back and Saban used powerbacks last year (Grant 35 att). Coffee led with 1,383 (5.9) which placed him tied with Shawn Alexander for #2 for a single season (Bobby Humphrey 1,471, 1986) and 215 lb true frosh Mark Ingram (PS#66) added 728 (5.1) while Upchurch had 350 (6.0). This year they lose Coffee (14 st, #3DC SF) but add PS#2 true frosh Trent Richardson. Not listed below are Demetrius Goode (5'10" 190 So, PS#79) and FB's Jeramie Griffin (6'2" 228 So, PS#28) and Ivan Matchett (5'10" 215 PS#49). With the loss of their top guy, this unit is weaker.

RECEIVERS - After having a veteran receiving corps in 2007 the Tide had to replace their top 3 WR's last year with the top returnees being WR Mike McCoy (PS#46) who had 207 (7.4) and TE Nick Walker who had 204 (8.9). Naturally I projected true frosh Julio Jones (PS#1) who is 6'4" 210 as a starter and he was by far the top WR with 924 (15.9), over four times the yards of the #2 WR McCoy (191, 11.9). TE Walker was #2 with 324 (10.1). This year they lose TE's Walker (11 st), Travis McCall (12 st, 7 rec), WR's Nikita Stover (5 st, 6 rec) and Will Oakley (2 rec). Not listed in the PSL below are AJ Walker (6'1" 185 Jr, PS#225), Robert Ezell (5'10" 170 Jr) and Travis Sikes (6'2" 188 Jr) as well as TE's Michael Williams (6'6" 270 rFr) & Chris Underwood (6'3" 224 So). Despite the losses, the top guy is back and the unit is more experienced and they add TE Colin Peek who had 11 starts at GT in '07.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Andre Smith (PS#3) became just the 7th true frosh to start an opener here S/'72 and earned more snaps than any other player. He joined 4 returning starters but surprisingly the unit only opened holes for 123 ypg rush (3.5). All 5 starters returned in 2007 and Saban said the unit "has a chance to dominate." Things were going smoothly but 2 players were susp for 4 games and the numbers only rose to 149 (4.0). Last year they only had to replace one starter (and 2 bkup) and the numbers improved to 185 ypg (4.6 ypc, best since '01) with 25 sacks allowed (7.5%). The unit had two 1st Tm AA in C Antoine Caldwell (14 st, 4Y st'r) and LT Smith (12 st, 3Y st'r). The Tide OL struggled in the bowl without Smith (susp) with just 31 (0.9) yds rush and allowed as many sacks to Utah (8) as they had the previous 7 games combined. Utah entered the bowl with just 21 sacks on the season and remarkably had none in their previous 2 games! This year they lose both Caldwell (#3DC HOU) and Smith (#1DC CIN) as well as RG Marlon Davis (13 st, 2Y st'r). They hope to start another 3 or 4 year streak at LT with rFr Tyler Love (PS#4) who would have played last year but was injured. This is a good OL but will likely go from two 1st Tm AA's to zero and is less experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Tide had to replace two starters up front and allowed 4.0 ypc rush, their highest total in the last 2 decades (D just 13 sk). They switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 in 2007 and had 2 starters back. The Tide managed to improve to 124 ypg (3.4). Last year they had to replace 1st Tm SEC DE Wallace Gilberry (10 sk, 17 tfl) but did have 5 of their top 6 back. They also got the large (literally) addition of PS#2JC Terrence Cody (365 lbs!). Cody made an immediate impact. He was injured in the 3Q vs Ole Miss as the Rebels ran for 158 (4.6) in the game, the highest ypc the Tide allowed all year. For the season, Bama allowed just 74 ypg (2.7), their best totals since 1999. This year they lose DE Bobby Greenwood (14 st, 40 tkl, 5 sk) but luckily Cody turned down and early trip to the NFL and filling the open DE spot could be Lorenzo Washington who started 12 games at NG in '07. Kerry Murphy (PS#12) signed in '07 and is finally eligible and amazingly the 4th string is made up of 3 VHT frosh (great depth). This is one of the top DL's in the NCAA.

LINEBACKERS - This unit was the biggest question mark on the '08 Tide team. Prince Hall, who had 77 tackles and 10.5 tfl in '06 (4 st, 58 tkl '07) was susp in the spring (also susp spg '09) and lost his starting spot. Jimmy Johns (#1 SLB spg) was dismissed over the summer. Ezekial Knight (12 st '07) was not medically cleared, so he transferred. They only had 1 starter returning in soph Rolando McClain as the other 3 starters had 12 career tackles combined. This year the entire 2 deep returns and not listed in the PSL are Daren Hallman (6'3" 230 So), Carson Tinker (6'1" 230 So), Alex Watkins (6'3" 225 So PS#46DL), Jennings Hester (6'3" 219 So, PS#71) and Michael DeJohn (6'0" 220 Jr). Saban adds 3 more VHT true frosh to a vastly more experienced unit.

CB Javier Arenas

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Bama traditionally finishes high in my pass D rankings and was #8 in '04, and with all 4 starters back in '05 moved up to #3. They had to replace 3 starters (#2 & #5 DC) in '06 and dropped to #20. In '07 they had to replace 2 starters but only one DC (#7DC) so it's surprising that they dropped to #40. True frosh Kareem Jackson started 12 and held VU's Bennett (SEC career leader) to 4 rec's. FS Rashad Johnson (fastest tm) led in tackles. Last year they had to replace two starters (1st Tm SEC CB) and then lost CB Lionel Mitchell (7 st '07). They had two starters back and FS Rashad Johnson earned 2nd Tm AA with 89 tkl, 5 int and 11 pbu. Also their exceptional returnman, CB Javier Arenas did well in his first year as a starter (2nd Tm SEC). The Tide moved up to #17. This year they lose FS Johnson (14 st, #3DC ARZ) but do have 7 of the top 8 back plus Saban brought in 3 VHT true frosh last year who will have a bigger impact. Even with the loss of their top guy, they should be near the top of my rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 Alabama finished #34 in my ST rankings. In Saban's first year everyone returned and they improved to #17. K Leigh Tiffin struggled as a true frosh but improved to 25 of 34 FG's (two 50+) in '07. Javier Arenas was dangerous on returns (24.3 KR, 15.4 PR). Last year everyone returned. The unit did have some breakdowns allowing a KR TD by Clemson, a 92 yd PR TD and a blk'd punt by Georgia but the unit also basically accounted for 26 pts vs Miss St. Their coverage units played well in the SEC Title game but they finished #37. Arenas saw his KR avg drop (23.6) but did avg 15.9 on PR (3 TD). PJ Fitzgerald who had a net of 33.5 in '07 improved to 35.1. Tiffin hit 20 of 29 including a 54 yd FG vs Clemson, the 3rd longest in school history with his father Van having the longest (57). This year the unit returns intact again and I'll call for them to get back into the Top 20.

COACHES - Nick Saban took LSU to a National Title in 2003 and spent '05 and '06 as HC of the Miami Dolphins. He enters his 3rd year here. In 13 years as a college HC, he's never had a losing season. Prior to LY OC Major Applewhite left for Texas and was replaced by Jim McElwain who was the Oakland Raiders' QB coach in '06 and the Fresno St OC in '07. Kevin Steele was the DC in '07 (asst HC of D '08) and Kirby Smart was installed as the DC in '08. Steele left for Clemson and Smart enters his 2nd year as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mike Shula did not step into a great situation but he did a fine job guiding the Tide to 3 bowls and in 2005 had the team 9-0 and ranked #4. In Saban's first year they opened 6-2 with wins over #20 Tenn and #16 Ark and an OT loss to #22 UGA. They led eventual National Champ LSU 34-27 mid-4Q but LSU got a 4th & 4, 32 yd TD pass with 2:49 left to tie and then a FR at the Tide 3 set up the game winning TD with 1:26 left. The next week Alabama led Miss St 9-3 and was at the MSt GL but a 100 yd IR TD resulted in a 14 pt swing and they lost 17-12. They were shocked by SBC member ULM by 7 and then also lost to rival Auburn by 7. They did lead Colorado 27-0 in their bowl to get a winning season at 7-6. In last year's Regional SEC magazine, my Best Case/Worst Case Scenario said that they could have been 13-0 **as all six losses were by 7 or less!** A surprising note heading into last year is that Bama had B2B winning seasons just twice since Gene Stallings departed in 1996. With 12 returning starters and 21 lettermen lost, plus a tough schedule that featured road games vs Georgia, Tenn, LSU, Ark and Clemson, it looked like the Tide would be a year away from contending for the SEC West. They had just 9 scholarship seniors, tied for lowest in FBS. Surprisingly the Tide won the SEC West while moving to #1 in the polls for 4 weeks. It was the first time in Saban's coaching career that he had led a team to a 12-0 start and he was named the AP Coach of the Year. In the opener, they dominated #9 Clemson with a 419-188 yd edge. After whipping 3 weak teams, they were 4-0 and #8 when they traveled to #3 GA. Stunningly they went "Between the Hedges" and had a 31-0 halftime lead. Two weeks later they led 24-3 vs Ole Miss at the half and hung on for a 24-20 win. After throttling Tenn and Ark St, Saban was set for his return trip to Baton Rouge. Bama was #1 in the regular season for the first time since 1980. Bama survived winning in OT. They then whipped MSt and Auburn by a combined 68-7 and faced #2 UF in the SEC Title game which they lost by 11 but had the yardage edge after 3Q's. They gave an embarrassing performance in the Sugar Bowl to drop to 12-2 and #6. Bama's had one of the best OL and DL combo's in the NCAA. They outgained SEC foes by 98.1 ypg (2nd best). This year they have just 13 returning starters and benefitted from 3 close wins and had beneficial off and def ypp's (pg 299). Bama has my #2 rated D in the country and new QB McElroy looked promising in spring. Despite having to face two Top 10 teams on the road (VT & Ole Miss) four of my 9 sets of power ratings call for the Tide to go unbeaten during the regular season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN CRIMSON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN CRIMSON — DEFENSE

QB 12 Greg McElroy Jr. 6-2 220 **PS#27**. 196 pass, 80%, 2-1 ratio 2Y. **2** Star Jackson (6'3" 195 rFr) **PS#14**. AJ McCarron **PS#9**. Thomas Darrah (6'6" 212 So) PS#138.

RB 22 Mark Ingram So. 5-10 215 PS#66. 728 (5.1) true. Trent Richardson **PS#2**. Roy Upchurch (6'0" 201 Sr) **PS#50**. 624 (5.2) 3Y. Terry Grant (5'9" 190 Jr) **PS#31**. 1001 (4.6) 3Y.

WR 4 Marquis Maze So. 5-9 171 **PS#40**. 4 st, 137 (12.5) LY. **11** Brandon Gibson (6'1" 196 So) **PS#35**. **FB 40** Baron Huber (6'3" 249 Sr) PS#223DL. Mike Marrow PS#90.

WR 80 MIKE McCOY SR. 6-2 205 **PS#46**. 9 st, 207 (7.4) '07. 9 st, 191 (11.9) LY. Kendall Kelly **PS#19**. Michael Bowman **PS#29**. Kenny Bell **PS#32**. **19** Chris Jackson (6'1" 190 So) PS#96.

WR 8 JULIO JONES SO. 6-4 210 **PS#1. 2nd Tm SEC**, 924 (15.9) as true. **82** Earl Alexander (6'4" 216 Jr) PS#49QB. 161 (13.4) 2Y. Darius Hanks (6'0" 172 Jr) PS#284. 94 (10.4) 2Y.

TE 84 Colin Peek Sr. 6-6 247 PS#84. 11 st, 248 (9.9) at GT '07. **17** Brad Smelley (6'3" 218 So) PS#73QB. 98 (14.0) true. **85** Preston Dial (6'3" 245 Jr) PS#19. 2 st, 22 gm, 2 rec 2Y.

C 73 William Vlachos Jr. 6-0 305 **PS#67**. 8 gm 2Y. Brian Motley (6'2" 269 Jr) PS#170. 2.5 tfl NG '07. 8 gm OG LY. Evan Cardwell (6'2" 279 Sr) 7 st C '07. **LS** Brian Selman (6'0" 211 Sr).

RG 74 David Ross Jr. 6-3 295 **PS#42**. 3 st, 27 gm 2Y. **67** John Michael Boswell (6'5" 300 So) **PS#54**. 8 gm true. Anthony Steen **PS#98**. Adam Fuller (6'1" 290 So) PS#428.

LG 78 MIKE JOHNSON SR. 6-6 305 PS#123. 13 st '07. 14 st LY (12LG, 2LT), **2ndTM SEC. 75** Barrett Jones (6'5" 280 So) **PS#16**. 3 gm true. Chance Warmack **PS#66**. In for spg.

RT 79 DREW DAVIS SR. 6-7 305 PS#164. 14 st RT LY. DJ Fluker (6'5" 340 Fr) **PS#2. 68** Taylor Pharr (6'6" 285 Jr) **PS#52**. 12 gm 2Y. David Williams (6'3" 272 rFr) PS#470.

LT 72 Tyler Love rFr. 6-7 290 **PS#4**. 1 gm true, Med RS. **77** James Carpenter (6'5" 305 Jr) **PS#56JC**. In for spg. Alfred McCullough (6'2" 292 So) **PS#56DL**. Darius McKeller **PS#84**.

K 99 LEIGH TIFFIN SR. 6-1 199 8-13 FG true L/47. 25-34 FG '07, L/51. 20-29 FG LY, L/54. **44** Corey Smith (6'0" 195 So) **PS#9**. 3 gm true. Colin Gallagher (6'0" 180 Jr) PS#80.

DE 95 BRANDON DEADERICK SR. 6-4 287 PS#64. 8 st, 22 tkl, 3 tfl '07. 14 st, 36 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **96** Luther Davis (6'3" 299 Jr) **PS#17**. 15 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. Nick Gentry (6'1" 254 So) **PS#49**.

NG 62 TERRENCE CODY SR. 6-5 365 **PS#2JC, 1stTm AA**, 12 st, 24 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **99** Josh Chapman (6'1" 305 So) PS#75. 2 st, 16 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Kerry Murphy (6'5" 315 Fr) **PS#12**. In for spg.

DE 97 Lorenzo Washington Sr. 6-5 275 PS#64. 12 st NG '07, 36 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 13 tkl LY. **90** Milton Talbert (6'3" 263 Jr) PS#83. Marcel Dareus (6'3" 280 So) 4 tkl. Undra Billingsley (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#61.

JLB 98 BRANDON FANNEY SR. 6-4 257 PS#132DL. 14 st, 66 tkl, 9 tfl LY. **32** Eryk Anders (6'2" 227 Sr) 32 tkl, 4.5 tfl 3Y. **41** Courtney Upshaw (6'2" 230 So) **PS#48DL**. 22 tkl, 3 tfl true.

WLB 30 DONT'A HIGHTOWER SO. 6-4 250 **PS#53DL**. 12 st true, 64 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **36** Chris Jordan (6'2" 220 So) **PS#40RB**. 3 tkl true. Tana Patrick **PS#21DL**. Charlie Kirschman (6'3" 230 Jr) PS#121.

MLB 25 ROLANDO McCLAIN JR. 6-4 249 **PS#8**. 9 st true, 75 tkl, 5 tfl. **3rdTm AA** LY, 95 tkl, 12 tfl. **21** Prince Hall (5'11" 235 Sr) 13 st, 152 tkl, 13 tfl 3Y. Charlie Higgenbotham (6'0" 218 Jr) 16 tkl 2Y.

SLB 13 CORY REAMER SR. 6-4 218 PS#173. 11 st, 35 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **5** Jerrell Harris (6'3" 215 So) **PS#10**. 3 tkl true. Nico Johnson **PS#5**. Chavis Williams (6'4" 223 Jr) PS#141.

CB 28 JAVIER ARENAS SR. 5-9 198 PS#441RB. **2ndTm SEC**, 14 st, 63 tkl, 7 pbu. Marquis Johnson (5'11" 192 Sr) PS#95. 3 st, 49 tkl, 5 pbu, 2 int. Chris Rogers (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#62. 32 tkl 3Y.

CB 3 KAREEM JACKSON JR. 5-11 192 PS#443. 12 st, 66 tkl, 6 pbu, 3 int true. 14 st LY, 44 tkl, 10 pbu. Dre Kirkpatrick **PS#2. 23** Robby Green (6'0" 180 So) **PS#44**. 12 gm, 6 tkl true.

SS 27 JUSTIN WOODALL SR. 6-2 220 **PS#27**, 14 st, 47 tkl, 8 pbu, 4 int LY. **1** BJ Scott (5'11" 188 So) **PS#16**, 2 rec WR LY. **15** Alonzo Lawrence (6'1" 190 rFr) **PS#28**. Rod Woodson **PS#30**.

FS 4 Mark Barron So. 6-2 215 **PS#17**. 18 tkl, 1.5 sk true. **26** Ali Sharrief (5'9" 205 Sr) PS#87. 52 tkl, 6 pbu L2Y. Tyrone King (5'11" 198 Sr) 20 tkl L2Y. Robert Lester (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#110.

P 97 PJ FITZGERALD SR. 5-11 198 57 punt, 38.2 avg '06. 64 punt, 38.7 avg '07. 59 punt, 41.1 avg, 35.0 net, 15 inside 20 LY. **44** Corey Smith (6'0" 195 So). Heath Thomas (6'3" 213 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Trent Richardson 5-11 220 PS#2
DB	Dre Kirkpatrick 6-3 185 PS#2
OL	DJ Fluker 6-5 340 PS#2
LB	Nico Johnson 6-3 225 PS#5
QB	AJ McCarron 6-4 190 PS#9
DL	Kerry Murphy 6-5 315 PS#12 '07
LB	Tana Patrick 6-3 235 PS#21DL
WR	Kendall Kelly 6-3 215 PS#19
DL	Chris Bonds 6-4 280 PS#28
DB	Rod Woodson 5-11 200 PS#30
RB	Eddie Lacy 6-0 210 PS#27
DL	William Ming 6-3 260 PS#37
OL	James Carpenter 6-5 305 PS#56JC
WR	Michael Bowman 6-4 210 PS#29
DL	Darrington Sentimore 6-3 280 PS#44
WR	Kenny Bell 6-1 160 PS#32
LB	Petey Smith 6-1 245 PS#33
WR	Kevin Norwood 6-2 180 PS#42
DL	Ed Stinson 6-4 240 PS#63
DL	Brandon Moore 6-5 320 PS#65
OL	Chance Warmack 6-3 325 PS#66
OL	Kellen Williams 6-3 290 PS#72
DL	Anthony Orr 6-5 260 PS#93
OL	Darius McKeller 6-5 280 PS#84
RB	Mike Marrow 6-2 240 PS#90
OL	Anthony Steen 6-3 305 PS#98
LB	Jonathan Atchison 6-2 220 PS#135
RB	Jermaine Preyear 5-11 205 PS#104 '08

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#68

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	† Virginia Tech (Atlanta)	A				
Sep. 12	FIU	G				
Sep. 19	North Texas	G				
Sep. 26	Arkansas	G				
Oct. 3	at Kentucky	G				
Oct. 10	at Mississippi	A				
Oct. 17	S Carolina (HC)	G				
Oct. 24	Tennessee	G				
Oct. 31						
Nov. 7	LSU	G				
Nov. 14	at Mississippi St	G				
Nov. 21	Chattanooga	G				
Nov. 27	at Auburn (Fri)	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. John Parker Wilson 7,924 '05-'08
2. Brodie Croyle 6,382 '02-'05
3. Andrew Zow 5,983 '98-'01

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Shaun Alexander 3,565 '96-'99
2. Bobby Humphrey 3,420 '85-'88
3. Kenneth Darby 3,324 '03-'06

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. DJ Hall 2,923 '04-'07
2. Ozzie Newsome 2,070 '74-'77
3. Keith Brown 1,863 '04-'07

The Tide is 18-2 in season openers. This gm will be played in the Georgia Dome. UA is 10-1 all-time vs VT, but lost the last meeting 38-7 in '98 Music City Bowl.

The Tide is 17-1 vs current SBC tms & beat FIU 38-3 in '06 in the only prior meeting. In that gm, UA held FIU to 6 first downs & 175 ttl yds including only 79 the last 3Q's.

Alabama is 2-0 outscoring the Mean Green by an avg of 23 ppg. The Tide beat the two SBC teams by a combined 76-7 after losing to ULM in 2007 (409-282 yd edge).

UA has won 17 consec SEC openers, the longest streak in school history & the longest active streak in the SEC. The home team is 4-1 in this series since 2004.

UA is 34-2-1 all-time vs UK & LY held on in a 17-14 win. In that game RB Coffee rushed for a career-high 218 yds (8.7). Kentucky's last series win was in 1997.

UA has won 13 of 15 including the last 4 decided by 3 ppg. Last time in Oxford, a controversial call overturned a Rebels' completion to the Bama 4 with :07 left.

Alabama is 10-3 all-time but the series is even at 3-3 since SC joined the SEC. The visitor has won the last 2 after the home team had won 7 straight.

HT has won 4 of the last 5 in this series. Saban has led Bama to 2 straight wins vs Tenn by an avg of 35-13. UA had a 23-10 FD & 366-173 yd edge in LY's 29-9 win.

Bonus: The Crimson Tide are on a 16-1 run at home vs non-conf opponents.

Saban faces his former team where he went 48-16 as a HC from 2000-'04. UA broke a 5 game losing streak with last year's 27-21 OT win in Baton Rouge.

These 2 schools are only about 90 miles apart & Bama leads the all-time series 72-18-3. Prior to LY, UA hadn't scored an off TD vs MSU the previous 3 gms (2 LY).

UTC finished 1-11 in the Southern Conf including losses to Oklahoma & Florida St. UA is 10-0 all-time vs the Mocs with the last meeting a 42-13 win in '94.

The Tide ended a 6 game losing streak in the Iron Bowl with their 36-0 win last year & it was the biggest margin of victory in the series in 46 years (38-0 in 1962).

NICK SABAN (Career 110-50-1) Bowls: 5-6
Toledo '90
3rd Year at Alabama Michigan St '95-'99
LSU '00-'04

Saban AT ALABAMA/OVERALL

19-8 / 110-50-1	SU	2-3 / 12-14	Vs Top 10
11-3 / 69-17	Home	5-5 / 28-29	Vs Top 25
6-2 / 34-25-1	Away	2-1 / 13-10	Vs BCS Tms
2-3 / 7-8	Neutral	3-2 / 14-13	Off A Bye
12-5 / 72-34-1	Vs Conf	2-5 / 27-16	Off A Loss

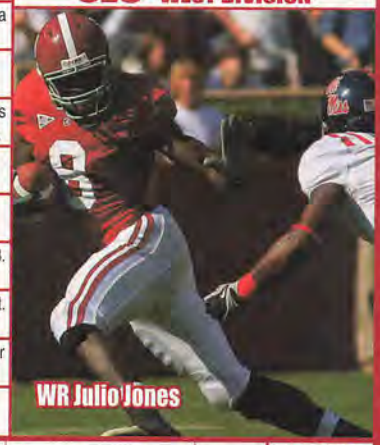
2008 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (24,28,3)
Lost: 11 (9,2,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,138 (#8)

SEC - WEST DIVISION


WR Julio Jones

STADIUM: BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM (92,138) (#8)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	7-5	10-3	4-9	6-6	10-2	6-7	7-6	12-2	65-48
Home	3-3	4-3	5-2	3-5	5-2	6-1	6-2	4-3	7-0	43-21
Away	0-5	2-2	5-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	0-4	2-2	4-0	18-22
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	4-5
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	2-6	3-5	6-2	2-6	4-4	8-1	38-35
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-1	4-1	2-3	3-1	4-0	4-1	3-2	4-1	27-13
ATS	3-8	5-7	7-5-1	5-8	6-5	4-7-1	5-7-1	3-8-1	9-5	47-60-4
Home Fav	2-3	3-3	3-4	2-2	3-2	0-5	2-5	0-4	4-3	19-31
Home Dog	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-0	1-0-1	0-1	1-0-1	0-0	4-6-2
Away Favorite	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-2	3-0	9-9-1
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-1	3-0-1	0-1	1-0	12-8-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	3-6
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	4-3-1	2-6	4-4	3-4-1	3-4-1	2-5-1	6-3	30-39-4
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	3-2	3-2	2-1	1-3	2-3	1-3	3-2	17-21
Off SU Win	1-2	4-2	5-3-1	1-3	3-2	3-5-1	3-3	2-3-1	8-4	30-27-3
Off SU Loss	2-5	1-4	2-1	3-5	2-3	1-1	2-3-1	1-5	0-1	14-28-1

Mike Shula (Auburn 1997) · Dennis Franchione (Alabama 1990) · Mike Shula (Alabama 1969) · Nick Saban (LSU 1990) · Joe Kines (Bama 1964)

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Glen Coffee	233	1417	34	1383	10	5.9
Mark Ingram	143	743	15	728	12	5.1
Roy Upchurch	58	351	1	350	4	6.0
Terry Grant	35	119	31	88	1	2.5
Jeramie Griffin	6	29	0	29	0	4.8
John Parker Wilson	72	182	188	-6	5	-0.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Parker Wilson	323	187	57.9	2273	10	8
Greg McElroy	11	8	72.7	123	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Julio Jones	58	924	15.9	4	64
Nick Walker	32	324	10.1	2	40
Mike McCoy	16	191	11.9	1	30
Marquis Maze	11	137	12.5	2	34
Earl Alexander	8	121	15.1	0	27
Glen Coffee	16	118	7.4	1	15
Nikita Stover	6	101	16.8	1	39
Roy Upchurch	9	101	11.2	0	29
Brad Smelley	7	98	14.0	0	37
Darius Hanks	8	88	11.0	0	18
Mark Ingram	7	54	7.7	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
PJ Fitzgerald	59	2427	41.1	16	35.1	2	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Leigh Tiffin	46-47	7-8	9-11	2-7	2-3	20-29	54

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Rolando McClain	95	3	9	8	1
Rashad Johnson	89	1	4	11	5
Brandon Fanney	66	1	8	1	0
Dont'a Hightower	64	0	2.5	0	0
Javier Arenas	63	2	1.5	7	1
Marquis Johnson	49	0	1	5	2
Justin Woodall	47	0	1.5	8	4
Kareem Jackson	44	0	1	10	1
Bobby Greenwood	40	5	2	1	0
Brandon Deaderick	36	4	1.5	0	0
Cory Reamer	35	1	5	0	0
Ali Sharrief	31	0	2.5	5	0
Eryk Anders	24	2.5	2	1	0
Terrance Cody	24	0.5	4	0	0
Courtney Upshaw	22	0	3	2	0
Mark Barron	18	1.5	0	0	0
Prince Hall	17	0.5	1.5	0	0
Josh Chapman	16	0	4	0	0
Tyrone King	15	0	0	0	0
Lorenzo Washington	13	1	1.5	0	0
Chris Rogers	13	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Javier Arenas	41	650	15.9	3

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Javier Arenas	26	614	23.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Music City	-1	Minnesota	16-20
05	Cotton - #13	+3'	Texas Tech - #18	13-10
06	Independence	+2'	Oklahoma St	31-34
07	Independence	-3'	Colorado	30-24
08	Sugar - #4	-9	Utah - #7	17-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	30.1	356	185	4.6	171	58.4	11.8	25	+6	2008	5	14.3	264	74	2.7	189	52.7	18.4	26
9*	27.1	374	149	4.0	225	55.7	13.8	25	+4	2007	5	22.0	345	124	3.4	221	54.2	15.7	24
9	22.9	336	123	3.5	213	57.0	14.7	28	+7	2006	4	19.2	298	125	4.0	173	55.6	15.5	13
7*	21.9	359	143	3.7	216	59.5	16.4	37	+8	2005	9	10.7	255	94	3.1	161	49.7	23.9	28
6*	24.6	327	185	4.4	142	55.9	13.3	16	+6	2004	8	15.8	246	132	3.3	113	43.4	15.6	25
6	25.5	351	159	4.0	192	52.1	13.8	29	+1	2003	5	25.6	360	132	3.7	228	57.9	14.1	26
7*	28.2	403	213	4.5	190	56.1	14.3	31	+15	2002	8	15.4	257	80	2.7	177	49.5	16.7	44

2008 STATS BY GAME

UA 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
70,097	† Clemson	25	50-239	4.8	22-30	180	0	11	14-0	0.0	20-34	188	3	+2
92,138	Tulane	11	26-99	3.8	11-23	73	4	18	32-86	2.7	29-50	232	1	-1
92,138	WKU	30	49-281	5.7	21-33	276	0	9	22-42	1.9	14-26	116	1	0
72,315	at Arkansas	15	35-328	9.4	6-15	74	1	19	31-92	3.0	24-46	217	2	+3
92,746	at Georgia	21	45-129	2.9	13-16	205	1	18	16-50	3.1	24-43	274	2	+1
92,138	Kentucky	15	49-282	5.8	7-17	106	3	12	20-35	1.8	20-42	241	1	-1
92,138	Mississippi	15	34-107	3.1	16-25	219	2	14	34-158	4.6	17-33	201	2	+1
106,138	at Tennessee	23	43-178	4.1	17-24	188	0	10	21-36	1.7	16-28	137	2	-1
92,138	Arkansas St	21	36-205	5.7	15-28	152	2	11	37-91	2.5	8-17	67	4	0
93,039	at LSU	16	37-138	3.7	15-31	215	0	17	46-201	4.4	13-34	181	1	+1
92,138	Mississippi St	17	48-198	4.1	12-19	166	2	9	22-35	1.6	11-28	132	2	+1
92,138	Auburn	21	50-234	4.7	10-18	178	1	3	30-57	1.9	9-23	113	2	+3
75,892	† Florida	18	33-136	4.1	12-25	187	1	19	42-142	3.4	14-22	216	1	-1
71,872	† Utah	15	33-31	0.9	18-30	177	8	22	24-13	0.5	27-41	336	2	-2
TOTALS		263	568-2585	4.6	195-334	2396	25	197	391-1038	2.7	246-467	2651	26	+6
AVERAGES		18.8	41-185	4.6	14-24	171	7.5%	14.1	28-74	2.7	18-33	189	5.6%	0.4

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Utah St	-26	48-17
-	Mississippi	-11'	28-7
-	W Carolina	NL	52-0
-	at Arkansas	+4'	10-27
-	South Carolina	-2'	3-20
-	at Kentucky	-6	45-17
-	Southern Miss - #24	-7	27-3
-	at Tennessee - #11	+7	13-17
-	Mississippi St	-17'	30-14
-	at LSU - #17	+7'	10-26
-	Auburn - #2	+10	13-21

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #8 Score
-	Middle Tenn	-21'	26-7
-	Southern Miss	-12'	30-21
-	at South Carolina	-2	37-14
#20	Arkansas	-15	24-13
#15	Florida - #5	+3	31-3
#6	at Mississippi	-14	13-10
#5	Tennessee - #17	-3'	6-3
#5	Utah St	-34	35-3
#4	at Mississippi St	-15'	17-0
#4	LSU - #5	+3	13-16 OT
#8	at Auburn - #11	+7	18-28

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Hawaii	-15	25-17
-	Vanderbilt	-15'	13-10
-	ULM	-24'	41-7
-	at Arkansas	+2'	23-24 2OT
-	at Florida - #5	+15	13-28
-	Duke	-28'	30-14
-	Mississippi	-16	26-23 OT
-	at Tennessee - #7	+10'	13-16
-	FIU	-34	38-3
-	Mississippi St	-14	16-24
-	at LSU - #12	+17'	14-28
-	Auburn - #15	+3	15-22

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	W Carolina	NL	52-6
-	at Vanderbilt	-3'	24-10
-	Arkansas - #16	-3'	41-38
#16	Georgia - #22	-3'	23-26 OT
#22	† Florida St	+1'	14-21
-	Houston	-11	30-24
-	at Mississippi	-6'	27-24
-	Tennessee - #20	+1	41-17
#17	LSU - #3	+7	34-41
#21	at Mississippi St	-4'	12-17
-	ULM	-24'	14-21
-	at Auburn - #25	+4'	10-17

2008 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#24	† Clemson - #9	+4'	34-10
#13	Tulane	-29'	20-6
#11	WKU	-28	41-7
#9	at Arkansas	-9	49-14
#8	at Georgia - #3	+6'	41-30
#2	Kentucky	-15	17-14
#2	Mississippi	-11	24-20
#2	at Tennessee	-5	29-9
#2	Arkansas St	-23'	35-0
#1	at LSU - #15	-3	27-21 OT
#1	Mississippi St	-22	32-7
#1	Auburn	-14'	36-0
#1	† Florida - #2	+10	20-31

LSU TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - At the start of the spring in 2008 the Tigers appeared to be in great shape at QB with Ryan Perrilloux (PS#1) having plenty of experience and ready to take over as the starter. Perrilloux was dismissed leaving the starting battle to rFr Jarrett Lee (PS#13) and Harvard transfer Andrew Hatch (6'3" 214, PS#330). Lee, a pocket passer, was banged up in Aug so Hatch started the first 3 until suffering a concussion. Lee led the comeback vs Auburn and took control. While he had his moments, Lee also became a target of fan abuse by throwing 16 int, 7 of which were ret'd for TD's. The plan was to RS true frosh Jordan Jefferson (PS#9) who is 6'4" and the most mobile of the 3 QB's. Hatch suffered a broken leg vs Georgia. Jefferson played the last series vs Tulane and later came off the bench vs Troy. Lee had his best half of the season hitting 18 of 26 for 211 in the 2H vs Troy guiding the huge comeback win but then was inj'd vs Ole Miss. Jefferson started the last 2 and hit just 9 of 21 for 143 vs Ark but then connected on his first 9 vs GT earning Bowl Off MVP. This year only Hatch departs and added to the mix are 2 VHT true frosh who were in for the spring, Russell Shepard (PS#1) and Chris Garrett (PS#29). Adding depth is TC McCartney (6'3" 220 So). This unit can only improve upon last year's 52.7% comp and 18 int.

RUNNING BACKS - LSU had an inexperienced RB corps in 2006 and FB Jacob Hester (430 bench) led with 440 (4.7). Keiland Williams who is "all muscle" and has 4.45 speed was #2 with 436 (5.7). Charles Scott (PS#7) rushed for 277 (6.0) as a true frosh (7 gm) with former OC Fisher saying he was "going to be a great one." Hester became the go-to man in 2007 garnering 52% of the RB rushes and had 1,103 (4.9). Williams was #2 with 478 (6.8) and surprisingly Scott was #4 with 324 but had the best ypc (7.2). Last year they had to replace their #1 man but Scott opened strong and after 4 was leading the FBS in rushing (133.8 ypg). He was held to 35 vs Florida and 10 vs Ole Miss but still rushed for 1,174 (5.4) with 18 TD's. He was projected as a #3DC but opted to return. Williams rushed for 417 (5.0). Richard Murphy (PS#27) added 186 (4.2). This year FB Quinn Johnson departs (10 st, #5DC GB) and not listed below is Trindon Holliday (5'5" 164 Sr), FB Richard Dugas (6'1" 275 Jr) and FB Steele Hull (5'11" 217 rFr). This is a deep and talented group and they add 2 more VHT frosh.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 LSU had to replace their top two WR's who combined for 1,826 of the team's 3,272 yards (56%). The leading returnees were Early Doucet (PS#1) who had 772 (13.1) and Brandon LaFell (PS#36) with 140 (28.0). Crowton's offense uses TE's more and Richard Dickson went from 96 yds as a true (2nd Tm SEC) to 375 (11.7) in '07. Dropped passes hurt the unit and Doucet missed 5 games finishing with just 525 (9.2). LaFell led with 656 (13.1) while Demetrius Byrd had 621 (17.7). Terrance Toliver (PS#2) had a team high 24.9 ypc (249 yd). Last year they only had to replace Doucet. LaFell led again with 929 (14.7) and Byrd (4.33 spd), finished #2 with 513 (13.9). Dickson had 324 (10.5) and Toliver added 257 (11.7). This year they lose Byrd (11 st, #7DC SD) and Ricky Dixon (1 rec). Not listed below are Jared Mitchell (5'11" 201 Sr, PS#70), Ian Harding (6'1" 194 So), Adam McClure (6'2" 200 Jr), Jarred Joseph (6'1" 209 rFr), Jordan Newell (5'10" 168 Sr), RJ Gillen (6'0" 185 So) and TE Jake Bryan (6'2" 235 rFr, PS#137). With 11 of the top 12 WR's back plus some exciting frosh added, I look for improved play from the Tiger WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 LSU had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups and one returning starter played in just 5. Surprisingly they opened holes for 214 ypg rush (4.9), their best total since 1997 (6.8% sk). Last year they only had to replace one starter but with the inexp QB's the numbers dropped to 167 ypg (4.4) with 5.6% sacks. Herman Johnson became the first LSU OL to earn 1st Tm AA from the AP since 1997. This year they lose C Brett Helms (13 st, 3Y st'r), LG Johnson (13 st, 3Y st'r, #5DC AZ) and backups C Ryan Miller (11 gm) and OG Ernest McCoy (4 gm). LT Ciron Black was projected as a late 1st round DC but opted to return so they have 3 starters back (79 car st). Despite being slightly less experienced and losing their star, they could put up better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers had to replace 3 NFL DC's in 2006 but still yielded just 97 ypg rush (3.2). In 2007 they only had to replace 1 starter (#7DC) and 3 backups. For the first time in 5 years they allowed over 100 ypg rush (106, 3.2). Last year they had 8 of the top 9 back but did have to replace #1DC Glenn Dorsey. LSU allowed 110 ypg (3.4) while the D had just 28 sacks (lowest S/'02). This year the losses are heavier. Gone are 2nd Tm SEC DE Tyson Jackson (13 st, 36 tkl, 4.5 sk) who was the third overall pick in the draft (KC), DE Kirston Pittman (10 st, 35 tkl, 2.5 sk), DT Ricky Jean-Francois (6 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk, #7DC SF), DT Marlon Favorite (7 st, 28 tkl, 2 sk) and DE Tremaine Johnson (2 st, 23 tkl, 2.5 sk). As usual, this unit is comprised mostly of VHT's and does return 1st Tm SEC DE Rahim Alem who had 8 sacks LY despite only 1 start. Not listed in the PSL is Lavar Edwards (6'4" 280 rFr).

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Tigers had to replace 2 starters but Darry Beckwith turned down an early shot at the NFL (#5 tkl'r). They pulled an LB on many passing plays, something new DC Chavis says they will not do this year, sticking more to 3 LB's. They only lose 2nd Tm SEC MLB Beckwith (11 st, 51 tkl). While Kelvin Sheppard had just 5 starts last year, I consider him and Perry Riley (bowl def MVP) as returning starters as they were #2 and #3 in tackles. SS Harry Coleman (13 st, #1 tkl'r) also moves to SLB. Not listed in the PSL below are Ace Foyil (6'3" 230 Sr) who had 7 tkl LY and Kellen Theriot (6'1" 227 rFr) PS#115DL. This is an improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - It's almost a given that the Tigers finish in the top of my pass D rankings as from 2002-'07 they were #6, #1, #5, #5, #1 and #3. In 2007 they had a pair of shutdown CB's allowing the team to blitz often. Last year I called the unit my biggest concern. They had to replace a 1st Tm AA SS, 1st Tm SEC CB and their other starting CB (2 CB's combined 8 int, 25 pbu). The one returning starter, FS Curtis Taylor had just 9 starts (inj). Miles did praise CB Chris Hawkins (PS#37) for a spectacular year. True frosh PS#1 Patrick Peterson started the last 4. LSU dropped to #33. This year they only lose FS Taylor (43 tkl, 2 int, #7DC SF), Phelon Jones (2 st, 15 tkl, trans) and SS Coleman (to LB) and have 11 VHT's in their top 12 so the Tigers will be at the top again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Les Miles' Okla St teams finished #3, #18, #3 and #11 in my ST rankings. After a #23 finish in '04, everyone was back and LSU moved up to #10 in '05. Everyone returned again in '06 but surprisingly they dropped to #80. In '07, even with the presence of PK Colt David (SEC single season record 147 pts) and explosive KR Trindon Holliday (26.2) they only finished #81. Last year David broke most of David Browndyke's school records but came up 4 short of his xp streak with a late season miss. He hit 16 of 21 FG's (long 53) while Josh Jasper (PS#22, 2-2 FG's) had 4 TB on 76 KO and P Brady Dalfrey avg 40.1 (37.3 tm net). As a team, LSU avg just 19.5 on KR's and teams kicked away from Holliday (13.3 PR) but they still moved up to #12. They should drop some this year with the loss of K David and P Dalfrey.

COACHES - Les Miles did a fine job at Okla St with his resume including 2 big upsets over rival OU and 3 bowls. Miles owns a National Title at LSU. In '07 he lost OC Jimbo Fisher and brought in Gary Crowton who was the OC at Oregon ('05-'06) and the BYU HC from '01-'04. While Fisher was lauded by many, under Crowton's guidance the team avg a school rec 38.6 ppg in '07. Last year they had to replace DC Bo Pelini. They went to co-DC's in Doug Mallory and Bradley Dale Peveto but both departed. This year I feel they made an upgrade bringing in 14 year Tenn DC John Chavis.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Miles is 25-3 vs unranked foes and 17-8 vs ranked opp at LSU. *Phil Steele's College Football Preview Magazine* was the ONLY magazine to forecast LSU to win the SEC West in 2003. I called the Tigers my #2 surprise team and they took home the BCS National Title when they upset Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. In 2004, despite three road games in 4 weeks vs Top 15 foes, LSU was 9-2 and suffered a tough bowl loss to Iowa on the last play. In 2005 the Tigers had to replace HC Nick Saban and unfortunately had practices (and so much more) disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. The only reg season loss was when they blew a 24-7 lead in the 4Q vs Tenn. They moved to #3 but were whipped by Georgia 34-14 in the SEC Title game. An angry LSU squad plastered Miami (FL) 40-3 in the Peach Bowl. 2005 was the first time LSU defeated Aub, Ala and Fla all in the same season. They had 11 returning starters in 2006 and it was the first Tiger team since 1982 to beat two Top 10 foes on the road in the same year. In the friendly confines of the Sugar Bowl, they destroyed ND 41-14 and finished #3. In 2007 they were #2 in the preseason and the only FBS team not to lose a game in regulation (both losses OT). The Tigers were also the first team to make it to a BCS Title game with 2 losses. At midseason, LSU moved to #1 in the AP poll for the first time in 48 years. LSU lost their regular season finale at home in 3OT to Ark but they had a myriad of upsets go in their favor. After LSU beat #14 Tenn 21-14 in the SEC Title game, they whipped Ohio St 38-24 getting them their 2nd National Title in 5 years. Some negative factors heading into '08 were that they benefitted from +20 in TO's and 2 net close wins in '07. They had just 12 returning starters (3rd fewest SEC) and lost a lot of points in my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover (pg 308). While LSU was bowl eligible for a school record 9th season, it was an up and down season. LSU had the most losses ever by a defending BCS National Champ (5). In Wk 3 they trailed #10 Auburn 14-3 at the half on the road but got a TD with 1:03 left for the win, 26-21. After getting past Miss St, they were slammed by Florida 51-21. They trailed SC 17-10 at half but rallied for a 24-17 win. GA came into Death Valley in a day game and got an IR TD on the first play and rolled to a 52-38 win. After beating Tulane 35-10, they hosted #1 Ala and Tiger fans were excited for the return of Nick Saban to Death Valley. LSU did take #1 Bama into OT before losing by 6. Off that physical game, LSU needed the biggest comeback in school history the following week vs Troy. They trailed 31-3 in the 3Q and over half the crowd had left but LSU rallied for a 40-31 win. Nineteen seniors had their FHG vs Ole Miss but the Rebels had a 409-215 yd edge and LSU lost 31-13. LSU was in control vs Ark leading 30-14 but the Hogs rallied for a 31-30 win. The Tigers were made an underdog to an ACC team in the bowl but thrashed GT 38-3 which was similar to 2005's finish. After outgaining SEC foes by 132 ypg and 81 ypg the previous 2 years, LSU went 3-5 in SEC play and was -3.7 ypg. LSU will be a preseason Top 10 team this year but they face the top 2 teams from the SEC East (FL & GA) and also have to travel to 2 more Top 10 teams in Ala and Miss giving them the toughest schedule of any SEC school. This year's LSU squad is stronger than the '08 version and is one of the top teams in the country and will top last year's 8 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 9 JORDAN JEFFERSON SO. 6-4 209 **PS#9.** 2 st, 419 pass (49%) 4-1 ratio, 134 rush LY. **12** Jarrett Lee (6'2" 216 So) **PS#13.** 8 st, 1873 pass (53%) 14-16 ratio. **10** Russell Shepard **PS#1.**

RB 32 CHARLES SCOTT SR. 5-11 233 **PS#7.** 601(6.6) '06-'07. 13 st LY, **1stTm SEC.** 1174 (5.4) Keiland Williams (5'11" 229 Sr) 1331(5.8) 3Y. Richard Murphy (6'1" 196 Jr) **PS#27.** 416 (5.3).

WR 80 Terrance Toliver Jr. 6-4 194 **PS#2.** 4 st, 506 (15.8) 2Y. **21** Chris Tolliver (6'1" 179 rFr) **PS#18.** FB **34** Stevan Ridley (5'11" 222 So) **PS#36LB.** 92 rush (7.7) LY.

WR 1 BRANDON LaFELL SR. 6-3 209 **PS#36.** 10 st, 656 (13.1) '07. 12 st, **1stTm SEC.** 929 (14.7) LY. Chris Mitchell (6'0" 179 Sr) **PS#26.** 7 st, 174 (12.4) 3Y. RJ Jackson (6'0" 204 Sr) **PS#12RB.**

WR NA Rueben Randle Fr. 6-3 195 **PS#1. 43** Tim Molton (6'3" 173 rFr) PS#66. **19** Deangelo Peterson (6'3" 199 So) PS#54. 13 gm true. Jhyryn Taylor (5'11" 174 rFr) PS#71.

TE 18 RICHARD DICKSON SR. 6-3 246 **PS#10. 2nd Tm SEC** '06&'08. 795 (11.5) 3Y. Mitch Joseph (6'5" 261 So) **PS#14.** Tyler Edwards (6'3" 234 rFr) **PS#11.** Matt Branch (6'6" 246 rFr) PS#18.

C 53 T-Bob Hebert So. 6-3 282 **PS#47.** 6 gm until knee inj LY. **64** PJ Lonergan (6'4" 288 rFr) **PS#93. LS** Alex Russian (6'4" 239 So) PS#36TE. 12 gm LY. Trey Helms (6'4" 259 So).

RG 65 LYLE HITT SR. 6-2 289 **PS#41.** 3 gm DL rFr. 13 st RG '07, 58 kd. 13 st RG LY. **73** Thomas Parsons (6'5" 276 rFr) **PS#67.** Carneal Ainsworth (6'4" 296 Fr) **PS#54.**

LG 68 Josh Dworaczyk So. 6-6 286 **PS#94.** 11 gm bkup OL & TE LY. **60** Will Blackwell (6'4" 298 So) **PS#24DL.** 13 gm. Clay Spencer (6'6" 281 rFr) **PS#80.** Tyler Simmons (6'1" 312 Fr).

RT 78 JOSEPH BARKSDALE JR. 6-5 315 **PS#5DL.** 14 gm true. 13 st at RT LY, 34 kd. **72** Alex Hurst (6'6" 332 rFr) PS#158. Chris Faulk (6'6" 310 Fr) **PS#7.** Josh Williford (6'7" 345 Fr). PS#207.

LT 70 CIRON BLACK SR. 6-5 325 **PS#21.** 13 st LT rFr. **2nd Tm SEC** L2Y. 14 st '07. 13 st LY, 68 kd. **75** Greg Shaw (6'5" 290 So) **PS#46.** 1 gm, Stavion Lowe (6'5" 294 Fr) **PS#20.**

K 30 Josh Jasper Jr. 5-11 165 PS#22. 17-21 FG long of 52 in HS. 39 KO as true. 2-2 FG LY long 33. 4 TB/76 KO. **40** Drew Alleman (6'0" 169 rFr) PS#50. 7-10 FG in HS.

DE 84 RAHIM ALEM SR. 6-3 254 **PS#16. 1stTm SEC.** 29 tkl, 8 sk. **81** Chancey Aghayere (6'4" 269 rFr) **PS#10.** Chase Clement (6'5" 255 rFr) **PS#25.** Jonathan Nixon (6'1" 264 Jr) PS#291.

DT 97 Al Woods Sr. 6-4 323 **PS#3.** 1 st, 29 tkl, 2.5 sk '06-'07. 3 st, 11 tkl LY. Akiem Hicks (6'6" 300 Jr) **PS#13JC.** Chris Davenport (6'4" 318 Fr) **PS#11.** 5.2 spd. 585 squat.

DT 91 Charles Alexander Sr. 6-3 310 PS#78. 9 st, 34 tkl, 2.5 sk '06-'07. 8 st LY, 24 tkl. Drake Nevis (6'1" 294 Jr) **PS#48.** 4 st, 33 tkl, 7.5 tfl 2Y. Cordian Hagans (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#136.

DE 95 Lazarius Levingston Jr. 6-4 269 **PS#44.** 17 tkl, 5.5 tfl 2Y. **98** Sidell Corley (6'3" 274 So) **PS#14.** 2 tkl. Sam Montgomery (6'5" 260 Fr) **PS#14. 83** Dennis Johnson (6'1" 304 So).

WLB 56 PERRY RILEY SR. 6-1 240 **PS#37.** 28 tkl '06-'07. 9 st, 60 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **22** Ryan Baker (6'0" 213 So) PS#68. 16 tkl true. Barkevious Mingo **PS#13.** Lamin Barrow **PS#43.**

MLB 54 JACOB CUTRERA SR. 6-4 236 **PS#29.** 58 tkl '06-'07. 2 st. 33 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **17** Shomari Clemons (6'1" 220 So) **PS#36.** 4 tkl LY (inj). Kevin Minter **PS#29.** Kyle Prater (6'1" 222 rFr) **PS#40.**

SLB 11 KELVIN SHEPPARD JR. 6-3 237 PS#90. 21 tkl, 2 tfl '07. 5 sts, 64 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **24 Harry Coleman** (6'2" 205 Sr) PS#225WR. 30 tkl '06-'07. 13 st LY, 71 tkl, 7 pbu.

CB 7 PATRICK PETERSON SO. 6-1 205 **PS#1.** 4 st, 41 tkl. Jai Eugene (5'11" 191 Jr) **PS#11.** 9 st, 43 tkl, 4 pbu 2Y. Brandon Taylor (5'11" 183 So) **PS#36.** 4 tkl. Derrick Bryant (5'11" 187 So) 3 tkl.

CB 29 CHRIS HAWKINS SR. 6-1 184 **PS#37.** 17 tkl '06-'07. 13 st, 50 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu LY. Craig Loston is **PS#1.** In for spg. John Williams (5'11" 180 So) **PS#45.** Daniel Graff (5'11" 171 Sr).

SS 13 Ron Brooks So. 5-11 175 **PS#12.** 18 tkl rFr. **37** Karnell Hatcher (6'1" 196 So) **PS#37.** 13 tkl true. **35** Ryan St Julien (6'1" 175 rFr) PS#80. David Detz (6'0" 177 rFr).

FS 3 CHAD JONES JR. 6-3 214 **PS#4.** 34 tkl, 3 tfl true. 6 st, 50 tkl, 6 pbu LY. Danny McCray (6'1" 212 Sr) **PS#48.** 64 tkl, 4 tfl '07. 8 st, 53 tkl, 5 pbu LY. Stefoin Francois (6'1" 194 So) **PS#20.**

P 38 Derek Helton Jr. 6-0 170 **PS#97JC.** In for spg. 70 punts, 36.1 avg LY at JC. Josh Jasper (5'11" 165 Jr) PS#22. 4 punts, 43.0 avg LY. Drew Alleman (6'0" 169 rFr) PS#50.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Craig Loston 6-2 193 PS#1
WR	Rueben Randle 6-3 195 PS#1
QB	Russell Shepard 6-1 197 PS#1
OL	Chris Faulk 6-6 310 PS#7
DL	Chris Davenport 6-4 318 PS#11
RB	Michael Ford 5-10 200 PS#11
DL	Sam Montgomery 6-5 260 PS#14
DL	Akiem Hicks 6-6 300 PS#13JC
OL	Stavion Lowe 6-5 294 PS#20
LB	Barkevious Mingo 6-5 209 PS#13
DL	Mike Brockers 6-6 255 PS#32
RB	Drayton Calhoun 6-0 175 PS#33DB
LB	Kevin Minter 6-0 237 PS#29
QB	Chris Garrett 6-4 225 PS#29
DL	Josh Downs 6-1 275 PS#55
RB	Dominique Allen 5-11 250 PS#55
LB	Lamin Barrow 6-2 209 PS#43
OL	Carneal Ainsworth 6-4 296 PS#54
P	Derek Helton 6-0 170 PS#97JC
LB	Tahj Jones 6-2 205 PS#98
WR	Morris Claiborne 6-0 180 PS#122
DB	Rockey Duplessis 6-1 185 PS#69 in '08
QB	Barrett Bailey 6-3 190 PS#83
QB	Wes Luquette 6-1 210 PS#104
OL	Josh Williford 6-7 345 PS#207
DL	Bennie Logan 6-3 272 PS#236
DB	Josh Johns 6-2 210 PS#248
OL	Tyler Simmons 6-1 312 PS#350 in '08

LSU TIGERS

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Weather (504) 828-4000

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#21

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score LSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at Washington	A					Tigers have won 6 straight ssn openers. LSU is 12-3 vs current P10 tms including 2-0 under Miles. In 1983, #9 UW was upset 40-14 in Baton Rouge in only previous meeting.
Sep. 12	Vanderbilt	G					LSU has won 9 of the last 10 in this series including the last 5 in a row (last gm '05). Vanderbilt's last win in Baton Rouge was 1951. LSU is 13-1 in home openers S/'95.
Sep. 19	Louisiana	G					LSU is 33-0 all-time vs current Sun Belt teams winning by an avg of 46-4. The Tigers are 21-0 vs Louisiana winning the last meeting 45-3 in '06.
Sep. 26	at Mississippi St	G					LSU has won 9 straight & 16 of the L/17 vs MSU outscoring them 374-105 the L/9. Last year LSU had a 427-285 yd edge & a 22-13 FD edge but only won 34-24.
Oct. 3	at Georgia	G					LSU leads the overall series 14-12-1 & the visitor team has lost 5 of 7 (reg ssn). LSU's 52-38 loss to UGA LY snapped a streak of 30 consec Sat wins at Tiger Stadium.
Oct. 10	Florida	G					LSU has won 3 of 5 in this series, but have just 5 wins in the L/21. Last year the Tigers trailed only 20-14 mid-3Q before UF exploded in Miles' worst loss at LSU
Oct. 17							Bonus: The Tigers are 12-1 prior to a bye week (reg season) since 2000. Bonus: Coming into 2009 LSU is 10-1 off a loss under Miles.
Oct. 24	Auburn	G					LY LSU won 26-21 to end a 8 gm winning streak by the HT in this series. RB Scott (132, 6.3) became 1st LSU back to surpass 100 rush yds at Jordan-Hare Stadium.
Oct. 31	Tulane	G					LSU has won 17 in a row in this series with Tulane's last win in 1982. LY LSU won 35-10 & had a 330-163 yd yd edge with Tulane's only TD being a 43 yd IR.
Nov. 7	at Alabama	G					The Tigers have won 7 of the last 9 vs the Tide. The visitor is 27-11-1 since 1970 in this series. Last year UA ended a 5 gm losing streak with a 27-21 OT win.
Nov. 14	Louisiana Tech (HC)	G					LSU is 19-0 vs non-conference opponents under Miles. LSU is 17-1 all-time vs LT winning the last 14 games in a row. LSU won the last meeting 58-10 in 2007.
Nov. 21	at Mississippi	A					Last year Mississippi handed Miles the worst home loss of his career at LSU, 31-13 & snapped a 6 game losing streak in the series now called the Magnolia Bowl.
Nov. 28	Arkansas	G					LSU is 22-7-1 vs Ark since 1930 but have lost the L2Y by a total of 3 pts. LSU is 8-2 since '99 in home finales. Last year LSU QB Jefferson made his 1st career start.
Dec. 5							Bonus: Coming into 2009 LSU has won 21 of its last 22 night games.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tommy Hodson 9,115 '86-'89
2. Jeff Wickersham 6,921 '82-'85
3. JaMarcus Russell 6,625 '04-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Kevin Faulk 4,557 '95-'98
2. Dalton Hilliard 4,050 '82-'85
3. Charles Alexander 4,035 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Josh Reed 3,001 '99-'01
2. Wendell Davis 2,708 '84-'87
3. Eric Martin 2,625 '81-'84

LES MILES (Career 70–32)

5th Year at LSU
Bowls: 5-2
Oklahoma St '01-'04

Miles AT LSU/OVERALL

42-11 / 70-32	SU	8-5 / 10-9	Vs Top 10
24-5 / 42-13	Home	17-8 / 20-20	Vs Top 25
13-5 / 22-16	Away	7-0 / 8-3	Vs BCS Tms
5-1 / 6-3	Neutral	6-2 / 8-7	Off A Bye
23-11 / 39-27	Vs Conf	10-1 / 21-9	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,23,1)
Lost: 17 (9,6,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,383 (#7)

SEC – WEST DIVISION

WR Brandon LaFell

STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (92,400) (#7)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	10-3	8-5	13-1	9-3	11-2	11-2	12-2	8-5	90-27
Home	6-1	5-2	6-1	6-1	7-0	5-1	8-0	6-1	5-3	54-10
Away	1-3	3-1	2-3	5-0	2-2	5-0	2-2	4-1	2-2	26-14
Neutral	1-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-0	1-0	10-3
vs Conf	5-3	6-3	5-3	8-1	6-2	7-2	6-2	7-2	3-5	53-23
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	3-2	5-0	3-1	4-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	37-4
ATS	6-5	7-6	6-6	11-2	5-6-1	6-5-1	6-7	5-7-2	3-9	55-53-4
Home Fav (Since 2000)	2-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	3-4	1-4	4-4	3-4	0-5	24-29
Home Dog (Since 2000)	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-3
Away Favorite (Since Miles)	0-1	1-1	0-2	4-1	1-0	3-0-1	1-1	1-3-1	2-1	13-10-2
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-1-1	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	7-7-1
Neutral	1-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0-1	1-0	9-3-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-4	4-4	7-2	4-3-1	3-5-1	2-6	1-6-2	2-6	32-40-4
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	2-2	4-0	1-3	3-0	4-1	4-1	1-3	23-13
Off SU Win	3-4	5-4	6-2	9-2	3-5-1	3-5-1	3-7	4-6-1	1-6	37-41-3
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-2	0-3	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	0-1-1	2-3	13-10-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Charles Scott	217	1208	34	1174	18	5.4
Keiland Williams	83	444	27	417	2	5.0
Richard Murphy	44	202	16	186	0	4.2
Jordan Jefferson	49	211	77	134	1	2.7
Andrew Hatch	35	175	46	129	2	3.7
Trindon Holliday	21	131	17	114	0	5.4
Stevan Ridley	12	92	0	92	1	7.7
Jarrett Lee	11	4	101	-97	0	-8.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jarrett Lee	269	143	53.2	1873	14	16
Jordan Jefferson	73	36	49.3	419	4	1
Andrew Hatch	45	25	55.6	282	2	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon LaFell	63	929	14.7	8	43
Demetrius Byrd	37	513	13.9	4	43
Richard Dickson	31	324	10.5	5	25
Terrance Toliver	22	257	11.7	1	33
Keiland Williams	11	124	11.3	1	66
Chris Mitchell	8	115	14.4	2	39
Jared Mitchell	9	106	11.8	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brady Dalfrey	59	2366	40.1	20	37.3(t)	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Colt David	43-44	2-2	5-5	5-8	4-6	16-21	53
Josh Jasper	5-5	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	33

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Harry Coleman	71	0	1	7	0
Kelvin Sheppard	64	0.5	4	2	0
Perry Riley	60	1.5	5.5	3	1
Danny McCray	53	0	2	5	0
Darry Beckwith	51	0.5	0.5	0	0
Chad Jones	50	0	2	6	1
Chris Hawkins	50	0	0.5	9	3
Curtis Taylor	43	1	0	1	2
Patrick Peterson	41	0	1.5	3	1
Tyson Jackson	36	4.5	6	4	0
Kirston Pittman	35	2.5	3	2	0
Jai Eugene	35	0	1	3	0
Jacob Cutrera	33	0	3.5	1	0
Rahim Alem	29	8	3.5	2	0
Marlon Favorite	28	2	1.5	2	0
Charles Alexander	24	1	0.5	0	0
Tremaine Johnson	23	2.5	1	4	0
Ricky Jean-Francios	20	2	1	2	0
Ron Brooks	18	0	0	0	0
Drake Nevis	16	0	5.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Trindon Holliday	21	279	13.3	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Trindon Holliday	27	609	22.6	0
Keiland Williams	13	290	22.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Capital One - #12	-6'	Iowa - #11	25-30
05	Peach - #10	+7	Miami, Fl - #9	40-3
06	Sugar - #4	-8'	Notre Dame - #11	41-14
07	BCS Championship - #2	-4	Ohio St - #1	38-24
08	Chick-fil-A	+4'	Georgia Tech - #14	38-3

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LSU's All-Time Bowl Record 21–18–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	30.9	368	167	4.4	201	52.7	11.9	22	-1	2008	5	24.2	326	110	3.4	215	53.4	13.5	28
6	38.6	439	214	4.9	225	57.9	11.4	30	+20	2007	8	19.9	289	106	3.2	183	47.0	14.5	37
6*	33.7	417	166	4.8	252	66.6	12.4	19	0	2006	5	12.6	243	97	3.2	146	47.3	19.2	39
8	29.5	374	150	3.8	224	60.0	12.7	26	-9	2005	7	14.2	267	92	3.0	175	47.3	18.8	38
5	28.7	396	194	4.6	202	56.1	13.8	33	-2	2004	7	17.1	257	100	2.9	157	48.0	15.0	37
7*	33.9	418	186	4.4	233	63.6	12.3	22	+5	2003	6	11.0	252	67	2.3	185	44.7	22.9	44
5	24.8	350	197	4.6	153	47.7	14.1	16	-1	2002	7	18.3	287	134	3.8	153	45.2	15.7	27

2008 STATS BY GAME

LSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
91,922	Appalachian St	20	40-266	6.7	13-24	193	1	11	28-52	1.9	14-33	187	3	-1
91,602	North Texas	24	28-216	7.7	20-36	209	0	11	18-44	2.4	23-43	155	0	0
87,451	at Auburn	20	38-178	4.7	14-29	220	2	16	36-70	1.9	17-32	250	2	+1
92,710	Mississippi St	22	37-166	4.5	18-27	261	1	13	31-110	3.5	17-26	175	1	-2
90,684	at Florida	19	26-80	3.1	25-41	241	2	22	41-265	6.5	14-21	210	3	-2
82,477	at S Carolina	22	46-164	3.6	18-29	199	0	16	31-39	1.3	14-26	215	6	+2
92,904	Georgia	21	41-188	4.6	16-30	309	2	16	36-194	5.4	17-26	249	1	-3
92,136	Tulane	21	46-231	5.0	8-20	99	2	11	30-72	2.4	12-24	91	2	0
93,039	Alabama	17	46-201	4.4	13-34	181	1	16	37-138	3.7	15-31	215	0	-1
92,103	Troy	16	39-119	3.1	21-41	221	1	20	17-64	3.8	34-72	316	1	+2
92,649	Mississippi	15	29-37	1.3	14-32	178	4	21	45-102	2.3	17-26	307	2	-1
55,325	at Arkansas	18	44-161	3.7	9-21	143	4	23	31-118	3.8	25-40	280	6	+1
71,423	† Georgia Tech	19	35-161	4.6	17-27	163	2	15	40-164	4.1	8-25	150	1	+3
TOTALS		254	495-2168	4.4	206-391	2617	22	211	421-1432	3.4	227-425	2800	28	-1
AVERAGES		19.5	38-167	4.4	16-30	201	5.6%	16.2	32-110	3.4	17-33	215	6.6%	-0.1

LSU Pre #4 2004 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #16
#4	Oregon St	-17'	22-21 OT	
#6	Arkansas St	-40	53-3	
#5	at Auburn - #13	+1	9-10	
#13	Mississippi St	-31	51-0	
#13	at Georgia - #3	+2'	16-45	
#24	at Florida - #12	+3'	24-21	
#18	Troy	-24	24-20	
#19	Vanderbilt	-23'	24-7	
#17	Alabama	-7'	26-10	
#14	Mississippi	-20'	27-24	
#14	at Arkansas	-3'	43-14	

LSU Pre #5 2005 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #6
#5	at Arizona St - #15	+1	35-31	
#3	Tennessee - #10	-6'	27-30 OT	
#4	at Mississippi St	-14	37-7	
#11	at Vanderbilt	-15'	34-6	
#10	Florida - #11	-6	21-17	
#7	Auburn - #16	-6	20-17 OT	
#7	North Texas	-43'	56-3	
#6	Appalachian St	NL	24-0	
#5	at Alabama - #4	-3	16-13 OT	
#4	at Mississippi	-17	40-7	
#3	Arkansas	-17'	19-17	
#3	† Georgia - #13	-1	14-34	

LSU Pre #8 2006 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #3
#8	Louisiana	-30'	45-3	
#8	Arizona	-16'	45-3	
#6	at Auburn - #3	+3'	3-7	
#10	Tulane	-36	49-7	
#9	Mississippi St	-33'	48-17	
#9	at Florida - #5	+1	10-23	
#14	Kentucky	-26	49-0	
#14	Fresno St	-33	38-6	
#13	at Tennessee - #8	-5	28-24	
#12	Alabama	-17'	28-14	
#9	Mississippi	-27	23-20 OT	
#9	at Arkansas - #5	-2'	31-26	

LSU Pre #2 2007 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #1
#2	at Mississippi St	-18'	45-0	
#2	Virginia Tech - #9	-11'	48-7	
#2	Middle Tennessee	-40'	44-0	
#2	South Carolina - #12	-17'	28-16	
#2	at Tulane	-41	34-9	
#1	Florida - #9	-7	28-24	
#1	at Kentucky - #17	-9'	37-43 3OT	
#5	Auburn - #18	-10	30-24	
#3	at Alabama - #17	-7	41-34	
#2	Louisiana Tech	-36	58-10	
#1	at Mississippi	-19	41-24	
#1	Arkansas	-13'	48-50 3OT	
#5	† Tennessee - #14	-7	21-14	

LSU Pre #7 2008 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#7	Appalachian St	-24	41-13	
#7	North Texas	-42'	41-3	
#6	at Auburn - #10	-2	26-21	
#5	Mississippi St	-24'	34-24	
#4	at Florida - #11	+6'	21-51	
#13	at South Carolina	-2'	24-17	
#11	Georgia - #9	E	38-52	
#15	Tulane	-27	35-10	
#15	Alabama - #1	+3	21-27 OT	
#19	Troy	-16	40-31	
#18	Mississippi	-3'	13-31	
–	at Arkansas	-4'	30-31	

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '006 the Hogs signed Mitch Mustain (PS#1) and promised to switch to more of a passing offense. Mustain was 8-0 as a starter but after an early int vs S Car, Casey Dick played the rest of the game and started the final 5. Dick completed just 49.2% throwing for 991 (9-6 ratio). He came into '07 just 4-5 as a starter but 4 losses were to ranked teams. Mustain transferred to USC. Casey started all 13 in '07 and threw for 1,695 (57%) with an 18-10 ratio. Last year Casey was under his 4th QB coach and 4th OC but adapted well. He threw for 2,586 (57.4%) with a 13-14 ratio. Against SC Casey left with a concussion. Nathan Dick had lost out in the battle for the #2 spot to true frosh Tyler Wilson (PS#32) but Wilson played in 2 then RS (mono). Nathan came off the bench vs SC and led an 80 yard TD drive and started vs Miss St hitting 25 of 43 for 333. He also started vs LSU but inj his thumb late in the 1H. Casey came in trailing 30-14 and led the comeback including his 24 yard TD pass, on 4th & 1 w/:22, left to end his Hog career and give them the victory. Nathan opted to transfer and the likely starter will be Mich transfer Ryan Mallett who is 6'7" 248 and is another former PS#1QB. As a true frosh Mallett started 3 times (3-0) for UM throwing for 892 (43.3%) with a 7-5 ratio. Petrino recruits Tyler Wilson (PS#32) and rFr Jim Youngblood (PS#21) add depth. While not as experienced as '08, they could put up better stats.

RUNNING BACKS - From 2005-'07 the Hogs had an amazing trio of RB's in Darren McFadden, Felix Jones and Peyton Hillis. Last year they were all drafted by the NFL. They had combined for an amazing 3,339 yards rush and 877 rec in 2007. Petrino favors a bigger back so it was surprising to me that diminutive Michael Smith (5'7" 176) won the starting job last year. Smith is powerful (benches 370) and had an outstanding season. In fact, in '07 after 8 games, McFadden had rushed for 993 (finished with 1,830) and Smith, after 8 in '08, had 987. Unfortunately Smith missed 2 full games and had just 7 carries vs SC and finished with 1,072 (5.2). Much was expected of true frosh De'Anthony Curtis (PS#3) but he suffered a knee injury in Aug and had problems with fumbles (76, 3.3). True frosh Dennis Johnson (5'7" 200 So, 4.3 spd) started vs LSU and finished with 184 (5.1). JUCO Brandon Barnett had offseason knee surgery and played in just 6 (61, 5.1). Not listed below are Ronald Watkins (5'9" 185 So) and FB's Mitchell Bailey (5'11" 221 So) and John Durmon (5'11" 243 Sr). I expect a bigger contribution from Curtis this season and they add 2 VHT true frosh & USC transfer Broderick Green (6'1" 242 Jr) who is PS#9 and could play in '09 (NCAA ruling pending).

RECEIVERS - The Hogs were a run-based team under from HC Houston Nutt. In 2007 their leading WR was Robert Johnson, who had just 203 (16.9). Lucas Miller was the top returnee last year and he had just 157 (13.1) in '07. TE DJ Williams (PS#18) earned 1st Tm SEC leading with 723 (11.9). Former walk-on Miller was #2 with 490 (16.3). He was injured midyear but had 22 rec in the last 4. True frosh Greg Childs (PS#48) drew comparisons to Marcus Monk and he had 6 rec in the opener but just 12 after. True frosh Joe Adams (PS#25) was #3 with 377 (12.2) and Jarius Wright (PS#36) had 348 (18.3). This year the only losses are WR Cosby Tuck (1 st, 2 rec) and solid blocking TE Andrew Davie (8 rec). This is the second year of the Petrino system and this is a vastly more experienced unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs led the SEC in rushing in 5 of Houston Nutt's last 6 years. The one year they did not (2004) they had zero returning starters on the O-line but were still #2. In 2007 the Hogs had to replace 3 starters but opened holes for 287 ypg rush (6.0) while allowing just 13 sacks (4.2%). Last year they had to replace three starters and then 2nd Tm SEC Mitch Petrus (12 st LG '07) was ruled ineligible. As you would expect with just one returning starter in a new system (run block to pass block), their rush numbers plummeted to just 114 ypg (3.6) and they allowed the 2nd most sacks in the FBS at 46 (10.4%). This year they lose

2nd Tm SEC C Jonathan Luigs (12 st, 4Y st'r, #4DC CIN) and RT Jose Valdez (12 st, 2Y st'r). Not only do they have 5 players returning who started last year, but Petrus returns, so they have four with 10+ career starts and are in the 2nd year of Petrino's system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 with 2 DL starters back the Hogs allowed 160 ypg rush (4.1) while the D had 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter (#3DC) and 2 players who combined for 4 starts and 73 tackles. Four were back that had 9 or more career starts. Surprisingly the Hogs slipped allowing 171 ypg (4.4). One of the returning starters, DT Ernest Mitchell (11 st '07) had just 4 starts (inj/susp). This year they lose Mitchell (18 tkl), DE Antwain Robinson (6 st '07, 2 st '08, 22 tkl, 2 sk) and DT Cord Gray (10 tkl). This was a very active front last year with 4 of the team's top 9 tacklers being DL's and they all return.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hogs had to replace their #2 and #3 tkl'r and the leading returnee was just #13 in '07. RFr Jerry Franklin stopped Tim Tebow's streak of 203 passes without an int and finished as the #1 tkl'r while Freddy Burton was #3 and Wendell Davis #6. This year the only losses are Elston Forte (3 st, 20 tkl) and Aaron Fenton (3 tkl). This unit is vastly more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With experienced secondaries in '05 & '06 Arkansas rose to #26 and #11 in my pass D rankings. In 2007 they did have to replace two starters (#2DC) but moved a starting SLB to S so with 3 starters back, they finished #1 allowing just 45.5% with 20 int's. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters but returned 5 with 14 starts combined in '07. Petrino worked in 3 true frosh (16 comb st). One of them, Elton Ford, started the first 8 until inj. Arkansas dropped as expected to #59. This year they lose SS Dallas Washington (8 st, 40 tkl), CB Jamar Love (6 st, 39 tkl, 8 pbu), FS Walner Leandre (1 st, 19 tkl), FS Rashaad Johnson (2 st, 20 tkl) and CB Shedrick Johnson (10 tkl). Not listed below are CB's Deyonte Davis (5'9" 169 So), Seth Armbrust (5'9" 190 Jr), Evan Bettis (5'9" 182 Jr) and S's Collin Sanders (5'8"194 So) and Dustin Cain (6'0" 182 Jr). This unit is much more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005 the Hogs finished #13 in my ST rankings. In '06 thanks to a large drop in net punting, they fell to #88. Surprisingly in '07 despite Alex Tejada (PS#7) hitting 17 of 23 FG's, they finished just #94. Bobby Petrino's ST units at Louisville finished #70, #41, #63 and #39. Last year they only had to replace their top KR's. Tejada was 0 of 3 on FG's when he was replaced by Shay Haddock (5 of 7 long 44). Tejada (finished 4 of 9) regained the job and Haddock then quit the team. P Jeremy Davis improved to 43.2 (37.8 net). The return game was average. This year they lose Davis. The Hogs were #94 last year and despite the loss of their most productive player, could improve under new ST coach John L Smith (former Mich St & Louisville HC).

COACHES - Last year the new HC was Bobby Petrino who had a great run at Louisville, guiding the team to 4 bowl games and a pair of #6 finishes in the final polls. He left for the Atlanta Falcons in '07 and was blasted by the media after quitting with 3 games to go. His OC is his younger brother, Paul Petrino, who was the WR coach at Atlanta and the OC and WR coach for him at L'ville. Petrino's DC is Willy Robinson who was the STL Rams' DB coach and enters his 2nd year as DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2004, Arkansas went to six consec bowls matching a school record set by Lou Holtz ('77-'82) and Ken Hatfield ('84-'89). Unfortunately for just the 3rd time in 61 years ('52-'53 and '96-'97), they suffered B2B losing seasons in '04 & '05. Despite their 2-6 record in SEC play, they were +31.3 ypg! They outgained #4 UGA 332-217 but came up 3 points short on the road and thanks to a pair of missed FG's, lost to #3 LSU by 2 in Baton Rouge. Ark used the most true frosh in the nation in 2005 (18). In 2006 they had the most returning starters in the league (18) and that had me very high on the Hogs. **I picked the Hogs #13 in the country coming off a 4-7 season** with the majority of the other magazines not even having them ranked. Ark did not disappoint me, in fact they made it to the SEC Title game and rose as high as #5. With the SEC Title game on deck and the LSU game meaningless, they lost at home by 5 and then dropped the title game to Florida and their bowl to Wisconsin (despite outgaining UW 368-201) to finish #15. Their losses in '06 were to the #6, #9, #4 and #6 teams. In 2007 the Hogs had just 12 returning starters and were #21 in the preseason. They were a disappointing 7-4 when they stunned #1 LSU in Death Valley in 3OT. Surprisingly Nutt who was 53-17 at home, stepped aside and with an interim HC for the bowl they were whipped by Missouri 38-7. Last year there were numerous factors pointing to a large downturn for the Hogs. They had just 11 ret starters, were switching schemes from a run to a pass based attack and they lost star RB's McFadden, Jones and Hillis not to mention their top 6 tacklers. **Last year I picked the team that had been to 2 straight NY Day Bowls and had 3 non-BCS foes on the schedule to have a losing season.** The Hogs actually preformed better than my expectations thanks to a pair of key upsets. In the opener vs W Illinois, they needed a 4th & 10 conv for a FD which they got by inches then got the game winning TD with 1:49 left, 28-24. They trailed ULM 24-6 in the 3Q but once again got a late 4th down conv and score for a 1 pt win. The next 3 weeks vs #9 Alabama, #7 Texas and #12 Florida they were thrashed by a combined 139-31. The week after Auburn fired its OC, they faced Ark and the Hogs had a 416-193 yd edge in a 25-22 win. Ark should have beaten Kentucky as they had it won a couple of times in the 4Q (see Regional Magazine). After a 2 PT loss to Ole Miss, they knocked off unbeaten #19 Tulsa 30-23. SC beat them by 13 and Miss St had a 31-21 lead in their 3 pt victory. Ark trailed LSU 30-14 but got numerous key plays late in the 3Q and pulled out the win, 31-30 allowing them to achieve a 3-way tie for 4th place in the West at 2-6. On the negative side they did have 2 net close wins. On the positive side, surprisingly Ark was 6th best in SEC play (+0.1 ypg). Arkansas (-9) almost made my Turnovers=Turnaround article (pg 312) and qualifies for my ypp article (pg 299) on both off and def. They were #3 in the FBS in starts lost to injury (47). Their 18 returning starters are most in the SEC. Despite a killer schedule which has them facing three Top 10 teams from the SEC West (Ala, LSU, Ole Miss) and drawing both Florida and Georgia (top 2 East) the Hogs once again make my Most Improved List and will greatly improve upon their 21.9 ppg on offense and 31.2 ppg on defense and be bowl eligible.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Darius Winston 6-0 180 PS#4
RB	Ronnie Wingo 6-3 220 PS#12
RB	Broderick Green 6-1 242 PS#9 '07
RB	Knile Davis 6-0 213 PS#26
DB	Rudell Crim 6-0 190 PS#58JC
DB	Anthony Leon 6-4 230 PS#67JC
OL	Colby Berna 6-5 285 PS#38
LB	Austin Moss 6-3 218 PS#32
DB	Andru Stewart 5-10 188 PS#89JC
OL	Zhamal Thomas 6-4 315 PS#90JC
DL	DeQuinta Jones 6-4 305 PS#66
DB	David Gordon 5-11 170 PS#70
RB	Turell Williams 6-2 215 PS#75
WR	Neal Barlow 6-6 190 PS#73
WR	Lance Ray 6-3 183 PS#81
OL	Alvin Bailey 6-5 330 PS#104
LB	Terrell Williams 6-3 217 PS#87
DL	John Henderson 6-0 309 PS#143JC
OL	Shauntez Bruce 6-5 300 PS#136
TE	Austin Tate 6-6 230 PS#37
WR	Cobi Hamilton 6-3 198 PS#143
OL	Anthony Oden 6-8 328 PS#184
DB	Jerry Mitchell 6-1 198 PS#214
OL	Travis Swanson 6-5 298 PS#215
DL	Robert Thomas 6-1 300 PS#229
DB	Ross Rasner 6-0 205 PS#237
DL	Colton Nash 6-6 261 PS#245
DL	Kevin Lowery 6-3 286 PS#265
DL	Ryan Calendar 6-7 226 PS#269
TE	Rickey Hughey 6-5 231 PS#89
QB	Brandon Mitchell 6-4 220 PS#204
K	Briton Forester 5-10 185 PS#794JC

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 15 Ryan Mallett So. 6-7 248 **PS#1**. 3 st, 892 pass (43%) 7-5 ratio Mich '07. 8 Tyler Wilson (6'2" 202 rFr) PS#32. 69 pass true, MedRS. Jim Youngblood (6'2" 222 rFr) **PS#21.**

RB 21 MICHAEL SMITH SR. 5-7 176 PS#150. 550 (6.8) '06-'07. 1072 (5.2) LY. **2nd Tm SEC.** Broderick Green **USC tran.** Ronnie Wingo **PS#12.** De'Anthony Curtis (5'9" 211 So) **PS#3.**

WR 3 JOE ADAMS SO. 5-11 177 **PS#25.** 7 st, 377 (12.2) true. **19** Carlton Salters (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#56. 1 st, 19 gm, 104 (10.4) 2Y. **82** Andrew Norman (6'0" 194 Jr) PS#65.

WR 4 JARIUS WRIGHT SO. 5-10 174 **PS#36.** 7 st as true, 348 (18.3). **88** Lucas Miller (6'3" 204 Sr) 10 st, 666 (15.5) 3Y. **1** Reggie Fish (5'6" 159 Sr) 241 all-purp yd 3Y. RS LY.

WR 2 LONDON CRAWFORD SR. 6-2 204 PS#57. 6 st, 264 (20.3) '06-'07. 11 st, 311 (11.5) LY. **85** Greg Childs (6'3" 204 So) PS#48. 1 st, 273 (15.2) true. **81** Marques Wade (6'3" 187 Jr).

TE 45 DJ WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 251 PS#18. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 723 (11.9). Ben Cleveland (6'4" 249 Jr) 13 rec 2Y. Chris Gragg (6'3" 222 So) 3 st WR. Van Stumon (6'1" 266 Jr) **PS#31LB.**

C 71 WADE GRAYSON JR. 6-4 289 PS#200. 1 st LG '07. 12 st LG LY. **55** Austin Eoff (6'5" 308 rFr) PS#163. **68** Clay Bemberg (6'2" 287 Jr). **LS** Rhett Richardson (6'0" 214 Jr).

RG 66 MITCH PETRUS SR. 6-4 315 Former walk-on. 12 st LG '07, **2nd Tm SEC.** Ineligible LY. **62** Michael Aguirre (6'5" 319 Sr) PS#294. 2 st LT LY. Colby Berna (6'5" 285 Fr) **PS#38.**

LG 72 Grant Cook So. 6-4 322 **PS#70.** 4 st RG, 9 gm LY. **60** Seth Oxner (6'4" 305 So) **PS#52.** Alvin Bailey (6'5" 330 Fr) PS#104. Travis Swanson (6'5" 298 Fr) PS#215.

RT 65 DeMarcus Love Jr. 6-5 305 PS#272. 3 st RG '07. 8 st RG LY. **75** Matt Hall (6'9" 328 rFr) **PS#45.** Zhamal Thomas (6'4" 315 Jr) **PS#90JC.** Tyler Deacon (6'2" 281 rFr) PS#480.

LT 73 RAY DOMINGUEZ JR. 6-4 329 4.9 speed. 6 gm '07, 10 st LT LY. **79** Grant Freeman (6'7" 289 So) **PS#9TE.** 3 gm LY. Anthony Oden (6'8" 328 Fr) PS#184. Hargrave LY.

K 7 ALEX TEJADA JR. 6-0 205 **PS#7.** 17-23 FG L/47 true & set Ark single ssn K scoring record. 4-9 FG LY, L/ 30. 1 TB/29 KO. **16** Cameron Bryan (5'10" 172 So) PS#73.

DE 91 JAKE BEQUETTE SO. 6-5 271 PS#112. 11 st, 45 tkl, 3 tfl. Damario Ambrose (6'5" 268 Jr) PS#147. 3 st, 42 tkl, 6 tfl 2Y. Brandon Lampkin (6'4" 266 So) PS#174. Robert Salinas (6'1" 236 Sr).

DT 96 MALCOLM SHEPPARD SR. 6-2 280 PS#269. 12 st, 42 tkl, 10.5 tfl '07. **2nd Tm SEC** LY, 12 st, 68 tkl, 14.5 tfl. **99** Lavunce Askew (6'2" 273 So) PS#73. 5 tkl true. Robert Thomas PS#229.

NT 61 ZACH STADTHER SO. 6-1 289 PS#116. 8 st true, 57 tkl, 4 tfl. **95** Patrick Jones (6'1" 309 Jr) PS#225. 19 tkl 2Y. John Henderson (6'0" 309 Jr) PS#143JC. Alfred Davis (6'1" 322 rFr).

DE 18 ADRIAN DAVIS SR. 6-4 250 PS#354. 9 st, 65 tkl, 10 tfl '07. 7 st LY, 43 tkl, 8 tfl. Tenarius Wright (6'1" 233 rFr) PS#99. Chris Berezansky (6'1" 248 Sr). Adam Pearce (6'2" 256 So).

WLB 46 FREDDY BURTON JR. 6-2 227 PS#170. 23 tkl true. 6 st, 66 tkl LY. **32** Bret Harris (5'11" 210 So) PS#161. Austin Moss (6'3" 218 Fr) **PS#32.** Matt Marshall (6'1" 212 rFr) PS#244.

MLB 10 WENDEL DAVIS SR. 6-1 222 PS#141. 59 tkl '06-'07. 7 st, 53 tkl LY. **25** Khiry Battle (5'11" 222 So) PS#109. 5 tkl true. **37** Jermaine Love (5'10" 230 Jr) PS#82. 9 tkl 2Y.

SLB 34 JERRY FRANKLIN SO. 6-1 237 PS#171. 12 st, 67 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **49** Jelani Smith (6'0" 205 rFr) PS#115. 2 st, 8 tkl. **41** Ryan Powers (6'1" 214 Jr) 2 st, 35 tkl 3Y. Terrell Williams is PS#87.

CB 26 RAMON BROADWAY JR. 5-9 191 **PS#59.** 19 tkl '07. 6 st, 52 tkl, 6 tfl, 10 pbu, 2 int LY. Andru Stewart (5'10" 188 Jr) **PS#89JC.** 4.43 spd, In for spg. David Gordon (5'11" 170 Fr) PS#70.

CB 24 ISAAC MADISON JR. 5-10 181 11 st, 38 tkl, 7 pbu LY. Darius Winston (6'0" 180 Fr) **PS#4.** Jerell Norton (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#216. 7 st, 53 tkl, 11 pbu, 5 int 3Y. Greg Gatson (5'10" 166 Jr).

SS 31 Jerico Nelson So. 5-9 197 **PS#54.** 7 st true, 38 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Rudell Crim (6'0" 190 Jr) **PS#58JC.** Matt Harris (6'2" 190 Sr) 4 st, 57 tkl, 5 tfl LY. Chris Raggett (5'11" 202 rFr) PS#342.

FS 9 ELTON FORD SO. 6-0 204 PS#92. 8 st true, 42 tkl. Anthony Leon (6'4" 230 Jr) **PS#67JC.** 5 tkl FSU. Tramain Thomas (6'0" 183 So) 30 tkl. Jerry Mitchell (6'1" 198 Fr) PS#214.

P NA Briton Forester Jr. 5-10 185 **PS#794JC.** 28-31 xp at Hawaii in '06. 36.2 avg on 42 punt JC LY, 16 inside 20, 5 inside 10 yd line. **15** Ryan Mallett (6'7" 248 So) **PS#1QB.**

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#6

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Missouri St *(Little Rock)*	A					Ark has won 19 of the last 24 season openers. Petrino is 5-0 in season openers. UA is 5-0 all-time vs Missouri St winning by 45 ppg. Bears went 4-7 LY in MVFC.
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	Georgia	A					Arkansas is 3-8 all-time vs UGA and has lost 8 of the last 9. The Hogs are just 2-6 in SEC home openers & just 3-10 following a scheduled bye since 2002.
Sep. 26	at Alabama	G					Arkansas has lost 4 of 5 road openers. The home team has won 4 of the last 5. Last time here Arkansas allowed a 4 yd TD pass with :08 left in the 41-38 loss.
Oct. 3	† Texas A&M *(Arlington)*	A					Arkansas is 38-24-3 in this old SWC rivalry & has won 10 of the last 15. The Razorbacks lost the last meeting 13-3 in College Station in 1991.
Oct. 10	Auburn	A					Arkansas is just 2-4 the last 6 vs Auburn & hasn't beaten AU at home since '01. Ark trailed 20-10 late 3Q LY, but scored 15 pts in the final 18:02 to win 25-22.
Oct. 17	at Florida	G					Arkansas has dropped all 7 conf meetings including 2 SEC Championship games. UA RB Smith had 133 rush yds vs UF LY, the most the Gators all'd to a plyr all yr.
Oct. 24	at Mississippi	A					2007's 44-8 win by Ark was the most lopsided in this series. Nutt has won 5 in a row in this series (1st 4 w/Ark) & led Ole Miss to a 23-21 win over his former school LY.
Oct. 31	E Michigan (HC)	A					Ark has won 35 straight at home vs non-conf/non-BCS opp's by an avg of 26 ppg. First meeting. Ark has only faced 1 current MAC team, a 30-27 win over NI in '94.
Nov. 7	South Carolina	A					Arkansas has won 5 of 8 with an avg win of 13 ppg but last year lost 34-21 as RB Smith missed most of the game with an inj & Ark was held to 54 rush yds (1.7).
Nov. 14	Troy	A					The Razorbacks are 25-0 all-time vs current Sun Belt teams including 2-0 vs Troy. The last meeting was a 46-26 Ark win in '07 in which Ark had a 507-376 yd edge.
Nov. 21	Miss St *(Little Rock)*	A					UA is 12-6-1 all-time vs MSU & has won 12 of the L/14. Arkansas' 9 gm winning streak was snapped vs MSU with their 31-28 loss LY. Ark WR Miller had a career day (10-201).
Nov. 28	at LSU	G					Arkansas has upset LSU the L2Y & in '07 beat the #1 Tigers' 50-48 in 3 OT's. LY Casey Dick came off the bench & erased a 16 pt deficit including a TD with :21 left.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Clint Stoerner 7,422 '96-'99
2. Matt Jones 5,857 '01-'04
3. Casey Dick 5,856 '05-'08

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren McFadden 4,590 '05-'07
2. Ben Cowins 3,570 '75-'78
3. Dickey Morton 3,317 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Anthony Lucas 2,879 '95-'99
2. Anthony Eubanks 2,440 '94-'97
3.(T) George Wilson 2,151 '00-'03
3.(T) Marcus Monk 2,151 '04-'07

Bobby Petrino (Career 46-16)
2nd Year at ARKANSAS Bowls: 2-2 Louisville '03-'06

Petrino AT ARKANSAS/OVERALL

5-7 / 46-16	SU	0-2 / 2-3	Vs Top 10
4-3 / 26-4	Home	2-3 / 6-8	Vs Top 25
1-4 / 17-10	Away	0-1 / 11-3	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 3-2	Neutral	0-1 / 9-4	Off A Bye
2-6 / 26-12	Vs Conf	3-4 / 9-5	Off A Loss

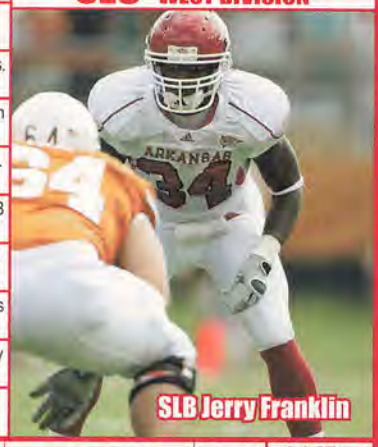
2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,24,2)
Lost: 17 (7,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 66,784 (#24)

SEC - WEST DIVISION



SLB Jerry Franklin

STADIUM: RAZORBACK (72,000) ARTIFICIAL 1st yr (#25)
WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727) AstroPlay (#55)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	7-5	9-5	9-4	5-6	4-7	10-4	8-5	5-7	63-49
Home	5-2	6-1	6-2	5-2	4-3	3-3	6-2	6-2	4-3	45-20
Away	1-3	1-3	3-1	3-2	1-3	1-4	4-0	2-2	1-4	17-22
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-7
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-4	4-4	3-5	2-6	7-2	4-4	2-6	34-40
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	4-1	5-0	2-1	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-1	29-9
ATS	5-6	7-4	6-8	7-6	6-5	6-4	4-9	7-5	5-6	53-53
Home Fav	1-1	1-2	3-5	3-4	3-1	2-2	2-3	4-3	0-1	19-22
Home Dog	2-2	3-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	3-2	10-8
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	0-1	5-5
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-0	2-1	2-2	17-12
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	2-6
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-5	5-3	4-4	39-35
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-3	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-4	2-2	1-2	14-18
Off SU Win	2-4	6-1	2-7	5-3	2-3	2-2	4-5	4-3	1-3	28-31
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	3-2	4-2	0-3	3-1	4-3	23-18

Houston Nutt 1998
Reggie Bonnafon Bowl

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Smith	207	1119	47	1072	8	5.2
Dennis Johnson	36	194	10	184	1	5.1
De'Anthony Curtis	23	83	7	76	0	3.3
Brandon Barnett	12	61	0	61	1	5.1
Joe Adams	6	55	9	46	0	7.7
Nathan Dick	11	42	22	20	0	1.8
Casey Dick	72	210	261	-51	3	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Dick	357	205	57.4	2586	13	14
Nathan Dick	62	36	58.1	454	4	2
Tyler Wilson	22	11	50.0	69	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
DJ Williams	61	723	11.9	3	76
Lucas Miller	30	490	16.3	2	87
Joe Adams	31	377	12.2	1	33
Jarius Wright	19	348	18.3	2	70
London Crawford	27	311	11.5	1	34
Michael Smith	32	298	9.3	2	41
Greg Childs	18	273	15.2	2	39
Andrew Davie	8	71	8.9	3	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Davis	57	2460	43.2	11	37.8	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Tejada	20-21	3-4	1-1	0-4	0-0	4-9	30
Shay Haddock	10-11	3-4	1-2	1-1	0-0	5-7	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jerry Franklin	87	1.5	2	5	2
Malcolm Sheppard	68	6.5	8	1	0
Freddy Burton	66	0	2.5	0	0
Matt Harris	57	1	4	2	1
Zach Stadther	57	0.5	3.5	1	0
Wendel Davis	53	0	2	1	1
Ramon Broadway	52	0	6	10	2
Jake Bequette	45	1	2	1	0
Adrian Davis	43	5	3	1	1
Elton Ford	42	0	0	2	1
Dallas Washington	40	0	0	2	1
Jamar Love	39	0	3	8	0
Jerico Nelson	38	3.5	0	1	0
Isaac Madison	38	0	1	7	1
Tramain Thomas	30	0	2	2	0
Damario Ambrose	29	2	1	2	0
Antwain Robinson	22	2	1	2	0
Elston Forte	20	0	0	0	0
Rashaad Johnson	20	0	2	3	1
Walner Leandre	19	0	0	1	0
Ernest Mitchell	18	0.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Smith	5	44	8.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dennis Johnson	41	905	22.1	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Cotton	+13	Oklahoma - #10	3-10
02	Music City - #25	-7'	Minnesota	14-29
03	Independence	-2'	Missouri	27-14
06	Capital One - #12	-2'	Wisconsin - #6	14-17
07	Cotton - #25	+3	Missouri - #7	7-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Arkansas' All-Time Bowl Record 11-22-3

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	21.9	373	114	3.6	260	57.1	17.0	46	-9	2008	4	31.2	375	171	4.4	204	53.3	12.0	23
6*	37.3	450	287	6.0	163	57.2	12.1	13	+4	2007	6	26.5	365	160	4.1	205	45.5	13.8	23
10*	28.9	379	229	5.9	150	51.0	13.1	9	-4	2006	8	18.3	300	115	3.5	185	49.7	16.4	37
6	25.7	361	217	5.0	144	53.6	14.0	22	-1	2005	7	24.6	342	133	3.6	209	50.9	13.9	33
1*	29.8	398	187	4.4	211	56.6	13.3	14	-3	2004	3	24.5	397	180	4.6	217	59.9	16.2	16
9*	33.5	431	242	5.0	189	54.9	12.9	11	+11	2003	8	23.5	344	157	4.0	187	53.4	14.7	14
7	26.4	354	219	4.8	135	49.5	13.4	31	+17	2002	7	19.8	349	114	3.2	235	55.3	17.6	30

2008 STATS BY GAME

UA 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
70,537	Western Illinois	24	21-76	3.6	25-41	318	4	17	46-157	3.4	10-26	105	1	-3
55,048	ULM	20	36-183	5.1	22-34	323	4	17	26-71	2.7	23-40	270	2	0
72,315	Alabama	19	31-92	3.0	24-46	217	2	15	35-328	9.4	6-15	74	1	-3
97,833	at Texas	12	26-11	0.4	14-28	180	7	25	50-208	4.2	21-23	213	0	-1
70,072	Florida	20	25-141	5.6	24-38	220	4	25	38-278	7.3	19-29	236	1	-1
85,782	at Auburn	19	44-188	4.3	18-33	228	1	11	33-56	1.7	10-28	137	4	0
70,534	at Kentucky	21	51-236	4.6	11-29	94	3	15	28-88	3.1	19-35	284	2	0
74,168	Mississippi	17	25-104	4.2	20-38	282	4	21	45-160	3.6	14-27	209	2	0
70,021	Tulsa	19	31-50	1.6	25-38	385	3	25	47-184	3.9	18-33	344	3	+2
80,290	at S Carolina	18	31-54	1.7	20-34	255	6	18	34-132	3.9	13-30	219	2	-2
42,056	at Miss St	20	26-109	4.2	25-44	333	2	22	35-226	6.5	23-40	219	1	0
55,325	LSU	23	31-118	3.8	25-40	280	6	18	44-161	3.7	9-21	143	4	-1
TOTALS		232	378-1362	3.6	253-443	3115	46	229	461-2049	4.4	185-347	2453	23	-9
AVERAGES		19.3	32-114	3.6	21-37	260	10.4%	19.1	38-171	4.4	15-29	204	6.6%	-0.8

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	New Mexico St	-21	63-13
–	Texas - #7	+12	20-22
–	ULM	-31	49-20
–	Alabama	-4'	27-10
–	at Florida - #16	+7'	30-45
–	at Auburn - #4	+12'	20-38
–	Georgia - #10	+8'	14-20
–	at South Carolina	+3'	32-35
–	Mississippi	-9'	35-3
–	at Mississippi St	-10	24-21
–	LSU - #14	+3'	14-43

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Missouri St	NL	49-17
–	Vanderbilt	-10'	24-28
–	at USC - #1	+30	17-70
–	at Alabama - #20	+15	13-24
–	ULM	-26	44-15
–	Auburn - #21	+7'	17-34
–	at Georgia - #4	+19'	20-23
–	South Carolina	-4'	10-14
–	at Mississippi	+1'	28-17
–	Mississippi St	-13'	44-10
–	at LSU - #3	+17'	17-19

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
–	USC - #6	+8	14-50
–	Utah St	-28'	20-0
–	at Vanderbilt	-5'	21-19
–	Alabama	-2'	24-23 2OT
–	at Auburn - #2	+15	27-10
#17	SE Missouri St	NL	63-7
#15	Mississippi	-20'	38-3
#13	ULM	-35	44-10
#12	at South Carolina	-2'	26-20
#11	Tennessee - #13	-5'	31-14
#5	at Mississippi St	-14'	28-14
#5	LSU - #9	+2'	26-31
#8	† Florida - #4	+3	28-38

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre #21 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#21	Troy	-23'	46-26
#16	at Alabama	+3'	38-41
–	Kentucky - #21	-7	29-42
–	North Texas	-36	66-7
–	Chattanooga	NL	34-15
–	Auburn - #22	-3	7-9
–	at Mississippi	-5	44-8
–	FIU	-41	58-10
–	South Carolina - #23	-6	48-36
–	at Tennessee - #22	+1	13-34
–	Mississippi St	-12'	45-31
–	at LSU - #1	+13'	50-48 3OT

2008 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Illinois	-23'	28-24
–	ULM	-14	28-27
–	Alabama - #9	+9	14-49
–	at Texas - #7	+27	10-52
–	Florida - #12	+26	7-38
–	at Auburn - #20	+16'	25-22
–	at Kentucky	+7'	20-21
–	Mississippi	+6'	21-23
–	Tulsa - #19	+7	30-23
–	at South Carolina	+12'	21-34
–	at Mississippi St	-1	28-31
–	LSU	+4'	31-30

AUBURN TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Brandon Cox was a 3 year starter who threw for 2,080 (59.5%) but with just a 9-13 ratio in 2007 and left #3 on the school's passing charts. When OC Tony Franklin took over prior to the '07 bowl, he played true frosh Kodi Burns (PS#17), who rushed 13 times for 69 yards (1-4 pass). It looked like Burns was the perfect fit for the Auburn spread offense. They added Chris Todd (PS#37) who had played in 5 games in Texas Tech's spread offense in '06 (25-35-241). Todd had a sore shoulder in the spring so Burns was the leader. Burns started the opener but left with an injury and Todd started the next 5 as he is the better passer. Against Tenn, Franklin said that Todd was good on 27 of 28 1H plays but Tuberville insisted Burns be inserted in the 2H. Burns started the last 6 and Todd (inj) DNP over the last 5. Burns rushed for 158 vs UT Martin, the first Aub QB with 100+ rushing since Phil Gargis in 1976. Burns threw for 1,050 (52.5%) with a 2-7 ratio and was the #2 rusher while Todd threw for 903 (55%) with a 5-6 ratio. Neil Caudle (PS#14) had 5 pass att. This year everyone returns and will be learning the 4th system in 3 years. Added to the mix is Barrett Trotter (6'2" 201 rFr, PS#44). The Tigers can only improve upon last year's 54% and 7-13 ratio and Caudle was pushing Burns in the spring for the starting job while Todd was out with injury.

RUNNING BACKS - Auburn is known for producing solid rush attacks and RB's. In 2004 they had the best set of RB's in the country in Cadillac Williams and Ronnie Brown who combined for over 2,000 yards rushing and were both taken in the first five picks of the 2005 draft. In 2005 Kenny Irons rushed for 1,293 (5.1) while Brad Lester (PS#30) had 339 (6.5). Irons was leading the SEC in '06 but missed 4 and finished with 893 (4.5). True frosh Ben Tate had the best ypc of the backs (392, 7.3). In '07 they had to replace Irons but added Mario Fannin (PS#16QB). Lester missed the first 5 (susp) and Tate led with 903 (4.5). Lester added 530 (4.2) and Fannin had 448 (5.3). Last year everyone ret'd but the unit was banged up. Tate saw his numbers drop to 664 (4.2) while Lester added 289 (3.6) and Fannin had 238 (4.4). Tate had a season high 115 (8.8) vs ULM and 108 (4.0) vs Vandy while true frosh Eric Smith (PS#61) had 66 (7.3) vs ULM. The Tigers 137 ypg rush was their lowest since Tuberville's first season in 1999. This year they lose Lester (8 st), Tristan Davis (4 st, 44, 5.5) and FB Ryan Hastie. Added to the mix are true frosh Onterio McCalebb (PS#69), Mike Gibson (5'11" 227 Jr), Michael Alexander (5'10" 201 So), Justin Albert (5'8" 169 rFr, PS#164), Davis Hooper (6'0" 201 So) and FB Jason King (6'0" 223 Jr). This group is a little less experienced but should remain healthier and new OC Gus Malzahn's Tulsa offense was #5 in the FBS in rushing last season.

RECEIVERS - In '07 Aub had to replace Courtney Taylor who had more than double the rec's of the #2 man. The leading returnee was Rodgerigus Smith (452, 17.4 in '06). Smith led in '07 with 705 (13.6) and soph Montez Billings (PS#20) added 321 (11.5). Robert Dunn was the #3 WR with 211 (11.1). Smith led again last year but with the new QB's and offense, his numbers were down to 332 (11.1) while Billings was #2 with 277 (11.5). RB Mario Fannin was #3 with 223 (11.1). TE Tommy Trott had 201 (10.1) and Dunn added 193 (10.7). This year they lose Smith (9 st), Dunn (4 st), Chris Slaughter (PS#19, 179, 11.9), James Swinton (1 st) and Charles Olatunji (2 rec each). Not listed below are Trevor Barden (6'4" 172 rFr), Gabe Barrett (5'10" 170 Jr) and Patrick Collier (5'11" 188 rFr). Despite losing their top man, this unit should put up improved numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Auburn had a veteran O-line in 2005 paving the way for 194 rush ypg (4.8). In 2006 they only had to replace 2 starters but the numbers dropped to 148 (4.1). In 2007 it was the least experienced O-line Tuberville had fielded with 3 true frosh starters. Auburn's ypc rush was 3.8 but they did trim the sack total to 25 (35 in '06). Last year they had 4 starters back but were learning a new offense with more pass blocking. The rushing numbers dipped for a 3rd straight year to just 137 ypg and 3.5 ypc, their lowest since 1999. They did allow just 21 sacks (6.2%). This year they lose C/RT Jason Bosley (12 st, 2Y st'r) and LG Tyronne Green (12 st, 2Y st'r, #4DC SD). They return 4 with 7+ career starts and can only improve upon last year's numbers. Last year the OL's were told to lose weight in Franklin's system but new OC Malzahn wants bigger, stronger OL's, so they will bulk up for '09.

DE Antoine Carter

DEFENSIVE LINE - Auburn had inexperienced D-lines for two straight years and in 2006 they allowed 4.1 ypc rush in SEC play. They only had to replace one starter in '07 and overall yielded 125 ypg (3.6) but the D had just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters including #2 and #3 DC's. They did return 1 full-time starter plus Antonio Coleman who had 7 starts (8.5 sk '07). Auburn slipped allowing their worst overall ypc (4.1) since 1995 (139 ypg) and the D had just 21 sacks. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC DT Sen'Derrick Marks (11 st, 32 tkl, 10 tfl, #2DC TEN) and NG Tez Doolittle (6 st, 28 tkl, 8 tfl). Not listed in the PSL are Chris Humphries (6'2" 215 rFr), Luke Farmer (5'11" 246 So) and Robert Hill (6'1" 234 So). Coleman turned down an early shot at the NFL, so they have 3 starters returning and add PS#22JC Nick Fairley. They can only improve upon 2008's poor numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Tuberville's LB units always emphasized speed over size. In '07 they had a very inexperienced LB corps. Last year the unit ret'd intact but Tray Blackmon was injured after 4 starts (21 tkl, 2 sk). This year they lose Blackmon, Chris Evans (5 st, 59 tkl), Merrill Johnson (7 st, 46 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and Courtney Harden (7 tkl). They lose their #3 and #8 tacklers but return #4 and #5 and added JUCO Eltoro Freeman (PS#61, IFS). This unit is about equal to '08.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Auburn had some outstanding D's under Tuberville but surprisingly from '03-'06 finished just #41, #53, #56 and #29 in my pass D rankings. They only had to replace one starter in '07 but then were banged up all year (2 ret st'r miss comb 16 st). Surprisingly Aub climbed to #12 with an 11-14 ratio. Last year they had to replace 2 starters (#2DC) and 2 backups (comb 7 st, #4DC). Projected starting CB Aairon Savage (15 st '06/'07) was lost prior to the year, but they did have two full-time starters returning. Aub dropped back to #37 with a surprising 19-11 ratio. Not listed in the PSL below are Jeremy Flowers (5'10" 205 So), Brandon Evans (5'10" 190 rFr), Jeremiah Haley (5'9" 162 rFr) and Zac Marbury (6'0" 187 Sr). This year CB Jerraud Powers (10 st, 47 tkl, 2 int) opted to leave early for the NFL (#3DC IND) but 7 of the top 8 return including FS Zac Etheridge (#1 tkl'r) and Savage. I look for the Tigers to make a good sized climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tuberville almost always fielded outstanding ST units. He had finishes of #18 in '01, #39 in '03, #19 in '04, #31 in '05 and #3 in '06 in my ST rankings. They had to replace most of the unit in '07 and dropped to #56. Most of the key players were back last year and Auburn moved up to #11. Surprisingly P Ryan Shoemaker (38.5 net '07) lost his job to Clinton Durst (great hang time) who avg 42.1 (tm net 37.6). Wes Byrum hit 17 of 23 FG's (long 49) in '07 but had a lot of key FG and xp misses in '08 with most of them in close games. Byrum hit 11 of 19 FG's (long 52) while walk-on Morgan Hull was 0 for 1. Hull had 3 TB on 22 KO and Byrum had 1 on 26. Auburn had not had a PR TD in 12 years (144 gm longest streak FBS) but Robert Dunn ended that with a 66 yarder vs ULM. Tristan Davis became the first Aub player since 1970 to have 2 KR TD's in a season. This year their new ST coord is Jay Boulware whose Iowa St team was #40 in '08. This year they must replace PR Dunn (16.0) and KR Davis (27.4). I look for improved FG accuracy, but overall the unit will probably drop a few notches.

COACHES - Tommy Tuberville inherited a team that went 3-8 in 1998 but then won or shared the SEC West Title 5 of the last 9 years. Last year he brought in new OC Tony Franklin to incorporate the spread but fired Franklin midseason as 2008 spun out of control. Tuberville resigned after the blowout loss to Alabama which clinched a losing season. Surprisingly they hired their former DC ('02-'04) Gene Chizik who had great success at Auburn and then moved on to Texas but was just 5-19 in two years as HC at Iowa St. Chizik's OC is Gus Malzahn who had a one year stint at Ark as OC and then directed Tulsa's explosive offense the last 2 years. The DC is Ted Roof who is a former GT DC and was the HC at Duke for 5 years (interim HC L/5 gms of '03). Last season he took over a Minn D that allowed 36.7 ppg in '07 and yielded just 24.8 ppg in 2008.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As mentioned in the Coaches section, Tommy Tuberville's teams won or shared the SEC West Title 5 of the last 9 years. In 2004 Auburn felt it was the best team in the country but was not allowed to play in the National Title game. Instead they finished #2 in the polls at 13-0. Despite coming into '05 ranked just #16, many felt at the end of the season that Auburn was the best team in the SEC. They tied LSU atop the SEC West at 7-1 and had the best ypg (+118.6) and ppg (+17.5) in conf play but did not play in the SEC Title game (tough OT loss to LSU cost them). The 2005 squad had to replace four 1st round NFL DC's and had the 2nd fewest amount of returning starters in the SEC (12). The inexperience hurt them in the opener with a loss to GT due to -4 TO's, but their only other reg ssn loss was that OT battle vs LSU. Their weakest performance came in the bowl vs Wisconsin (outgained 548-236). In 2006 they had 12 starters back including 23 seniors (previous high for seniors was 18 in their undefeated 2004 season). All of their tough games were at home and Auburn appeared to have the schedule to run the table. The Tigers beat two Top 10 teams at home in '06 and were the only team to beat Nat'l Champ Florida as they finished 11-2 and #9. They benefitted from 5 net close wins in 2006 and despite their 6-2 SEC record, were -33.4 ypg (4th worst SEC). They had to play a tougher schedule in '07 and had the least experienced O-line under Tuberville. They opened just 1-2 but upset #4 Florida in The Swamp. They got a FG with :21 left to beat Ark on the road then almost upset eventual National Champ LSU yielding a 22 yard TD pass with :01 left. They did get their 6th straight win over Bama and won the Chick-fil-A Bowl and finished 9-4 (#15). Last year they had 15 returning starters and were the favorite to win the SEC West. After beating ULM 34-0 they could have led SM 41-0 in the 3Q if not for 2 fumbles deep in SM terr and "only" won 27-13. They had a 315-116 yd edge vs Miss St but only won by a point. Auburn led LSU at the half and opened with a strong drive in the 3Q but could not score and ended up losing late by 5. After beating Tenn, Aub dominated VU the first 28:00 and led 13-0 but lost. Tuberville fired OC Franklin and the next week at home vs Ark with a strange game plan, they lost by 3. They were leading WV in the 2Q and looked in control after rec an onside kick but ended up losing and the Tigers would drop their final six vs FBS foes incl an embarrassing 36-0 loss to Alabama. Tuberville resigned and new HC Chizik inherits 15 ret starters. Aub was -8 in TO's. Chizik steps into a solid situation and the Tigers make my Most Improved List which means they should be bowl bound despite playing in the tough SEC West (3 Top 10 teams).

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 18 KODI BURNS JR. 6-2 209 **PS#17**. 8 st, 1195 pass (51%) 4-8 ratio 2Y. **19** Neil Caudle (6'3" 199 Jr) **PS#14**. 32 pass yd LY. Chris Todd (6'4" 214 Sr) 5 st, 903 pass (55%), 5-6 ratio.

RB 44 BEN TATE SR. 5-11 217 **PS#11**. 9 st, 1959 (4.7) 3Y. **27** Mario Fannin (5'11" 226 Jr) **PS#16QB**. 5 st, 686 (5.0) 2Y. Eric Smith (5'10" 234 So) PS#61. 83 (4.0) true.

WR 81 Terrell Zachery Jr. 6-1 209 **PS#18**. 24 (12.0) **89** Darvin Adams (6'3" 184 So) 3 rec true. Derek Winter (6'0" 200 So) PS#148. 4 rec. **FB** John Douglas (6'2" 235 So) PS#78.

WR 13 Tim Hawthorne Jr. 6-3 214 **PS#7**. 4 st, 250 (20.8) 2Y. Emory Blake (6'1" 194 Fr) **PS#35**. Harry Adams (6'0" 185 So) PS#62. Philip Pierre-Louis (5'8" 157 rFr) PS#191. ACL LY.

WR 84 MONTEZ BILLINGS SR. 6-2 184 **PS#20**. 9 st, 321 (11.5) '07. 11 st, 277 (11.5) LY. DeAngelo Benton **PS#3**. **85** Quindarius Carr (6'1" 181 So) PS#120. John Cubelic (6'0" 207 Jr).

TE 5 TOMMY TROTT SR. 6-5 237 **PS#6**. 23 st, 330 (9.7) 3Y. **83** Gabe McKenzie (6'5" 252 Sr) **PS#12**. 3 st, 287 (9.9) 3Y. Bailey Woods (6'5" 230 So) PS#16. Philip Lutzenkirchen **PS#10**.

C 50 RYAN PUGH JR. 6-4 287 **PS#17**. 7 st LT true. 12 st (6RT, 6C) LY. **53** Bart Eddins (6'4" 290 Jr) **PS#12DL**. 15 gm bkup L2Y. **LS** Dax Dellenbach (6'1" 229 rFr) PS#154TE.

RG 66 MIKE BERRY JR. 6-3 313 PS#124. 3 st RG, 6 gm rFr. Last 5 st RG, 12 gm LY. **69** Rudy Odom (6'5" 293 Sr) PS#75DL. 3 gm 2Y. Clayton Crofoot (6'6" 198 Sr) holder.

LG 57 Byron Isom Jr. 6-3 293 PS#134DL. First 7 st RG LY, 9 gm. **78** Jared Cooper (6'4" 300 So) **PS#56**. 6 gm as backup LY. **72** Andrew Parmer (5'10" 266 rFr).

RT 75 Andrew McCain Sr. 6-6 295 PS#149. 7 gm bkup '07. 12 gm bkup LY. **55** Vance Smith (6'2" 262 So) PS#86TE. 2 st TE, 12 gm true. Darrell Roseman (6'4" 294 Jr) PS#181DL.

LT 73 LEE ZIEMBA JR. 6-8 304 **PS#2**. 13 st RT true. 12 st LT LY. **77** AJ Greene (6'5" 279 So) PS#242DL. John Sullen (6'5" 325 Fr) PS#167. Charles Bates (6'4" 291 rFr).

K 18 WES BYRUM JR. 6-2 214 PS#12. 17-23 FG long 49 true. 11-19 FG long 52 LY. **1** Chandler Brooks (6'0" 164 So). Morgan Hull (6'3" 190 Jr) 27 KO 2Y. Graham Sutter (5'9" 146 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 49 MICHAEL GOGGANS JR. 6-3 257 **PS#44**. 12 st, 36 tkl, 6 tfl 2Y. **45** Antoine Carter (6'4" 255 Jr) PS#133. 32 tkl, 10.5 tfl 2Y. Terrance Coleman PS#84. Nosa Eguae PS#119.

NG 93 MIKE BLANC JR. 6-4 288 PS#384. 6 st, 33 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. **98** Zach Clayton (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#226. 1 st, 30 tkl, 8 tfl, 21 gm 2Y. **47** Jomarcus Savage (6'2" 287 rFr) PS#141.

DT 91 Jake Ricks Sr. 6-4 296 **PS#36OL**. 16 tkl, 4.5 tfl 3Y. Nick Fairley (6'4" 295 So) **PS#22JC**. **97** Derrick Lykes (6'2" 287 rFr) PS#87TE. Andre Wadley (6'2" 300 rFr) PS#122.

DE 52 ANTONIO COLEMAN SR. 6-3 257 **PS#57**. 7 st, 38 tkl, 8.5 sk, 10 tfl '07. **1st Tm SEC** LY. 46 tkl, 6 sk, 4.5 tfl. **92** Cameron Henderson (6'5" 230 rFr) PS#114. **19** Ryan Burse (6'1" 229 Jr).

SLB 46 CRAIG STEVENS JR. 6-3 227 **PS#56**. 8 st, 35 tkl, 10 gm '07. 12 st, 54 tkl LY. **28** Da'Shaun Barnes (6'2" 222 rFr) PS#70DB. **38** Marcus Jemison (6'2" 202 rFr) PS#155.

MLB 17 JOSH BYNES JR. 6-2 233 **PS#23**. 8 st, 63 tkl, 5 tfl, 3 int 2Y. **31** Adam Herring (6'1" 211 So) PS#235. 2 tkl. Harris Gaston PS#113. **51** Joey Caldwell (6'1" 222 rFr).

WLB 21 Eltoro Freeman So. 5-11 222 **PS#61JC**. In for spg. **38** Spencer Pybus (6'0" 216 So) PS#279. 14 tkl true. Jonathan Evans PS#97. **36** Wade Christopher (6'1" 209 So).

CB 2 Aairon Savage Sr. 5-11 173 PS#183. 15 st FS, 79 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. Inj LY. **15** Neiko Thorpe (6'2" 182 So) PS#151WR. 29 tkl, 2 int LY. **22** T'Sharvan Bell (6'0" 177 rFr) PS#121.

CB 6 WALTER McFADDEN SR. 6-0 176 PS#153. 12 st, 41 tkl, 9 pbu, 3 int 3Y. Demond Washington **PS#18JC**. Taikwon Paige **PS#71JC**. **25** D'Antoine Hood (5'10" 191 So) 13 tkl true.

SS 26 MIKE McNEIL JR. 6-2 205 **PS#21**. 35 tkl true. 12 st, 65 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **33** Christian Thompson (6'1" 200 So) 1 tkl, 10 gm true. **42** Deante Lewis (6'1" 176 So) PS#406.

FS 4 ZAC ETHERIDGE JR. 6-0 204 PS#159. 13 gm, 12 st, 65 tkl, 5 pbu '07. 12 st, 75 tkl, 3 pbu LY. **11** Mike Slade (6'3" 191 So) PS#188. 8 tkl. **20** Drew Cole (5'11" 192 So) PS#142. 3 tkl true.

P 97 CLINTON DURST SR. 6-1 192 3rd Tm SEC, 70 punts, 42.1 avg, 37.6 tm net LY. **21** Ryan Shoemaker (6'0" 191 Sr) PS#42. **2nd Tm SEC** '07, 49 punts, 42.4 avg, tm net 38.5.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Tyrik Rollison 6-2 185 PS#3
WR	DeAngelo Benton 6-3 205 PS#3 '07
DB	Demond Washington 5-9 185 PS#18JC
DL	Nick Fairley 6-4 295 PS#22JC
LB	Eltoro Freeman 5-11 222 PS#61JC
TE	Philip Lutzenkirchen 6-4 240 PS#10
DB	Taikwon Paige 5-10 175 PS#71JC
WR	Emory Blake 6-1 194 PS#35
RB	Dontae Aycock 5-10 216 PS#54
DL	Jarnar Travis 6-1 298 PS#60
QB	Clint Moseley 6-4 196 PS#43
RB	Onterio McCalebb 5-10 165 PS#69
DL	Terrance Coleman 6-1 251 PS#84
OL	Andre Harris 6-4 300 PS#80
DL	Dee Ford 6-3 205 PS#100
DL	Nosa Eguae 6-3 234 PS#119
WR	LaVoyd James 5-10 180 PS#87
LB	Jonathan Evans 5-11 202 PS#97
WR	Travante Stallworth 5-9 180 PS#90
DB	Reggie Taylor 5-10 165 PS#125
LB	Harris Gaston 6-3 210 PS#113
RB	Brandon Jacobs 6-0 237 PS#121
OL	John Sullen 6-5 325 PS#167
DL	Josh Jackson 6-2 260 PS#224
DB	Izauea Lanier 6-0 185 PS#341
WR	Anthony Gulley 5-11 185 PS#286
DB	Daren Bates 5-11 195 PS#410
QB	Robert Cooper 6-4 204 PS#268

AUBURN TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#15

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Louisiana Tech	G					The Tigers are 89-25-2 in season openers with 3 straight wins but just 4-3 the L/7. Auburn is 10-0-1 all-time vs LT with the last meeting a 52-7 AU win in 2004.
Sep. 12	Mississippi St	G					Auburn is 42-28-5 in SEC openers. The Tigers have won 7 of the L/8 in this series. Last year Auburn pulled out a 3-2 win but had a 315-116 yardage edge.
Sep. 19	West Virginia	G					In their only meeting, WV held Auburn to 79 yds in the 2H & outgained the Tigers 445–260 scoring 31 unanswered pts in their 34-17 win last year.
Sep. 26	Ball St	G					Auburn is 6-0 all-time vs current MAC schools and 2-0 vs Ball St. The last meeting was a 63-3 win in 2005 in which Auburn had a 572-220 yd edge.
Oct. 3	at Tennessee	G					Auburn has won the last 4 in this series. Nine of the L/12 have been decided by 10 pts or less including 2 ties. AU only had a 226-191 yd edge LY in their 14-12 win.
Oct. 10	at Arkansas	A					Auburn has won 4 of 6 in this series & the visitor has won 6 of 7. Arkansas RB Smith rushed for 176 yds (5.0) & Ark had a 416-193 yd edge in last year's 25-22 Ark win.
Oct. 17	Kentucky	G					Auburn has won the last 15 in this series with Kentucky's last win in 1966. Auburn is 12-1 all-time vs UK in Jordan-Hare & are 24-5-1 overall in the series.
Oct. 24	at LSU	G					The visitor is now 1-8 after LSU's road win last year. Auburn led 14-3 at the half but allowed a 54/7pl TD drive w/1:03 left. The last 5 have been decided by 19 total pts.
Oct. 31	Mississippi	G					Auburn has won 8 in a row the wk following LSU. LY vs UM the Tigers never crossed midfield in the 1H & lost 17-7, the fewest pts the Tigers have scored vs Ole Miss S/'65.
Nov. 7	Furman (HC)	G					Auburn is 3-0 all-time vs Furman winning by an avg of 40-2. The Paladins went 7-5 in 2008 including a 24-7 loss to Virginia Tech as members of the Southern Conf.
Nov. 14	at Georgia	G					The Tigers have dropped 5 of the L/7 in the South's Oldest Rivalry. LY Auburn led 13-10 early in the 4Q but couldn't score after Georgia's TD w/8:24 left (at the G21 & G14).
Nov. 21							
Nov. 27	Alabama (Fri)	G					AL ended a 6 gm losing streak in the series in the most lopsided Iron Bowl S/'62 (38-0). Over the L8Y (including 6 wins) AU has been outgained vs Bama by 268 total yds.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Stan White 8,016 '90-'93	1. Bo Jackson 4,303 '82-'85	1. Terry Beasley 2,507 '69-'71
2. Jason Campbell 7,299 '01-'04	2. Carnell Williams 3,831 '01-'04	2. Tyrone Goodson 2,283 '93-'97
3. Brandon Cox 6,959 '04-'07	3. James Brooks 3,523 '77-'80	3. Karsten Bailey 2,174 '95-'98

GENE CHIZIK (Career 5–19)

1st Year at Auburn — Bowls: 0-0 — Iowa St '07-'08

Chizik AT AUBURN/OVERALL

0-0 / 5-19	SU	0-0 / 0-3	Vs Top 10
0-0 / 5-8	Home	0-0 / 0-8	Vs Top 25
0-0 / 0-11	Away	0-0 / 1-1	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 0-0	Neutral	0-0 / 0-1	Off A Bye
0-0 / 2-14	Vs Conf	0-0 / 2-15	Off A Loss

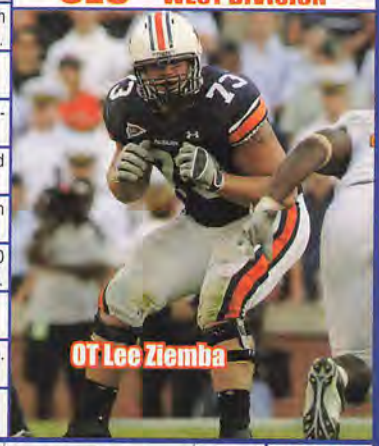
2008 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (24,19,4)
Lost: 21 (10,10,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 86,915 (#10)

SEC - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (87,451) (#12)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-4	7-5	9-4	8-5	13-0	9-3	11-2	9-4	5-7	80-34
Home	7-0	5-1	5-2	5-2	7-0	6-1	6-2	6-2	4-3	51-13
Away	2-2	2-3	3-2	2-3	4-0	3-1	4-0	2-2	1-4	23-17
Neutral	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	6-4
vs Conf	6-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	9-0	7-1	6-2	5-3	2-6	50-24
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	4-1	3-2	4-0	2-2	5-0	4-1	3-1	30-10
ATS	7-6	4-8	9-3	6-6	7-4-1	8-3	6-7	7-5	2-9	56-51-1
Home Fav	4-3	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-1-1	5-1	2-5	3-4	1-3	26-25-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	4-2
Away Fav	1-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-2	9-9
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	0-0	3-1	0-3	12-10
Neutral	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	5-5
vs Conf	5-4	3-5	6-2	4-4	6-2-1	7-1	4-4	5-3	1-7	41-32-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	3-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	2-2	1-2	15-19
Off SU Win	5-4	2-5	5-3	4-2	7-3-1	6-2	3-7	5-2	1-4	38-32-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-3	3-0	2-3	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-2	0-5	13-15

Tommy Tuberville 1999 — Gene Chizik

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ben Tate	159	718	54	664	3	4.2
Kodi Burns	98	532	121	411	5	4.2
Brad Lester	80	314	25	289	2	3.6
Mario Fannin	54	255	17	238	1	4.4
Eric Smith	21	98	15	83	0	4.0
Tristan Davis	8	44	0	44	1	5.5
Chris Todd	33	47	110	-63	0	-1.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kodi Burns	179	94	52.5	1050	2	7
Chris Todd	156	86	55.1	903	5	6
Neil Caudle	5	4	80.0	32	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Rodgeriqus Smith	30	332	11.1	1	33	
Montez Billings	24	277	11.5	0	31	
Mario Fannin	20	223	11.1	2	52	
Tim Hawthorne	8	203	25.4	0	58	
Tommy Trott	20	201	10.1	0	33	
Robert Dunn	18	193	10.7	2	29	
Chris Slaughter	15	179	11.9	1	42	
Ben Tate	15	90	6.0	0	27	
Quindarius Carr	6	63	10.5	0	28	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Clinton Durst	70	2947	42.1	22	37.6(t)	1	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Wes Byrum	22-23	4-5	3-6	3-7	1-1	11-19	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Zac Etheridge	75	0	1.5	3	1
Mike McNeil	65	1	2	2	0
Chris Evans	59	0	1.5	4	0
Craig Stevens	54	0	0.5	2	0
Josh Bynes	53	0	3	1	3
Jerraud Powers	47	0	0	7	2
Antonio Coleman	46	6	4.5	1	0
Merrill Johnson	46	1	5.5	2	0
Sen'Derrick Marks	32	2	8	2	0
Walter McFadden	29	0	1.5	8	2
Neiko Thorpe	29	0	0	4	2
Tez Doolittle	28	0.5	7.5	2	0
Mike Blanc	27	1.5	2	0	0
Michael Goggans	27	0	4	0	0
Zach Clayton	22	4.5	3	0	0
Tray Blackmon	21	2	0	0	0
Antoine Carter	16	2.5	4	0	0
Spencer Pybus	14	0	1	1	0
D'Antoine Hood	13	0	0	1	0
Gabe McKenzie	11	0	2.5	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Robert Dunn	15	240	16.0	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Tristan Davis	24	657	27.4	2
Mario Fannin	11	248	22.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Music City	-3'	Wisconsin	28-14
04	Sugar - #3	-6	Virginia Tech - #9	16-13
05	Capital One - #7	-10	Wisconsin - #21	10-24
06	Cotton - #10	-2	Nebraska - #22	17-14
07	Chick-fil-A - #22	+2	Clemson - #15 (OT)	23-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Auburn's All-Time Bowl Record
19–13–2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8	17.3	302	137	3.5	165	54.0	17.4	21	-8	2008	7	18.0	318	139	4.1	179	53.9	17.7	21
5*	24.2	335	157	3.8	178	57.3	13.8	25	0	2007	7	16.9	298	125	3.6	173	55.3	17.6	22
6*	24.8	321	148	4.1	173	60.6	13.0	35	+5	2006	6	13.9	292	124	3.7	168	54.6	21.0	29
6	32.2	410	194	4.8	216	57.5	12.7	21	-3	2005	6	15.5	315	116	3.5	199	56.1	20.3	39
7*	32.1	421	183	4.3	237	68.5	13.1	18	+4	2004	6	11.3	278	104	3.3	173	54.5	24.6	36
8*	26.3	376	184	4.4	192	62.5	14.3	26	+1	2003	8	16.3	282	93	2.7	189	53.3	17.3	34
6*	29.8	388	204	4.7	184	58.2	13.0	21	+9	2002	8	17.8	328	142	3.9	186	55.3	18.5	29

2008 STATS BY GAME

AU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
87,451	ULM	19	46-321	7.0	13-27	85	1	12	30-84	2.8	20-38	136	2	+1
87,451	Southern Miss	22	41-132	3.2	21-34	248	1	20	27-37	1.4	33-50	268	3	-1
52,911	at Miss St	14	45-161	3.6	14-26	154	1	6	30-38	1.3	10-25	78	3	-2
87,451	LSU	16	36-70	1.9	17-32	250	2	20	38-178	4.7	14-29	220	2	-1
87,451	Tennessee	15	38-97	2.6	18-29	129	2	9	33-124	3.8	8-24	67	2	0
39,773	at Vanderbilt	15	44-110	2.5	10-22	98	5	15	32-106	3.3	16-31	157	1	0
85,782	Arkansas	11	33-56	1.7	10-28	137	4	19	44-188	4.3	18-33	228	1	0
60,765	at West Virginia	16	45-149	3.3	13-21	111	1	25	35-271	7.7	13-21	174	2	+1
57,324	at Mississippi	17	25-75	3.0	27-43	319	0	21	41-233	5.7	15-30	140	3	-3
85,365	UT-Martin	26	50-290	5.8	16-25	162	1	16	15-38	2.5	27-46	285	1	0
87,451	Georgia	19	36-124	3.4	16-31	179	1	20	33-136	4.1	15-24	215	0	0
92,138	at Alabama	8	30-57	1.9	9-23	113	2	21	50-234	4.7	10-18	178	1	-3
TOTALS		198	469-1642	3.5	184-341	1985	21	204	408-1667	4.1	199-369	2146	21	-8
AVERAGES		16.5	39-137	3.5	15-28	165	6.2%	17.0	34-139	4.1	17-31	179	5.7%	-0.7

AU Rank / Pre #17 / 2004 RESULTS / Post #2

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#17	ULM	-38	31-0
#18	at Mississippi St	-13'	43-14
#13	LSU - #5	-1	10-9
#9	The Citadel	-46	33-3
#8	at Tennessee - #11	+2	34-10
#6	Louisiana Tech	-26	52-7
#4	Arkansas	-12'	38-20
#3	Kentucky	-30'	42-10
#3	at Mississippi	-16'	35-14
#3	Georgia - #8	-3'	24-6
#2	at Alabama	-10	21-13
#3	† Tennessee - #15	-14'	38-28

AU Rank / Pre #16 / 2005 RESULTS / Post #14

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#16	Georgia Tech	-7'	14-23
–	Mississippi St	-15	28-0
–	Ball St	-36'	63-3
–	WKU	NL	37-14
–	South Carolina	-14'	48-7
#21	at Arkansas	-7'	34-17
#16	at LSU - #7	+6	17-20 OT
#19	Mississippi	-20'	27-3
#17	at Kentucky	-22'	49-27
#15	at Georgia - #9	+3	31-30
#11	Alabama - #8	-7	28-18

AU Rank / Pre #4 / 2006 RESULTS / Post #9

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#4	Washington St	-14	40-14
#4	at Mississippi St	-21	34-0
#3	LSU - #6	-3'	7-3
#2	Buffalo	-41	38-7
#2	at South Carolina	-13'	24-17
#2	Arkansas	-15	10-27
#11	Florida - #2	+2	27-17
#8	Tulane	-31	38-13
#7	at Mississippi	-18'	23-17
#6	Arkansas St	-31'	27-0
#5	Georgia	-11'	15-37
#15	at Alabama	-3	22-15

AU Rank / Pre #18 / 2007 RESULTS / Post #15

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#18	Kansas St	-13'	23-13
#17	USF	-7	23-26 OT
–	Mississippi St	-13	14-19
–	New Mexico St	-16'	55-20
–	at Florida - #4	+17'	20-17
–	Vanderbilt	-8	35-7
#22	at Arkansas	+3	9-7
#18	at LSU - #5	+10	24-30
#23	Mississippi	-18	17-3
#19	Tennessee Tech	NL	35-3
#18	at Georgia - #10	+1'	20-45
#25	Alabama	-4'	17-10

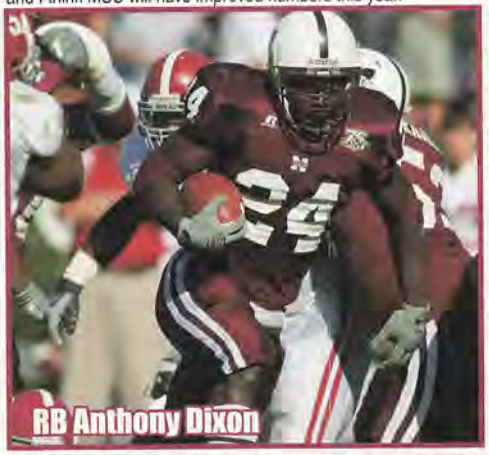
AU Rank / Pre #10 / 2008 RESULTS / Post – Score

AU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#10	ULM	-26	34-0
#9	Southern Miss	-18'	27-13
#9	at Mississippi St	-9'	3-2
#10	LSU - #6	+2	21-26
#15	Tennessee	-6'	14-12
#13	at Vanderbilt - #19	-4	13-14
#20	Arkansas	-16'	22-25
–	at West Virginia	+3'	17-34
–	at Mississippi	+6'	7-17
–	UT-Martin	NL	37-20
–	Georgia - #13	+9'	13-17
–	at Alabama - #1	+14'	0-36

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Heading into '07 the most experienced QB was Michael Henig. Henig threw for 1,822 (44%) with 9 starts in '05 and '06 combined. He started the first 3 in '07 then was injured and Josh Riddell (PS#23JC) and true frosh Wesley Carroll (PS#92) took over. After Riddell tore his ACL, Carroll started the last 9. Carroll threw for 1,392 (52.5%) with a 9-7 ratio while Henig threw for just 447 (46%) with a 1-9 ratio. Only Carroll returned in '08. Tyson Lee (PS#31JC), who had a stronger arm and a quicker release, battled Carroll in Aug. Lee is generously listed at 5'11". Carroll did hit the weight room hard and increased his arm strength. In the opener Lee played and hit 10 of 15 for 85 but Carroll threw for 172. Prior to Wk 2 Sylvester Croom ended the QB rotation and said, "Wes Carroll is our QB. We will sink or swim with him." Heading into Wk 4 he said Carroll was still the starter but others could play and Lee came in vs GT hitting 17 of 27 for 179 and the job was his. He had 2 big 3rd down runs in the upset of Vandy but suffered a knee inj in the 1Q vs Tenn but returned wearing a knee brace (not 100%). Lee's best game came vs UK when he threw for 261. He threw for 1,519 (59%) with a 7-5 ratio while Carroll threw for 560 (48%) with a 3-7 ratio. The best athlete of the QB's is rFr Chris Relf (PS#87) who is 6'3" 235 with a strong arm, but surprisingly Relf played in just two (9 passes). This year Carroll transferred and of course they have a new coach so the job is up for grabs. Added to the mix are Todd Kilpatrick (6'2" 205, PS#309) and new HC Dan Mullen recruit Tyler Russell (PS#7). Keep in mind new coaches like their own recruits and I think MSU will have improved numbers this year.


RB Anthony Dixon

RUNNING BACKS - In '06 the Bulldogs had to replace their career leading rusher, Jerious Norwood (#3DC). I proj true frosh Anthony Dixon (PS#28) as the starter. He broke his hand early but had 668 (4.0) including 335 in the final 3. Brandon Thornton had 230 (3.8). Croom did bemoan the lack of speed at RB. In 2007 Dixon found himself in Croom's doghouse often but still set the school record with 287 rush att but Croom said he left 500 yards on the field as he rushed for 1,066 (3.7). Tulane transfer Christian Ducré rushed for 487 (4.3). Last year both ret and they added speedy rFr Robert Elliott (PS#19). Elliott drew comparisons to Norwood with his quick cuts. Dixon did not top 20 carries in the first 5 but finally got the ball 27 times vs Vandy. He finished with 869 (4.4). Ducré rushed for 222 (4.0) and Elliott rushed for 61 (3.4) in 4 games (tore ACL). This year they only lose FB's Brandon Hart (2 st) and Eric Hoskins (4 st). Not listed below are FB's Sylvester Hemphill (5'9" 230 rFr, PS#228), Patrick Hanrahan (5'11" 225 Jr) and this year's true frosh. Dixon and Ducré rushed for a combined 1,553 in '07 and a combined 1,091 LY and should at least get back to '07's numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Bulldogs had to replace 2 of their top 3 rec last year but did return their top man in Jamayel Smith who led with 510 (15.5) in '07. Brandon McRae (6'4") had just 2 rec in '07 but emerged in '08 with 518 (10.2) but suffered a gruesome broken leg vs Ole Miss. Smith was #2 with 302 (13.1) with only 4 starts. They took the RS off of true frosh Arceto Clark (PS#132) but he played in just 5 (3 rec). This year they lose Smith (4 st), TE Nelson Hurst (10 st, 2 rec, trans), Co-Eric Riley (1 st, 11 rec) and Aubrey Bell (10 st, 271, 8.7). Not listed below are Terrance Davis (5'11" 185 rFr, PS#150QB), Blake Edwards (5'10" 170 So), Major Sosebee (6'1" 185 Jr) and TE Austin Wilbanks (6'2" 245 Sr, 2 st). They once again lose 2 of their top 3 WR's but could be improved. Mullen said, "Don't be shocked if you see a lot of true frosh WR's play for us this year."

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 MSU's O-line opened holes for just 2.4 ypc in the first 9 but then vs 3 tough D's, finally gelled (4.2 last 3, 2.9 on the year). They only had to replace one starter in 2007 and the unit had just 2 starts lost to injury. Croom even played the 2nd Tm OL in the 4th series vs Tenn showing its depth. MSU improved to 137 ypg rush (3.5) while allowing just 21 sacks (5.6%). Last year it looked like they had to replace 3 starters. Returning starting RG Craig Jenkins (11 st '07) became the 6th man on the OL but started the last 5 at RG. The other returning starter, Anthony Strauder, started the first 9 but lost his job. As you would expect, the numbers dropped to 102 ypg rush (3.1) while the sacks rose to 36 (9.4%). New coach Mullen likes lean, mobile OL's and Croom recruited big OL's so it's not a perfect fit. This year they lose LG Strauder (9 st, 4Y st'r) and G Michael Gates (7 st). They have 6 players back with starting experience (4 full-time) including 2 VHT's. Phillip Freeman (PS#36JC) RS in '08 as did true frosh Templeton Hardy (PS#34). While they must learn a new system, this is a more experienced line and can only improve upon '08's totals.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs' rush D improved under Croom from 4.4 in '04 to 3.7 in '05 and in '06 with 3 starters back they allowed just 115 ypg rush (3.4). MSU had to replace 3 starters and a backup in '07 and took a step back allowing 157 ypg (4.1) with the D having just 19 sks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters. Sean Ferguson became just the 2nd MSU true frosh in 22 years to start his first career gm. The Bulldogs gave up 151 ypg (4.1). This yr they lose DT Cortez McCraney (11 st, 37 tkl, 3 sk), DE Tim Bailey (12 st, 32 tkl, 6 tfl), NT Jessie Bowman (6 st, 27 tkl) and DE Jimmie Holmes (3 st, 25 tkl, 1 sk). They do add 3 VHT's including PS#6JC Pernell McPhee (IFS), who led all JC's in sacks the last 2 years with 33. They are less experienced than '08 but have added talent.

LINEBACKERS - Last year MSU lost its #3 tackler then lost 2007's #1 tkl'r Jamar Chaney (2nd Tm SEC) in the opener to injury. Dominic Douglas (#2 tkl'r '07) started alongside 2 players who had 8 comb tkl in '07. This year they lose Douglas (12 st, #1 tkl'r) and Anthony Littlejohn (4 tkl). Not listed below are Tyler Gregory (5'10" 210 rFr) and Mike Perry (5'10" 190 rFr). They are in much better shape, as they not only have 5 back who started last year but 2007's #1 tackler Chaney returns and they add PS#21JC Chris White.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Croom's first three years the Bulldogs finished #65, #71 and #76 in my pass D rankings. In '07 they had to replace two starters but with 1st Tm SEC FS Derek Pegues then moved up to #30. Last year MSU had 7 back with starting experience but did lose CB Anthony Johnson (11 st '07) over the summer (3 st'r ret). With a much less exp front 7, the Bulldogs' experienced secondary dropped to #50. This year they lose 2nd Tm SEC FS Pegues (11 st, 50 tkl, 2 int), SS Keith Fitzhugh (12 st, 50 tkl, 2 int), CB Jasper O'Quinn (12 st, 54 tkl, 6 pbu), NB De'Mon Glanton (5 st, 48 tkl, 1 int) and FS Chris Nance (4 tkl). They have just one starter back but VHT Charles Mitchell (PS#19) had 31 tkl as a true (SEC Fr tm) and they also add JUCO Maurice Langston (PS#37, in spg). Even though they lose 3 starters, the Bulldogs may not drop as much as you would think in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Sylvester Croom did not have a lot of success in the ST rankings as MSU finished #81, #114, #100, #108 and #115 from '04-'08. Last year he had a veteran cast with longtime P Blake McAdams, K Adam Carlson and returnman Derek Pegues. Pegues led in both KR (22.8) and PR (6.6) but saw his PR average drop (9.9 in '07). He did set the SEC career record for KR yards. McAdams avg 39.3 in '07 and 38.6 (31.8 net) LY. Carlson hit just 7 of 13 FG LY (long 43) and had 1 TB on 37 KO. This year Carlson, McAdams and Pegues all depart. They add JUCO's K Sean Brauchle (PS#27) and P Heath Hutchins (PS#23) who were both in for the spg. Let's face it, there is just one way to go for this group so you have to expect improvement.

COACHES - Sylvester Croom was the GB Packers' RB coach from '01-'03 and became the first African American HC in the SEC. After being named SEC Coach of the Year in '07 and guiding MSU to a bowl, he had his contract extended through 2011. Croom surprisingly stepped down at the end of '08. New HC Dan Mullen was Urban Meyer's QB coach at both BG and Utah and was the OC/QB coach at Florida L4Y. He hired former TX A&M OC Les Koenning as the OC and his DC is Carl Torbush who was the HC of NC from '97-'00 and DC at Bama & A&M under Dennis Franchione.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2001 the Bulldogs actually had the best record of all SEC West schools over the previous 4 years! The last 3 years of HC Jackie Sherrill's tenure ('01-'03) did not go well with a 3-21 SEC record. Sylvester Croom inherited a 2-10 team that was -182.9 ypg in SEC play (-21 in TO) and Croom instilled more discipline. In his first season, they upset #20 Florida and had close losses to Bama and Ark finishing 3-8. The school was put on four years probation and lost 4 scholarships in '05 and '06. Croom had 16 starters back but had just 9 seniors and very few winnable HG's in '05. They opened 2-8 but when they whipped Ole Miss 35-14, they stopped a streak of 19 straight losses vs the SEC West (S/'01). In 2006, due to a tough schedule, I projected they would have improved play but would suffer their 6th straight losing season. The Bulldogs finished last in the SEC West but their -51.9 ypg was better than bowl-bound Kentucky and Ole Miss. MSU upset Alabama on the road, ending a streak of 23 straight SEC road losses. They had close losses to both Georgia and Kentucky and were actually four plays away from being 7-5 in '06 despite QB injuries. The D allowed just 321 ypg, their best since 1999. In '07, I predicted MSU would be greatly improved with a shot at a bowl, and they did not disappoint. They stunned Auburn 19-14 then beat #14 Kentucky and #21 Ala 17-12 (2nd consec yr Croom defeated his alma mater). They came back from a 14-0 deficit vs Ole Miss then won the Liberty Bowl for an outstanding 8-5 season. Last year I pointed out some troubling signs. In 2006 and '07, DC Ellis Johnson's D's finished #41 and #21 in the FBS but they had to replace him. Despite their 4-4 SEC record, MSU was -73.4 ypc (league worst) and benefitted from 4 net close wins. Last year at the SEC media days, Croom said it was a realistic goal for his team to win the SEC Title. Things did not start out well when they were upset in the opener 22-14 by LT. After beating SEL, they were outgained 315-116 by Aub but only lost by 1. They allowed 438 rush yards to GT in a 38-7 blowout loss. They played well at #5 LSU but lost 34-24. They hosted unbeaten #13 Vandy and had a 247-107 yd edge in their 17-14 upset. Tenn spanked them 34-3 with 2 IR TD's in the 2H. After beating MTSt, a blk'd xp and a missed 27 yd FG cost them in a one point loss to UK which dropped them to 3-6. They only trailed #1 Ala 12-7 at the half but ST's hurt them in a 32-7 loss. They had not beaten Ark S/'99 but won 31-28. In the season finale vs Ole Miss, their off netted the fewest yards of any FBS team (37) in '08 in a 45-0 rout. Croom said he did not see that result coming and I did not see Croom's resignation coming. Mullen inherits a team that was -111 ypg in conf play (SEC worst). MSU had 8 signees that were in for spring including 6 JUCO's. Their 10 returning starters are the fewest in the SEC. With the coaching change, learning new schemes on both sides of the ball and going from a run offense to a pass offense, this clearly looks like a rebuilding year and I do not see the Bulldogs even matching LY's 4 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 16 TYSON LEE SR. 5-11 200 **PS#31JC.** 8 st, 1519 pass (59%) with 7-5 ratio. 3-5 as a starter. Tyler Russell (6'4" 200 Fr) **PS#7.** **14** Chris Relf (6'3" 235 So) PS#87. 13 pass yd LY.

RB 24 ANTHONY DIXON SR. 6-1 235 **PS#28.** 5 st, 668 (4.0) true. 12 st, 1066 (3.7) '07. 12 st, 869 (4.4) LY. Robert Elliott (6'0" 195 So) **PS#19.** Christian Ducré (6'0" 220 Sr) 709 (4.2) 2Y.

WR 8 Leon Berry Jr. 6-0 190 **PS#66JC.** In for spg. Chris Smith (6'1" 195 Fr) PS#53. Arceto Clark (5'10" 180 So) 3 rec true. **FB** Arnil Stallworth (5'9" 205 Sr) 646 off yd 3Y.

WR NA Chad Bumphis Fr. 5-10 193 **PS#21.** 4.4 spd. O'NealWilder (6'5" 210 rFr) PS#226. 4x400 relay. Delmon Robinson (5'9" 180 So) 125 (10.4). Charles Bailey (6'1" 180 rFr) PS#161.

WR 6 BRANDON McRAE SR. 6-4 205 PS#336. 10 st, 518 (10.2) LY. Cameron Lawrence (6'2" 210 Fr) PS#55. Ricco Sanders is **PS#44.** **28** Tay Bowser (6'3" 200 Sr) 25 tkl L2Y.

TE 88 Kendrick Cook So. 6-1 250 2 st true. **85** Brandon Henderson (6'2" 255 Jr) 70 (11.7) LY. **87** Thomas Webb (6'5" 255 Jr) PS#98. SMiss trans. Marcus Green (6'1" 235 So) 1 st LY.

C 70 JC BRIGNONE JR. 6-1 300 PS#183. 11 gm '07. 12 st (11 @C, 1 @LG) LY. **66** DJ Looney (6'1" 300 So) 1 st, 4 gm LY. Sam Watts **PS#100. LS** Aaron Feld (6'1" 225 Jr).

RG 67 Tobias Smith rFr. 6-3 310 PS#315. Broke foot LY. **74** Mark Melichar (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#280. 8 gm '07. 2 st LT LY. **73** Dakota Merritt (6'5" 300 So) PS#332. 1 gm bkup.

LG 55 QUENTIN SAULSBERRY SO. 6-2 300 PS#148. 12 st RT. Craig Jenkins (6'5" 315 Sr) **PS#82.** 12 st '06. 11 st '07. 7 st RG LY. John McMillan (6'1" 285 Jr). Sam Latham (6'1" 275 rFr) PS#443.

RT 62 Addison Lawrence So. 6-4 295 PS#57TE. 10 gm. **76** Phillip Freeman (6'6" 300 Jr) **PS#36JC.** Gabriel Jackson PS#160. **59** Michael Bufkin (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#485.

LT 79 DEREK SHERROD JR. 6-6 310 **PS#11.** 11 gm true. 10 st LT LY. **63** Chris Spencer (6'3" 310 Sr) PS#190. 3 gm 3Y. **68** Templeton Hardy (6'3" 300 rFr) **PS#34.**

K 37 Sean Brauchle Jr. 5-10 180 **PS#27JC.** Hit 14-19 FG (long 55) JC LY. **41** Eric Richards 5 KO LY. **35** Derek DePasquale (5'8" 180 Jr). **27** William Berg (5'9" 190 rFr).

DE 93 Brandon Cooper Jr. 6-1 255 PS#291. 14 tkl, 1.5 tfl 2Y. **54** Trevor Stigers (6'4" 255 rFr) PS#89. **60** Devin Jones (6'0" 260 rFr) PS#94. Johnathan McKenzie is PS#280.

DT 92 Charles Burns Sr. 6-1 275 PS#107. 6 st, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl 3Y. **98** LaMarcus Williams (6'0" 270 Jr) PS#80. 10 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. Josh Boyd is **PS#38** Joshua Jackson (6'2" 300 So) PS#103.

DT 90 Pernell McPhee Jr. 6-3 275 **PS#6JC.** In for spg. **95** Kyle Love (6'1" 310 Sr) 12 st, 37 tkl, 6.5 tfl 3Y. **69** Reggie Odom (6'0" 295 Sr) **PS#51.** Rodney Prince (6'0" 265 So) PS#178.

DE 99 SEAN FERGUSON SO. 6-3 245 PS#260. 5 st, 12 tkl, 1 tfl true. Fletcher Cox is **PS#27.** **36** Nick Bell (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#210. Shane McCardell (6'5" 240 rFr). Renaldo Buck (5'11" 240 rFr).

SLB 34 KJ WRIGHT JR. 6-4 245 PS#94. 7 tkl true. 12 st, 72 tkl, 9 tfl LY. **33** Jamie Jones (6'0" 235 So) PS#76. 1 st, 10 tkl rFr, Michael Hunt (6'3" 240 rFr) PS#119. Mark Lynn (6'0" 225 Jr).

MLB 22 JAMAR CHANEY SR. 6-1 245 **PS#59.** 11 st, 66 tkl, 7.5 tfl '06. 12 st '07, 89 tkl, 4 tfl. Bo Walters (6'0" 240 So) PS#113. 15 tkl true. Deontae Skinner PS#67. Brandon Wilson (6'0" 240 rFr).

WLB 50 Chris White Jr. 6-3 245 **PS#21JC.** Karlin Brown (5'8" 200 Jr) PS#274. 34 tkl, 2 int LY. Terrell Johnson (6'2" 205 So) PS#213. 2 st, 20 tkl. Joseph Gonzalez (6'1" 210 Jr) PS#478JC.

CB 1 Maurice Langston Jr. 5-10 180 **PS#37JC. 26** Damein Anderson (5'11" 195 So) PS#169. 6 tkl. **20** Louis Watson (5'10" 180 rFr) PS#211. **35** Chris Cameron (5'10" 180 rFr).

CB 18 MARCUS WASHINGTON SR. 5-10 190 PS#293. 7 st, 44 tkl, 4 pbu '07. 12 st, 44 tkl, 4 pbu LY. Dennis Thames **PS#43.** Darius Slay PS#215. **25** Corey Broomfield (5'10" 165 rFr) PS#256.

SS 4 Charles Mitchell So. 5-11 205 **PS#19.** 31 tkl true. Johnthan Banks PS#106. **48** Emmanuel Gatling (6'0" 210 Jr) 4 tkl. Nickoe Whitley is PS#127. **43** Robert Gurley (5'8" 190 So).

FS 42 Zach Smith Jr. 5-11 200 PS#125QB. 21 tkl, 2 pbu true. 2 st, 43 tkl LY. **7** Wade Bonner (5'9" 200 So) PS#123. 122 all-purp yd LY. **40** Andrew Shannon (6'0" 205 rFr).

P 38 Heath Hutchins Jr. 6-1 215 **PS#23JC.** In spg. 46.1 avg/69 punts JC LY. 41.8 avg as Fr. **39** Baker Swedenberg (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#12. **41** Eric Richards (6'4" 220 So) PS#41.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Tyler Russell 6-4 200 PS#7
DL	Pernell McPhee 6-3 275 PS#6JC
LB	Chris White 6-3 245 PS#21JC
K	Heath Hutchins 6-1 215 PS#23JC
K	Sean Brauchle 5-10 180 PS#27JC
DL	Fletcher Cox 6-4 240 PS#27
WR	Chad Bumphis 5-10 193 PS#21
DB	Maurice Langston 5-10 180 PS#37JC
DL	Josh Boyd 6-3 275 PS#38
RB	Montrell Conner 6-2 215 PS#31
DB	Dennis Thames 5-11 185 PS#43
WR	Leon Berry 6-0 190 PS#66JC
WR	Ricco Sanders 5-11 175 PS#44
WR	Chris Smith 6-1 195 PS#53
LB	Deontae Skinner 6-1 234 PS#67
WR	Cameron Lawrence 6-2 210 PS#55QB
DB	Johnthan Banks 6-2 170 PS#106
OL	Sam Watts 6-4 290 PS#100
RB	LaDarious Perkins 5-10 195 PS#99
DB	Nickoe Whitley 5-11 195 PS#127
RB	William Shumpert 6-0 238 PS#109
WR	Brandon Heavens 5-10 170 PS#107
WR	Mardrecas Hood 6-3 180 PS#124
OL	Gabriel Jackson 6-4 295 PS#160
DB	Darius Slay 6-0 175 PS#215
K	Baker Swedenberg 6-0 175 PS#12 '08
DL	Johnathan McKenzie 6-4 235 PS#280
WR	Billy Hamilton 5-10 170 PS#280

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

Starkville, Mississippi
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#4

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Jackson St	G					
Sep. 12	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 19	at Vanderbilt	G					
Sep. 26	LSU	G					
Oct. 3	Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 10	Houston (HC)	G					
Oct. 17	at Middle Tennessee	A					
Oct. 24	Florida	G					
Oct. 31	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 7							
Nov. 14	Alabama	G					
Nov. 21	at Arkansas *(Little Rock)*	A					
Nov. 28	Mississippi	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Wayne Madkin 6,336 '98-'01	1. Jerious Norwood 3,212 '02-'05	1. Mardye McDole 2,214 '77-'80
2. Kevin Fant 5,631 '00-'03	2. Walter Packer 2,820 '73-'76	2. David Smith 2,168 '68-'70
3. Derrick Taite 5,232 '93-'96	3. Michael Davis 2,721 '91-'94	3. Eric Moulds 2,022 '93-'95

MSU is 22-7 in season openers but they have won 4 straight vs FCS tms by 26 ppg. First meeting. Jackson St finished 7-5 as members of the SWAC conference LY.

LY's 3-2 loss was the lowest scoring gm in Davis Wade Stadium history. MSU has lost 7 of the L/8 in the series, but pulled a 19-14 upset in their last trip to Auburn in '07.

The Bulldogs have won 11 of the L/14 including 5 of the L/6. Last year MSU upset #13 (5-0) Vanderbilt 17-14 handing the Commodores their first loss of the season.

The Bulldogs have lost 8 straight conf home openers (only scored ttl 2 pts last 3). MSU is 1-16 vs LSU S/'92. The avg score of the L/8 is LSU 41-8 w/3 shutouts.

The Bulldogs are 0-3 all-time vs GT & LY's 38-7 loss by MSU was their worst loss to a non-conf opp since 1969. MSU hasn't defeated a non-conf BCS team since 2000.

MSU is 6-8 all-time vs Houston & has lost 6 of the last 7. The last meeting was a 28-16 win by Houston in '05. MSU is 84-61-3 vs current CUSA members.

Miss St is 3-0 in this series with an avg win of 44-21. MSU held on for a 31-22 win LY & limited MT to 80 yds rush (2.8). MSU RB Dixon had 126 rush & 3 TD.

The teams are split 3-3 in the L/6 meetings S/'92, but UF has won 12 of the L/16. UF won the last meeting 35-9 in '05. Miss St is 2-10 vs SEC East tms since 2005.

MSU has lost 5 of the L7 & LY had an xp blkd & missed a 27 yd FG in a 14-13 loss. UK held MSU to 43 yds rush (1.6) & MSU QB Lee had a career high 261 pass yds.

Bonus: Miss St is 47-20-3 in Homecoming games.

MSU has lost 6 of the last 8 in this series but has won 2 of the last 3. MSU is 1-6 vs Saban coached teams (0-5 vs LSU & 1-1 vs Bama), only win in '07.

Bulldogs ended a 9 gm losing streak w/their 31-28 win LY as Arkansas missed a gm tying 46 yd FG. MSU RB Dixon rushed for a career high 179 yds & scored 3 TD's.

MSU is just 1-10 vs Nutt led schools with their only win in '98 by 1 pt (10 straight losses). Ole Miss leads the all-time series 60-39-6. The home team has won 5 straight.

DAN MULLEN (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Mississippi St — Mullen's Bowl Record: 0-0

Mullen's records AT MISSISSIPPI ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

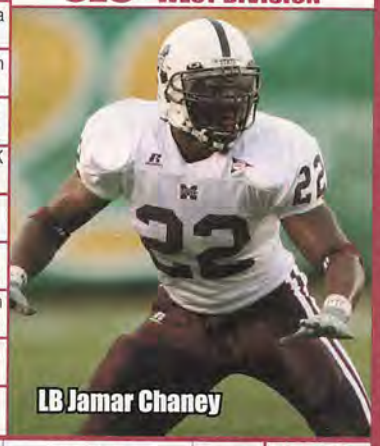
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (21,18,1)
Lost: 28 (12,13,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,453 (#54)

SEC - WEST DIVISION


LB Jamar Chaney

STADIUM: DAVIS WADE STADIUM (55,082) (#47)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	3-8	3-9	2-10	3-8	3-8	3-9	8-5	4-8	37-69
Home	4-1	3-4	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-4	1-6	4-2	4-2	25-31
Away	3-3	0-4	1-5	0-6	0-4	1-4	2-3	3-3	0-6	10-38
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	0-8	1-7	2-6	1-7	1-7	4-4	2-6	17-55
vs Non-Conf	4-0	1-2	3-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	4-1	2-2	20-14
ATS	7-5	6-5	3-8	2-10	5-5	4-6	5-5-1	6-6	4-7	42-57-1
Home Fav (Jacksonville St)	2-2	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	7-12
Home Dog (Southern Miss)	1-0	2-1	1-3	0-4	2-2	2-2	1-4	1-2	3-0	13-18
Away Favorite (Jacksonville St)	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	5-7
Away Dog (Jacksonville St)	0-0	3-1	2-4	0-4	1-3	1-2	4-0-1	3-2	1-4	15-20-1
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-7	4-4	3-5	4-3-1	3-5	4-4	29-42-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	0-3	13-15
Off SU Win	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	3-0	3-3	1-3	18-15
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-4	2-5	1-8	2-4	3-5	2-4-1	3-2	3-3	21-37-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Dixon	930	197	61	869	7	4.4
Christian Ducré	56	234	12	222	2	4.0
Robert Elliott	18	65	4	61	1	3.4
Arnil Stallworth	12	57	7	50	1	4.2
Tyson Lee	62	228	191	37	1	0.6
Chris Relf	7	20	33	-13	0	-1.9
Wesley Carroll	18	54	72	-18	0	-1.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tyson Lee	260	153	58.8	1519	7	5
Wesley Carroll	115	55	47.8	560	3	7
Chris Relf	9	2	22.2	13	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brandon McRae	51	518	10.2	3	29	
Jamayel Smith	23	302	13.1	1	41	
Arnil Stallworth	23	273	11.9	1	32	
Aubrey Bell	31	271	8.7	0	22	
Delmon Robinson	12	125	10.4	0	25	
Anthony Dixon	20	117	5.8	2	16	
Christian Ducré	13	112	8.6	1	24	
Co-Eric Riley	11	109	9.9	0	26	
Brandon Henderson	6	70	11.7	1	25	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Blake McAdams	79	3049	38.6	17	31.8(t)	1	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Adam Carlson	22-23	0-2	4-7	3-4	0-0	7-13	43

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Dominic Douglas	116	0	5.5	1	1
KJ Wright	72	4	5	3	0
Jasper O'Quinn	54	1	3	6	0
Derek Pegues	50	0	0.5	6	2
Keith Fitzhugh	50	1	1.5	2	2
De'Mon Glanton	48	0	2	6	1
Marcus Washington	44	1	1.5	4	0
Zach Smith	43	0	0.5	1	0
Cortez McCraney	37	3	2	1	0
Karlin Brown	34	0	1	1	2
Tim Bailey	32	1.5	4.5	5	0
Charles Mitchell	31	0	0	1	0
Jessie Bowman	27	0	4.5	5	0
Jimmie Holmes	25	1	1	0	0
Terrell Johnson	20	1.5	0	0	0
Bo Walters	15	1	0	0	0
Charles Burns	13	1.5	1	2	0
Kyle Love	13	2	1.5	0	0
Tay Bowser	12	0	0	1	0
Sean Ferguson	12	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Pegues	26	172	6.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Derek Pegues	31	708	22.8	0
Delmon Robinson	8	134	16.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Peach - #16	-6	NC State - #23	24-28
98	Cotton - #25	+6'	Texas - #20	11-38
99	Peach - #15	+3	Clemson	17-7
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M (OT)	43-41
07	Liberty	+3	UCF	10-3

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Miss St's All-Time Bowl Record 7-6

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	15.3	276	102	3.1	174	54.5	18.1	36	-4	2008	6	24.7	328	151	4.1	177	52.2	13.3	19
9*	21.5	297	137	3.5	160	50.5	13.8	21	0	2007	5	23.2	332	157	4.1	175	53.5	14.3	19
8*	18.4	287	95	2.9	192	47.5	15.6	29	-5	2006	7	25.8	321	115	3.4	206	57.9	12.5	22
8*	13.9	276	138	3.9	139	48.3	19.9	36	+2	2005	8	23.5	335	140	3.7	195	61.4	14.2	30
6	15.7	303	159	4.3	145	50.5	19.3	22	-1	2004	6	25.5	365	190	4.4	174	58.5	14.3	14
5*	18.8	321	119	3.8	202	52.4	17.1	36	-21	2003	7	39.3	474	190	4.3	283	62.2	12.1	13
5	18.9	337	119	3.4	218	51.1	17.8	32	-15	2002	7	28.3	324	170	3.9	154	49.6	11.5	10

2008 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
25,224	at Louisiana Tech	21	31-91	2.9	22-40	257	3	16	32-94	2.9	14-41	175	0	-2
41,938	SE Louisiana	20	46-216	4.7	18-27	185	0	8	27-33	1.2	7-20	115	5	-1
52,911	Auburn	6	30-38	1.3	10-25	78	3	14	45-161	3.6	14-26	154	1	+2
48,402	at Georgia Tech	24	30-108	3.6	31-50	299	3	23	54-438	8.1	4-9	62	1	-4
92,710	at LSU	13	31-110	3.5	17-26	175	1	22	37-166	4.5	18-27	261	1	+2
43,619	Vanderbilt	16	50-166	3.3	12-22	81	4	7	26-45	1.7	8-20	62	3	+2
98,239	at Tennessee	13	30-69	2.3	13-30	120	5	16	39-139	3.6	10-21	136	1	-3
40,024	Middle Tenn	17	39-169	4.3	17-25	197	0	18	29-80	2.8	25-43	268	0	0
40,168	Kentucky	18	27-43	1.6	26-42	261	4	17	36-128	3.6	16-30	146	2	+1
92,138	at Alabama	9	22-35	1.6	11-28	132	2	17	48-198	4.1	12-19	166	2	-1
42,056	Arkansas	22	35-226	6.5	23-40	219	1	20	26-109	4.2	25-44	333	2	0
55,231	at Mississippi	8	26-(-51)	-2.0	10-30	88	10	22	44-220	5.0	16-24	241	1	0
TOTALS		187	397-1220	3.1	210-385	2092	36	200	443-1811	4.1	169-324	2119	19	-4
AVERAGES		15.6	33-102	3.1	18-32	174	9.4%	16.7	37-151	4.1	14-27	177	5.9%	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Tulane	-6'	28-7
-	Auburn - #18	+13'	14-43
-	Maine	NL	7-9
-	at LSU - #13	+31	0-51
-	at Vanderbilt	+13	13-31
-	UAB	+12	13-27
-	Florida - #20	+24'	38-31
-	Kentucky	-3'	22-7
-	at Alabama	+17'	14-30
-	Arkansas	+10	21-24
-	at Mississippi	+5'	3-20

2005 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Murray St	NL	38-6
-	at Auburn	+15	0-28
-	at Tulane	-2'	21-14
-	Georgia - #7	+15	10-23
-	LSU - #4	+14	7-37
-	at Florida - #13	+27'	9-35
-	Houston	-2	16-28
-	at Kentucky	-1	7-13
-	Alabama - #4	+15'	0-17
-	at Arkansas	+13'	10-44
-	Mississippi	+1'	35-14

2006 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	South Carolina	+7	0-15
-	Auburn - #4	+21	0-34
-	Tulane	-11	29-32
-	at UAB	+10	16-10 OT
-	at LSU - #9	+33'	17-48
-	West Virginia - #4	+21	14-42
-	Jacksonville St	NL	35-3
-	at Georgia	+17	24-27
-	Kentucky	+1	31-34
-	at Alabama	+14	24-16
-	Arkansas - #5	+14'	14-28
-	at Mississippi	+3	17-20

2007 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	LSU - #2	+18'	0-45
-	at Tulane	-5'	38-17
-	at Auburn	+13	19-14
-	Gardner-Webb	NL	31-15
-	at South Carolina - #16	+13'	21-38
-	UAB	-18'	30-13
-	Tennessee - #25	+7	21-33
-	at West Virginia - #9	+25'	13-38
-	at Kentucky - #14	+14	31-14
-	Alabama - #21	+4'	17-12
-	at Arkansas	+12'	31-45
-	Mississippi	-6	17-14

2008 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Louisiana Tech	-8	14-22
-	SE Louisiana	-30'	34-10
-	Auburn - #9	+9'	2-3
-	at Georgia Tech	+7'	7-38
-	at LSU - #5	+24'	24-34
-	Vanderbilt - #13	+2'	17-14
-	at Tennessee	+7'	3-34
-	Middle Tennessee	-10	31-22
-	Kentucky	-2'	13-14
-	at Alabama - #1	+22	7-32
-	Arkansas	+1	31-28
-	at Mississippi - #25	+18	0-45

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 BIG TEN TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Juice Williams, Illinois	Terrelle Pryor, Ohio St	Daryll Clark, Penn St	Adam Weber, Minnesota
RB	John Clay, Wisconsin	Brandon Minor, Michigan	Jewel Hampton, Iowa	Edwin Baker, Michigan St
RB	Evan Royster, Penn St	Jaycen Taylor, Purdue	Brandon Saine, Ohio St	Stephfon Green, Penn St
WR	Eric Decker, Minnesota	Jarred Fayson, Illinois	Mark Dell, Michigan St	Blair White, Michigan St
WR	Keith Smith, Purdue	Hayo Carpenter, Minnesota	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, Iowa	Andrew Brewer, Northwestern
WR	Arrelious Benn, Illinois	David Gilreath, Wisconsin	DeVier Posey, Ohio St	Martavious Odoms, Michigan
TE	Garrett Graham, Wisconsin	Charlie Gantt, Michigan St	Mike Hoomanawanui, Illinois	Tony Moeaki, Iowa
C	Stefen Wisniewski, Penn St	John Moffitt, Wisconsin	Mike Brewster, Ohio St	Joel Nitchman, Michigan St
OG	Justin Boren, Ohio St	Stephen Schilling, Michigan	Cody Faulkner, Indiana	Bill Nagy, Wisconsin
OG	Joel Foreman, Michigan St	Jon Asamoah, Illinois	Lou Eliades, Penn St	Matt Carufel, Minnesota
OT	Dennis Landolt, Penn St	Kyle Calloway, Iowa	Jeff Allen, Illinois	Rodger Saffold, Indiana
OT	Bryan Bulaga, Iowa	Gabe Carimi, Wisconsin	Jeff Willis, Minnesota	Zach Jones, Purdue
DE	Corey Wootton, Northwestern	Jammie Kirlew, Indiana	Ryan Kerrigan, Purdue	Greg Middleton, Indiana
DT	Jared Odrick, Penn St	Mike Martin, Michigan	Corey Liuget, Illinois	Abe Koroma, Penn St
DT	Josh Brent, Illinois	Mike Neal, Purdue	Garrett Brown, Minnesota	Karl Klug, Iowa
DE	Brandon Graham, Michigan	Thaddeus Gibson, Ohio St	Trevor Anderson, Michigan St	Vince Browne, Northwestern
LB	Greg Jones, Michigan St	AJ Edds, Iowa	Quentin Davie, Northwestern	Jaevery McFadden, Wisconsin
LB	Navorro Bowman, Penn St	Ross Homan, Ohio St	Matt Mayberry, Indiana	Chris Carlino, Purdue
LB	Sean Lee, Penn St	Martez Wilson, Illinois	Obi Ezeh, Michigan	Jonas Mouton, Michigan
LB	Pat Angerer, Iowa	Eric Gordon, Michigan St	Lee Campbell, Minnesota	Jeremiha Hunter, Iowa
CB	Amari Spievey, Iowa	Sherrick McManis, Northwestern	Marcus Sherels, Minnesota	AJ Wallace, Penn St
CB	Chimdi Chekwa, Ohio St	Traye Simmons, Minnesota	David Pender, Purdue	Chris L Rucker, Michigan St
SS	Kurt Coleman, Ohio St	Tyler Sash, Iowa	Brad Phillips, Northwestern	Jay Valai, Wisconsin
FS	Brendan Smith, Northwestern	Anderson Russell, Ohio St	Brett Greenwood, Iowa	Torri Williams, Purdue
K	Brett Swenson, Michigan St	Philip Welch, Wisconsin	Aaron Pettrey, Ohio St	Matt Eller, Illinois
P	Zoltan Mesko, Michigan	Jeremy Boone, Penn St	Ryan Donahue, Iowa	Chris Hagerup, Indiana
KR	David Gilreath, Wisconsin	Aaron Valentin, Purdue	Troy Stoudermire, Minnesota	Lamaar Thomas, Ohio St
PR	Ray Small, Ohio St	Jarred Fayson, Illinois	David Gilreath, Wisconsin	Marcus Sherels, Minnesota

Ohio St QB Terrelle Pryor

Illinois QB Juice Williams

Northwestern DE Corey Wootton

Purdue WR Keith Smith

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 BIG TEN FORECAST

1. PENN ST - While Penn St was co-champ in the Big Ten last year they were #1 at +124.2 ypg which was 70.1 ypg better than OSU. Penn St has just 9 ret starters but they do have QB Clark and RB Royster back on offense and defensively return the best LB corps in the country with Sean Lee returning to head an excellent group. They have to play Illinois, Mich and Mich St on the road but get the key game vs Ohio St at home and 5 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for them to go unbeaten overall.

2. OHIO ST - Last year OSU had 19 returning starters, the most ever from a team that played in the BCS National Title game the year before, but they failed to live up to expectations. They still earned a share of their 4th straight Big Ten Title. This year the losses to the NFL draft were massive but they do return QB Pryor and a very talented squad that 4 of my 9 sets of power ratings call the best in the Big Ten (1 of the 4 has Ohio St 1 pt better than Penn St but losing in Happy Valley). They do have to play Penn St on the road but are once again a National Title contender.

2. ILLINOIS - This year looks a lot like 2007 for the Illini. In 2006 Illinois was just 1-7 but was actually +24.1 ypg in Big Ten play. The Illini did not disappoint in '07 as they nearly won the Big Ten Title and made their first Rose Bowl appearance since 1983. The Illini slipped to 3-5 in the Big Ten LY but were actually +86.5 ypg (2nd best). Illinois has the most explosive offense in the Big Ten and one of my 9 sets of power ratings calls for an unbeaten season so they not only make my MIT list, but also my list of Surprise Teams.

4. IOWA - Iowa reminds me a little of Alabama in '08. In '07 the Tide had 6 close losses and could have easily been unbeaten. Despite facing four tough road games last year, they finished the reg season #1. Iowa's losses last year were by 1, 5, 3 and 3 and my main concern this year is who will replace RB Greene (1,850 yds, 6.0). One of my 9 sets of power ratings calls Iowa the Big Ten's most talented team. They draw a killer conf slate having to play Penn St, Wisc, Mich St and Ohio St all on the road but could surprise.

4. MICHIGAN ST - While the Spartans were 6-2 last year, they showed they had a way to go to compete with the big boys as Penn St and Ohio St blew them out by a combined 94-25. The Spartans were also -35.9 ypg and were outscored in league play despite a 6-2 mark! This year Dantonio has 15 ret starters (just 12 and 13 first 2Y) and has his best team yet. The Spartans also avoid Ohio St in conference play.

6. MICHIGAN - In Rodriguez's first year at WV, they went from a team that won its bowl to 3-8 and he had a similar result here. Mich fans are hoping for similar results as WV then had 6 straight winning years (3 Top 10 finishes). UM was -10 in TO's, had 3 net close losses and a poor def ypp (pg 299). They also have 15 ret starters and now have a mobile QB that fits the system and I rate them #4 in the Big Ten on offense and #5 on D. They are the only one of the top 7 that must face each of the other 6 (toughest sked) but make my Most Improved List and will return to the postseason.

6. WISCONSIN - The Badgers were much better than their 3-5 Big Ten mark of '08 as they were +76.9 ypg (3rd best). They were -8 in TO's and also had 48 starts lost to injury (3rd most FBS) so they are more exp than their 11 returning starters indicate. While not as exp and perhaps not as talented as the '08 version, they should have a better record.

8. MINNESOTA - This is Brewster's best team by far. He has had 3 great recruiting classes and is now in his 3rd year. The Gophers are also the most exp team in the Big Ten with 17 ret starters and 54 ret lettermen. While UM made my list of Most Improved Teams last year and didn't disappoint going from 1-11 to 7-6, they were -108.8 ypg in the Big Ten and benefitted from +12 in TO's. While Gopher fans will be excited for a brand-new home stadium, I will call for a lower half finish.

9. NORTHWESTERN - NU has improved their record in each of the last 2 years under Fitzgerald. They do have 23 lettermen lost (tied for 2nd most Big Ten) and major question marks on offense as they lose their QB, top RB and top 3 WR's. They do avoid both Ohio St and Michigan in Big Ten play and despite my projection for a lower half finish in the Big Ten this year, the Cats should be bowl eligible for a 6th time in the last 7 years.

9. PURDUE - Last year Purdue stood toe-to-toe with Penn St, Ohio St and Iowa. Despite their 2-6 Big Ten record, Purdue was +42.1 ypg (6th best). They have 7 starters back from a D that allowed just 317.5 ypg in league play (4th best) and QB Elliott was impressive in the spring so they figure to have improved passing stats. New HC Hope was on staff last year so they won't completely go through the 1st year HC growing pains. One of my 9 sets of power ratings calls for Purdue to go 6-2 but I'll call for a lower half finish despite the Boilers avoiding Iowa and Penn St. Their 12 returning starters are tied for 3rd fewest in the league.

11. INDIANA - Indiana was a bowl squad in '07 and my publication was one of the few that pegged them 11th in the Big Ten in '08. Defense is always a question mark with the Hoosiers and they do appear to have the #11 D again. Indy does have my #6 rated O-line and #4 rated D-line in the Big Ten and I like teams that are strong along the line of scrimmage. Not in their favor is the schedule as most of their winnable games are on the road. Indy was -177.3 ypg in Big Ten play last year (league worst) and the late loss of Kellen Lewis takes away their top offensive player.

Big Ten Notes: Joe Tiller brought the spread offense to the Big Ten and now steps down after 12 years. Last year Ohio St was trying to become the first team to win 3 straight outright titles but came up short. The conference has clearly slipped the last 3 years as they have had just 28 draft picks in both '08 (5th best) and '09 (tie 4th best). During the regular season the Big Ten is a combined 22-17 vs BCS conf teams which is the best mark of any league. However, the bowl results have been terrible as they are a combined 9-20 in bowls from 2005-'08 including 1-6 last year. Michigan had their streak of 33 straight bowls and 40 straight winning seasons snapped with a 3-9 year. Joe Paterno is back ahead in the race to become the all-time winningest coach and looks to add to his lead this year over Bobby Bowden. Minnesota bids farewell to the Metrodome as its home field and now will play outdoors in the brand new TCF Bank Stadium. There is only ONE new HC this year (rare for any league) and it is Danny Hope who was the coach in waiting at Purdue last year.

2008 BIG TEN vs BIG TEN OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
10	Penn St	33.9	1	409.0	2	180.3	4	4.6	4	228.8	4	59.2	4	12.1	10	8	2	9	1
23	Illinois	27.3	4	427.1	1	155.6	5	4.2	5	271.5	1	57.9	6	15.7	4	16	5	17	4
28	Ohio St	29.8	2	349.1	7	205.6	1	4.8	2	143.5	10	60.3	2	11.7	11	7	1	16	3
32	Iowa	29.8	2	364.6	4	188.8	3	4.9	1	175.9	9	57.2	7	12.3	9	15	3	18	6
35	Wisconsin	25.8	5	394.8	3	205.5	2	4.6	3	189.3	7	51.7	10	15.3	5	21	11	23	11
53	Purdue	21.9	9	359.6	5	124.4	8	3.6	8	235.3	2	59.5	3	16.4	3	16	5	18	6
54	Michigan St	25.1	6	339.5	8	110.0	10	3.0	10	229.5	3	56.5	8	13.5	7	16	5	17	4
64	Northwestern	23.9	7	357.4	6	141.3	7	3.6	7	216.1	5	62.1	1	15.0	6	20	10	15	2
79	Michigan	22.1	8	290.9	10	153.5	6	3.9	6	137.4	11	44.9	11	13.1	8	18	9	18	6
81	Minnesota	17.0	10	281.5	11	77.8	11	2.6	11	203.8	6	58.9	5	16.6	2	16	5	22	10
82	Indiana	14.5	11	294.0	9	115.5	9	3.6	9	178.5	8	52.0	9	20.3	1	15	3	19	9

2008 BIG TEN vs BIG TEN DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
4	Ohio St	12.3	1	295.0	2	123.0	3	3.6	3	172.0	3	54.5	3	24.1	11	19	1	18	4
7	Penn St	13.6	2	284.8	1	117.8	2	3.4	2	167.0	2	55.1	4	20.9	10	14	2	18	4
9	Iowa	16.3	3	306.5	3	97.9	1	3.1	1	208.6	7	57.8	8	18.9	9	17	3	7	11
36	Michigan St	26.0	7	375.4	8	167.9	9	4.4	10	207.5	6	54.1	2	14.4	6	15	6	18	4
37	Northwestern	23.4	4	365.5	7	142.9	5	3.9	6	222.6	8	58.1	9	15.6	8	16	4	18	4
46	Wisconsin	28.4	9	317.9	5	132.5	4	3.9	5	185.4	5	49.8	1	11.2	1	16	11	15	10
53	Purdue	24.5	5	317.5	4	165.0	7	4.3	8	152.5	1	57.6	7	13.0	4	14	8	16	8
55	Michigan	33.5	10	402.9	10	172.1	10	4.2	7	230.8	10	56.3	6	12.0	3	13	9	19	3
58	Illinois	25.8	6	340.6	6	160.3	6	3.9	4	180.4	4	55.6	5	13.2	5	12	7	22	2
74	Minnesota	26.3	8	390.3	9	165.4	8	4.3	9	224.9	9	59.7	10	14.9	7	17	5	25	1
103	Indiana	41.0	11	471.3	11	213.5	11	4.6	11	257.8	11	62.2	11	11.5	2	15	10	16	8

2008 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
Penn State	7	1	271	109	11	2	506	187	+124.2	+38.1	+7.1
Ohio State	7	1	238	98	10	3	359	181	+54.1	+151.8	+149.3
Michigan St	6	2	201	208	9	4	326	287	-35.9	+37.0	-90.8
Iowa	5	3	238	130	9	4	394	169	+58.1	-89.0	-13.7
Northwestern	5	3	191	187	9	4	317	262	-8.1	-23.1	-105.9
Minnesota	3	5	136	210	7	6	302	322	-108.8	-108.5	-92.3
Wisconsin	3	5	206	227	7	6	357	345	+76.9	+18.0	+135.5
Illinois	3	5	218	206	5	7	344	319	+86.5	+25.9	+24.1
Purdue	2	6	175	196	4	8	296	301	+42.1	-8.3	-18.5
Michigan	2	6	177	268	3	9	243	347	-112.0	+28.6	+94.1
Indiana	1	7	116	328	3	9	246	423	-177.3	-70.5	-88.8

Coach of the Year: Joe Paterno, Penn St

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf W/L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W/L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Ohio State	7-1	245	103	11-2	408	166
Illinois	6-2	221	157	9-4	362	283
Michigan	6-2	203	148	9-4	354	278
Wisconsin	5-3	215	212	9-4	383	301
Penn State	4-4	204	177	9-4	394	228
Iowa	4-4	139	179	6-6	222	225
Purdue	3-5	213	226	8-5	446	345
Indiana	3-5	208	243	7-6	412	370
Michigan St	3-5	278	260	7-6	430	346
Northwestern	3-5	207	307	6-6	310	372
Minnesota	0-8	183	304	1-11	315	440

Coach of the Year: Ron Zook, Illinois

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf W/L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W/L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Ohio State	8-0	305	92	12-1	450	166
Wisconsin	7-1	245	116	12-1	380	157
Michigan	7-1	213	104	11-2	380	207
Penn State	5-3	135	117	9-4	290	187
Purdue	5-3	165	179	8-6	364	374
Minnesota	3-5	202	243	6-7	376	338
Indiana	3-5	179	302	5-7	277	394
Iowa	2-6	174	192	6-7	310	269
Northwestern	2-6	125	240	4-8	198	314
Michigan St	1-7	148	241	4-8	302	341
Illinois	1-7	155	220	2-10	235	321

Coach of the Year: Bret Bielema, Wisconsin

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Brit Miller, Illinois	12	72	60	132	11.0
James Laurinaitis, Ohio St	13	52	78	130	10.0
Greg Jones, Michigan St	**13**	**80**	**47**	**127**	**9.8**
Anthony Heygood, Purdue	12	65	49	114	9.5
Brad Phillips, Northwestern	**13**	**56**	**53**	**109**	**8.4**
Pat Angerer, Iowa	**13**	**46**	**61**	**107**	**8.2**
Obi Ezeh, Michigan	**12**	**59**	**39**	**98**	**8.2**
Navorro Bowman, Penn St	**13**	**61**	**45**	**106**	**8.2**
Prince Kwateng, Northwestern	13	54	52	106	8.2
Matt Mayberry, Indiana	**12**	**53**	**36**	**89**	**7.4**
Torri Williams, Purdue	**12**	**54**	**29**	**83**	**6.9**
Martez Wilson, Illinois	**11**	**38**	**35**	**73**	**6.6**
Eric Gordon, Michigan St	**13**	**41**	**44**	**85**	**6.5**
Jaevery McFadden, Wisconsin	**13**	**34**	**50**	**84**	**6.5**
Otis Wiley, Michigan St	12	44	34	78	6.5
Vontae Davis, Illinois	12	53	25	78	6.5
Kurt Coleman, Ohio St	**12**	**43**	**35**	**78**	**6.5**
Marcus Freeman, Ohio St	13	39	45	84	6.5

FIELD GOALS PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Aaron Pettrey, Ohio St	**13**	**8**	**7**	**87.5**	**54**
Trent Mossbrucker, Iowa	**12**	**15**	**13**	**86.7**	**39**
Kevin Kelly, Penn St	13	24	20	83.3	52
Philip Welch, Wisconsin	**13**	**24**	**20**	**83.3**	**52**
Amado Villarreal, Northwestern	13	25	20	80.0	46
Ryan Pretorius, Ohio St	12	19	15	78.9	50
Brett Swenson, Michigan St	**13**	**28**	**22**	**78.6**	**50**
Matt Eller, Illinois	**12**	**20**	**15**	**75.0**	**51**
Joel Monroe, Minnesota	13	16	12	75.0	42
Carson Wiggs, Purdue	**12**	**11**	**8**	**72.7**	**53**
KC Lopata, Michigan	12	15	10	66.7	50
Daniel Murray, Iowa	**13**	**9**	**6**	**66.7**	**45**
Austin Starr, Indiana	12	17	10	58.8	46
Chris Summers, Purdue	**11**	**10**	**5**	**50.0**	**45**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Zoltan Mesko, Michigan	**12**	**80**	**3436**	**43.0**
Jeremy Boone, Penn St	**13**	**39**	**1678**	**43.0**
Chris Hagerup, Indiana	**12**	**61**	**2586**	**42.4**
Aaron Bates, Michigan St	**13**	**71**	**2979**	**42.0**
Justin Kucek, Minnesota	13	74	3103	41.9
Brad Nortman, Wisconsin	**13**	**66**	**2761**	**41.8**
Ryan Donahue, Iowa	**13**	**50**	**2078**	**41.6**
AJ Trapasso, Ohio St	13	58	2390	41.2
Anthony Santella, Illinois	**12**	**53**	**2088**	**39.4**
Stefan Demos, Northwestern	**13**	**64**	**2499**	**39.0**
Chris Summers, Purdue	**11**	**50**	**1919**	**38.4**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ray Small, Ohio St	**24**	**364**	**1**	**15.2**
Martavious Odoms, Michigan	**10**	**126**	**1**	**12.6**
Marcus Sherels, Minnesota	**15**	**179**	**0**	**11.9**
Andy Brodell, Iowa	36	383	1	10.6
Otis Wiley, Michigan St	24	249	0	10.4
Ray Fisher, Indiana	**11**	**106**	**0**	**9.6**
Derrick Williams, Penn St	18	169	1	9.4
David Gilreath, Wisconsin	**18**	**158**	**0**	**8.8**
Brendan Smith, Northwestern	**15**	**118**	**0**	**7.9**
Arrelious Benn, Illinois	**15**	**114**	**0**	**7.6**

2008 BIG TEN CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Terrelle Pryor, Ohio St	**165**	**100**	**60.6**	**4**	**1311**	**7.9**	**12**	**146.5**
Daryll Clark, Penn St	**321**	**192**	**59.8**	**6**	**2592**	**8.1**	**19**	**143.4**
Juice Williams, Illinois	**381**	**219**	**57.5**	**16**	**3173**	**8.3**	**22**	**138.1**
Ricky Stanzi, Iowa	**254**	**150**	**59.1**	**9**	**1956**	**7.7**	**14**	**134.8**
Adam Weber, Minnesota	**410**	**255**	**62.2**	**8**	**2761**	**6.7**	**15**	**126.9**
Dustin Sherer, Wisconsin	**191**	**104**	**54.5**	**5**	**1389**	**7.3**	**6**	**120.7**
Allan Evridge, Wisconsin	132	71	53.8	5	949	7.2	5	119.1
Curtis Painter, Purdue	379	227	59.9	11	2400	6.3	13	118.6
CJ Bacher, Northwestern	408	245	60.0	15	2432	6.0	17	116.5
Ben Chappell, Indiana	**153**	**80**	**52.3**	**3**	**1001**	**6.5**	**4**	**112.0**
Brian Hoyer, Michigan St	353	180	51.0	9	2404	6.8	9	111.5
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	193	110	57.0	8	1131	5.9	6	108.2
Steven Threet, Michigan	200	102	51.0	7	1105	5.5	9	105.3
Justin Siller, Purdue	106	59	55.7	2	496	4.7	3	100.5

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	REC/PG	REC AVG	YDS/PG
Eric Decker, Minnesota	**12**	**84**	**1074**	**7**	**7.0**	**12.8**	**89.5**
Arrelious Benn, Illinois	**12**	**67**	**1055**	**3**	**5.6**	**15.7**	**87.9**
Desmond Tardy, Purdue	12	67	876	5	5.6	13.1	73.0
Deon Butler, Penn St	13	47	810	7	3.6	17.2	62.3
Mark Dell, Michigan St	**11**	**36**	**679**	**3**	**3.3**	**18.9**	**61.7**
Greg Orton, Purdue	12	69	720	5	5.8	10.4	60.0
Jordan Norwood, Penn St	11	41	637	6	3.7	15.5	57.9
Eric Peterman, Northwestern	13	59	737	6	4.5	12.5	56.7
Blair White, Michigan St	**13**	**43**	**659**	**1**	**3.3**	**15.3**	**50.7**
Ross Lane, Northwestern	13	60	640	3	4.6	10.7	49.2
Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, Iowa	**13**	**44**	**639**	**3**	**3.4**	**14.5**	**49.2**
Garrett Graham, Wisconsin	**11**	**40**	**540**	**5**	**3.6**	**13.5**	**49.1**
Brian Robiskie, Ohio St	13	42	535	8	3.2	12.7	41.2
Andy Brodell, Iowa	13	36	533	4	2.8	14.8	41.0
Andrew Means, Indiana	11	34	450	1	3.1	13.2	40.9
BJ Cunningham, Michigan St	**13**	**41**	**528**	**0**	**3.2**	**12.9**	**40.6**
Keith Smith, Purdue	**12**	**49**	**486**	**2**	**4.1**	**9.9**	**40.5**
Rasheed Ward, Northwestern	13	51	526	3	3.9	10.3	40.5
Martavious Odoms, Michigan	**11**	**49**	**443**	**0**	**4.5**	**9.0**	**40.3**
David Gilreath, Wisconsin	**13**	**31**	**520**	**3**	**2.4**	**16.8**	**40.0**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Juice Williams, Illinois	**12**	**175**	**719**	**381**	**3173**	**3892**	**324.3**
CJ Bacher, Northwestern	11	84	230	408	2432	2662	242.0
Curtis Painter, Purdue	10	44	10	379	2400	2410	241.0
Adam Weber, Minnesota	**13**	**127**	**233**	**410**	**2761**	**2994**	**230.3**
Daryll Clark, Penn St	**13**	**79**	**282**	**321**	**2592**	**2874**	**221.1**
Brian Hoyer, Michigan St	13	43	-94	353	2404	2310	177.7
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	10	93	500	193	1131	1631	163.1
Ricky Stanzi, Iowa	**13**	**56**	**20**	**254**	**1956**	**1976**	**152.0**
Terrelle Pryor, Ohio St	**13**	**139**	**631**	**165**	**1311**	**1942**	**149.4**
Shonn Greene, Iowa	13	307	1850	0	0	1850	142.3
Dustin Sherer, Wisconsin	**11**	**49**	**19**	**191**	**1389**	**1408**	**128.0**
Javon Ringer, Michigan St	13	390	1637	0	0	1637	125.9
Chris Wells, Ohio St	10	207	1197	0	0	1197	119.7
Steven Threet, Michigan	10	76	201	200	1105	1306	130.6
Ben Chappell, Indiana	**11**	**50**	**72**	**153**	**1001**	**1073**	**97.5**
Evan Royster, Penn St	**13**	**191**	**1236**	**0**	**0**	**1236**	**95.1**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Desmond Tardy, Purdue	12	345	0	28.8
Chaz Powell, Penn St	**9**	**259**	**0**	**28.8**
Troy Stoudermire, Minnesota	**42**	**1083**	**0**	**25.8**
Derrick Williams, Penn St	20	515	2	25.8
Aaron Valentin, Purdue	**16**	**411**	**0**	**25.7**
Boubacar Cissoko, Michigan	**20**	**467**	**0**	**23.4**
Jewel Hampton, Iowa	**23**	**537**	**0**	**23.3**
Martavious Odoms, Michigan	**20**	**461**	**0**	**23.1**
Demetrius McCray, Indiana	**17**	**387**	**0**	**22.8**
Glenn Winston, Michigan St	**16**	**364**	**0**	**22.8**
Marcus Thigpen, Indiana	38	853	0	22.4
AJ Jenkins, Illinois	**22**	**490**	**1**	**22.3**
Stephen Simmons, Northwestern	23	509	0	22.1
Lamaar Thomas, Ohio St	**16**	**345**	**0**	**21.6**
Javon Ringer, Michigan St	11	224	0	20.4
Arrelious Benn, Illinois	**20**	**398**	**0**	**19.9**
David Gilreath, Wisconsin	**40**	**784**	**0**	**19.6**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Aaron Maybin, Penn St	12	78
Jammie Kirlew, Indiana	**10.5**	**86**
Willie VanDeSteeg, Minnesota	10.5	74
Brandon Graham, Michigan	**10**	**64**
Corey Wootton, Northwestern	**10**	**64**
Trevor Anderson, Michigan St	**8**	**64**
Ryan Kerrigan, Purdue	**7**	**40**
Brit Miller, Illinois	6	46
Derek Walker, Illinois	6	40
Brandon Long, Michigan St	5.5	46
Tim Jamison, Michigan	5.5	39
Mike Neal, Purdue	**5.5**	**39**
O'Brien Schofield, Wisconsin	**5**	**42**
DeAndre Levy, Wisconsin	5	41
Matt Mayberry, Indiana	**5**	**35**
Thaddeus Gibson, Ohio St	**5**	**27**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Brandon Graham, Michigan	**20**	**97**
Aaron Maybin, Penn St	20	94
Jammie Kirlew, Indiana	**19.5**	**102**
Willie VanDeSteeg, Minnesota	19	94
Navorro Bowman, Penn St	**16.5**	**50**
Corey Wootton, Northwestern	**16**	**86**
Mitch King, Iowa	15.5	65
Brit Miller, Illinois	15.5	63
Greg Jones, Michigan St	**14**	**38**
Ryan Kerrigan, Purdue	**11.5**	**49**
Ryan Baker, Purdue	11	26
Trevor Anderson, Michigan St	**10.5**	**69**
Tim Jamison, Michigan	10.5	47
Simoni Lawrence, Minnesota	**10.5**	**40**
Mike Neal, Purdue	**10**	**51**

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Traye Simmons, Minnesota	**14**	**4**	**18**
Allen Langford, Wisconsin	13	2	15
Sherrick McManis, Northwestern	**12**	**2**	**14**
David Pender, Purdue	**12**	**1**	**13**
Niles Brinkley, Wisconsin	**9**	**4**	**13**
Lydell Sargeant, Penn St	9	4	13
Bradley Fletcher, Iowa	10	3	13
Marcus Sherels, Minnesota	**11**	**2**	**13**
Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St	9	3	12
Otis Wiley, Michigan St	7	4	11
Kyle Theret, Minnesota	**8**	**3**	**11**
Tyler Sash, Iowa	**6**	**5**	**11**
Vontae Davis, Illinois	8	2	10
Brandon King, Purdue	**9**	**1**	**10**
Amari Spievey, Iowa	**6**	**4**	**10**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Shonn Greene, Iowa	13	307	1850	20	6.0	142.3
Javon Ringer, Michigan St	13	390	1637	22	4.2	125.9
Chris Wells, Ohio St	10	207	1197	8	5.8	119.7
Evan Royster, Penn St	**13**	**191**	**1236**	**12**	**6.5**	**95.1**
Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern	9	184	890	6	4.8	98.9
Kory Sheets, Purdue	12	234	1131	16	4.8	94.3
PJ Hill, Wisconsin	13	226	1161	13	5.1	89.3
John Clay, Wisconsin	**13**	**155**	**884**	**9**	**5.7**	**68.0**
Daniel Dufrene, Illinois	**11**	**117**	**663**	**0**	**5.7**	**60.3**
Juice Williams, Illinois	**12**	**175**	**719**	**5**	**4.1**	**59.9**
Marcus Thigpen, Indiana	12	94	631	7	6.7	52.6
DeLeon Eskridge, Minnesota	**13**	**184**	**678**	**7**	**3.7**	**52.2**
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	10	93	500	3	5.4	50.0
Sam McGuffie, Michigan	10	118	486	3	4.1	48.6
Terrelle Pryor, Ohio St	**13**	**139**	**631**	**6**	**4.5**	**48.5**
Brandon Minor, Michigan	**11**	**103**	**533**	**9**	**5.2**	**48.5**

PHIL'S BIG TEN UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Penn St	3	1	9	6	2	1	9	5	1
Ohio St	2	4	7	2	1	4	1	1	1
Illinois	1	5	1	6	6	8	9	9	6
Iowa	6	7	4	1	5	2	2	4	3
Michigan St	6	7	5	10	8	3	4	7	4
Michigan	5	3	5	2	3	5	3	2	6
Wisconsin	9	2	2	4	11	10	7	2	5
Minnesota	4	9	2	4	10	6	6	10	9
Northwestern	10	11	11	9	6	10	4	7	8
Purdue	10	5	9	10	8	6	8	6	11
Indiana	6	10	8	6	4	9	11	10	9

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Coming into '05 Michael Robinson was a 5th year senior, who had 7 career starts at RB, 6 at QB and 5 at WR. He had thrown for 1,181 yards in 3 years and was used in the slash role. Many fans had anticipated that Anthony Morelli (PS#6) would start and Robinson would stay at WR. Paterno opted to use the spread offense and Robinson showed off his tremendous athletic ability. He threw for 2,350 (52.1%) with a 17-10 ratio (932 rush) and was the Big Ten MVP (#4DC SF). Morelli won the job in 2006 & 2007 but had a rocky career despite throwing for 2,651 (58.2%) with a 19-10 ratio in '07. His backup Daryll Clark showed some promise in the '07 Alamo Bowl rushing for 50 on QB draws. Last year Clark battled soph Pat Devlin (PS#5). The job was rated as a toss-up but Clark won it and had a 1st Tm B10 year throwing for 2,592 (59.8%) with a 19-6 ratio (#3 rusher). Devlin led the game winning TD drive vs OSU when Clark was KO'd with a concussion. Devin hit 10 25 of 47 for 459 but opted to transfer (Delaware) prior to the bowl. Paterno brings in Kevin Newsome (PS#10) who played at Hargrave and was in for the spring. Not listed below are Shane McGregor (6'1" 216 rFr) and John Kelly (6'1" 203 rFr). Clark should improve in his 2nd year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2007 Rodney Kinlaw became the 11th Lion to top 1,000 rushing with 1,329 (5.5). RFr Evan Royster (PS#18) was the power back rushing for 513 (solid 6.3 ypc). Last year they had to replace Kinlaw and Royster worked to improve his speed over the summer. RFr Stephfon Green (PS#145DB), who has 4.29 spd, was expected to be a steady compliment to Royster and he rushed for 578 (5.5) before being inj in the bowl. Royster rushed for 1,236 (solid 6.5) despite being injured late in the 1Q of the bowl. He led the FBS in ypc after 9 games. Brent Carter (6'2" 219 Jr, PS#94) had 129 (5.9) in 7 games before an ACL. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Carter, Derek Day (5'9" 184 rFr), Larry Federoff (5'11" 236 Sr), Joe Suhey (6'1" 220 So, PS#155) and Shaine Thompson (6'0" 214 So). The only loss is FB Dan Lawlor (4 st, 13 yd). This is one of the top RB units in the country.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 Paterno brought in an excellent class of true frosh including Derrick Williams (PS#1DB) but a pair of less highly touted frosh stepped to the forefront as walk-on rFr Deon Butler led with 691 (18.7) and true frosh Jordan Norwood was #2 with 422 (13.2). Those 3 WR's were the top 3 receivers in all 4 of their seasons. Butler (#3DC SEA) departs as PSU's all-time career rec leader and led in '08 with 47 (17.2). Williams (#3DC DET) was PSU's MVP last year with his outstanding returns and added 485 (11.0). Norwood was #2 with 637 (15.5). Naturally this year all 3 depart and the top returnees are Brett Brackett (6'6", PS#37) who had 160 (12.3) and Graham Zug who had 174 (15.8). TE Andrew Quarless had 117 (10.6). Not listed in the 3 deep below are JD Mason (6'4" 208 rFr), Larry Ryland (5'6" 171 rFr), Ryan Scherer (5'8" 169 rFr), Andrew Goodman (6'0" 183 rFr), Stephen Joseph (6'0" 184 So) and TE's Gino Raneri (6'3" 239 rFr), Mark Wedderburn (6'6" 225 rFr) and Brennan Coakley (6'4" 235 Sr, PS#149). Naturally with the loss of their top 3 WR's who combined for 116 car st, 466 rec, 6,107 yd, 44 TD and 61% of the team's receiving yards, this unit is weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 the Lions had 2.5 starters back and improved to 194 ypg rush (4.8) while allowing 20 sacks. LT Gerald Cadogan even shutdown the NCAA's sack leader (IN's Greg Middleton). Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for just 4 starts (93.8% starts ret). As you would expect, with a more mobile QB in the spread offense and a veteran O-line the numbers improved to 206 ypg rush (5.2) while allowing just 13 sacks (3.4%). This year they lose Rimington Award winner and 1st Tm AA C AQ Shipley (B10 OL Yr, 13 st, 3Y st'r, #7DC PIT), LT Cadogan (1st Tm B10, 13 st, 2Y st'r), 3rd Tm AA LG Rich Ohrnberger (1st Tm B10, 13 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC NE) and G Mike Lucian (1 st). G Stefen Wisniewski (PS#25) moves to C. They do have 8 VHT's in the 2 deep and average 6'4" 303 but are less experienced than '08.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Penn St always has a tough rush D and in '06 they had to replace 3 starters who were a #1 NFL DC, a 1st Tm AA and a 1st Tm B10 honoree. Amazingly they allowed just 87 ypg (2.8). In '07 they had to replace 3 starters (#3, #5 DC) and 2 backups but still allowed just 94 ypg (2.7) and were #2 in the FBS in sacks with 46. Last spring DL coach Johnson called it his best unit in 15 years but they lost 2 DT's (comb 12 st, 57 tkl) over the summer. Also '07's 1st Tm B10 DE Maurice Evans (12.5 sk '07) was susp early and started just 4. They allowed 93 ypg (2.8) but the sacks did drop to 33 even with the emergence of Aaron Maybin (12 sk, 1st Tm AA). This year both Maybin (10 st, 49 tkl, #1DC BUF) and Evans (34 tkl) left early for the NFL and also gone is DT Josh Gaines (12 st, 31 tkl, 4 sk, 1 int, HM B10). Not listed in the PSL are Brandon Ware (6'3" 347 rFr) and Jonathan Stewart (6'2" 247 So). This may be the deepest the Lions have been at DT in a long time with 7 quality players. They also add a VHT who I think will do well at DE. While less exp than '08, they don't lose as much as in '06 and '07 and should be another top-notch group.

LINEBACKERS - Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" but surprisingly after having 2 LB's selected in the 2000 draft went through a streak of 6 straight years without one until Paul Posluszny was a #2DC in '07. In '06 Posluszny, Dan Connor and Sean Lee were #1, #2 and #3 in tackles with 319 combined (nearly 40% of the team's total) and the 3 backups were all VHT's (PS#'s17, 18 and 21). In '07 they had to replace Posluszny (1st Tm AA) but had 5 of the top 6 back. Connor led with 145 and Lee had 138. Last year they had to replace Connor (#3DC) and then Lee (proj #1DC) tore his ACL in spring so they only returned a #6 tackler and the unit was the question mark of the defense. Navorro Bowman (PS#16) erased those doubts by living up to his VHT billing and earning 1st Tm B10 honors, even tying the Rose Bowl record with 5 tfl. Josh Hull filled in for Lee at MLB and was #2 tackler. This year they lose HM B10 Tyrell Sales (11 st, 68 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 1 int) but not only have 5 of the top 6 back, they also get the return of Lee. Not listed below are James Van Fleet (6'0" 217 rFr), Michael Zordich (6'1" 229 rFr, PS#15) and Brian Irvin (6'3" 224 rFr), Josh Matzkin (6'0" 223 Jr) and Ken Pollock (6'0" 208 rFr). An amazing 10 of the top 11 are VHT's making this one of the top LB units in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - PSU has had 5 Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 12 years. In '06 they had to replace all 4 starters and just missed (#16). In '07 three starters ret'd and it was shocking that the Lions dropped to #70. Last year they had to replace one starter (#4DC) and as you would expect, the Lions moved to #24 allowing a 10-16 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm B10 S Anthony Scirrotto (12 st, 61 tkl, 2 int), 2nd Tm B10 CB Lydell Sargeant (11 st, 33 tkl, 4 int), HM Big 10 CB Tony Davis (13 st, 46 tkl, 1 int) and HM B10 S Mark Rubin (13 st, 60 tkl, 2 int). Not listed below are Shelton McCullough (6'0" 193 Jr), Sean Luchnick (6'0" 192 rFr), Evan Lewis (5'10" 175 rFr), Tyler Ahrenhold (6'0" 175 So) and Jacob Fagnano (6'0" 198 rFr). This is a unit where I would expect some true frosh to play immediately and it is my biggest concern on the '09 squad. Perhaps they can duplicate '06's (0 st back) performance (#16).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Lions finished #17 in my ST rankings in '06 led by PR Derrick Williams (12.0) and KR AJ Wallace (24.2). K Kevin Kelly hit 22 of 34 (3 miss 50+) They had to replace P Kapinos (36.4 net) in '07 and slipped to #36. Kevin Kelly hit 20 of 26 FG's (long 53). New P Jeremy Boone had a net of 39.4 (#3 NCAA). Last year the unit ret intact and as you would expect, PSU improved to #4. The top KR's were Williams (25.8) and 1 TD and Chaz Powell (28.8) while Williams also had a PR TD (9.4). Kevin Kelly hit 20 of 24 FG's (long 52) and had 15 TB on KO. Boone avg 43.0 (37.9 tm net). This year they must replace Kelly and Williams and while Paterno should fashion a good unit, they figure to drop some.

COACHES - Joe Paterno entered 2003 as the IA all-time career win leader but was passed by FSU's Bobby Bowden (373) after the season. Paterno is back on top and leading Bowden by 1 going into '09. Paterno is already in the College Football Hall of Fame and defeated Bowden in 2005's Orange Bowl earning 2005 AP Coach of the Year. Paterno has won 2 Nat'l Titles but four other times has finished undefeated. He has won more bowls than any other coach (23) and has moved past Amos Alonzo Stagg for the longest HC tenure at one school. The OC since 2004 is Galen Hall who was the HC at Florida (1984-'89). The DC is Tom Bradley who is in his 31st year, 10th as DC. Since 1966 when Paterno took over, there have been 832 IA coaching changes.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I would have to classify Penn St's 9-4 2007 season as a disappointment. They had a 427-336 yd edge at Illinois but had 4 key TO's and lost and they had a 24-7 lead vs Mich St in the 3Q but lost and were relegated to the Alamo Bowl. Paterno even said, "We should have been 10-2." While Penn St was just 4-4 in Big Ten play they were #2 in ypg (+38.1) and last year moved back to the spread offense that they used in their magical Big Ten Championship '05 season. PSU was #7 in the FBS in rush D for an amazing 3rd straight year in '07 and was 2nd in the nation in sacks (46). Last year despite losing their top LB Sean Lee to injury, they had 16 ret starters. Surprisingly LY PSU was not among the Top 3 in the Big Ten preseason poll and I had the only publication in the country to have the Lions ranked in the Top 10 at the start of the year. Out of the 14 sources documented by stassen.com, five did not even have the Lions RANKED and they were just #22 in the AP preseason poll. PSU started the year in dominant fashion dealing opponents their worst losses of the season almost every week. Two and a half weeks prior to Ore St beating USC, they were manhandled by PSU 45-14. Ohio St needed a late TD to get past Wisc by 3. The very next week PSU traveled to Madison and destroyed the Badgers 48-7. They overcame a huge test at Ohio St with a 7 point win, their only close win of the year. It was a game of missed opportunities vs Iowa. In the 1H PSU had 3 long drives result in just 13 pts while Iowa got a short TD drive set up after PSU punted from their own 1. PSU led 23-14 in the 4Q but ended up losing with a questionable 3rd & 15 pass interference call keeping alive an Iowa drive. They needed to beat #17 Mich St (who came in 6-1 in the Big Ten) for the Big Ten Title and Rose Bowl bid and they destroyed the Spartans 49-18. They took on a powerful USC team on basically its home field and the Trojans led 31-7 at the half. PSU twice had a chance to make it a 7 pt game but lost by 14. PSU was tops in the Big Ten in ypg in conf play (+124.1) but this is a much less exp team this year with just 9 ret starters. On the positive side, they were #16 in the FBS in starts lost to inj (38) making them more experienced than their numbers suggest and they do get the return of their top def player (Lee). Five of my 9 sets of power ratings call for Penn St to go unbeaten this year and once again the Nov 7th matchup vs OSU may be for the Big Ten Title.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 17 DARYLL CLARK SR. 6-2 233 PS#63. 147 pass yd (56%), 152 gross rush 2Y. 2592 (60%), 386 gross rush, **1st Tm B10** LY. Kevin Newsome **PS#10.** Matthew McGloin (6'1" 196 rFr) PS#171.

RB 22 EVAN ROYSTER JR. 6-1 209 **PS#18.** 513 (6.3) rFr. 1236 (6.5), **2nd Tm B10** LY. **21** Stephfon Green (5'10" 192 So). 578 (5.5) rFr. **3** Brandon Beachum (6'0" 219 So) **PS#14.** 114 (4.1) true.

WR 14 AJ Price rFr. 6-4 173 PS#187. **5** Graham Zug (6'2" 178 Jr) PS#390DB. 8 gm; 1 rec rFr. 3 st, 13 gm, 174 (15.8) LY. **84** Patrick Mauti (5'10" 190 Sr) 1 rec, 5gm LY.

WR 83 Brett Brackett Jr. 6-6 231 **PS#37.** 1 rec rFr. 4 st, 160 (12.3) LY. **8** James McDonald (6'2" 204 Sr) **PS#30.** 7 rec (12.9) 21 gm 3Y. Justin Brown (6'3" 209 Fr) **PS#20.**

WR 2 Chaz Powell So. 6-1 195 **PS#48.** 13 gm, 37 (18.5), 9 KR (28.8) rFr. Derek Moye (6'5" 195 So) PS#57. 10 gm, 71 (23.7) rFr. Shawney Kersey (6'2" 193 Fr) **PS#39.**

TE 10 ANDREW QUARLESS SR. 6-5 253 PS#20. 493 (14.1) 2Y. 2 st, 117 (10.6) LY. **82 Mickey Shuler** (6'4" 249 Sr) PS#76. 9 st, 211 (13.2) 2Y. Andrew Szczerba (6'6" 260 So) **PS#26.** 1 rec rFr.

C 61 STEFEN WISNIEWSKI JR. 6-3 302 **PS#25.** 1 st, 8 gm true. 12 st (11 RG, 1 LG), **2nd Tm B10** LY. **68** Doug Klopacz (6'3" 282 Jr) PS#149. 2 gm rFr. Inj LY. LS Andrew Pitz (6'3" 229 Sr).

RG 77 Lou Eliades Jr. 6-4 305 **PS#59.** 6 gm rFr. 13 gm, 197 pl LY. **65** JB Walton (6'3" 288 So) **PS#16.** 7 gm rFr, 78 pl. **60** James Terry (6'3" 319 rFr) **PS#83.** Ethan Hull (6'0" 282 rFr).

LG 54 Matt Stankiewitch rFr. 6-3 290 **PS#49. 74** Johnnie Troutman (6'4" 322 So) **PS#49.** GS '06, 80 pl as rFr. Quinn Barham (6'3" 288 So). Anthony Tortorelli (6'0" 271 So).

RT 73 DENNIS LANDOLT SR. 6-4 303 **PS#31.** 2nd string '06. 13 st, 998 pl '07. 13 st, 893 pl, HM B10 LY. **79** Ako Poti (6'3" 305 Sr) **PS#63JC.** 4 gm '07. RS (inj) LY. **78** Mike Farrell (6'6" 292 rFr).

LT 50 DeOn'tae Pannell So. 6-5 313 **PS#51.** 8 gm, 89 pl as bkup LT as true. **72** Nerraw McCormack (6'5" 295 Sr) PS#106JC. 3 gm here '07. RS LY. **70** Andrew Radakovich (6'5" 296 rFr).

K 29 Anthony Fera Fr. 6-2 205 **PS#3.** In spg. **36** Collin Wagner (5'9" 170 Jr) PS#84. 43 yd FG (only att), 3-3 xp 2Y. Ryan Breen (6'2" 223 So) PS#16. David Soldner (6'1" 209 rFr) PS#25.

DE 81 Jack Crawford So. 6-5 262 **PS#14.** 13 gm, 4 tkl as true. **56** Eric Latimore (6'6" 264 So) PS#163. 7 tkl rFr. **94** Mikel Berry (6'2" 260 rFr). **98** Matt Kenney (6'0" 233 rFr).

DT 91 JARED ODRICK SR. 6-5 306 **PS#8.** 4 tkl true. 7 st, 16 tkl '07. 11 st, 41 tkl, 9.5 tfl, **1st Tm B10** LY. **71** Devon Still (6'5" 305 So) **PS#13.** 1 gm (inj) rFr. **55** Tom McEowen (6'4" 296 Jr) **PS#20.**

DT 85 OLLIE OGBU JR. 6-1 292 PS#198. 6 st, 18 tkl, 10 tfl rFr. 10 st, 17 tkl LY. **95 Abe Koroma** (6'3" 317 Jr) PS#232. 5 st, 33 tkl 2Y. **92** Chima Okoli (6'4" 293 So) PS#262. 1 tkl rFr.

DE 5 Jerome Hayes Sr. 6-2 250 **PS#18.** 22 tkl 2Y. 1 st (ACL) LY. **44** Kevion Latham (6'2" 248 So) **PS#47.** 3 tkl, 12 gm 2Y. **39** Tom Golarz (6'1" 258 Sr) PS#382. 28 gm, 6 tkl 3Y.

FRITZ **42 Michael Mauti So.** 6-2 224 **PS#21.** 13 gm, 26 tkl true. **34** Nathan Stupar (6'1" 226 So) **PS#16.** 21 tkl, 13 gm rFr. Michael Yancich (6'2" 225 rFr) **PS#19.** Glenn Carson is **PS#23.**

MLB **45 SEAN LEE SR.** 6-2 236 **PS#49.** 239 tkl, 18.5 tfl, 26 st 3Y. Torn ACL last year. **43 Josh Hull** (6'3" 236 Sr). 25 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 75 tkl LY. **48** Chris Colasanti (6'2" 235 Jr) **PS#12.** 19 tkl 2Y.

SLB **11 NAVORRO BOWMAN JR.** 6-1 230 **PS#16.** 16 tkl rFr. 10 st, 106 tkl, 16.5 tfl, **1st Tm B10** LY. **15** Bani Gbadyu (6'1" 228 Jr) **PS#25.** 3 st, 31 tkl 2Y. **88** Jon Ditto (6'3" 228 So) **PS#15.** 2 gm rFr.

CB 1 AJ Wallace Sr. 6-1 201 **PS#4.** 4 st, 43 tkl, 38 KR (25.5) 2Y. 2 st, 20 tkl (inj), 6 KR LY. Darrell Givens is **PS#29. 20** Devin Fentress (5'10" 169 Sr) PS#169. 6 tkl 3Y.

CB 4 Knowledge Timmons Sr. 5-10 187 PS#110. 16 tkl 2Y. 15 tkl LY. **8** D'Anton Lynn (6'1" 198 So) **PS#43.** 3 tkl true. **35** Jesse Alfreno (5'11" 194 Jr) PS#471. 6 gm, no tkls 2Y.

HERO **13 Andrew Dailey So.** 6-2 221 **PS#22.** 12 gm, 5 tkl rFr. **7** Cedric Jeffries (6'2" 203 Jr) PS#101. 4 tkl, 13 gm rFr. 16 tkl, 13 gm LY. **6** Gerald Hodges **PS#15LB.** In for spg.

FS 28 Drew Astorino So. 5-10 193 PS#335. 3 st, 39 tkl, 7 pd as rFr. **10** Nick Sukay (6'1" 208 So) **PS#24.** Inj Aug & out for year LY. **19** David Keisling (5'11" 189 rFr) PS#416. Walk-on.

P 41 JEREMY BOONE SR. 5-9 184 59 punts (43.0), 39.4 net, 1st Tm B10 '07. 39 punts (43.0), tm net 37.9, HM B10 LY. **49** Ryan Breen (6'2" 223 So) PS#16. 2 KO (64.5), 1 gm rFr.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Eric Shrive 6-7 302 PS#10
QB	Kevin Newsome 6-2 225 PS#10
WR	Justin Brown 6-3 209 PS#20
DB	Darrell Givens 6-1 180 PS#29
DB	Gerald Hodges 6-2 223 PS#15LB
LB	Glenn Carson 6-2 220 PS#23
DL	Sean Stanley 6-1 247 PS#45
RB	Curtis Dukes 6-2 230 PS#40
OL	Mark Arcidiacono 6-5 285 PS#41
WR	Shawney Kersey 6-2 193 PS#39
WR	Derrick Thomas 6-0 176 PS#48
OL	Ty Howle 6-0 284 PS#58
OL	Adam Gress 6-7 290 PS#68
DB	Stephon Morris 5-9 184 PS#76
DB	Stephen Obeng-Agyapong 5-11 185 PS#93
DB	Malcolm Willis 5-11 201 PS#105
WR	Devon Smith 5-7 153 PS#86
DL	Jordan Hill 6-2 290 PS#130
K	Anthony Fera 6-2 205 PS#3
WR	Brandon Felder 6-3 170 PS#103
WR	Curtis Drake 6-0 170 PS#70QB
TE	Garry Gilliam 6-7 255 PS#145DL
OL	Nate Cadogan 6-6 282 PS#148
WR	Christian Kuntz 6-4 205 PS#121
OL	Frank Figueroa 6-4 282 PS#173
DB	Michael Wallace 5-10 170 PS#249
OL	John Urschel 6-3 275 PS#261

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

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JOE PATERNO (Career 383-127-3)
44th Year at Penn St
Paterno's Bowl Record: 23-11-1

Paterno's records AT PENN ST

383-127-3	Straight Up	32-41	Vs Top 10
214-49	Home	72-68	Vs Top 25
125-62-1	Away	214-73-3	Vs BCS Teams
44-16-2	Neutral	46-20-1	Off A Bye
126-59	Vs Conference	70-39	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (17,18,2)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 108,254 (#2)

BIG TEN

Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#72

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PSU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Akron	G				
Sep. 12	Syracuse	G				
Sep. 19	Temple	G				
Sep. 26	Iowa	G				
Oct. 3	at Illinois	A				
Oct. 10	Eastern Illinois	G				
Oct. 17	Minnesota (HC)	G				
Oct. 24	at Michigan	A				
Oct. 31	at Northwestern	G				
Nov. 7	Ohio St	G				
Nov. 14	Indiana	G				
Nov. 21	at Michigan St	G				
Nov. 28						
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zack Mills 7,212 '01-'04
2. Tony Sacca 5,869 '88-'91
3. Chuck Fusina 5,382 '75-'78

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Curt Warner 3,398 '79-'82
2. Tony Hunt 3,320 '03-'06
3. Blair Thomas 3,301 '85-'87, '89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bobby Engram 3,026 '91, '93-'95
2. Deon Butler 2,771 '05-'08
3. Jordan Norwood 2,015 '05-'08

Penn St has won 7 straight season openers & 2 were vs Akron (34-16, '06 & 48-10, '04). PSU last hosted Akron on a soaked field in '06 (remnants of Hurricane Ernesto).

PSU is 22-3 vs Syracuse S/'67 but LY's 55-13 win was 1st since joining the Big Ten ('93). The Lions finished with 560-159 yd & 26-8 FD edges & led 38-6 at halftime.

The Lions are 34-3-1 all-time but 33-0-1 since 1943. Penn St has faced Temple 3 straight years winning by a combined 123-3. Last year they had a 546-138 yd edge.

PSU is just 1-6 vs Iowa S/'00 & last yr went into Iowa City ranked #3. Penn St led 24-13 in the 4Q before allowing a 57/12pl drive & a 31 yd FG with :01 left to lose by 1.

PSU is only 3-6 in Big Ten road openers. Penn St is 13-3 vs Illinois but lost last time in Champaign. Last year Derrick Williams had 241 all-purp yds & 3 TD's.

Since joining the Big Ten ('93) PSU has played only 2 FCS schools beating YSU 37-3 ('06) & CCar 66-10 LY. The Panthers went 5-7 LY including losses to C Mich & Illinois.

Penn St is just 2-4 the L/6 vs Minnesota including 1-2 at home. PSU did win last meeting (28-27 in OT, '06). The team that has rushed for more yards has won the last 5.

Penn St trailed Mich 17-7 before scoring the final 39 pts. That snapped a Paterno record 9 game series losing streak & set a PSU series record with 46 pts scored.

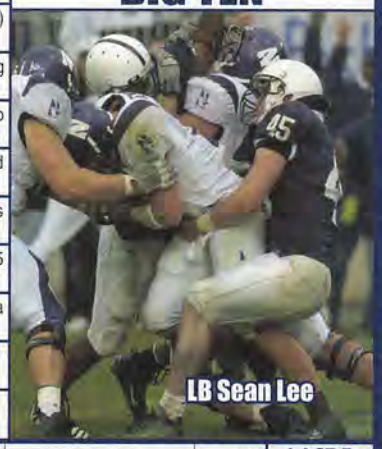
The Lions are 9-3 vs NU but just 2-2 the last 4. The last 4 in Evanston have been decided by an avg of 5 ppg. Penn St is just 2-9 in their 2nd consecutive road game.

PSU is now 6-10 vs OSU S/'93 after winning LY's #3 vs #10 battle. PSU had no penalties or TO's. It was the Lion's first road win vs a Top 10 team since 1999 (Miami, Fl).

PSU stayed undefeated (12-0) vs Indiana with LY's 34-7 win. They have won the last 5 at home by an avg of 26 ppg. Last yr they held the Hoosiers to 180 yds & 6 FD's.

PSU is 7-2 vs MSU S/'00 but 2-4 the L/6 in East Lansing. LY PSU held MSU RB Ringer to a ssn low (42 yds). Fifteen of the L/16 seasons PSU has ended the reg ssn playing MSU.

Bonus: Since 1990, Penn St is 18-1 in Beaver Stadium finales (lost to Mich, '99).



STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282) (#1)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	5-6	9-4	3-9	4-7	11-1	9-4	9-4	11-2	66-44
Home	4-2	3-3	7-1	3-4	3-3	7-0	6-1	6-1	7-0	46-15
Away	1-4	2-3	2-2	0-5	1-4	3-1	2-3	2-3	4-1	17-26
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	3-3
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	1-7	2-6	7-1	5-3	4-4	7-1	39-33
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	4-1	2-2	2-1	4-0	4-1	5-0	4-1	27-11
ATS	5-7	7-4	8-5	3-9	6-5	8-3-1	5-7	6-7	8-4	56-51-1
Home Fav	3-2	2-1	4-3	1-3	2-2	3-1-1	3-2	4-2	4-2	26-18-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	8-6
Away Favorite	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	1-4	4-1	11-11
Away Dog	0-3	4-0	2-1	1-3	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-0	0-0	9-12
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	5-3	2-6	4-4	7-1	2-6	2-6	5-3	37-35
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	3-2	1-3	2-1	1-2-1	3-1	4-1	3-1	19-16-1
Off SU Win	1-3	4-1	6-3	0-3	1-2	7-2-1	2-6	3-5	8-3	32-28-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-2	2-1	3-5	4-3	1-0	2-1	2-2	0-1	21-18

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Evan Royster	191	1266	30	1236	12	6.5
Stephfon Green	105	588	10	578	4	5.5
Daryll Clark	79	386	104	282	10	3.6
Derrick Williams	43	257	14	243	3	5.7
Brent Carter	22	137	8	129	0	5.9
Brandon Beachum	28	117	3	114	1	4.1
Chaz Powell	8	78	4	74	2	9.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Daryll Clark	321	192	59.8	2592	19	6
Pat Devlin	47	25	53.2	459	4	0
Paul Cianciolo	9	6	66.7	86	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Deon Butler	47	810	17.2	7	70
Jordan Norwood	41	637	15.5	6	55
Derrick Williams	44	485	11.0	4	39
Stephfon Green	15	268	17.9	1	80
Graham Zug	11	174	15.8	2	49
Brett Brackett	13	160	12.3	1	20
Evan Royster	17	155	9.1	0	23
Mickey Shuler	9	120	13.3	1	24
Andrew Quarless	11	117	10.6	1	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Boone	39	1678	43.0	9	37.9(t)	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Kelly	60-60	8-8	8-8	2-5	2-3	20-24	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Navorro Bowman	106	4	12.5	5	1
Josh Hull	75	1	4.5	3	0
Tyrell Sales	68	0	2.5	0	1
Anthony Scirrotto	61	0	0	5	2
Mark Rubin	60	0	1	1	2
Aaron Maybin	49	12	8	3	0
Tony Davis	46	0	2	5	1
Jared Odrick	41	4.5	5	3	0
Drew Astorino	39	0	1	5	2
Maurice Evans	34	3	1.5	0	0
Lydell Sargeant	33	0	0	9	4
Josh Gaines	31	4	3	2	1
Abe Koroma	26	1.5	0.5	0	0
Michael Mauti	26	0	1	0	0
Bani Gbadyu	25	0	3	0	1
Nathan Stupar	21	0	1	1	0
AJ Wallace	20	0	0	2	0
Ollie Ogbu	17	2	0.5	0	0
Cedric Jeffries	16	0	0	0	0
Chris Colasanti	16	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Williams	18	169	9.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Williams	20	515	25.8	2
Chaz Powell	9	259	28.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Capital One - #10	-7	Auburn - #19	9-13
05	Orange - #3	-10	Florida St - #22 (3OT)	26-23
06	Outback	+4'	Tennessee - #17	20-10
07	Alamo	-5	Texas A&M	24-17
08	Rose - #6	+9	USC - #5	24-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Penn St's All-Time Bowl Record
26-13-2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9	38.9	449	206	5.2	243	58.5	11.5	13	+7	2008	7	14.4	280	93	2.8	187	56.4	19.5	33
8*	30.3	400	194	4.8	206	57.8	13.2	20	+2	2007	6	17.5	308	94	2.7	214	58.6	17.6	46
5	22.3	350	150	4.3	200	53.3	15.7	23	+1	2006	4	14.4	284	87	2.8	197	55.5	19.8	40
7	34.4	422	213	5.1	209	52.9	12.2	14	+3	2005	9	17.0	305	93	2.5	212	56.6	17.9	41
6*	17.7	311	130	3.9	181	51.6	17.5	19	-3	2004	6	15.3	291	129	3.2	162	56.5	19.1	19
5*	19.4	313	122	3.7	191	50.0	16.1	19	-6	2003	5	21.3	362	209	4.3	153	51.4	17.1	19
8*	34.3	424	229	5.7	195	56.4	12.3	18	+14	2002	6	17.4	330	115	3.1	215	63.4	18.9	35

2008 STATS BY GAME

PSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
106,577	Coastal Carolina	29	43-334	7.8	19-26	260	0	16	32-52	1.6	18-31	198	4	+1
108,159	Oregon St	23	38-239	6.3	14-27	215	0	19	32-92	2.9	25-41	250	2	+1
45,795	at Syracuse	26	43-216	5.0	20-39	344	1	8	25-49	2.0	13-35	110	1	0
105,106	Temple	27	45-308	6.8	18-31	238	2	10	28-16	0.6	17-32	122	7	+1
109,626	Illinois	24	44-241	5.5	14-20	181	1	19	42-189	4.5	13-24	183	1	+1
57,215	at Purdue	24	40-202	5.1	18-26	220	2	16	33-83	2.5	16-27	158	2	+1
81,524	at Wisconsin	22	35-106	3.0	18-30	271	0	14	40-148	3.7	11-27	165	3	+2
110,017	Michigan	22	38-231	6.1	19-33	251	0	15	46-202	4.4	12-22	89	3	0
105,711	at Ohio St	18	37-160	4.3	12-20	121	1	14	31-61	2.0	16-28	226	1	+2
70,585	at Iowa	24	46-180	3.9	10-24	109	1	19	32-101	3.2	15-25	171	3	0
108,445	Indiana	23	38-184	4.8	22-39	258	3	6	30-123	4.1	9-23	57	2	-2
109,845	Michigan St	19	35-138	3.9	19-31	419	1	23	24-35	1.5	32-49	287	3	+2
93,293	† USC	19	29-137	4.7	21-37	273	1	27	35-61	1.7	28-35	413	1	-2
TOTALS		300	511-2676	5.2	224-383	3160	13	206	430-1212	2.8	225-399	2429	33	+7
AVERAGES		23.1	39-206	5.2	17-29	243	3.4%	15.8	33-93	2.8	17-31	187	8.3%	0.5

2004 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	Akron	-15'	48-10	
-	at Boston College	-3	7-21	
-	UCF	-23	37-13	
-	at Wisconsin - #20	+3	3-16	
-	at Minnesota - #18	+15	7-16	
-	Purdue - #9	+10'	13-20	
-	Iowa - #25	-3	4-6	
-	at Ohio St	+6'	10-21	
-	Northwestern	-3'	7-14	
-	at Indiana	-3'	22-18	
-	Michigan St	+4	37-13	

2005 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post #3
-	USF	-21	23-13	
-	Cincinnati	-18	42-24	
-	C Michigan	-22	40-3	
-	at Northwestern	-8	34-29	
-	Minnesota - #18	+2'	44-14	
#16	Ohio St - #6	+3'	17-10	
#8	at Michigan	+3'	25-27	
#12	at Illinois	-18'	63-10	
#11	Purdue	-15	33-15	
#10	Wisconsin - #14	-12	35-14	
#5	at Michigan St	-8'	31-22	

2006 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #24
#19	Akron	-17'	34-16	
#19	at Notre Dame - #4	+8'	17-41	
#25	Youngstown St	NL	37-3	
#24	at Ohio St - #1	+17	6-28	
-	Northwestern	-19'	33-7	
-	at Minnesota	-3	28-27 OT	
-	Michigan - #4	+5'	10-17	
-	Illinois	-18	26-12	
-	at Purdue	-3	12-0	
-	at Wisconsin - #17	+7	3-13	
-	Temple	-36	47-0	
-	Michigan St	-17'	17-13	

2007 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#17	FIU	-37'	59-0	
#14	Notre Dame	-17'	31-10	
#12	Buffalo	-33'	45-24	
#10	at Michigan	-2'	9-14	
#21	at Illinois	-3	20-27	
-	Iowa	-9	27-7	
-	Wisconsin - #19	-6'	38-7	
-	at Indiana	-7	36-31	
#24	Ohio St - #1	+3'	17-37	
-	Purdue	-8	26-19	
-	at Temple	-25	31-0	
-	at Michigan St	-2'	31-35	

2008 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #8
#22	Coastal Carolina	-42	66-10	
#19	Oregon St	-15	45-14	
#17	at Syracuse	-27'	55-13	
#16	Temple	-28'	45-3	
#12	Illinois - #22	-15	38-24	
#6	at Purdue	-13'	20-6	
#6	at Wisconsin	-6	48-7	
#3	Michigan	-24	46-17	
#3	at Ohio St - #10	-2	13-6	
#3	at Iowa	-7'	23-24	
#7	Indiana	-34'	34-7	
#7	Michigan St - #17	-15'	49-18	

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2007 the Buckeyes had to replace Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith, who threw for 2,542 (65.3%) with a 30-6 ratio in '06. Three QB's battled for the job: Todd Boeckman (PS#30) who had 10 passes (7 gm) in his first 2 years, rFr Rob Schoenhoft (PS#12) and Antonio Henton (PS#25). Boeckman (23 yr old) won the job and was among the nation's leaders in pass eff although he topped 225 just once (Penn St). He struggled in the final 3 throwing for just 138 ypg (56.4% with 2-6 ratio). Joe Bauserman (PS#59), who played in the Pitt Pirates org ('04-'06) walked-on in '07 and RS. Last year Tressel signed PS#1QB Terrelle Pryor and Schoenhoft and Henton (31 comb att) transferred. Originally Tressel talked about using Pryor like Tim Tebow but after the Buckeyes lost to USC, he started Pryor vs Troy. Pryor became the first OSU true frosh QB to start S/'78 (Art Schlichter) and while Schlichter had 4 TD's the entire year, Pryor had 4 TD passes in his first start. Pryor improved as the season went on with many clutch plays. He threw for 1,311 (60.6%) with a 12-4 ratio and was the #2 rusher (631, 4.5). Boeckman saw little action but in the bowl hit 5 of 13 for 110 including a TD pass to Pryor. Bauserman played in 5 (6 att). Not listed in the PSL are Ross Oltorik (6'2" 210 rFr, PS#214) and true frosh Kenny Guiton (PS#116) and Justin Siems (PS#292). Pryor should be one of the Big Ten's top QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Antonio Pittman became just the 5th OSU RB to have B2B 1,000 yard seasons including 1,233 (5.1) in '06. True frosh Chris "Beanie" Wells (PS#1) lost 4 fumbles but still rushed for 576 (5.5). Maurice Wells (PS#11) rushed for 171 (3.7). After Pittman left for the NFL (#4DC) in '07, Beanie, who had an injury plagued season, erupted with an OSU soph record 1,609 (5.9). Maurice added 367 (3.6) and Brandon Saine (PS#2) had 267 (4.4). All 3 ret'd in '08 but the season took a turn in the opener when Wells injured his foot. He missed the next 3 but still finished with 1,197 (5.8) and was the team's MVP. Dan "Boom" Herron (PS#44) was the #2 RB with 439 (4.9). Maurice had just 129 (3.3) and Saine only 65 (2.5). This year they lose Beanie (#1DC ARZ), Maurice (2 st, 171 ttl yd) and FB Brandon Smith (9 st, 79 rec yd). Not listed below are Joe Gantz (6'0" 199 Sr), Bo DeLande (6'0" 184 So), Marcus Williams (5'10" 202 Sr), KC Christian (5'11" 209 Jr), Spencer Smith (6'2" 225 So), Jermil Martin (6'0" 227 rFr, PS#193) and James Georgiades (6'1" 240 rFr). They add in 3 VHT's. It's always tough to replace a #1DC but I like the talent of this group and with the speedy Saine (OH record 10.38 100M) finally living up to his VHT billing in the spring they might not drop as far as you would expect.

RECEIVERS - Buckeye WR's combined for an amazing three #1 DC's in Santonio Holmes (PIT '06), Ted Ginn Jr (MIA '07) and Anthony Gonzalez (IND '07). The leading returnee was Brian Robiskie (383, 13.2 in '06) while Brian Hartline had 256 (15.1) and TE Rory Nicol had 151 (11.6). Robiskie had a fine '07 season with 935 (17.0) while Hartline added 694 (13.3). Ray Small (PS#14) was #3 (267, 13.4). Nicol had just 84 (5.2) as he split time with Jake Ballard (149, 11.5). Everyone ret'd in '08 but with more of a running attack, the numbers were down. Robiskie had just 535 (12.7) and Hartline added 479 (22.8). DeVier Posey (PS#4) had been compared to impact frosh AJ Green (Georgia) and Julio Jones (Ala) but he had just 117 (10.6). Ray Small had just 149 (8.3) while Dane Sanzenbacher (PS#106) added 272 (13.0). This year they lose Robiskie (13 st, #2DC CLE), Hartline (13 st, #4DC MIA) and Nicol (10 st). I think Tressel's recruiting class of '08 will emerge and despite being less exp they could put up better numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 OSU had to replace 2.5 starters from the O-line but the unit paved the way for 196 ypg rush (4.6) while allowing just 19 sacks. All 5 starters started all 13. I feel those were the best stats of the decade as in '05 when they had similar stats, they benefitted from having a mobile QB in Troy Smith. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and I feel the unit underperformed as they avg'd 192 ypg (4.6) despite having a mobile QB like Pryor and a #1DC RB like Wells. This year they lose 1st Tm B10 LT Alex Boone (13 st, 3Y st'r), OG Steve Rehring (8 st, 3Y st'r) and OG Ben Person (9 st, 2Y st'r). C Jim Cordle was moved to LG after the USC game to make room for true frosh Mike Brewster (PS#3, L/10 st). Cordle was on the move again in the spring to RT as OSU is looking for quicker, more athletic OT's. All 5 projected starters are VHT's including Mich transfer Justin Boren (PS#11, 13 st '07). Despite the losses, the Buckeyes could put up better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '05 OSU had to replace one starter but led the nation in rush D (73 ypg, 2.2). They had to replace both starting DE's in '06 but allowed 98 ypg (3.3) while the D had 38 sacks. In '07 they replaced 3 starters but surprisingly the inexperienced D-line allowed just 83 ypg (2.5) while recording 43 sacks. Last year they replaced the Big Ten DL of the Year in Vernon Gholston (#1DC) but had 7 of their top 8 back. They surprisingly allowed 110 (3.5) while the sack total dropped to 28. This year they lose DT Nader Abdallah (9 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl) but again have 7 of the top 8 back (7 VHT's, 7 st exp). This figures to be a much improved front, especially after 2008's disappointing numbers.

LINEBACKERS - OSU had the best LB corps in the country in '05 but had to replace all 3 starters in '06 including two #1 and a #3 DC. James Laurinaitis emerged and won the Nagurski Award in '06. All 3 starters were back in '07 and Laurinaitis won the Butkus Award. Last year they had to replace 1 starter (#7DC) but had 5 of their top 6 back. This time Laurinaitis won Big Ten Def POY and the Lott Trophy while Marcus Freeman was 2nd Tm B10. This year they lose Laurinaitis (13 st, 130 tkl, 2 int, 4 sk, #2DC STL) and Freeman (13 st, 84 tkl, 3.5 sk, #5DC CHI). The top 2 returnees were the #5 and #10 tacklers. They add in the NCAA's best LB class with PS#4, PS#7 and PS#9 true frosh and while this shapes up as a top-notch group, it won't be as strong without their top 2.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since 1997 the Buckeyes have had 7 #1DC DB's with 21 DB's drafted overall. In '06 they had to replace all 4 starters (#1, #3 and #4 DC's). Surprisingly the inexp group moved up to #12 with a 10-21 ratio. In '07 they had to replace 1st & 2nd Tm B10 starters and finished #13. The ratio (13-11) would have been stronger but FS Anderson Russell dropped at least 4 int. Last year the unit ret'd intact and Chimdi Chekwa beat out Donald Washington for one CB spot. Malcolm Jenkins was a player that opp OC's designed their gameplan around. The Bucks moved up to #9. This year they do lose their star in 1st Tm AA CB Jenkins (13 st, 57 tkl, 3 int, #1 DC NO) as well as Washington (2 st, 22 tkl, 1 int, #4DC KC) and CB Shaun Lane (27 tkl). Normally with 3 starters back you call a unit improved, but that is one less than '08 and without their star I'll call the unit down a notch.

SPECIAL TEAMS - OSU has recorded three #1 finishes in my ST rankings ('95, '98 and '04). Jim Tressel has been quoted as saying the punt is the most important play in football and holds scrimmages devoted exclusively to ST's in spring and Aug. In '07 they had to replace KR Ted Ginn Jr and avg just 17.7 on KR (#117 FBS) and they dropped to #41. Last year, as you would expect, they moved back to #5. They had 2 kickers with powerful legs in Ryan Pretorius (15-19 L/50) and Aaron Pettrey (7-8 L/54). Pettrey also had 13 TB on 74 KO. P AJ Trapasso avg 41.2 (net 38.0). Ray Small was the top PR (15.2) but the KR unit struggled again (19.2). This year they lose Trapasso and Pretorius. Even with those big losses, this should be another top-notch unit.

COACHES - In Jim Tressel's 2nd year, he won a Nat'l Championship becoming the first coach to win an NCAA Title at both the IAA and IA levels. He was the Coach of the Year in '02 and now enters his ninth season as does his OC Jim Bollman. Tressel was the first OSU coach to win four Big Ten Titles in his first seven years (5 in 8 yrs). The last four years they have used co-DC's in Jim Heacock and Luke Fickell. Heacock, who calls the def plays, won the Broyles Award as the NCAA's top asst in '07.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St actually finished outside of the AP Top 25 for 3 straight years prior to '02. I rated Ohio St #7 in '02 which was far higher than almost every other source. I called them my #1 Surprise Team (darkhorse contender for the Nat'l Title). Only 2 other preseason magazines (besides mine) even picked OSU to win the Big Ten. OSU took home their first Nat'l Title since 1968 (Woody Hayes 3rd) when they defeated Miami. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins in a season (7 by 7 or less). In '03 OSU had a chance to get to the Nat'l Title game before they lost to Mich. OSU finished #4 at 11-2 including a win over K-St in the Fiesta Bowl. In '04 the Bucks set a record for NFL DC's (14) with the prev high being 11. As expected, OSU stumbled to 8-4. OSU only had 2 losses in '05 (both close). Despite being -9 in TO's they finished #4. In '06 OSU lost an amazing 5 #1 DC's. They opened the season #1 and stayed there the entire year including their epic battle vs #2 Mich. They outscored B10 foes by 26.6 ppg. Troy Smith became the 7th Buckeye to win the Heisman. They had 51 days off prior to playing Florida in the Nat'l Title game and were outgained 370-82. In '07 they had to replace Smith, their top RB and top rec. They were just #11 in the preseason AP poll but moved to #1 at 7-0 and stayed for 4 weeks. With Mich on deck, they lost at Ill and fell to #7 and it appeared Nat'l Title hopes were gone. After beating Mich on the road 14-3 and having almost every other team in contention lose, OSU got back to the Title game vs LSU where they dropped to 0-9 vs the SEC in bowls. Last year OSU had 19 ret starters, the most ever for a team that played in the BCS Title game. They did have just 3 starts lost to inj in '07 and did not have that same fortune in '08 as RB Beanie Wells was inj'd in the opener and missed 3 incl USC. After burying YSU, the Bucks, without Wells, actually trailed Ohio 14-12 late 3Q. They dropped from #3 to #5 when they travelled to USC. They had a 177-172 yd edge at half vs USC but had a TD called back, missed a FG and gave up an IR TD and trailed 21-3 before failing to show up in the 2H. They suffered a hangover vs Troy (outgained 315-309) but Terrelle Pryor, in his first start threw 4 TD passes. They led Minn 27-6 after 3Q's (2 garbage TD). They trailed Wisc but Pryor's 11 yd TD run with 1:08 left gave them a 20-17 win. Purdue outgained them at home 298-222 but OSU won by 13. OSU destroyed Mich St 45-7 on the road but with the Big Ten Title at stake at home, they lost by 7 at night to Penn St. With Pryor and Wells now acclimated they blew out their final 3 foes including Mich (schl rec 5th str win over UM) by an avg of 26.7 ppg and landed in the Fiesta Bowl vs #3 Texas. It was their 4th Fiesta Bowl in 7 years. After being #1 in ypg in B10 play for 3 straight years (+158.8 in '05, +149.3 in '06, +151.8 in '07), the Bucks were +54.1 ypg (5th best). They finished #9, their 4th straight Top 10 finish but benefitted from +16 in TO's and had favorable ypp's on both sides (pg 299). Despite some heavy losses in the NFL draft, OSU has a great shot of at least a share of their 5th straight Big Ten Title (most S/'72-'77, 6 st) and their HG on Sept 12th vs USC will determine if they are a National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 2 TERRELLE PRYOR SO. 6-6 235 **PS#1.** 10 st, 1311 (61%), 12-4 ratio, 631 rush, **B10 Frosh POY. 14** Joe Bauserman (6'2" 220 So) PS#59. 5 gm, hit 3 of 6, 16 rush rFr.

RB 3 Brandon Saine Jr. 6-1 217 **PS#2.** 1 st, 11 gm, 267 (4.4) true. 12 gm, 65 (2.5) LY. 1 Dan Herron (5'10" 193 So) **PS#44.** 2 st, 11 gm (inj), 439 (4.9) rFr. Jaamal Berry is **PS#7.**

WR 82 Ray Small Sr. 5-11 180 **PS#14.** 4 st, 484 (10.5), 45 PR (11.5) 3Y. **7** Lamaar Thomas (5'11" 186 So) **PS#9.** 10 gm, 4 rec true. **FB 49** Adam Homan (6'4" 235 Fr) PS#53. IFS.

WR 12 DANE SANZENBACHER JR. 5-11 175 PS#106. 2 st, 361 (10.9) 2Y. Duron Carter is **PS#33.** Chris Fields is **PS#24. 6** Grant Schwartz (6'0" 194 Jr) PS#116. Spec tms L2Y.

WR 8 DeVier Posey So. 6-3 205 **PS#4.** 12 gm, 117 (10.6) true. **5** Taurian Washington (6'2" 179 Jr) **PS#19.** 3 rec 2Y. James Jackson is **PS#30. 81** Ricky Crawford (6'2" 215 Jr). DNP LY.

TE 86 Jake Ballard Sr. 6-6 256 **PS#6.** 1 st, 2 rec true. 4 st, 149 (11.5) '07. 6 st, 73 (14.6) LY. **11** Jake Stoneburner (6'5" 230 rFr) **PS#4. 81** Nic DiLillo (6'5" 237 rFr) PS#22.

C 50 MIKE BREWSTER SO. 6-5 296 **PS#3.** 10 st, **1st Tm Frosh AA** true. **66** Andrew Moses (6'3" 280 Sr). 14 gm 3Y. Scott Sika (6'2" 280 Jr). 1 gm LY. **LS** Jake McQuaide (6'2" 219 Jr).

RG 70 BRYANT BROWNING JR. 6-4 312 **PS#39.** 13 gm rFr. 13 st @ RT LY. Jack Mewhort is **PS#29. 58** Evan Blankenship (6'3" 290 So) **PS#73. 69** Zach Slagle (6'1" 297 Jr) 2 gm 2Y.

LG 65 Justin Boren Jr. 6-3 315 **PS#11. Mich trans.** 1 st, 5 gm true. 13 st, HM B10 '07. Trans LY. **77** Connor Smith (6'4" 321 Jr) **PS#6.** 13 gm rFr. 11 gm (inj) LY. Corey Linsley **PS#23.**

RT 64 JIM CORDLE SR. 6-4 297 **PS#24.** 5 gm rFr. 13 st C '07. 12 st (9 LG, 3 C) LY. **76** JB Shugarts (6'8" 298 So) **PS#9.** 7 gm as true. **73** Josh Kerr (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#441. 17 gm 2Y.

LT 75 Mike Adams So. 6-8 322 **PS#6.** 5 gm (inj'd) true. **55** Andrew Miller (6'6" 279 Jr) **PS#49.** 14 gm 2Y. Marcus Hall (6'5" 300 Fr) **PS#5. 57** Chris Malone (6'1" 268 Jr) PS#507.

K 20 Aaron Pettrey Sr. 6-2 199 PS#36. 8-11, L/51 rFr. 14 KO in '07. 7-8 FG, L/54 LY. **17** Ben Buchanan (6'0" 200 rFr) **PS#3. 12** Devin Barclay (5'11" 195 Jr). Former pro soccer player.

DE 97 CAMERON HEYWARD JR. 6-6 267 **PS#28.** 20 st, 69 tkl, 14.5 tfl 2Y. **9** Rob Rose (6'5" 285 Sr) **PS#10.** 4 st, 21 tkl, 8 tfl 3Y. John Simon **PS#20.** Keith Wells (6'5" 210 So) **PS#45.** 3 gm true.

DT 84 DOUG WORTHINGTON SR. 6-6 276 **PS#12.** 22 st, 61 tkl, 7 tfl 3Y. **53** Garrett Goebel (6'5" 280 rFr) **PS#14.** Willie Mobley (6'3" 265 rFr) **PS#12.** Solomon Thomas (6'5" 240 So) **PS#34.** 3 tkl rFr.

DT 72 Dexter Larimore Jr. 6-2 300 PS#80. 1 st, 16 tkl, 5.5 tfl rFr. 2 st, 15 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Todd Denlinger (6'2" 292 Sr) **PS#23.** 5 st, 17 tkl 2Y. 2 st, 7 tkl LY. Tom Ingham (6'1" 243 Sr). 3 gm 2Y.

DE 90 THADDEUS GIBSON JR. 6-2 240 **PS#8.** 10 st, 37 tkl, 12 tfl 2Y. **87** Lawrence Wilson (6'4" 274 Sr) **PS#52.** 36 tkl 4Y. Med RS '07. ACL LY. Nathan Williams (6'3" 245 So) **PS#27.** 18 tkl true.

SLB 26 Tyler Moeller Jr. 6-0 216 PS#70. 2 st, 23 gm, 18 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. Storm Klein is **PS#7. NB 7** Jermale Hines (6'2" 210 Jr) **PS#25.** 6 st, 34 tkl 2Y. Tony Jackson (5'11" 227 So).

MLB 38 Austin Spitler Sr. 6-3 234 PS#119. 7 tkl, 13 gm rFr. 26 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 13 gm '07. 9 gm (inj), 11 tkl LY. **6** Etienne Sabino (6'3" 232 So) **PS#7.** 6 tkl true. Dorian Bell is **PS#4.**

WLB 51 ROSS HOMAN JR. 6-0 229 **PS#14.** 28 tkl true. RS '07. 6 st, 67 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **36** Brian Rolle (5'11" 221 Jr) **PS#26.** 39 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **42** Andrew Sweat (6'2" 220 So) **PS#13.** 5 tkl true.

CB 5 CHIMDI CHEKWA JR. 6-0 188 PS#130. 13 gm, 30 tkl, 10 pd rFr. 12 st, 30 tkl, 5 pd LY. **18** Travis Howard (6'1" 180 rFr) PS#86. **30** Donnie Evege (5'11" 189 So) **PS#29.** Taylor Rice (5'11" 171 rFr).

CB 13 Andre Amos Sr. 6-1 183 PS#59. 9 tkl rFr. 3 tkl '07. 1 gm LY. (inj). **10** Devon Torrence (6'1" 193 Jr) **PS#43.** 4 rec true. 10 tkl LY. Corey Brown is **PS#15.** CJ Barnett is **PS#25.**

SS 4 KURT COLEMAN SR. 5-11 188 **PS#17.** 9 tkl true. 13 st, 64 tkl '07. 11 st, 78 tkl, 9 pd, **2nd Tm B10 LY. 20** Nate Oliver (6'0" 215 So) **PS#23.** 8 tkl rFr. Zach Domicone (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#285.

FS 21 ANDERSON RUSSELL SR. 6-0 205 PS#168. 17 st, 79 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 67 tkl LY. **8** Aaron Gant (6'0" 194 Sr) PS#307. 23 tkl 3Y. Orhian Johnson (6'2" 178 rFr) PS#101. Rocco Pentello (6'0" 194 So).

P 17 Ben Buchanan rFr. 6-0 200 **PS#3.** Recruited for PK, punts and KO's. **48** Jon Thoma (6'2" 201 Sr) PS#86. 1 gm as holder rFr. 1 punt (13.0) '07. 2 punts (27.5), L/32 LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Dorian Bell 6-1 220 PS#4
OL	Marcus Hall 6-5 300 PS#5
RB	Jaamal Berry 5-11 195 PS#7
DB	Jamie Wood 6-2 190 PS#14
DL	Melvin Fellows 6-5 235 PS#15
DB	Corey Brown 6-1 185 PS#15
LB	Storm Klein 6-3 225 PS#7
DL	John Simon 6-3 265 PS#20
LB	Jordan Whiting 6-01 235 PS#9
DB	CJ Barnett 6-0 180 PS#25
OL	Corey Linsley 6-4 275 PS#23
WR	Chris Fields 6-1 185 PS#24
OL	Jack Mewhort 6-7 290 PS#29
WR	James Jackson 5-11 175 PS#30
WR	Duron Carter 6-2 190 PS#33
DB	Dominic Clarke 5-11 180 PS#47
RB	Jordan Hall 5-10 190 PS#45
RB	Carlos Hyde 6-1 230 PS#48
RB	Adam Homan 6-4 235 PS#53
OL	Sam Longo 6-6 280 PS#47
TE	Reid Fragel 6-7 260 PS#13
LB	Zach Boren 6-1 255 PS#46
DL	Jonathan Newsome 6-3 230 PS#69
DL	Adam Bellamy 6-4 280 PS#89
QB	Kenny Guiton 6-3 180 PS#116

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#39

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Navy	A					Ohio St has won 30 straight home openers by an avg of 21 ppg. Last loss was vs Penn St ('78). OSU is 3-0 vs Navy with the last meeting the '81 Liberty Bowl (W 31-28).
Sep. 12	USC	A					OSU led 3-0 & trailed 14-3 before USC int TD. OSU had 141 games TD streak snapped. Coming into '09, OSU is 46-1 at home vs non-conf (only loss vs #2 Texas '05).
Sep. 19	† Toledo *(Cleveland)*	G					Ohio St is 24-1 all-time vs current MAC opponents & 1-0 vs Toledo ('98, 49-0). Toledo home game in Cleveland. Rockets are 5-12 vs current Big Ten tms all-time.
Sep. 26	Illinois	A					Ohio St is 9-3 vs UI but were ranked #1 in last meeting at home (28-21 loss in '07). Pryor & Wells each topped 110 yds rush LY & OSU allowed a reg ssn high 455 yds.
Oct. 3	at Indiana	A					Ohio St has beaten Indiana 14 straight & has won the last 5 by an avg of 30 ppg. The Buckeyes have won a school record 15 straight Big Ten road games.
Oct. 10	Wisconsin	A					Wisconsin is the only team to beat Ohio St 3 times this decade ('01, '03 & '04). OSU went 80/12pl & Pryor scored on an 11 yd run with 1:08 left for the 20-17 win LY.
Oct. 17	at Purdue	G					Ohio St is 12-2 vs Purdue but just 2-2 in the last 4 in West Lafayette. LY OSU was held w/o an offensive TD & was outgained 298-222 in the 16-3 win.
Oct. 24	Minnesota (HC)	A					Ohio St is 18-1 since 1965 vs the Gophers in Columbus (only loss in '00). Last year OSU led 34-6 before allowing 2 TD's in the last 8:24. Tressel said, "We got sloppy."
Oct. 31	New Mexico St	A					First meeting. OSU has beaten all 3 WAC foes by an avg of 42-9 (last was San Jose St in '02). NMSt has dropped 16 straight to BCS teams by an avg of 44-12.
Nov. 7	at Penn St	G					Ohio St leads series 10-6 since PSU joined the Big Ten. OSU is 3-5 at PSU but won 2 of last 3. OSU was held to 14 FD's LY in front of record home crowd (105,711).
Nov. 14	Iowa	A					The Buckeyes have won 10 of 11 including 5 straight at home in this series. Ohio St has either lost or gone to OT in 5 of the last 8 prior to Michigan.
Nov. 21	at Michigan	A					OSU is now 7-1 vs UM under Tressel with a school record 5 game win streak. LY's 42-7 win was the 3rd largest win margin for OSU in this series (38 pts '35 & 36 pts '68).
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Art Schlichter 7,547 '78-'81
2. Bobby Hoying 7,232 '92-'95
3. Joe Germaine 6,370 '96-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Archie Griffin 5,589 '72-'75
2. Eddie George 3,768 '92-'95
3. Tim Spencer 3,553 '79-'82

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Michael Jenkins 2,898 '00-'03
2. David Boston 2,855 '96-'98
3. Gary Williams 2,792 '79-'82

JIM TRESSEL (Career 83-19) (FCS 135-57-2)

9th Year at Ohio St — Tressel's Bowl Record: 4-4

Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

83-19	Straight Up	8-7	Vs Top 10
50-6	Home	28-13	Vs Top 25
28-9	Away	12-7	Vs BCS Teams
5-4	Neutral	6-7	Off A Bye
52-12	Vs Conference	13-2	Off A Loss

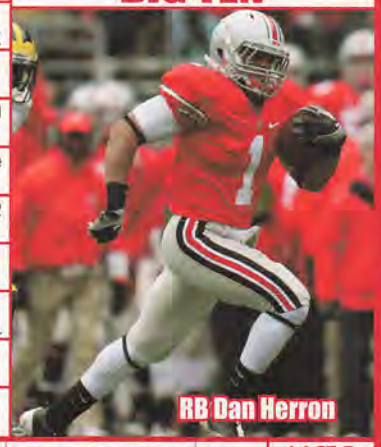
2008 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,17,3)
Lost: 24 (14,8,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 104,976 (#3)

BIG TEN



STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (102,329) (#3)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	7-5	14-0	11-2	8-4	10-2	12-1	11-2	10-3	91-23
Home	4-2	4-2	8-0	8-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-1	6-1	54-8
Away	4-1	3-2	4-0	2-2	2-3	3-1	5-0	5-0	4-1	32-10
Neutral	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	5-5
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	8-0	6-2	4-4	7-1	8-0	7-1	7-1	57-15
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	6-0	5-0	4-0	3-1	4-1	4-1	3-2	34-8
ATS	5-7	5-7	8-6	5-7-1	7-5	9-3	9-4	7-5	6-6	61-50-1
Home Fav	2-4	2-3	7-1	3-4-1	3-2	5-2	5-2	3-3	1-4	31-25-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
Away Favorite	3-1	2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	4-1	4-0	21-13
Away Dog	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-5
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	5-5
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	6-2	5-3	5-3	41-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-4	5-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-3	20-20
Off SU Win	3-5	2-5	7-6	2-7-1	4-3	7-2	8-4	6-5	5-5	44-42-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	3-1	0-0	2-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	11-7

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2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Wells	207	1242	45	1197	8	5.8
Terrelle Pryor	139	853	222	631	6	4.5
Dan Herron	89	452	13	439	6	4.9
Maurice Wells	39	139	10	129	0	3.3
Brandon Saine	26	73	8	65	1	2.5
Joe Bauserman	3	16	0	16	0	5.3
Todd Boeckman	23	58	50	8	0	0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Terrelle Pryor	165	100	60.6	1311	12	4
Todd Boeckman	93	57	61.3	620	5	2
Joe Bauserman	6	3	50.0	22	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brian Robiskie	42	535	12.7	8	48
Brian Hartline	21	479	22.8	4	56
Dane Sanzenbacher	21	272	13.0	1	53
Ray Small	18	149	8.3	0	23
DeVier Posey	11	117	10.6	1	25
Brandon Smith	8	79	9.9	0	21
Jake Ballard	5	73	14.6	0	25
Rory Nicol	6	60	10.0	2	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
AJ Trapasso	58	2390	41.2	14	38.0(t)	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Pretorius	38-39	8-8	5-6	1-3	1-2	15-19	50
Aaron Pettrey	1-1	0-0	1-1	4-4	2-3	7-8	54

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
James Laurinaitis	130	4	3	4	2
Marcus Freeman	84	3.5	6	4	0
Kurt Coleman	78	1	3	5	4
Ross Homan	67	1	5	1	0
Anderson Russell	67	0	0	3	2
Malcolm Jenkins	57	1	3	9	3
Cameron Heyward	36	3	1.5	1	0
Doug Worthington	34	1.5	3.5	0	0
Nader Abdallah	33	1	5	4	0
Jermale Hines	31	0	2	3	0
Chimdi Chekwa	30	0	0	4	1
Shaun Lane	27	0	0	1	0
Thaddeus Gibson	26	5	4	1	0
Donald Washington	22	0	0	1	1
Brian Rolle	21	0	0	0	1
Nathan Williams	18	2	2	0	0
Lawrence Wilson	18	1	1.5	2	1
Tyler Moeller	18	0	3	0	0
Dexter Larimore	15	2	1.5	0	0
Austin Spitler	11	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ray Small	24	364	15.2	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lamaar Thomas	16	345	21.6	0
Brandon Saine	8	141	17.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Alamo - #24	+3'	Oklahoma St	33-7
05	Fiesta - #4	-4'	Notre Dame - #5	34-20
06	BCS Championship - #1	-7	Florida - #2	14-41
07	BCS Championship - #1	+3'	LSU - #2	24-38
08	Fiesta - #10	+8'	Texas - #3	21-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
10*	27.6	343	192	4.6	150	59.9	12.4	29	+16	2008	9	13.9	294	110	3.5	184	57.5	21.1	28
5	31.4	394	196	4.6	197	63.9	12.5	19	-3	2007	6	12.8	233	83	2.5	150	53.2	18.2	43
7*	34.6	385	170	4.6	215	65.0	11.1	19	+9	2006	2	12.8	280	98	3.3	182	58.3	22.0	38
9*	32.7	422	197	4.7	226	64.9	12.9	18	-9	2005	9	15.2	281	73	2.2	208	60.7	18.4	44
5	24.2	321	145	4.0	175	53.5	13.3	23	-1	2004	4	18.3	332	130	3.5	202	55.8	18.2	24
8*	24.8	332	126	3.3	206	56.8	13.4	33	+1	2003	6	17.6	297	62	2.0	235	57.9	16.9	37
5	29.3	364	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	32	+13	2002	7	13.1	321	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5	40

2008 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
105,011	Youngstown St	24	43-251	5.8	21-31	244	1	5	21-(-11)	-0.5	12-18	85	2	0
105,002	Ohio	17	40-162	4.1	16-28	110	3	15	31-145	4.7	12-34	109	1	+4
93,607	at USC	15	34-71	2.1	21-30	136	5	21	32-164	5.1	18-30	184	1	-2
102,989	Troy	17	42-170	4.0	10-17	139	1	15	23-97	4.2	30-43	218	2	+1
105,175	Minnesota	21	37-279	7.5	13-22	135	2	18	28-81	2.9	23-36	187	1	+2
81,608	at Wisconsin	17	40-183	4.6	13-19	144	4	19	39-179	4.6	13-25	147	2	0
105,378	Purdue	14	42-125	3.0	10-14	97	3	18	26-70	2.7	23-51	228	2	+2
77,360	at Michigan St	18	52-216	4.2	7-11	116	2	14	21-52	2.5	23-39	188	3	+5
105,711	Penn St	14	31-61	2.0	16-28	226	1	18	37-160	4.3	12-20	121	1	-2
47,130	at Northwestern	23	45-244	5.4	9-16	197	1	20	43-117	2.7	18-27	177	4	+3
62,870	at Illinois	16	52-305	5.9	6-10	49	0	25	35-214	6.1	20-34	241	2	+1
105,564	Michigan	13	43-232	5.4	8-16	184	3	11	41-111	2.7	8-25	87	3	+1
72,047	† Texas	21	39-203	5.2	10-25	176	3	33	29-54	1.9	41-58	414	4	+1
TOTALS		230	540-2502	4.6	160-267	1953	29	232	406-1433	3.5	253-440	2386	28	+16
AVERAGES		17.7	42-192	4.6	12-21	150	10.9%	17.8	31-110	3.5	19-34	184	6.4%	1.2

OSU Pre #9 2004 RESULTS Post #20

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#9	Cincinnati	-14	27-6
#9	Marshall	-16'	24-21
#9	at NC State	+2'	22-14
#7	at Northwestern	-11	27-33 OT
#18	Wisconsin - #15	-4	13-24
#25	at Iowa	-1	7-33
–	Indiana	-13'	30-7
–	Penn St	-6'	21-10
–	at Michigan St	-2	32-19
–	at Purdue	+6	17-24
–	Michigan - #7	+5'	37-21

OSU Pre #6 2005 RESULTS Post #4

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#6	Miami, Oh	-15	34-14
#4	Texas - #2	-1'	22-25
#9	San Diego St	-27'	27-6
#8	Iowa - #21	-7'	31-6
#6	at Penn St - #16	-3'	10-17
#15	Michigan St - #16	-6'	35-24
#14	at Indiana	-15'	41-10
#12	at Minnesota	-3'	45-31
#12	Illinois	-34'	40-2
#10	Northwestern - #25	-19'	48-7
#9	at Michigan - #17	-3	25-21

OSU Pre #1 2006 RESULTS Post #2

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#1	N Illinois	-17	35-12
#1	at Texas - #2	+2	24-7
#1	Cincinnati	-29	37-7
#1	Penn St - #24	-17	28-6
#1	at Iowa - #13	-7	38-17
#1	Bowling Green	-36	35-7
#1	at Michigan St	-14'	38-7
#1	Indiana	-30'	44-3
#1	Minnesota	-27'	44-0
#1	at Illinois	-24	17-10
#1	at Northwestern	-22'	54-10
#1	Michigan - #2	-6'	42-39

OSU Pre #11 2007 RESULTS Post #5

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#11	Youngstown St	NL	38-6
#12	Akron	-29	20-2
#10	at Washington	-3'	33-14
#8	Northwestern	-23'	58-7
#8	at Minnesota	-24	30-7
#4	at Purdue - #23	-7	23-7
#3	Kent St	-31	48-3
#1	Michigan St	-18'	24-17
#1	at Penn St - #24	-3'	37-17
#1	Wisconsin	-16	38-17
#1	Illinois	-15	21-28
#7	at Michigan - #23	-4	14-3

OSU Pre #2 2008 RESULTS Post #9

OSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#2	Youngstown St	-36'	43-0
#3	Ohio	-33'	26-14
#5	at USC - #1	+12	3-35
#13	Troy	-20'	28-10
#14	Minnesota	-20	34-21
#14	at Wisconsin - #18	-1	20-17
#12	Purdue	-18'	16-3
#12	at Michigan St - #20	-3	45-7
#10	Penn St - #3	+2	6-13
#12	at Northwestern	-11	45-10
#10	at Illinois	-9	30-20
#10	Michigan	-20	42-7

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '06 true frosh Juice Williams (PS#11) threw for just 1,489 (39.5%) with a 9-9 ratio but broke Tim Brasic's record for net rush yards by a QB (576). Williams had beaten Brasic's record by midseason. Added to the mix in '07 was athletic rFr Eddie McGee (PS#72). After Williams was KO'd vs Missouri, McGee threw for 257 which is more yards than Williams threw for in any game in his first 2 years. McGee, however, also had 4 TO's in that game. McGee came in during the 4Q vs Penn St and had a 53 yd run that set up a FG. He ran for a 4Q TD vs Wisc and had a go ahead 83 yard TD pass called back vs Iowa. He is considered to be a better passer and is faster than Juice but did not know the offense as well. After the loss to Mich, Zook opted to stick with Williams (McGee 1 pass in L/5 gm). Williams raised his completion % to 57.3 throwing for 1,743 with a 13-12 ratio. McGee had a 2-3 ratio hitting 52.7% for 444. Last year Williams made dramatic strides again. He set a Michigan Stadium record with 431 ttl yds and later set a Memorial Stadium record with 503 total yards vs Minn. Williams led the Big Ten in passing with 3,173 (57.5%) with a 22-16 ratio with 719 rush (4.1). McGee played in just 5 (9 att, 83 rush). This year both return and added to the mix are Jacob Charest (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#23), Sean Anderson (6'4" 195 So), Eddie Viliunas (6'4" 235 rFr, PS#162) and true frosh Nathan Scheelhaase (PS#19). If Williams continues to improve, he will be the Big Ten's best passer.

RUNNING BACKS - Pierre Thomas led the Illini in rushing 3 straight years with 895 (5.9) in '04, 664 (5.2) in '05 and 755 (5.8) in '06. Rashard Mendenhall (PS#8) had 218 (4.5) as a true and in 2006 avg'd a gaudy 8.2 ypc with 640 yards. Mendenhall added 20 lbs prior to '07 (405 bench) and became the Illini's first ever Big Ten Off MVP with 1,681 (6.4). He broke the school's single season record in rushing yards (Antoineo Harris, 1,330, '02) and TD's (Howard Griffith, 15, '90) while posting eight 100 yard efforts. Unfortunately he left early for the NFL (#1DC PIT) and was the first IL #1DC RB since Jim Grabowski in 1966. This unit was my biggest concern on the team LY as the top returnee was Daniel Dufrene (PS#207JC) who is 24 lbs lighter than Mendenhall and had 294 (6.3) in '07 when three of the top 5 rushers were either QB's or WR's. Troy Pollard (PS#66) had 148 (6.4) in the first 4 of '07 but RS. Last year Dufrene (4.41 spd) had 396 (6.6) in the first four, but had just 267 (4.6) the rest of the year. True frosh Jason Ford (PS#32) had 172 vs Indy but just 122 in the other 11. True frosh Mikel Leshoure (PS#63) rushed for 126 (3.6) before having his jaw broken by a teammate. Surprisingly, Pollard had just 37 (6.2) playing in 6 while still recovering from '07's knee inj. This year the unit returns intact and not listed below are FB's Zach Becker (6'3" 252 So) and Mark Burgess (5'9" 200 So) and Polland. With added talent and much more experience, this unit can only improve.

RECEIVERS - Zook started building this talented group in '06 by signing Jeff Cumberland (PS#13), who drew comparisons to the 49ers Vernon Davis (1st Tm AA at Maryland, #1DC). Cumberland was #3 at TE as a true with 232 (14.5). Dropped passes were a huge problem for this unit throughout '06. Soph Kyle Hudson led with 403 (13.4) and former walk-on Jacob Willis was #2 with 313 (19.6). Everyone ret'd in '07 but I named true frosh PS#1 WR Arrelious Benn 2nd Tm Big Ten in my preseason magazine. Benn suffered a shoulder injury in Aug and was not 100% all year. He was still the Big Ten Frosh of the Year (first here since Simeon Rice in '92) and broke the Illini frosh rec record (676, 12.5). The injury plagued Hudson dropped to 127 (10.6) while Willis was #2 with 330 (15.0). Cumberland avg 20.2 on his 12 rec after a midseason move to WR. Last year they only had to replace Willis and Hudson. Benn improved to 1,055 (15.7) and Cumberland was #3 with 352 (17.6). Will Judson (PS#434JC) was #2 with 401 (19.1) and true frosh Jenkins avg 26.1 ypc with 3 TD's. TE Mike Hoomanawanui was #4 with 312 (12.5). This year they must replace Judson(10 st) but add Florida transfer Jarred Fayson (PS#9QB). This unit is more experienced with added talent and now has 8 VHT's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 the Illini had all 5 starters returning. They did shuffle the O-line and one '05 starter was not even on the 2 deep. Thanks to mobile QB Juice Williams, the Illini led the Big Ten in rushing with 189 (5.2). In '07 they had to replace 2 starters and 3 backups but all five OL started all 13 and they improved to 257 ypg (#1 in Big Ten again) avg 5.6 ypc while decreasing their sacks to 16 (4.9%). LG Martin O'Donnell became the first 1st Tm AP AA here since LB Kevin Hardy in 1995. Last year they had to replace O'Donnell and one other starter and #1DC RB Mendenhall. The numbers dropped to 170 ypg rush (4.4). This year they lose LT Xavier Fulton (12 st, 2Y st'r, #5DC TB) and C Ryan McDonald (12 st, 4Y st'r). Surprisingly this unit has just 1 VHT in its starting 5.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Illini had an experienced defensive front in '05 but surprisingly allowed 5.5 ypc rush, their worst total of the modern era (D had 11 sk). In '06 they had to replace two starters but made remarkable improvements to 128 ypg (3.3). They had 7 of the top 8 back in '07 but slipped to 132 ypg (3.7) although the D had 40 sacks (21 in '06). Last year they only had to replace one starter but surprisingly the unit slipped a little more to 153 ypg (4.0) although the Illini led the Big Ten per game in tfl and sacks (32). This year they lose DT David Lindquist (12 st, 44 tkl, 4 sk), DE Derek Walker (11 st, 33 tkl, 6 sk) and DE Will Davis (10 st, 36 tkl, 3.5 sk, #6DC ARZ). Not listed below is Wisdom Onyeghule (6'3" 265 So) They do return 2 who have been full-time starters in DT Josh Brent and DE Doug Pilcher and while the line looks weaker, they could actually improve upon last year's rush numbers.

LINEBACKERS - In each of the past 3 years, an Illinois MLB has led the Big Ten in tkl/gm with J Leman in '06 & '07 and Brit Miller in '08. Last year they had to replace their #1 and #2 tkl'rs and Miller was the team's top def player. This year they lose Miller (12 st, 1st Tm B10), Rodney Pittman (8 st, 53 tkl), Sam Carson (3 st, 36 tkl) and Conor Gillen (3 tkl). They return their #3 tkl'r Martez Wilson (moved to MLB in spg) which makes them as experienced as last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Illini finished a frightening #118 in my pass D rankings in 2005 allowing a 27-4 ratio. They had 3 starters back in '06 and added true frosh Vontae Davis (PS#50), who quickly became their top cover CB. The Illini made a huge climb to #39 allowing 55.5% with an 11-10 ratio. In '07 they had 3 starters back but surprisingly slipped to #52. Last year they had to replace two multi-year starting S's as well as a backup S (57 tkl). Zook brought in PS#35JC Donsay Hardeman who started 8 (miss 4). CB Miami Thomas (1 st) was lost in Wk 2 to an ACL. One of the two returning starters was NFL bound Davis who had an uneven season. Due to the inexp Illinois dropped all the way to #85. This year Davis left early for the NFL draft (#1DC MIA, 11 st, #2 tkl'r) but 7 return with starting experience and despite the loss of their top guy, they should greatly improve upon '08's finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ron Zook used to be a ST coach in the NFL (PIT) so its surprising that his first two teams here ranked #111 and #116 in my ST rankings. I mentioned that with everyone back in '07, they should make significant improvement and they did moving up to #42. Last year they only had to replace their K. RFr Matt Eller won a 3-way battle and hit a solid 15 of 20 (long 51). Three players combined for 11 TB's on KO's. Anthony Santella who avg 37.7 (33.1 net) in '07, raised his avg to 39.4 (31.6 net). Despite a plethora of VHT's, the Illini were avg in the return game and fell to #95. Basically everyone returns this year and much like '07, I expect a much improved ST ranking.

COACHES - Ron Zook had to replace the ever popular Steve Spurrier at Florida and was under fire from day one. He finished 23-14 in his three seasons before being shown the door. He's an excellent recruiter and gained a lot of respect in '06 when Florida's team, comprised mostly of Zook's recruits, won the National Title. He now enters his 5th year here. This year he must replace his four year OC Mike Locksley (HC New Mex). The new OC is Mike Schultz who was the OC at TCU for the last 8 years. The Frogs had a balanced offense last year avg 220 ypg rushing and 201 passing and were #21 in the FBS at 33.6 ppg. The 3rd year co-DC's are Dan Disch (5th yr overall) and Curt Mallory (5th yr).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Illinois has won 15 Big Ten Titles including 2001 when they went a stunning 10-1. They were ranked #7 before losing in the Sugar Bowl. It was their first outright Big Ten Title since 1983. Illinois was just 13-45 the next five years and finished above .500 in Big Ten play just once from 1995-2006. In '07 I called the Illini my #2 Most Improved Team. A big part of the reason was that they were far better than their 2-10 record in '06. In '06 they had outgained foes by an avg of 346-310 but were -15 in TO's and had 5 net close losses. They could have easily beaten Penn St and Wisc on the road despite their 1-7 conf record. The Illini did not disappoint me. They got their first win over a #1 team since 1956 when they upset Ohio St on the road. Illinois, which had a combined 8 wins the previous four years actually won 9 and got to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1983. Unfortunately, USC tied a Rose Bowl scoring record as the Illini lost 49-17. Last year I was not high on the Illini. In fact, I didn't make too many friends in Champaign when I did not have Illinois ranked in my preseason Top 50 even though the Fighting Illini were #20 in the preseason AP poll. Illinois was picked 3rd in the Big Ten preseason poll. I pointed out that the '07 Illini team had just 2 starts lost all year (tied #118 FBS) plus they were only +25.9 ypg despite their 6-2 B10 record. Illinois had not had B2B winning seasons since 1989-'90 and the 24 lettermen lost were most in the Big Ten. They also had to play Penn St, Mich and Wisc all on the road and I questioned who would replace #1DC RB Mendenhall. UI opened '08 with a 10 pt loss to #6 Missouri. They needed a 27 yd FG with 1:40 left to get past UL at home. They gave PSU one of their toughest tests only being outgained 422-372 in Happy Valley to drop to 2-2. Their 45 pts vs Mich was their most ever in Ann Arbor and despite trailing 14-3, they won. They had a 550-312 yd edge vs Minn but were SOD at the 1 and lost by 7 at home. UI got their most points ever in a Big Ten HG in a 55-13 win vs Indiana. They led UW 17-10 but lost by 10 on the road. After beating Iowa 27-24, they moved to 5-4 but lost to WM at Ford Field. They outgained OSU 455-354 rolling up 292 yards at the half but lost by 10. In a must win game to end the season, NW kept them out of a bowl, 27-10. Much like '07, there are a lot of factors pointing to a resurgence. Despite a 3-5 conf record they were +86.5 ypg (2nd best!). There were -6 in TO's and had 27 starts lost to inj (tied #30 FBS). They have 13 ret starters including QB Williams. The D led the Big Ten in sacks/gm and tfl/gm. The Illini not only make my MIT list for the 2nd time in 3 years, but I also place them on my Surprise Team List (Darkhorse National Title contender), so I'll look for even better results than their '07 turnaround with one of my 9 sets of power ratings calling for an unbeaten season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 JUICE WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 235 **PS#11**. 22 st '06-'07, 3232 (48%) 22-21 ratio, 1331 rush. **2nd Tm B10** LY, 3173 (58%) 22-16, 719 rush. Eddie McGee (6'4" 210 Jr) PS#72. 503 pass 2Y.

RB 21 JASON FORD SO. 6-0 230 **PS#32**. 5 st, 294 (3.6) true. **22** Daniel Dufrene (5'11" 205 Sr) 7 st, 957 (5.8) 2Y. Mikel Leshoure (6'0" 225 So) PS#63. 126 (3.6) LY. Justin Green **PS#8DB**.

WR 9 ARRELIOUS BENN JR. 6-2 220 **PS#1**. 12 st, 676 (12.5) true. **1st Tm B10** LY, 1055 (15.7). **82** Fred Sykes (6'0" 185 So) 5 st, 156 (13.0) true. Jack Ramsey (5'11" 190 rFr) **PS#34DB**.

WR 11 Jarred Fayson JR. 6-0 215 **PS#9QB. FL trans.** 3 st, 148 (12.3) at FL '07. **8** AJ Jenkins (6'0" 185 So) PS#54. 287 (26.1) true. **1** Cordale Scott (6'3" 215 So) **PS#29**.

WR 17 JEFF CUMBERLAND SR. 6-5 255 **PS#13TE**. 11 st, 827 (17.2) 3Y. Terry Hawthorne (6'0" 170 Fr) **PS#4**. Chris Duvalt (5'11" 175 Sr) 4 st, 156 (15.6) LY. Chris James (6'0" 195 Jr) **PS#23**.

TE 16 MIKE HOOMANAWANUI SR. 6-5 270 PS#70. 15 st, 376 (12.5) 3Y. **83** Hubie Graham (6'4" 245 So) PS#32. 1 st, 12 gm, 2 rec true. **40** London Davis (6'4" 255 rFr) PS#39.

C 62 ERIC BLOCK SR. 6-3 290 PS#132. 12 st LG, 789 snaps LY. **61** Tyler Sands (6'5" 295 rFr) **PS#78**. **69** Ryan Sedlacek (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#120. **LS** Tad Keely (6'1" 225 Jr).

RG 52 JON ASAMOAH SR. 6-5 315 PS#370. 13 st RG, 991 snaps '07. HM B10 LY, 12 st RG, 852 snaps. **73** Jack Cornell (6'5" 315 So) **PS#62**. 2 gm. Mike Garrity (6'6" 310 So) PS#126.

LG 76 Graham Pocic rFr. 6-7 320 **PS#23**. **66** Randall Hunt (6'6" 320 Jr) PS#391. 7 gm as bkup L2Y. Hugh Thornton (6'5" 285 Fr) is PS#177. Jake Feldmeyer is PS#237.

RT 71 JEFF ALLEN SO. 6-5 310 PS#141. Last 9 st at RT as true, 628 snaps. **78** Ryan Palmer (6'7" 310 Jr) PS#121. 3 st RT, 6 gm as rFr. Leon Hill (6'4" 320 Fr) **PS#43**.

LT 70 Corey Lewis So. 6-6 315 PS#150. 4 gm, 94 snaps as true. **79** Craig Wilson (6'5" 320 So) **PS#82**. 7 gm, 38 snaps LY. Andrew Carter (6'4" 272 Fr) **PS#61**.

K 84 MATT ELLER SO. 6-2 210 PS#74. 15 of 20 FG, L/51. 39-41 xp, 4 TB/17 KO. **19** Derek Dimke (6'0" 180 So) 3 TB/29 KO true. Mike Cklamovski (6'4" 250 Sr). 11 TB/86 KO L3Y.

DE 99 Jerry Brown Jr. 6-4 265 PS#78. 13 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. **90** Antonio James (6'5" 255 Sr) 20 tkl, 3 tfl 3Y. Glenn Foster (6'4" 270 rFr) **PS#60**. Rahkeem Smith (6'1" 265 Sr) PS#104. 3 st FB.

DT 93 Corey Liuget So. 6-3 290 PS#16TE. 2 st, 26 tkl, 5 tfl true. **56** Sirod Williams (6'0" 295 Sr) PS#201LB. 4 st, 23 tkl, 2 tfl '05-'07. Inj LY. **72** Reggie Ellis (6'2" 285 rFr) **PS#26**.

DT 92 JOSH BRENT JR. 6-2 315 **PS#25**. 8 st, 42 tkl, 10.5 tfl 2Y. Daryle Ballew (6'1" 310 So) PS#131. Ugochukwu Uzodinma (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#206. Anterio Jackson (6'2" 285 Jr) PS#111.

DE 95 Doug Pilcher Sr. 6-5 265 PS#96. 11 st, 24 tkl, 6.5 tfl '06. 9 st, 25 tkl, 7 tfl '07. 5 st, 21 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. Clay Nurse (6'3" 260 Jr) PS#254. 9 tkl. Whitney Mercilus (6'3" 255 rFr) PS#144.

SLB 38 Ian Thomas So. 6-0 225 4 tkl rFr. **42** Aaron Gress (6'0" 230 Jr) **PS#51JC**. In for spg. **48** Nate Palmer (6'3" 230 rFr) PS#20TE. Eric Watts (6'1" 215 Fr) PS#238.

MLB 2 MARTEZ WILSON JR. 6-4 240 **PS#7**. 29 tkl, 3 tfl true. 7 st, 73 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **54** Justin Staples (6'4" 225 rFr) PS#69. **51** Evan Frierson (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#368. Dane Lundeen (5'11" 205 rFr).

WLB 33 Russell Ellington So. 6-2 225 PS#93WR. 1 st, 8 tkl as true. **53** Dustin Jefferson (6'0" 240 Jr) PS#67. 5 tkl, 11 gm LY. **18** Nate Bussey (6'2" 220 Jr) PS#46QB. 1 st, 30 tkl 2Y.

CB 3 Tavon Wilson So. 6-0 195 PS#140. 1 st, 11 tkl true. **25** Ashante Williams (5'10" 195 rFr) PS#138RB. **8** Patrick Nixon-Youman (5'10" 165 Fr) PS#154RB. Grayshirt '08.

CB 28 DERE HICKS SR. 5-10 175 13 st, 52 tkl, 5 pbu, 2 int '07. 12 st, 43 tkl, 4 tfl, 5 pbu, 1 int LY. **14** Miami Thomas (5'11" 175 So) PS#85. 2 st, 20 tkl 2Y. Antonio Gully (6'1" 180 Jr) 3 tkl LY.

SS 24 BO FLOWERS JR. 6-2 215 PS#31QB. 5 tkl true. 3 st, 23 tkl LY. **20** Garrett Edwards (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#93. 5 st, 20 tkl LY. **32** Supo Sanni (6'3" 215 So) PS#69WR. 9 tkl true.

FS 4 DONSAY HARDEMAN SR. 6-2 210 **PS#35JC**. 8 st, 44 tkl LY. **31** Travon Bellamy (6'0" 205 Jr) PS#146. 12 st, 68 tkl, 5 pbu, 2 int 2Y. Kevin Johnson (6'1" 190 rFr). Nattiel Perkins (5'11" 200 rFr).

P 87 ANTHONY SANTELLA JR. 6-2 190 PS#71. 64 punts, 37.7 avg, 33.1 tm net in '07. 53 punts, 39.4 avg, 31.6 net LY. **37** Kyle Yelton (6'0" 190 Sr) PS#54. 1 punt, 39 yds '07.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Terry Hawthorne 6-0 170 PS#4
RB	Justin Green 5-11 178 PS#8DB
QB	Nathan Scheelhaase 6-3 185 PS#19
LB	Aaron Gress 6-0 230 PS#51JC
OL	Lendell Buckner 6-3 340 PS#39
OL	Leon Hill 6-4 320 PS#43
RB	Bud Golden 6-0 190 PS#47
OL	Andrew Carter 6-4 272 PS#61
DL	Michael Buchanan 6-6 220 PS#92
RB	Greg Fuller 6-1 240 PS#100
WR	Steve Hull 6-2 187 PS#112
DB	Tommie Hopkins 5-11 175 PS#175
OL	Hugh Thornton 6-5 285 PS#177
OL	Jake Feldmeyer 6-4 265 PS#237
DB	Joelil Thrash 6-0 185 PS#244
DL	Akeem Spence 6-1 280 PS#274
LB	Eric Watts 6-1 215 PS#238
TE	Justin Lattimore 6-3 215 PS#76
DB	Walter Aikens 6-1 185 PS#455
DL	Tim Kynard 6-3 240 PS#538

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#42

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	† Missouri (St Louis)	A					Fifth time in 8 seasons these 2 have opened in St Louis w/the Illini losing all 4 prior. LY the teams combined for 1,081 yds & QB WIlliams had 451 yds & 5 TD passes.
Sep. 12	Illinois St	A					Illinois is 5-0 vs current MVF Conf schools incl 2-0 vs Ill St (last mtg '03, 49-22). The Redbirds went 3-8 LY incl a 35-10 loss at Marshall (only outgained 390-327).
Sep. 19							
Sep. 26	at Ohio St	A					The visitor has won 8 of 9. Illinois has won 3 of 4 in Columbus including '07 when the Bucks were #1. Illinois outgained OSU 455-354 in last year's 30-20 loss.
Oct. 3	Penn St	A					Illinois is 3-13 vs PSU but did win last time in Champaign. Illini led 14-7 LY then trailed 31-24 early in the 4Q. They did gain 372 yds which was the most vs PSU LY (reg ssn).
Oct. 10	Michigan St (HC)	A					The Illini snapped a 9 game series losing streak in their last meeting ('06, 23-20). The teams fought when the Illini planted a tm flag in Spartan Stadium after pulling a 26 pt upset.
Oct. 17	at Indiana	A					Last year's 55-13 win was 1st back-to-back wins vs the Hoosiers S/'01 & '02. It was the largest margin of victory & most Illini pts in the series since 1914 (51-0).
Oct. 24	at Purdue	G					Ill has dropped 4 straight to Purdue being outscored by 22 ppg. Last trip here ('05) was Zook's 1st yr & they needed a FG with 7:37 left to avoid a shutout in the 37-3 loss.
Oct. 31	Michigan	A					Ill last beat Michigan at home in '83 (0-9-1 since). LY Juice Williams had 431 yds off (tied UM opp record). The Illini has not beaten UM in B2B seasons since '57 & '58.
Nov. 7	at Minnesota	A					Illinois is just 2-7 vs Minnesota but did win in their last trip there ('07, 44-17). LY Juice had a Memorial Stadium record 503 yds of offense but was sk'd 5 times.
Nov. 14	Northwestern	A					The Illini are 1-5 vs the Wildcats with the win 2 years ago at home. Last year UI trailed 13-0 at HT. The FD's finished even (21-21) & the ydg was almost even (339-335).
Nov. 21							Bonus: The Sweet Sioux Tomahawk Trophy (Ill vs NU) was retired LY ('45-'08).
Nov. 27	at Cincinnati (Fri)	A					First meeting. The Illini have split 4 Big East games the last 4 years. The Illini are 2-10 visiting a non-Big Ten BCS team but did win their last game (Syracuse '07).
Dec. 5	Fresno St	A					First meeting. UI is 2-2 vs the WAC. They faced SJSt in '05 scoring 40 unanswered pts with a 492-231 yd edge. First time UI has finished the ssn w/a non-conf gm S/'42!

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jack Trudeau 8,725 '81-'85	1. Robert Holcombe 4,105 '94-'97	1. David Williams 3,392 '83-'85
2. Kurt Kittner 8,722 '98-'01	2. Antoineo Harris 2,985 '99-'02	2. Brandon Lloyd 2,583 '99-'02
3. Jason Verduzco 7,532 '89-'92	3. Thomas Rooks 2,887 '82-'85	3. Walter Young 2,382 '98-'02

RON ZOOK (Career 41-44)

5th Year at Illinois
Bowls: 0-3
Florida '02-'04

Zook AT ILLINOIS/OVERALL

18-30 / 41-44	SU	2-4 / 7-8	Vs Top 10
12-13 / 25-19	Home	3-13 / 10-23	Vs Top 25
6-13 / 14-18	Away	2-6 / 3-12	Vs BCS Tms
0-4 / 2-7	Neutral	0-3 / 2-5	Off A Bye
10-22 / 26-30	Vs Conf	7-19 / 15-23	Off A Loss

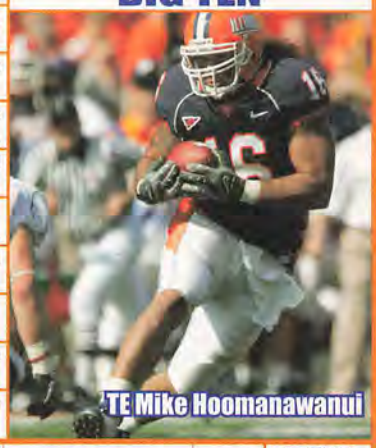
2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (22,20,4)
Lost: 17 (7,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 61,707 (#30)

BIG TEN


TE Mike Hoomanawanui

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (62,870) (#37)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	10-2	5-7	1-11	3-8	2-9	2-10	9-4	5-7	42-64
Home	4-2	6-0	3-3	1-5	3-4	2-4	1-6	5-1	4-2	29-27
Away	1-4	4-1	2-3	0-5	0-4	0-5	1-4	4-1	1-3	13-30
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-7
vs Conf	2-6	7-1	4-4	0-8	1-7	0-8	1-7	6-2	3-5	24-48
vs Non-Conf	3-0	3-1	1-3	1-3	2-1	2-1	1-3	3-2	2-2	18-16
ATS	4-7	7-5	7-5	1-10	5-5	4-7	5-6	7-5	4-7	44-57
Home Fav (Vegas line)	1-3	3-3	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-4	2-1	2-2	12-16
Home Dog (Vegas line)	2-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	3-1	2-3	2-0	1-1	0-1	12-11
Away Favorite (Vegas line)	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	0-2	6-7
Away Dog	0-3	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-3	1-4	3-1	1-0	2-0	14-16
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-7
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	5-3	0-8	5-3	1-7	5-3	6-2	4-4	34-38
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-2	0-2	3-0	0-3	1-3	0-3	10-19
Off SU Win	3-2	5-5	3-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	7-2	1-4	24-17
Off SU Loss	1-4	1-0	4-3	0-9	3-4	1-7	5-4	0-2	3-2	18-35

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27
94	Liberty	-7	East Carolina	30-0
99	Micronpc.com	+2'	Virginia	63-21
01	Sugar - #7	+2	LSU - #12	34-47
07	Rose - #13	+14	USC - #6	17-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Illinois All-Time Bowl Record 6-9

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	28.7	439	170	4.4	269	56.7	15.3	25	-6	2008	6	26.6	350	153	4.0	197	58.5	13.2	32
7*	27.8	425	257	5.6	168	56.3	15.3	16	-2	2007	9	21.8	377	132	3.7	245	59.3	17.3	40
8*	19.6	345	189	5.2	157	42.2	17.6	30	-15	2006	9	26.8	310	128	3.3	182	55.5	11.6	21
7	17.0	355	158	4.0	196	59.8	20.9	32	-11	2005	7	39.5	469	234	5.5	235	67.0	11.9	10
8*	21.8	338	153	4.2	185	56.8	15.5	24	-6	2004	5	29.4	424	194	4.6	230	64.1	14.4	12
6*	16.9	340	111	3.5	230	60.8	20.1	21	-18	2003	7	33.2	426	224	4.7	202	60.4	12.9	24
7	28.8	446	164	4.3	282	56.8	15.5	24	-8	2002	7	25.6	420	190	4.3	230	56.2	16.4	26

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Juice Williams	175	923	204	719	5	4.1
Daniel Dufrene	117	690	27	663	0	5.7
Jason Ford	81	339	45	294	8	3.6
Mikel Leshoure	35	140	14	126	1	3.6
Arrelious Benn	23	119	18	101	2	4.4
Eddie McGee	14	106	23	83	0	5.9
Troy Pollard	6	47	10	37	1	6.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Juice Williams	381	219	57.5	3173	22	16
Eddie McGee	9	4	44.4	59	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Arrelious Benn	67	1055	15.7	3	54	
Will Judson	21	401	19.1	2	65	
Jeff Cumberland	20	352	17.6	4	77	
Michael Hoomanawanui	25	312	12.5	2	25	
AJ Jenkins	11	287	26.1	3	54	
Daniel Dufrene	30	271	9.0	2	57	
Chris Duvalt	10	156	15.6	4	26	
Fred Sykes	12	156	13.0	1	50	
Jason Ford	9	79	8.8	0	14	
Mikel Leshoure	6	66	11.0	0	14	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Anthony Santella	53	2088	39.4	8	31.6(t)	1	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Eller	39-41	6-6	1-4	7-9	1-1	15-20	51

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Brit Miller	132	6	9.5	8	1
Vontae Davis	78	0	7	8	2
Martez Wilson	73	3	2.5	3	0
Rodney Pittman	53	1	2.5	0	0
Travon Bellamy	53	0	0	3	0
David Lindquist	44	4	3.5	1	0
Donsay Hardeman	44	0	0.5	1	1
Dere Hicks	43	1	3	5	1
Will Davis	36	3.5	3.5	2	0
Sam Carson	36	0	3	1	0
Josh Brent	34	1.5	7	0	0
Derek Walker	33	6	1	0	1
Corey Liuget	26	1.5	3.5	1	0
Bo Flowers	23	0	1	0	0
Doug Pilcher	21	2.5	3.5	0	0
Nate Bussey	21	0	0	2	0
Garrett Edwards	20	0	0	0	0
Tavon Wilson	11	0	0.5	1	0
Clay Nurse	9	1	0	0	0
Supo Sanni	9	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Arrelious Benn	15	114	7.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
AJ Jenkins	22	490	22.3	1	
Arrelious Benn	20	398	19.9	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

UI 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
66,441	† Missouri	24	35-81	2.3	26-42	451	5	28	37-226	6.1	26-45	323	1	0
60,131	E Illinois	29	53-399	7.5	17-27	134	0	11	37-176	4.8	7-17	102	4	-2
58,632	Louisiana	18	44-194	4.4	13-25	147	1	19	34-87	2.6	25-35	200	3	+1
109,626	at Penn St	19	42-189	4.5	13-24	183	1	24	44-241	5.5	14-20	181	1	-1
109,750	at Michigan	19	47-191	4.1	13-26	310	0	17	35-69	2.0	18-35	250	4	+2
62,870	Minnesota	25	33-88	2.7	26-42	462	5	16	34-116	3.4	19-27	196	3	-2
62,870	Indiana	27	44-292	6.6	16-22	271	2	18	44-141	3.2	12-29	172	4	+1
81,241	at Wisconsin	15	30-88	2.9	17-32	221	2	14	45-163	3.6	12-22	174	4	-2
62,870	Iowa	14	28-60	2.1	22-37	272	0	21	40-138	3.5	11-29	191	6	0
12,865	† W Michigan	21	30-115	3.8	20-45	328	2	20	28-64	2.3	28-40	301	2	-1
62,870	Ohio St	25	35-214	6.1	20-34	241	2	16	52-305	5.9	6-10	49	0	-1
32,166	at Northwestern	21	39-123	3.2	20-37	212	5	21	34-109	3.2	22-33	230	0	-1
TOTALS		257	460-2034	4.4	223-393	3232	25	225	464-1835	4.0	200-342	2369	32	-6
AVERAGES		21.4	38-170	4.4	19-33	269	6.4%	18.8	39-153	4.0	17-29	197	9.4%	-0.5

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Florida A&M	NL	52-13
-	UCLA	+1'	17-35
-	W Michigan	-8'	30-27
-	Purdue - #15	+21'	30-38
-	at Wisconsin - #20	+14'	7-24
-	at Michigan St	+7'	25-38
-	Michigan - #14	+19	19-30
-	at Minnesota	+17'	0-45
-	Iowa - #23	+12'	13-23
-	Indiana	-2	26-22
-	at Northwestern	+12'	21-28 OT

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Rutgers	+2'	33-30 OT
-	San Jose St	-14	40-19
-	at California - #15	+21'	20-35
-	Michigan St - #17	+10	14-61
-	at Iowa	+19'	7-35
-	at Indiana	+7	13-36
-	Penn St - #12	+18'	10-63
-	Wisconsin - #15	+21	24-41
-	at Ohio St - #12	+34'	2-40
-	at Purdue	+23	3-37
-	Northwestern	+15	21-38

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	E Illinois	NL	42-17
-	at Rutgers	+11'	0-33
-	Syracuse	-3	21-31
-	Iowa - #14	+21	7-24
-	at Michigan St	+26	23-20
-	Indiana	-8'	32-34
-	Ohio	-6	17-20
-	at Penn St	+18	12-26
-	at Wisconsin - #17	+21'	24-30
-	Ohio St - #1	+24	10-17
-	Purdue	-3	31-42
-	at Northwestern	-2'	16-27

2007 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
-	† Missouri	+4'	34-40
-	W Illinois	NL	21-0
-	at Syracuse	-11'	41-20
-	at Indiana	-2	27-14
-	Penn St - #21	+3	27-20
-	Wisconsin - #5	-2'	31-26
#18	at Iowa	-4'	6-10
-	Michigan - #24	+1	17-27
-	Ball St	-13'	28-17
-	at Minnesota	-12	44-17
-	at Ohio St - #1	+15	28-21
#20	Northwestern	-13'	41-22

2008 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#20	† Missouri - #6	+9	42-52
#24	E Illinois	-28	47-21
#24	Louisiana	-25	20-17
#22	at Penn St - #12	+15	24-38
-	at Michigan	+2	45-20
-	Minnesota	-12'	20-27
-	Indiana	-15'	55-13
-	at Wisconsin	-2'	17-27
-	Iowa	-2'	27-24
-	† W Michigan	-7'	17-23
-	Ohio St - #10	+9	20-30
-	at Northwestern	-2	10-27

IOWA HAWKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '07 Jake Christensen (1 st, 285 yd '06) took over the starting job after Drew Tate departed as the school's #2 all-time career passer. He became UI's first left-handed starter since Phil Suess (1980). Christensen was sacked 46 times in '07 and was last in the Big Ten in pass eff but took almost every snap passing for 2,269 (53.5%) with a 17-6 ratio. Ricky Stanzi played in 2 (0-4 pass). Last year Stanzi battled Christensen hard in the spring but suffered a shoulder inj in summer. Christensen started the opener but split the snaps with Stanzi. Stanzi started the next 2 but Christensen came off the bench vs Iowa St (Stanzi 5-14) leading them on a 65 yard TD drive for the lead. Christensen started and played the entire 2H vs Pitt, but then Stanzi started the rest of the season. Stanzi threw for 1,956 (59.1%) with a 14-9 ratio. Christensen threw for 396 (57.1%) with a 2-1 ratio. Marvin McNutt (6'4" 215 So) played in 3 (3 pass) but now moves to WR. Redshirt frosh John Weinke (PS#26) and James Vandenberg (PS#56) are the new backups and Stanzi should improve his stats in his 2nd year as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - In '05 and '06 Shonn Greene was the #3 back behind Albert Young (PS#14) and Damian Sims. Young led the Hawkeyes in rushing for 3 straight years with 1,334 (5.4) in '05, 779 (4.4) in '06 and 968 (4.7) in '07. Sims had 664 (5.0) in '06 and 499 (5.0) in '07. Due to acad, Greene spent '07 at a JC. Heading into Aug last year the top returnee was WR Derrell Johnson-Koulianos (14 yds!) and the top 2 RB's on the depth chart were Nate Guillory (PS#26JC) and walk-on Paki O'Meara (5'11" 211 Jr). Guillory then transferred in late Aug when Greene returned and won the job. Greene came out of nowhere and was the best RB in the country. He topped 100 every game, took home the Doak Walker Award and set the school record for rushing yards in a season with 1,850 (6.0) and 20 TD's. He was the first consensus AA RB here since Nile Kinnick (1939). True frosh Jewel Hampton (PS#186) had 463 (5.1) and O'Meara added 62 (3.0). Greene opted to leave early for the NFL (#3DC NYJ). Battling Hampton for time will be rFr Jeff Brinson (PS#120) who was impressive on the scout team and Jayme Murphy (5'11" 210 Jr, PS#84DB). Not listed below are Jason White (5'10" 205 rFr), Adam Robinson (5'9" 205 rFr), Tyler Christensen (6'1" 242 rFr) and James Hurt (6'1" 180 rFr). The biggest addition is true frosh Brandon Wegher (PS#5). This unit is more experienced than '08 but I cannot imagine any RB coming near Greene's numbers.

RECEIVERS - In '07 the Hawkeyes receiving corps was wiped out by graduation, injuries and susp. Dropped passes were a theme partially accounting for Christensen's 53.5%. Last year they only had to replace their #2 receiver. Derrell Johnson-Koulianos ("DJK") was demoted to 2nd string prior to Penn St. He responded with 7 rec and went on to lead with 639 (14.5). Andy Brodell (PS#79) had 126 vs NW and was #2 with 533 (14.8). TE Brandon Myers took over for a banged up Tony Moeaki (PS#2) and was #3 with 441 (13.0). Despite playing the season with a broken foot, Moeaki was #5 with 144 (11.1). This year they lose Brodell (13 st) and Myers (13 st, #6DC OAK). Not listed below are WR's Steven Staggs (6'3" 195 rFr), Kyle Steinbrecher (6'2" 201 So), Shane Prater (6'1" 175 rFr, PS#141), Nick Kuchel (5'11" 195 Jr). Don Nordmann (6'6" 211 Jr) and TE's Zach Furlong (6'5" 235 Jr), Jon Gimm (6'3" 235 rFr, PS#29), JD Griggs (6'5" 255 rFr) and Kyle Spading (6'5" 250 Sr). Despite the losses, I look for WR coach Eric Campbell to mold an improved unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an OL coach in the NFL which means this unit is always one of his top priorities. In '02 he developed what was arguably the best OL in the NCAA. They paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing (just 13 sk). From '03-'07 they had 7 OL selected in the NFL draft. In '07 Iowa basically had one ret starter losing 2 DC's and a 1st Tm Big Ten G. As you would expect, Iowa struggled with just 126 ypg (3.5) with 46 sacks (12.2%). Last year the entire 2 deep ret'd but ret starter Rafael Eubanks (PS#16) lost his C job to Rob Bruggeman. Dan Doering (last 5 st '07) played in just 5 (inj). The more experienced unit improved to 189 ypg rush (4.8), their best total S/'02. Ferentz called RG Seth Olsen their top OL. This year they lose 1st Tm B10 Olsen (11 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC DEN), C Bruggeman (13 st) and OT Austin Postler (1 gm). Not listed below are Tyrel Detweiler (6'4" 312 So) and Matt Tobin (6'8" 275 rFr). With the return of Dace Richardson (8 st '06), their 99 career starts are 10th most in the FBS. While they probably will not match '08's rushing totals without RB Greene, this unit looks to be as strong as '08.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 the D-line had all 4 starters back but were undersized and wore down in the 2H of games. They still improved to allowing 122 ypg rush (3.2) with the D having 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace both DE's (2nd Tm B10 and #4DC) but did have 6 of the top 8 back including perhaps Iowa's best ever DT combo of Mitch King (13 st, 54 tkl, 15.5 tfl) and Matt Kroul (13 st, 57 tkl, 6.5 tfl). King was named the Big Ten DL POY and Kroul set an Iowa record starting 50 consec games (2nd Tm B10). This year they lose their 2 star DT's and DT Anton Narinskiy (2 tkl). They do have a pair of VHT DE's who each started as soph in '08. Last year's D allowed 94 ypg (3.1) but generated just 19 sacks. This year's D-line figures to be softer vs the run but could put more pressure on QB's.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 Iowa had one of the top LB corps in the country but in 2006 they had to replace #1 and #3 DC's. In '07 they only had to replace one starter. Last year the unit was my biggest concern on the team as they had to replace 2 starters including their #1 and #3 tacklers and a backup (2 st). This year the top 6 return including their #1, #2 and #6 tacklers and all 3 are VHT's so this unit is much more experienced and should be one of the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After 3 straight Top 25 finishes, the Hawks had an exp secondary in '05 but allowed over 60% for the first time ever due to an inexp front 4 and finished #91. Iowa moved up to #49 in '06 and in '07 had to replace 2 starting S's and had 4 frosh in the 2 deep. The Hawks still moved up to #36 with a 13-14 ratio. Last year they had to replace 2 starters (#3DC) but JC Amari Spievey took one spot. SS Harold Dalton (12 st '07) lost his job so they essentially had just one starter back. Surprisingly the inexp unit moved up to #7 (9-23 ratio). This year they lose CB Bradley Fletcher (13 st, 60 tkl, 13 pd, #3DC STL), SS Dalton (2 st, 10 tkl) and Diauntae Morrow (12 tkl). This unit is much more experienced and the new starting CB figures to be VHT Jordan Bernstine (PS#11) who was banged up in '08. However, it will be tough to improve much upon LY's strong #7 finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ferentz believes his ST unit should be the great equalizer allowing Iowa to contend with teams with superior talent. Heading into '06, Iowa had finished #2, #2, #18 and #20 in my ST rankings. The unit was on par with VT and Ohio St and had 10 bkl'd punts from '03-'05. In '06 not much went right and they finished #76. They only improved to #62 in '07 and last year had everyone back but only inched up to #48. Daniel Murray (7-10 long 47 '07) was beaten out by true frosh Trent Mossbrucker (PS#15) who hit 13 of 15 (long 39). Surprisingly, vs Penn St, going into the wind, Murray was called on for the 31 yard game winning FG and made it. Murray reclaimed the job hitting 6 of 9 (long 45) on the year and also had 18 TB's on 80 KO's. P Ryan Donahue (41.6) improved his net to 37.0. Andy Brodell had his PR avg drop from 14.4 to 10.6. Jewel Hampton was the top KR (23.3). This year they only lose Brodell and I'll call for Iowa to have their best ST finish since '05.

COACHES - Kirk Ferentz is among the highest paid coaches in the NCAA and was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year in '02 and '04. In '02 he led Iowa to its first Big Ten Title since '90 and also the most wins in school history (11). NFL scouts feel this coaching staff is one of the NCAA's best and there has been little staff turnover. After another round of NFL rumors, Ferentz was given a contract extension through 2015. Ken O'Keefe has been the OC for 11 years. He was the HC at Fordham in '98 and at Allegheny from '90-'97. DC Norm Parker also enters his 11th year. Parker was named the SEC DC of the Year in '97 while at Vandy. He was also a finalist in both '04 and '05 for the Broyles Award.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kirk Ferentz got off to a slow start here as he was 2-18 in his first 20. He is 68-35 since that rough start. The 2002 team played in the Orange Bowl (8-0 B10) despite being outFD'd 102-66 in their first four Big Ten games. In '03 they slipped to 5-3 in Big Ten play and in the final 2 were outFD'd 46-24. They managed to pull both out and got their first Jan win since 1959 when they upset Florida in the Outback Bowl. In '04 they had just 9 starters back. They also had a tough Big Ten schedule (no Ind or NW) and suffered numerous injuries at RB. They opened just 2-2 but rallied for 10-2 record incl a bowl win over LSU. That marked their 3rd straight DD win season (#8 AP all 3 yrs)! The '04 Hawks benefitted from +13 in turnovers. In '05 the Hawks had 12 ret starters and were preseason AP #11 but suffered through a disappointing year (7-5) incl an Outback Bowl loss. Heading into '06, Iowa was one of 4 teams to have 4 straight Jan bowls and their 25 B10 wins were the most from 2002-'05. They ret'd 14 starters and had a veteran senior QB but surprisingly after their close bowl loss to Texas, had their first losing season since 2000. Their 31 TO's (-11) were the most S/'89. In Ferentz's first 8 seasons just 32 true played but he had 11 in '07. After going 20-4 vs the Big Ten from 2002-'04 they went just 11-13 from 2005-'07. Arrests and problems on Facebook came up in '07 and '08. Iowa did suffer some tough losses in '07 and after a loss in the finale vs WM, they fell to 6-6 with no bowl for the first time since 2000. While Iowa was 4-4 in Big Ten play, they were -89 ypg (2nd worst). Last year they did not face Ohio St or Mich for the 2nd straight year. The Hawkeyes were actually inches away from contending for the Big Ten Title and in my Regional Magazine article Best Case/Worst Case Scenario I point out that the Hawkeyes could have easily been 13-0 as their losses were by 1, 5, 3 and 3 points! They had a 361-259 yd edge at Pitt and led 17-14 but lost by 1. Against NW they were SOD after having 1st and goal at the NW8 with 1:25 left and had 5 TO's (NW first lead 7:54 left). Versus Mich St they were int'd and fmbl'd deep in Spartan territory then with 2:16 left, Greene was stopped on a 4th & 1 at the MSU21 as Ferentz passed up the game tying FG. They destroyed Wisc 38-16 and once again vs Ill had 4 drives inside the 12 result in just 9 pt in a 3 pt loss. They did get a fortunate win vs Penn St (trailed 23-14 4Q). Then after getting past Purdue, destroyed bowl bound Minn 55-0 in the final game in the Metrodome. They defeated SCar 31-7 in the Outback Bowl to finish with 9 wins for the 4th time in 7 years. Iowa was +58.1 ypg in B10 play (#4). This year they are even more exp than '08 with 14 ret starters. On the negative side they did benefit from +8 in TO's and had beneficial off and def ypp's (pg 299). Iowa reminds me a little of Alabama of '07 as the Tide had 4 very close losses and could have been unbeaten. This year UI has 4 tough road tests (PSU, Wisc, MSU, OSU) but I give them shot at topping LY's 9 win total.

OFFENSE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

(JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 12 RICKY STANZI JR. 6-4 218 PS#76.2 gm, 0-4 rFr. 11 st, 1956 (59%), 14-9 ratio, 174 gross rush LY. **16** James Vandenberg (6'3" 205 rFr). **14** John Weinke (6'5' 220 rFr) **PS#26.**

RB 27 Jewel Hampton So. 5-9 210 PS#186.463 (5.1), 23 KR true. Brandon Wegher (5'11" 206 Fr) **PS#5.** Jeff Brinson (5'11" 215 rFr). Paki O'Meara (5'11" 211 Jr). 62 (3.0) LY.

FB 36 BRETT MORSE JR. 6-3 238 PS#92. 9 gm ST's rFr. 9 st, 5 rec LY. Wade Leppert (6'0" 245 So) PS#427. 4 st, 5 rec rFr. Shane DiBona is PS#98. Bryce Griswold (6'2" 245 Sr).

WR 15 DERRELL JOHNSON-KOULIANOS JR. 6-1 200 PS#57. 8 st, 482 (12.7) rFr. 10 st, 639 (14.5) LY. Marvin McNutt (6'4" 215 So) PS#43. 1 rec rFr. Paul Chaney Jr (5'9" 167 Jr) PS#89. 229 (10.9) 2Y.

WR 86 Trey Stross Sr. 6-4 200 **PS#24.** 461 (15.9) 2Y. 2 st, 109 (8.4) LY. **22** Colin Sandeman (6'1" 200 Jr) PS#32. 10 rec 2Y. Keenan Davis **PS#14.** Ben Evans (6'0" 178 Jr) PS#291.

TE 81 Tony Moeaki Sr. 6-4 250 **PS#2.** 310 (12.4) 2Y. 1 st (inj), 144 (11.1) LY. **82** Allen Reisner (6'3' 235 Jr) PS#362. 13 rec 2Y. **39** Brad Herman (6'5' 242 So) PS#77. 6 gm true.

C 52 Rafael Eubanks Sr. 6-3 280 **PS#16.** 21 st @C 2Y. 4 st, 9 gm LY. **67** Josh Koeppel (6'2' 267 Jr). 5 gm LY. **53** James Ferentz (6'2" 265 rFr) **PS#61.** Suspended spring '09.

RG 68 Andy Kuempel Sr. 6-7 300 PS#124. 5 gm 2Y. 2 st (inj) LY. **74** Dan Doering (6'6" 300 Sr) **PS#3.** 5 st, 10 gm 2Y. 5 gm (inj) LY. Adam Gettis (6'4" 280 So) PS#197, 5 gm LY.

LG 69 JULIAN VANDERVELDE JR. 6-3 300 PS#128. 6 st rFr. 9 st LY. **78** Dace Richardson (6'6" 305 Sr) **PS#5.** 9 st 2Y. Inj knee LY. **69** Kyle Haganman (6'5' 285 Jr) PS#551, 9 gm 2Y.

RT 60 KYLE CALLOWAY SR. 6-7 315 **PS#70.** 2nd string rFr. 12 st '07. 13 st, **2nd Tm B10** LY. **77** Riley Reiff (6'6" 280 rFr) PS#76. 4.8 spd. **LS** Andrew Schulze (6'5" 255 Jr). 13 gm LY.

LT 79 BRYAN BULAGA JR. 6-6 312 **PS#5.** 5 st true. 13 st, **2nd Tm B10** LY. **58** Markus Zusevics (6'5" 278 So) PS#153. 4.8 spd. 1 gm rFr. **66** Casey McMillan (6'4" 305 rFr) PS#275.

K 1 DANIEL MURRAY JR. 5-10 185 PS#41, Hit 7-10 FG's, L/47 rFr. 6-9 FG's, L/45, 80 KO, 18 TB LY. **8** Trent Mossbrucker (6'0" 200 So) PS#15. 13-15 FG's, L/39 as true.

DE 94 ADRIAN CLAYBORN JR. 6-3 282 **PS#17.** 20 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 11 st, 50 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **98** Chad Geary (6'3" 262 Sr) PS#200. 3 st, 29 tkl 3Y. **99** Joe Gaglione (6'5" 242 rFr) PS#270.

DT 98 Mike Daniels So. 6-1 267 6 tkl, 8 gm rFr. Cody Hundertmark (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#74. 2 tkl true. RS LY. Travis Meade (6'0" 285 Sr) PS#187. 7 st LG '07. Scott Covert is PS#268.

DT 95 Karl Klug Jr. 6-4 258 PS#232. 1 tkl, 1 gm rFr. 17 tkl, 5 tfl, 12 gm LY. **54** Steve Bigach (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#233. **87** Thomas Nardo (6'3" 270 So) PS#243. No gm action LY.

DE 46 CHRISTIAN BALLARD JR. 6-5 285 **PS#6TE.** 12 gm, 15 tkl true. 13 st, 40 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Broderick Binns (6'2' 255 So) PS#31. 22 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. Lebron Daniel (6'2" 250 So) PS#121. 1 tkl rFr.

OLB 49 AJ EDDS SR. 6-4 244 **PS#26.** 9 tkl true. 12 st, 80 tkl '07. 13 st, 59 tkl, HM B10 LY. **45** Tyler Nielsen (6'4" 232 So) **PS#9.** 12 tkl rFr. Troy Johnson (6'2" 235 Jr) PS#307. 11 tkl 2Y.

MLB 43 PAT ANGERER SR. 6-1 235 **PS#28.** 6 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 107 tkl, 6.5 tfl, **2nd Tm B10** LY. **55** Jacody Coleman (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#130. 3 st, 52 tkl 2Y. Bruce Davis (6'0" 232 So) PS#233. 2 tkl rFr.

WLB 42 JEREMIHA HUNTER JR. 6-2 235 **PS#13.** 10 tkl rFr. 13 st, 80 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **33** Jeff Tarpinian (6'3" 233 Jr) PS#52. 30 tkl 2Y. Tom Donatell (6'2" 205 So) PS#467. Cameron Olson (6'1" 225 rFr).

CB 19 AMARI SPIEVEY JR. 6-0 190 PS#257JC. 13 st, 68 tkl, 10 pd, **2nd Tm B10** LY. **10** William Lowe (5'10" 170 So) PS#205. 2 tkl true. Chris Rowell (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#159. 6 tkl 2Y.

CB 4 Jordan Bernstine Jr. 5-11 205 **PS#11.** 9 tkl true. 12 tkl LY. **20** Shaun Prater (5'11" 175 So) PS#132. 11 tkl true. **2** Greg Castillo (5'11" 180 rFr). Joe Conklin (5'11" 195 Jr) **Iowa St trans.**

SS 9 TYLER SASH SO. 6-1 210 PS#83. 11 st, 53 tkl, 11 pd, **3rd Tm Frosh AA** rFr. David Cato (5'11" 205 So) PS#200. 13 tkl true. Taylor Herbst (6'2' 205 Sr). Nick Nielsen (6'3" 190 rFr).

FS 30 BRETT GREENWOOD JR. 6-0 200 PS#470. 7 st, 45 tkl rFr. 13 st, 68 tkl, 3rd Tm B10 LY. **40** Jack Swanson (5'11" 195 rFr) PS#209. Collin Sleeper (6'2' 200 rFr). Justin Greiner (5'10" 185 Jr).

P 5 RYAN DONAHUE JR. 6-3 180 **PS#3.** 86 punts (41.1), net 36.0, HM B10 as rFr. 50 punts (41.6), net 37.0, **2nd Tm B10** LY. **6** Eric Guthrie (6'6" 240 So) PS#84. No gm action LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Brandon Wegher 5-11 206 PS#5
WR	Keenan Davis 6-3 200 PS#14
WR	Jordan Cotton 6-1 170 PS#55
RB	Brad Rogers 5-10 230 PS#77
RB	Shane DiBona 6-2 220 PS#98
OL	Brett Van Sloten 6-7 270 PS#129
DL	Martin Hopkins 6-2 234 PS#158
OL	Drew Clark 6-4 280 PS#171
OL	Conor Boffeli 6-5 250 PS#192
TE	Anthony Schiavone 6-6 230 PS#54
DB	Micah Hyde 6-1 170 PS#202
DL	Scott Covert 6-2 240 PS#268
DL	Tyler Harrell 6-4 225 PS#296
WR	Joshua Brown 5-10 204 PS#260
OL	Nolan MacMillan 6-6 284 PS#397
WR	Stephane Ngoumou 6-4 195 PS#501
TE	Dakota Getz 6-4 210 PS#150
LB	Jacob Reisen 6-2 233 PS#372 '08
OL	Matt Murphy 6-5 238 PS#713

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#28

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Northern Iowa	A					Iowa is 13-1 all-time vs UNI w/13 straight wins. Last meeting was a 45-21 win in '05. The Panthers lost to BYU LY 41-17 & lost to champion Richmond in the playoffs.
Sep. 12	at Iowa St	G					The visitor has lost 5 straight. Iowa has scored 17 or less in 8 of 11 & gained just 240 yds last year, but they've held ISU without a TD for 10 straight quarters.
Sep. 19	Arizona	A					These schools last met in '98 a 35-11 UA win. Coming into '09, Iowa has gone 15-1 in non-conf HG's including beating #16 ranked Pac-10 foe Arizona St 21-2 in 2003.
Sep. 26	at Penn St	G					Four upsets in the last 7 meetings. Last year Iowa crushed Penn St's National Champ hopes coming back from a 16-7 3Q deficit with a 31 yd FG with :01 left.
Oct. 3	Arkansas St	A					Only other meeting with a current SBC team was a 42-0 win last year vs FIU. Under Ferentz, Iowa is 16-2 vs current non-BCS foes (only 2 losses vs W Michigan).
Oct. 10	Michigan (HC)	A					Iowa is just 2-10 vs UM since 1991 with the wins coming in '02 & '03. The Hawkeyes have dropped 3 straight conf home openers including getting upset the last 2 years.
Oct. 17	at Wisconsin	A					RB Greene had a career high 217 yds & 4 TD's as Iowa ran over the Badgers. The 38 points scored LY was the most Iowa has scored vs Wisconsin since 1978.
Oct. 24	at Michigan St	G					The visitor has lost 9 straight by an avg of 15 ppg since 1996. Last year in the 16-13 loss Iowa was held on 4th &1 from the MSU21 on their final possession.
Oct. 31	Indiana	A					Iowa rebounded LY with a 45-9 win after getting upset in back-to-back meetings. The Hawks had a pair of 100+ yd rushers in Greene (115, 5.0) & Hampton (114, 5.2).
Nov. 7	Northwestern	A					Iowa lost 5 TO's (-4 overall) in LY's 22-17 upset loss in their Big Ten opener. Iowa led 17-3 early but then failed on 4 tries from the 8 in the last 90 seconds.
Nov. 14	at Ohio St	A					Iowa is just 1-10 vs Ohio St S/'92 including 5 straight losses in the Horseshoe. The avg loss in Columbus is by 20 ppg. Last time here they were outgained 530-137.
Nov. 21	Minnesota	A					Iowa destroyed Minny LY 55-0 finishing with a 483-134 yd edge. It was the largest MOV in this series since 1916 & 1st conf shutout under Ferentz. Iowa has won 7 of the L/8.
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chuck Long 10,461 '81-'85
2. Drew Tate 8,292 '03-'06
3. Chuck Hartlieb 6,934 '86-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Sedrick Shaw 4,156 '93-'96
2. Ladell Betts 3,686 '98-'01
3. Albert Young 3,173 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Tim Dwight 2,271 '94-'97
2. Danan Hughes 2,216 '89-'92
3. Ronnie Harmon 2,045 '82-'85

KIRK FERENTZ (Career 70-53) (FCS 12-21)
11th Year at Iowa
Ferentz's Bowl Record: 4-3

Ferentz's records AT IOWA

70-53	Straight Up	4-12	Vs Top 10
46-18	Home	13-21	Vs Top 25
19-31	Away	11-14	Vs BCS Teams
5-4	Neutral	6-8	Off A Bye
43-37	Vs Conference	20-27	Off A Loss

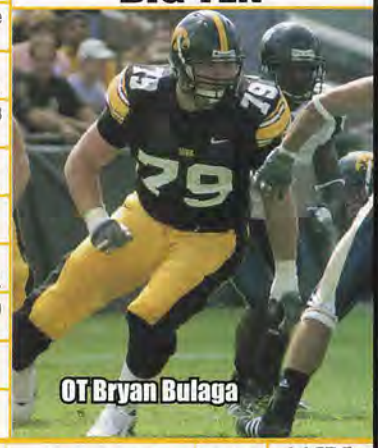
2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,22,4)
Lost: 22 (11,11,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 70,169 (#22)

BIG TEN



STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,585) (#28)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf) 1st Yr

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	7-5	11-2	10-3	10-2	7-5	6-7	6-6	9-4	69-43
Home	2-4	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	5-1	4-3	4-2	6-1	45-13
Away	1-4	1-4	5-0	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-4	2-3	19-26
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	5-4
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	8-0	5-3	7-1	5-3	2-6	4-4	5-3	43-29
vs Non-Conf	0-4	3-1	3-2	5-0	3-1	2-2	4-1	2-2	4-1	26-14
ATS	8-4	7-4-1	9-4	10-3	8-3-1	6-5	2-10	6-6	7-5	63-44-2
Home Fav (Ferentz 1999)	0-1	4-1	5-2	6-0	3-1	4-1	1-3	1-3	2-3	26-15
Home Dog (Kirk Ferentz)	3-2	0-0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-2	2-0	1-0	9-4-1
Away Favorite	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-1	2-0	6-11
Away Dog	4-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1-1	2-1	0-2	2-2	1-1	15-11-1
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	7-2
vs Conf	6-2	4-3-1	7-1	5-3	6-1-1	5-3	1-7	4-4	5-3	43-27-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	2-3	5-0	2-2	1-2	1-3	2-2	2-2	20-17
Off SU Win	2-1	2-3-1	7-4	6-3	6-3	3-4	0-6	2-4	4-4	32-32-1
Off SU Loss	5-3	4-1	1-0	3-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-4	3-2	3-1	24-12-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Outback - #13	+3'	Florida - #17	37-17
04	Capital One - #11	+6'	LSU - #12	30-25
05	Outback - #25	E	Florida - #16	24-31
06	Alamo	+9	Texas - #18	24-26
08	Outback	-3'	South Carolina	31-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Iowa's All-Time Bowl Record 12–10–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	30.3	370	189	4.8	182	58.4	12.2	27	+8	2008	5	13.0	291	94	3.1	197	55.3	22.4	19
5	18.5	316	126	3.5	190	52.9	17.1	46	+8	2007	8	18.8	351	122	3.2	229	58.0	18.7	27
7*	23.8	383	143	4.3	240	58.6	16.1	23	-11	2006	7	20.7	344	134	3.6	210	57.0	16.6	21
7*	30.0	432	175	4.8	258	60.6	14.4	19	-1	2005	5	20.0	383	126	3.2	257	62.0	19.1	25
2	24.3	313	73	2.0	240	62.1	12.8	40	+13	2004	7	17.6	294	93	2.8	201	55.2	16.7	30
4	28.7	334	173	4.2	161	53.4	11.6	24	+4	2003	7	16.2	315	93	2.5	222	55.6	19.5	34
6	37.2	424	214	5.0	210	58.0	11.4	13	+15	2002	5	19.7	355	82	2.6	273	56.1	18.0	38

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shonn Greene	307	1889	39	1850	20	6.0
Jewel Hampton	91	478	15	463	7	5.1
Paki O'Meara	21	67	5	62	2	3.0
Jake Christensen	17	50	20	30	1	1.8
Andy Brodell	3	29	5	24	0	8.0
Ricky Stanzi	56	174	154	20	0	0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ricky Stanzi	254	150	59.1	1956	14	9
Jake Christensen	63	36	57.1	396	2	1
Marvin McNutt	3	1	33.3	10	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	44	639	14.5	3	59
Andy Brodell	36	533	14.8	4	45
Brandon Myers	34	441	13.0	4	28
Allen Reisner	11	200	18.2	1	38
Tony Moeaki	13	144	11.1	1	48
Trey Stross	13	109	8.4	1	20
Colin Sandeman	6	76	12.7	2	25
Shonn Greene	8	49	6.1	0	23
Brett Morse	5	40	8.0	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Donahue	50	2078	41.6	19	37.0	1	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Trent Mossbrucker	31-33	7-7	6-8	0-0	0-0	13-15	39
Daniel Murray	14-14	2-2	2-3	2-3	0-1	6-9	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Pat Angerer	107	1	5.5	3	5
Jeremiha Hunter	80	0	5	2	1
Amari Spievey	68	0	1	6	4
Brett Greenwood	68	0	0	6	2
AJ Edds	59	2	2.5	4	1
Matt Kroul	57	2	4.5	2	0
Mitch King	54	4	11.5	0	0
Tyler Sash	53	1	1.5	6	5
Adrian Clayborn	50	2	6	3	0
Christian Ballard	40	1.5	2	1	0
Jacody Coleman	28	0	2	1	0
Broderick Binns	22	2	0.5	2	0
Karl Klug	17	2	3	0	0
Jeff Tarpinian	17	0	0	0	0
Chad Geary	15	0	0	0	0
David Cato	13	0	0	1	0
Jordan Bernstine	12	0	0	1	1
Diauntae Morrow	12	0	0.5	0	0
Tyler Nielsen	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andy Brodell	36	383	10.6	1
Colin Sandeman	5	30	6.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jewel Hampton	23	537	23.3	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UI 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
70,585	Maine	27	44-245	5.6	18-29	212	1	15	35-137	3.9	9-23	83	2	+1
70,585	FIU	25	41-241	5.9	17-25	271	0	13	27-56	2.1	19-36	162	6	+1
70,585	Iowa St	11	33-118	3.6	9-19	122	1	18	27-73	2.7	24-40	252	1	+1
50,321	at Pittsburgh	19	39-158	4.1	19-34	203	6	13	37-130	3.5	11-25	129	2	+1
70,585	Northwestern	24	31-169	5.5	21-30	238	2	22	34-106	3.1	28-45	284	0	-4
77,526	at Michigan St	19	39-151	3.9	15-22	158	3	15	34-91	2.7	13-24	184	1	-2
33,428	at Indiana	28	51-227	4.5	13-22	195	1	15	28-95	3.4	22-36	191	1	+2
70,585	Wisconsin	17	34-254	7.5	12-20	121	0	19	34-158	4.6	21-41	251	2	+3
62,870	at Illinois	21	40-138	3.5	11-29	191	6	14	28-60	2.1	22-37	272	0	0
70,585	Penn St	19	32-101	3.2	15-25	171	3	24	46-180	3.9	10-24	109	1	0
67,676	Purdue	14	38-248	6.5	8-15	72	1	24	32-86	2.7	37-52	251	1	0
64,071	at Minnesota	23	46-222	4.8	16-31	261	2	6	21-7	0.3	14-30	127	1	+3
55,117	† S Carolina	22	47-181	3.9	13-19	147	1	17	14-43	3.1	26-50	270	1	+2
TOTALS		269	515-2453	4.8	187-320	2362	27	215	397-1222	3.1	256-463	2565	19	+8
AVERAGES		20.7	40-189	4.8	14-25	182	8.4%	16.5	31-94	3.1	20-36	197	4.1%	0.6

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Score
#19	Kent St	-30'	39-7
#16	Iowa St	-22	17-10
#16	at Arizona St	+1'	7-44
–	at Michigan - #18	+13	17-30
–	Michigan St	-7	38-16
–	Ohio St - #25	+1	33-7
#25	at Penn St	+3	6-4
#23	at Illinois	-12'	23-13
#20	Purdue	+1	23-21
#19	at Minnesota	+4	29-27
#17	Wisconsin - #9	-3	30-7

Post-Season #8

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Score
#11	Ball St	-42	56-0
#8	at Iowa St	-9	3-23
#22	Northern Iowa	NL	45-21
#21	at Ohio St - #8	+7'	6-31
–	Illinois	-19'	35-7
–	at Purdue	+4'	34-17
–	Indiana	-16	38-21
–	Michigan	-3	20-23 OT
–	at Northwestern	-3	27-28
–	at Wisconsin - #18	+2'	20-10
–	Minnesota	-6	52-28

Post-Season –

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #16 Opponent	Line	Score
#16	Montana	NL	41-7
#14	at Syracuse	-20'	20-13 OT
#16	Iowa St	-14	27-17
#14	at Illinois	-21	24-7
#13	Ohio St - #1	+7	17-38
#19	Purdue	-11	47-17
#15	at Indiana	-19'	28-31
–	at Michigan - #2	+12'	6-20
–	N Illinois	-16'	24-14
–	Northwestern	-20	7-21
–	Wisconsin - #18	+2'	21-24
–	at Minnesota	+3	24-34

Post-Season –

2007 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Score
–	† N Illinois	-12	16-3
–	Syracuse	-22'	35-0
–	at Iowa St	-17	13-15
–	at Wisconsin - #9	+7	13-17
–	Indiana	-10	20-38
–	at Penn St	+9	7-27
–	Illinois - #18	+4'	10-6
–	at Purdue	+7	6-31
–	Michigan St	+3	34-27 OT
–	at Northwestern	+1'	28-17
–	Minnesota	-14'	21-16
–	W Michigan	-14	19-28

Post-Season –

2008 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Score
–	Maine	-25	46-3
–	FIU	-27	42-0
–	Iowa St	-13'	17-5
–	at Pittsburgh	E	20-21
–	Northwestern	-8	17-22
–	at Michigan St	+6'	13-16
–	at Indiana	-6	45-9
–	Wisconsin	-4	38-16
–	at Illinois	+2'	24-27
–	Penn St - #8	+7'	24-23
–	Purdue	-17'	22-17
–	at Minnesota	-6	55-0

Post-Season #20

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Drew Stanton left after 2006 as the school's #2 all-time career leading passer (#2DC DET). Stanton was injured often so his backup Brian Hoyer (PS#23) played in 13 games his first 2 years. Stanton missed most of his last 2 gms due to inj and Hoyer threw for 330 vs Minny and then started vs Penn St in front of 108,607 and set a school record for att with 61 for 291 yards and zero int. He threw for 863 (57%) with a 4-3 ratio in '06. In 2007 Hoyer had just 7 int finishing #2 in the Big Ten in pass eff in conf play. He threw for 2,725 (59.3%) and after 4 int in the bowl, finished with a 20-11 ratio. Last year both backups transferred. That left rFr Kirk Cousins (PS#179) as the lone scholarship backup. The Spartan's had to replace their top 2 rec's (#2, #5 DC's) and with dropped passes common, his completion % slipped to 51% (2,404, 9-9 ratio). He did become the first QB to take the Spartans to B2B bowls since 1990 and is the #3 career passing leader here. Cousins will have to fend off Keith Nichol (PS#7) who played in 3 as a true frosh at Oklahoma. Nichol has 4.5 speed and the staff added option packages in the spring to take advantage of his mobility. Dantonio has said both QB's may play this year and despite the loss of a 2 year starter, the Spartans could have improved passing stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Coming into 2007 the Spartans had not had a 1,000 yard rusher in 5 years. In 2005 true frosh Javon Ringer (PS#27) led with 817 (6.7) and his 194 vs Illinois was a school frosh rushing record. Good-sized Jehuu Caulcrick (255 lbs, PS#55) had 478 (5.4). In 2006 Ringer hurt his knee (miss 4) but still led with 497 (5.8). Caulcrick had 426 (3.9). In 2007 they nearly produced a pair of 1,000 yard rushers. Ringer, who is 5'9" with sub-4.4 speed, finished with 1,447 (5.9). Caulcrick had 872 (3.9) and was used in goal line situations setting a school record with 21 rushing TD's. Last year they lost Caulcrick and Ringer became the workhorse. He led the NCAA in rush att with 390, was a Doak Walker finalist and earned some first team AA honors rushing for 1,637 (4.2) breaking Caulcrick's record with 22 TD's (#5 rec). They failed to find a trust worthy #2 TB which is why Ringer had over 90% of the rush attempts by a RB. RFr Andre Anderson (PS#139) finished #2 with 97 (3.7). This year they lose Ringer (#5DC TEN) and FB Jeff McPherson (4 st). Not listed below are Andrew Pendy (6'1" 238 Sr), Glenn Winston (6'2" 218 So, PS#250), Caulton Ray (5'9" 195 rFr, PS#114), Ashton Leggett (5'11" 235 So, PS#119), Adam Setterbo (6'3" 243 So, PS#211LB), Andre Buford (5'8" 180 rFr), David Spears (5'10" 204 rFr) and Nick Bendzuck (6'3" 235 Jr). It wouldn't surprise me if a true frosh won the job. The Spartans could improve upon the 3.3 ypc of 2008 but will miss their star offensive player.

RECEIVERS - This group was the question mark of the off last year as they had to replace their top 2 receivers and then were banged up most of the year. The leading returnee was VHT soph Mark Dell (PS#22). He led early thanks to a huge performance vs Cal (202, 22.4) but missed 2. While he finished #3 in rec, he was #1 in yds with 679 (18.9). Former walk-on Blair White was #2 with 659 (15.3) incl the most yds in B2B gms (307 vs UW & Michigan) since Charles Rogers in '02. RFr BJ Cunningham (PS#198) had 528 (12.9). TE Charlie Gantt (PS#32) was #4 with 302 (15.9). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Myles White (6'1" 170 rFr, PS#293), Cam Martin (6'3" 178 So), Danny Knibbs (5'11" 205 So) and TE David Duran (6'5" 238 So, PS#58). This year the only loss is Deon Curry (5 rec, 2 st) so this unit is vastly more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Spartans had to replace 3 starters and then were hit hard by injuries. Nine diff OL started and as you would expect, the unit struggled avg just 129 ypg (4.0). In '07 they had 7 back with starting experience and switched from a zone blocking to a power blocking scheme. The unit was banged up once again (8 diff st'rs) but still improved to 198 ypg (4.4) while allowing 30 sacks. The line avg 316 lbs and wore teams down as the game went on. Last year they had to replace 4 players (comb 34 st) but 3 were back who had 8+ starts and 6 with starting experience and they avg 308 lbs. Even with Javon Ringer, the numbers dropped to 130 ypg rush (3.3) but they did trim the sack total to 24 (6.0%). This year they lose RG Roland Martin (13 st, 3Y st'r), RT Jesse Miller (13 st, 3Y st'r) and LG Mike Bacon (2 st). Not listed below are John Deoy (6'6" 295 rFr) and Zach Heuter (6'7" 328 rFr). Despite the loss of 2 big veteran starters and an NFL DC RB, this unit has more starts returning (52) than '07 and can only improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '07 MSU's D-line was led by hard charging DE's Ervin Baldwin (8.5 sk, #7DC) and Jonal Saint-Dic (1st Tm B10, 10 sk). They allowed just 126 ypg rush (3.6) while improving the sack total from 16 to 40. LY they had to replace 3 starters incl both DE's but did get the addition of Cincy transfer Trevor Anderson (13 st, 6 sk, 7 tfl '06). As expected, the numbers dropped to allowing 142 ypg (4.1) with 26 sacks. This yr they lose HM B10 DT Justin Kershaw (13 st, 28 tkl, 3 sk), HM B10 DE Brandon Long (9 st, 39 tkl, 5.5 sk) and DE Dwayne Holmes (4 st, 14 tkl). Not listed below are DE's Jonathon Strayhorn (6'0" 259 So) and Cameron Jude (6'3" 244 rFr, PS#260). Anderson had 8 sacks in his first yr here and this unit is more experienced than '08 and looks stronger.

LB Greg Jones

LINEBACKERS - John L Smith ran a 4-2-5 defense so Dantonio inherited LB's that were smaller than he preferred. Last year they had to replace one starter (#4 tkl'r) and one backup (6 st, #9 tkl'r). They ret'd Greg Jones (#1 tkl'r) and Eric Gordon (#5). Adam Decker began the year at MLB but Greg Jones had 8 starts at SLB and 5 at MLB and earned 1st Tm Big Ten Honors (MSU's 1st since '01). This year the only loss is Ryan Allison (4 st, 50 tkl). Not listed in the PSL is Jamiihr Williams (6'3" 235 rFr, PS#121). They add in VHT true frosh Chris Norman (PS#16) and this looks like one of the top LB corps in the Big Ten.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans had an experienced secondary in '06 but surprisingly dropped to #102 in my pass D rankings allowing a 32-8 ratio. In '07 they had to replace both starting CB's. Their 2 replacement CB's missed a combined 10 games but they still moved up to #64. Last year they had to replace two S's (comb 19 st) but did have five of the top eight back. One of the losses was projected starting FS Roderick Jenrette who left in Aug. CB Kendell Davis-Clark moved to FS and started just 5. Dantonio did a great job as the Spartans moved up to #28 despite inj's which ravaged the unit (not 1 DB started all 13 gms). This year they lose SS Otis Wiley (12 st, 78 tkl, 4 int) and Mike Bell (2 tkl). Eight return with starting experience and adding depth are Josh Bodell (6'0" 181 Jr), Quentin Williams (5'10" 168 So) and Jesse Johnson (5'10" 188 Jr). Roderick Jenrette (6'1" 195 Jr, 20 tkl 2Y) wasn't enrolled in the spring but could return. I'll call for continued improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '06 Brett Swenson hit 15 of 19 FG (long 46) and P Brandon Fields had a fine 37.2 net but due to a poor return gm, the unit only finished #67 in my ST rankings. In '07 they had to replace Fields (#7DC) and I noted Dantonio's Cincy units had finished just #106, #113 and #82 so moving up would be difficult. Despite having one of the best KR in the country in Devin Thomas (29.1), MSU finished just #77. Swenson hit 15 of 22 (long 46, 4 miss 50+). LY they had to replace Thomas and their top PR. Swenson set a school rec making 15 straight FG's (Paul Edinger 13, 1998). He hit 22 of 28 (long 50). He did have 2 misses from 50+ and 3 misses vs Mich but all were affected by bad snaps. Dantonio says he is one of the best K's to ever attend MSU. P Bates improved from 39.7 (33.8 net) to 42.0 (34.4 net). True frosh Glenn Winston was the top KR (22.8) and Otis Wiley the top PR (10.4). Winston was susp in spg and his status is questionable. This yr they must replace Wiley and I'll call for the Spartans to improve upon their #58 finish.

COACHES - MSU wanted an old school disciplinarian so they brought in Mark Dantonio in '07. Dantonio served on Nick Saban's staff as the Spartans' DB coach from '95-'00. He moved on to become DC at Ohio St for 3 years including its Nat'l Title in '02 before taking over at Cincy as HC in '04 where he produced two bowl seasons in 3 years. He has guided the Spartans to 2 bowls incl a Jan 1 bid (MSU's first consecutive bowls since 1995-'97 under Saban). His OC is Don Treadwell who was the MSU WR Coach from '00-'02 and UC's OC for 3 yrs. The DC is Pat Narduzzi who was Miami, Oh's DC in '03 and the Bearcats' DC from '04-'06.

PHIL'S FORECAST

MSU entered '07 as arguably the Big Ten's biggest underachiever in this decade. In John L Smith's debut season in '03 they opened 7-1 vs a soft slate. Unfortunately after that strong start, they went just 15-25 through '06 and Smith got the ax. The team was known for its late season collapses under Smith including '06 when they opened 3-0 and had a 37-21 4Q lead vs ND. MSU lost that game and won just once more. That one win came in the NCAA's biggest comeback ever (trailed NW 38-3). The '06 squad was 1-7 and -90.8 ypg in Big Ten play (3rd worst). Teams that have early success under a new HC usually buy into the program and Dantonio, despite having just 12 ret starters, got that benefit. The Spartans won their first four including an amazing 6th straight win in South Bend (354-203 yard edge). The Spartans went 1-4 over their next 5 but two of the losses were in OT and they had a 564-461 yd edge vs #9 Wisc, but came up 3 points short. When Dantonio was hired he mentioned the Nov 3rd date vs rival Michigan at a basketball game, much like his mentor Jim Tressel did at Ohio St. The Spartans led Mich 24-14 with 7:40 left but lost 28-24. In the season finale they trailed Penn St 24-7 but rallied for the miracle win to get to 7-5 and a bowl. Last year they lost to Cal in the opener but then won 6 straight. Iowa blew numerous chances in the redzone and the Spartans prevailed by 3 and got their first AP ranking since '05 (#23). After whipping NW, they had dreams of a Big Ten Title at 6-1 and hosting Ohio St. Unfortunately when the Buckeyes departed, MSU was on the short end of a 45-7 score. Fueled by ex-Mich RB Mike Hart's "little brother" comments, they beat the Wolves the next week 35-21 on the road, only the 2nd time they were favored in the series since 1968. Wisc led by 11 in the 4Q but MSU came back to win 25-24. Swenson calmly nailed a 44 yd FG w/:07 left for the comeback win as UW HC Bret Bielema called a time-out as they scurried up to the line for a FG. MSU won 21-7 over a beat up Purdue team then with a shot at tying for the Big Ten Title, were thrashed by Penn St 49-18. They were respectable vs GA in the bowl but lost by 12. MSU was 6-2 in the B10 but actually -35.9 ypg, a much weaker mark than their 3-5 squad of '07 (+37.0 ypg). The Spartans do have 15 ret starters. Dantonio enters his 3rd season and has his best team yet.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 9 Keith Nichol So. 6-2 212 **PS#7.** 3 gm, 28 ttl yd true at **Okla.** Trans LY. **8** Kirk Cousins (6'3" 202 So) PS#179. 5 gm, 310 (74%), 2-1 ratio rFr. Andrew Maxwell **PS#32.**

RB NA Edwin Baker Fr. 5-10 205 **PS#10.** Larry Caper **PS#21. 27** Andre Anderson (5'9" 190 So) PS#139. 11 gm, 97 (3.7) rFr. **20** AJ Jimmerson (5'10" 205 Sr) PS#59. 205 (3.6) 3Y.

WR 25 BLAIR WHITE SR. 6-2 205 14 gm, 3 rec 2Y. 5 st, 659 (15.3), **2nd Tm B10** LY. **FB 45** Andrew Hawken (6'2" 238 Sr) **PS#50.** 6 st, 21 rec 2Y. **44** Josh Rouse (6'3" 242 Sr). 3 rec LY.

WR 2 MARK DELL JR. 6-2 196 **PS#22.** 8 st, 220 (11.0) true. 8 st, 11 gm (inj) 679 (18.9) LY. **6** Fred Smith (6'2" 225 So) **PS#33.** 1 rec true. Donald Spencer is PS#63.

WR 3 BJ CUNNINGHAM SO. 6-2 210 PS#198. 11 st, 528 (12.9) rFr. **82** Keshawn Martin (6'0" 186 So) PS#339. 10 gm, 132 (12.0) true. **16** Chris D Rucker (5'10" 170 So) PS#163. 4 gm rFr.

TE 83 CHARLIE GANTT JR. 6-4 245 PS#32. 4 gm rFr. 13 st, 302 (15.9), HM B10 LY. **85** Garrett Celek (6'5" 243 So) PS#95. 5 st, 50 (8.3) rFr. **88** Brian Linthicum (6'4" 235 So) PS#48.

C 65 JOEL NITCHMAN SR. 6-3 296 **PS#68.** 1 gm rFr. 8 st (7 C, 1 TE) '07. 13 st C, HM B10 LY. **66** John Stipek (6'5" 306 Sr) **PS#79.** 6 gm 3Y. **LS** Alex Shackleton (6'2" 237 Jr). 26 gm 2Y.

RG 75 Jared McGaha So. 6-6 289 PS#212.1 gm as rFr. **62** Chris McDonald (6'5" 285 rFr) PS#171. **63** Anthony Woods (6'3" 330 rFr) PS#257. **LS 69** Forrest Cohn (6'0" 230 rFr).

LG 67 JOEL FOREMAN SO. 6-3 310 PS#270. 11 st, 13 gm, **1st Tm Frosh AA** rFr. **68** Ethan Ruhland (6'6" 287 rFr) PS#72. **73** Arthur Ray Jr (6'3" 307 So) PS#134. Cancer L2Y.

RT 77 J'Michael Deane Jr. 6-5 297 Canadian. 2 gm 2Y. **61** Antonio Jeremiah (6'5" 335 Jr) **PS#31.** 17 gm, 14 tkl 2Y. Move from DL in spg. Mike Schmeding (6'8" 330 Sr) PS#142. 3 gm 3Y.

LT 57 ROCCO CIRONI SR. 6-6 310 **PS#93.** 2 st, 10 gm 2Y. 13 st, 32 pcake LY. DJ Young (6'5" 305 Jr) PS#177. 4 st DL 2Y at BG. Trans LY. Brendon Moss (6'6" 284 Sr). 1 st, 13 gm 3Y.

K 14 BRETT SWENSON SR. 5-8 175 PS#32. 15-19 FG, L/46, **1st Tm Frosh AA true.** 15-22 FG, L/46 '07. 22-28 FG, L/50, **1st Tm B10** LY. Dan Conroy (5'10" 180 rFr) PS#52.

DE 89 Colin Neely Jr. 6-1 245 PS#76. 3 tkl, 1 gm (inj) rFr. 3 st, 14 tkl LY. **91** Tyler Hoover (6'7" 268 rFr) **PS#44. 48** Drew Stevens (6'4" 228 rFr) PS#203. Todd Anderson (6'2" 250 So).

NT 70 OREN WILSON JR. 6-3 288 PS#134. 1 st, 13 gm, 10 tkl as true. 13 st, 15 tkl LY. **98** Michael Jordan (6'5" 295 Sr) PS#198JC. 9 tkl 2Y. **92** Ishmyl Johnson (6'5" 272 So) PS#210.

DT 99 Jerel Worthy rFr. 6-3 297 PS#112. Inj & RS. **96** Kevin Pickelman (6'3" 255 So) PS#404. 13 gm, 5 tkl rFr. **61** Antonio Jeremiah (6'5" 335 Jr) **PS#31.** 17 gm, 14 tkl 2Y. RT spg.

DE 58 TREVOR ANDERSON SR. 6-2 259 PS#144. 21 st, 75 tkl, 21.5 tfl 2Y at Cincy. RS (trans) '07. 10 st, 30 tkl, 10.5 tfl, HM B10 LY. **54** David Rolf (6'3" 228 So) PS#320. 9 tkl true.

SLB 43 ERIC GORDON JR. 6-0 223 **PS#44.** 23 st, 147 tkl, 15 tfl 2Y. **36** Jon Misch (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#390. 2 st, 22 tkl 2Y. Jeremy Gainer is PS#58. **80** Tyrone Mattison (6'1" 209 rFr).

MLB 53 GREG JONES JR. 6-1 222 PS#146. 7 st, 78 tkl, 8.5 tfl true. 13 st, 127 tkl, 14 tfl, **1st Tm B10** LY. **55 Adam Decker** (6'2" 242 Sr) PS#142. 10 tkl 2Y. **8 st,** 56 tkl, 6 tfl LY.

WLB NA CHRIS NORMAN FR. 6-2 222 **PS#16. 34** Brandon Denson (5'11" 228 Sr). 10 tkl '07. 31 tkl LY. **50** Steven Gardiner (6'1" 216 rFr) **PS#57.** Marcus Webb (5'11" 218 Sr). 3 gm 3Y.

CB 37 ROSS WEAVER SR. 6-1 204 PS#201. 8 tkl true. Med RS '06. 5 st, 19 tkl '07. 11 st, 28 tkl, 8 pd LY. Jeremy Ware (5'10" 181 Sr) PS#364. **SC trans.** 4 st, 32 tkl, 7 pd 2Y here.

CB 29 CHRIS L. RUCKER JR. 6-2 197 PS#165. 4 st (inj), 24 tkl true. 9 st, 45 tkl, HM B10 LY. **5** Johnny Adams (5'11" 165 So) PS#61. 2 st, 12 gm, 21 tkl, 6 pd true. **14** Chase Parker (5'8" 170 rFr).

SS 38 Kendell Davis-Clark Sr. 5-11 206 PS#63. 3 st, 39 tkl '06. 12 st, 72 tkl '07. 5 st, 8 gm (inj), 27 tkl LY. **11** Marcus Hyde (6'0" 205 Jr). 1 st, 33 tkl 2Y. **30** Brynden Trawick (6'3" 222 rFr) PS#94.

FS 33 DAN FORTENER SR. 6-1 203 PS#470. 8 tkl 2Y. 9 st, 69 tkl, 9 pd LY. **39** Trenton Robinson (5'10" 190 So) PS#203. 6 tkl as true. Ashton Henderson (5'11" 183 Sr) PS#272. 25 tkl 3Y.

P 18 AARON BATES JR. 6-0 190 PS#54. 69 punts (39.7), 33.8 net, 13 gm as true. 71 punts (42.0), 34.4 net, **2nd Tm B10** LY. **10** Kyle Selden (6'5" 187 rFr). Avg 38.8 ypp as Sr in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Edwin Baker 5-10 205 PS#10
OL	David Barrent 6-8 295 PS#14
RB	Larry Caper 5-11 215 PS#21
LB	Chris Norman 6-2 222 PS#16
TE	Dion Sims 6-6 240 PS#8
QB	Andrew Maxwell 6-3 190 PS#32
DL	Blake Treadwell 6-3 270 PS#57
LB	Jeremy Gainer 6-1 215 PS#58
WR	Donald Spencer 6-4 198 PS#63
OL	Nate Klatt 6-4 290 PS#76
DB	Dana Dixon 6-3 180 PS#86
LB	TyQuan Hammock 6-1 220 PS#73
CB	Patrick White 5-11 180 PS#85WR
DB	Denicos Allen 5-10 205 PS#123
WR	Bennie Fowler 6-2 200 PS#99
OL	Micajah Reynolds 6-5 315 PS#121
OL	Henry Conway 6-6 300 PS#164
DB	Jairus Jones 6-1 195 PS#192
TE	Derek Hoebing 6-5 245 PS#55
K	Kevin Muma 6-0 170 PS#16
DL	Dan France 6-5 275 PS#203
DL	Denzel Drone 6-2 230 PS#346
QB	Kyle Nichol 5-10 175 PS#196
DL	Corey Freeman 6-3 235 PS#440
QB	Dan Folino 5-11 175 PS#977

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Montana St	G					
Sep. 12	Central Michigan	G					
Sep. 19	at Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 26	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 3	Michigan	G					
Oct. 10	at Illinois	A					
Oct. 17	Northwestern	G					
Oct. 24	Iowa	G					
Oct. 31	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 7	Western Michigan	G					
Nov. 14	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 21	Penn St	G					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jeff Smoker 8,932 '00-'03
2. Drew Stanton 6,524 '03-'06
3. Brian Hoyer 6,159 '05-'08

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Lorenzo White 4,887 '84-'87
2. Javon Ringer 4,398 '05-'08
3. Tico Duckett 4,212 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Andre Rison 2,992 '85-'88
2. Charles Rogers 2,821 '01-'02
3. Kirk Gibson 2,347 '75-'78

Michigan St has won 10 straight home openers by an avg of 22 ppg. The Bobcats were 7-5 LY in the Big Sky dropping FBS games to Kansas St (69-10) & Minnesota (35-23).

The Spartans last faced CM in '04, a 24-7 win. They are 4-2 overall after losing the 1st two in '91 & '92. The Spartans have won 15 straight vs MAC teams.

The visitor had won 7 straight prior to last year's MSU 23-7 win in East Lansing. MSU is 9-3 in the series & last year held ND to 16 yds rushing while Ringer had 201.

MSU is 4-8 in this series & the visitor has dropped 4 straight (L/2 by 4 pts total). LY MSU erased an 11 pt 4Q deficit & kicked a 44 yd FG with :07 left for the win.

LY's 35-21 win snapped a 6 game series losing streak & an 8 gm Ann Arbor losing streak. Ringer had 194 yds rush & White had a career high 143 yds rec.

The Spartans had a 9 game series win streak snapped in a 23-20 home loss in last meeting ('06). The Spartans have totaled 110 pts in their L/2 visits to Champaign.

The home team has dropped the last 4 with the visitor scoring 44 ppg. The Spartans forced 3 TO's & led 17-0 after the 1Q in last year's 37-20 win.

The home team has won 9 straight as Michigan St survived LY 16-13. MSU forced 3 TO's including 2 in the RZ & stopped Iowa on 4&1 from the MSU 21 late in the 4Q.

Michigan St won 17 straight from '77 to '97 but has dropped back-to-back games to the Gophers & is just 2-5 since '98. The teams have avg'd 65 pts the last 4.

These 2 have met 5 times S/'80 with MSU going 5-0. The last meeting was in 2003 as MSU was up 26-14 before WM scored w/:30 left. MSU is as MSU 37-6-2 vs current MAC tms.

Mich St is only 3-7 vs Purdue but has won B2B games including 21-7 LY. MSU held PU to 191 yds which is MSU's best under Dantonio & Purdue's worst under Tiller.

The Spartans have failed to win the Land Grant Trophy in 12 of the L/16 attempts. Last year was for the Big Ten Title & Ringer was held to a season-low 42 yds.

MARK DANTONIO (Career 34-27)

3rd Year at Michigan St — Bowls: 1-2 Cincinnati '04-'06

Dantonio AT MICHIGAN ST/OVERALL

16-10 / 34-27	SU	0-3 / 1-8	Vs Top 10
11-3 / 24-7	Home	0-7 / 2-14	Vs Top 25
5-5 / 9-18	Away	3-3 / 3-9	Vs BCS Tms
0-2 / 1-2	Neutral	0-3 / 3-6	Off A Bye
9-7 / 20-18	Vs Conf	4-4 / 14-10	Off A Loss

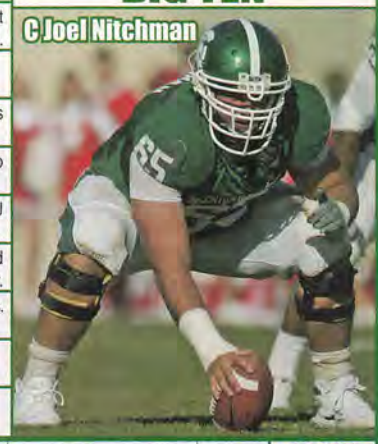
2008 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (18,24,3)
Lost: 15 (7,7,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 74,858 (#20)

BIG TEN



STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (75,005) (#21)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-5	4-8	8-5	5-7	5-6	4-8	7-6	9-4	54-55
Home	4-2	4-2	3-5	5-2	4-2	3-3	2-5	5-2	6-1	36-24
Away	1-4	2-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	17-28
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	2-6	5-3	4-4	2-6	1-7	3-5	6-2	28-44
vs Non-Conf	3-0	4-0	2-2	3-2	1-3	3-0	3-1	4-1	3-2	26-11
ATS	6-5	6-6	2-9-1	6-7	5-7	4-7	3-8-1	8-4-1	6-6-1	46-59-4
Home Fav	3-1	1-4	1-5	2-3	1-1	2-3	1-3	2-3	3-2-1	16-25-1
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	0-2-1	1-0-1	0-1	6-9-3
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-1	0-2	1-1	3-0	7-10
Away Dog	2-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	0-2	15-13
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	2-6	1-7	5-2-1	4-4	30-40-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-4	0-4	2-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-2-1	16-19-2
Off SU Win	2-3	4-2	0-3-1	4-4	2-3	2-3	2-1-1	5-2	4-4-1	25-25-3
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-3	1-6	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-6	2-2-1	2-1	17-29-1

Bobby Williams (1998, bowl) · Bobby Williams (1-8) Morris Watts (10-12) · John L. Smith · Mack Dantonio

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Javon Ringer	390	1743	106	1637	22	4.2
Andre Anderson	26	116	19	97	0	3.7
BJ Cunninhgam	4	56	0	56	0	14.0
Keshawn Martin	9	62	11	51	0	5.7
AJ Jimmerson	8	14	0	14	0	1.8
Kirk Cousins	3	6	18	-12	0	-4.0
Brian Hoyer	43	103	197	-94	1	-2.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brian Hoyer	353	180	51.0	2404	9	9
Kirk Cousins	43	32	74.4	310	2	1
Keshawn Martin	3	2	66.7	59	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mark Dell	36	679	18.9	3	52	
Blair White	43	659	15.3	1	61	
BJ Cunningham	41	528	12.9	0	52	
Charlie Gantt	19	302	15.9	4	82	
Javon Ringer	28	190	6.8	0	17	
Keshawn Martin	11	132	12.0	0	42	
Andrew Hawken	11	81	7.4	1	21	
Garrett Celek	6	50	8.3	1	18	
Jeff McPherson	7	47	6.7	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Aaron Bates	71	2979	42.0	15	34.4	2	22
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brett Swenson	34-34	9-10	6-8	6-7	1-3	22-28	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Greg Jones	127	2	12	1	0
Eric Gordon	85	3	4.5	3	0
Otis Wiley	78	0	2	7	4
Dan Fortener	69	0	1	7	2
Adam Decker	56	0	6	0	0
Ryan Allison	50	0.5	2	2	0
Chris Rucker	45	1	3	4	2
Brandon Long	39	5.5	1.5	2	0
Jeremy Ware	31	0	1	6	1
Brandon Denson	31	1.5	0	3	0
Marcus Hyde	31	0	0	0	1
Trevor Anderson	30	8	2.5	0	0
Ross Weaver	28	1	1.5	7	1
Justin Kershaw	28	3	5	0	0
Kendell Davis-Clark	27	0	0.5	3	1
Johnny Adams	21	0	2	4	2
Oren Wilson	15	0	1.5	0	0
Colin Neely	14	0.5	1.5	0	0
Dwayne Holmes	14	0	4.5	1	0
David Rolf	9	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Otis Wiley	24	249	10.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Glenn Winston	16	364	22.8	0	
AJ Jimmerson	9	214	23.8	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Citrus - #9	+2'	Florida - #10	37-34
01	Silicon Valley	+4'	Fresno St - #20	44-35
03	Alamo	+3	Nebraska - #22	3-17
07	Champs Sports	+5'	Boston College - #14	21-24
08	Capital One - #19	+8'	Georgia - #16	12-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Michigan St's All-Time Bowl Record 7-12

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	25.1	343	130	3.3	213	53.6	13.7	24	+2	2008	6	22.1	356	142	4.1	213	53.1	16.1	26
6	33.1	417	198	4.4	219	59.0	12.6	30	+2	2007	6	26.6	346	126	3.6	220	58.2	13.0	40
7*	25.2	357	129	4.0	228	59.5	14.2	28	-1	2006	6	28.4	364	133	3.8	231	58.0	12.8	16
8*	33.8	497	202	4.9	295	66.1	14.7	24	-1	2005	5	28.7	410	165	4.6	245	60.6	14.3	16
7	29.4	461	239	5.7	222	58.6	15.6	8	-10	2004	5	27.2	381	172	4.4	209	54.9	14.0	20
6*	27.9	367	97	3.2	270	61.7	13.2	32	+11	2003	8	22.5	380	125	3.2	255	54.2	16.9	45
8*	26.3	371	142	4.0	229	55.2	14.1	33	-7	2002	7	33.2	403	214	4.7	189	49.4	12.1	17

2008 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
62,956	at California	23	31-81	2.6	20-48	321	0	22	36-203	5.6	20-30	264	1	+1
71,789	E Michigan	21	52-238	4.6	11-16	180	1	11	28-127	4.5	14-31	215	2	-1
70,321	Florida Atlantic	18	58-259	4.5	5-15	88	0	9	27-82	3.0	8-34	143	0	0
76,366	Notre Dame	16	43-203	4.7	12-26	143	0	18	22-16	0.7	24-41	242	3	+2
31,832	at Indiana	23	52-236	4.5	14-26	261	0	19	28-189	6.8	23-44	284	1	+3
77,526	Iowa	15	34-91	2.7	13-24	184	1	19	39-151	3.9	15-22	158	3	+2
32,527	at Northwestern	18	43-128	3.0	14-20	169	2	27	32-176	5.5	34-61	283	1	+3
77,360	Ohio St	14	21-52	2.5	23-39	188	3	18	52-216	4.2	7-11	116	2	-5
110,146	at Michigan	22	48-167	3.5	18-30	306	5	13	31-84	2.7	13-27	168	4	+1
75,121	Wisconsin	20	29-25	0.9	20-45	287	3	21	47-281	6.0	14-29	149	1	0
75,522	Purdue	15	42-146	3.5	10-22	154	0	13	40-108	2.7	13-30	83	5	-3
109,845	at Penn St	23	24-35	1.5	32-49	287	3	19	35-138	3.9	19-31	419	1	-2
59,681	† Georgia	16	34-31	0.9	22-39	205	6	19	33-81	2.5	20-31	250	2	+1
TOTALS		244	511-1692	3.3	214-399	2773	24	228	450-1852	4.1	224-422	2774	26	+2
AVERAGES		18.8	39-130	3.3	16-31	213	6.0%	17.5	35-142	4.1	17-32	213	6.2%	0.2

2004 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Rutgers	-4'	14-19
–	C Michigan	-25	24-7
–	Notre Dame	+3	24-31
–	at Indiana	-3	30-20
–	at Iowa	+7	16-38
–	Illinois	-7'	38-25
–	Minnesota - #19	+9	51-17
–	at Michigan - #12	+11	37-45 3OT
–	Ohio St	+2	19-32
–	Wisconsin - #4	+8	49-14
–	at Penn St	-4	13-37
–	at Hawaii	-6	38-41

2005 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Kent St	-21	49-14
–	Hawaii	-31'	42-14
–	at Notre Dame - #10	+6	44-41 OT
#17	at Illinois	-10	61-14
#11	Michigan	-6	31-34 OT
#16	at Ohio St - #15	+6'	24-35
#22	Northwestern	-13'	14-49
–	Indiana	-17'	46-15
–	at Purdue	-4'	21-28
–	at Minnesota	+6	18-41
–	Penn St - #5	+8'	22-31

2006 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Idaho	-29'	27-17
–	E Michigan	-25'	52-20
–	at Pittsburgh	+3	38-23
–	Notre Dame - #12	+3	37-40
–	Illinois	-26	20-23
–	at Michigan - #6	+15'	13-31
–	Ohio St - #1	+14'	7-38
–	at Northwestern	-8	41-38
–	at Indiana	-7	21-46
–	Purdue	-2'	15-17
–	Minnesota	+1	18-31
–	at Penn St	+17'	13-17

2007 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UAB	-22	55-18
–	Bowling Green	-18	28-17
–	Pittsburgh	-11'	17-13
–	at Notre Dame	-10'	31-14
–	at Wisconsin - #9	+7	34-37
–	Northwestern	-16'	41-48 OT
–	Indiana	-3'	52-27
–	at Ohio St - #1	+18'	17-24
–	at Iowa	-3	27-34 2OT
–	Michigan - #15	+4	24-28
–	at Purdue	+4	48-31
–	Penn St	+2'	35-31

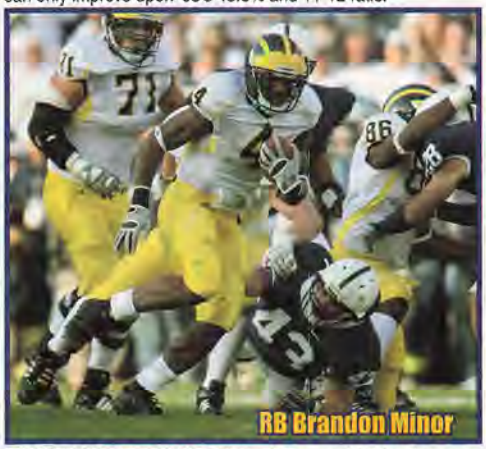
2008 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
–	at California	+5	31-38
–	E Michigan	-21	42-10
–	Florida Atlantic	-17	17-0
–	Notre Dame	-8'	23-7
–	at Indiana	-8	42-29
–	Iowa	-6'	16-13
#23	at Northwestern	-1'	37-20
#20	Ohio St - #12	+3	7-45
–	at Michigan	-4	35-21
#22	Wisconsin	-5'	25-24
#18	Purdue	-9'	21-7
#17	at Penn St - #7	+15'	18-49

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Wolverines sent a lot of QB's to the NFL with their pro-style offense including Tom Brady, Brian Griese, Elvis Grbac, Chad Henne and Todd Collins. Henne (a 4 yr st'r) left as the school's all-time career leading passer. When Rodriguez took over at WV, he did not have a QB that fit his offense and they struggled, which was the same pattern here LY. Ryan Mallett (PS#1, 3 st) transferred to Arkansas because the new offense did not suit his skills. The top two heading into fall were rFr Steven Threet (6'6", PS#26) and ex walk-on Nick Sheridan (6'1" 220 Jr). Surprisingly, Sheridan started the opener but Threet quickly took charge until he was slowed by injuries. He played in 10 throwing for 1,105 (51%) with a 9-7 ratio and did not travel to Columbus for the finale. Sheridan played in 8 throwing for 613 (46%) with a 2-5 ratio. A Rodriguez recruit, true frosh Justin Feagin (PS#174DB) took his RS off vs Purdue and practiced at both WR and QB. He had 49 yards rushing vs Minn at QB but he did not att a pass. This year Threet transferred to Ariz St's (pro-style offense) while Sheridan and David Cone return. True frosh dual threat Tate Forcier, who was one of the most accurate QB's out of HS and fits the system was impressive in the spring. He will compete with the speedy Robinson (10.28 100M) and Sheridan in August. UM can only improve upon '08's 48.8% and 11-12 ratio.


RB Brandon Minor

RUNNING BACKS - Michael Hart was Michigan's career rushing leader and just like Henne was a 4 year starter that had to be replaced last year. Brandon Minor (PS#25) was the leading returner with 385 (4.3) and Carlos Brown (PS#12) had 382 (5.1). Rodriguez brought in a pair of true frosh who he said would play right away in Sam McGuffie (PS#7) and Michael Shaw (PS#26). Kevin Grady (PS#2) was susp for the opener after rushing for 187 (3.4) in '06 and having an ACL inj in '07. With these five, the Wolves were very deep but unfortunately all 5 got banged up. McGuffie started the first 6 but when Minor was finally healthy he rushed for 117 vs Penn St and then 155 vs Purdue. With Minor and McGuffie both banged up, Brown led with 115 vs NW. McGuffie opted to transfer in Jan but added to the mix are Michael Cox (6'0" 215 rFr, PS#88), FB John McColgan (6'1" 234 So), Jim Potempa (5'7" 178 Jr, PS#256) and this year's true frosh. I look for more production in the 2nd year of the Rodriguez system.

RECEIVERS - The Wolves have produced a lot of NFL WR's including their career leader, Braylon Edwards (#1DC), Mario Manningham, Steve Breaston and Adrian Arrington. Manningham led with 1,174 (16.3) in '07 while Adrian Arrington (PS#10) had 882 (13.2). Unfortunately, both left early for the NFL last year and the leading returnees were Greg Mathews (366, 9.4) and TE Carson Butler (246, 12.3). Butler lost his starting job and eventually moved to DE while Mathews finished #2 with 409 (11.7). True frosh Martavious Odoms (PS#49) led with 443 (9.0) and true frosh Darryl Stonum (PS#12) had 176 (12.6). This year they lose TE Mike Massey (PS#25DL, 3 st), WR Zion Babb (1 st, 2 rec), Toney Clemons (1 st, 11 rec) and Butler (3 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are James Rogers (6'1" 183 Jr, PS#115), Ray Roundtree (6'0" 174 rFr, PS#68), TE Jon Bills (6'3" 233 So), Ricky Reyes (5'11" 183 Jr), Jon Conover (6'3" 198 Jr), Ben Sutton (5'11" 194 Jr) spring star Vincent Smith (PS#56) and Elias Kos (6'5" 211 rFr). This group is more experienced than '08.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Michigan had just 3 returning starters on the O-line in '07 who helped open holes for 165 ypg rush (4.0) while allowing 28 sacks (6.6%). Last year the Wolves had to replace 4 starters and their OL had 16 career starts with Stephen Schilling having 13 of those. They were an inexperienced group, learning a new system, plagued by injuries and were shuffled often. Surprisingly the numbers only dropped to 148 ypg (3.9) with the sack total actually improving to 22 (6.5%). In the spring, Schilling moved from RT to LG solidifying a spot which saw 3 different players start in '08. Not listed below are Bryant Nowicki (6'9" 326 Jr), Kurt Wermers (6'5" 289 rFr), Tom Pomarico (6'4" 253 So) and Zac Ciullo (6'1" 273 So). This year the unit figures to be one of the most improved O-lines in the country as they are in the 2nd year of the system, all 5 starters are back and 7 different players earned 4+ starts last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 UM had just 3 of the top 8 back (lost 3 st'r) and went from allowing just 43 ypg (1.9), their best ypc since 1971, to yielding 157 ypg (4.0), their worst total since 1962. Last year they had all 4 starters back on the D-line but only improved to 137 ypg (3.6). This year the losses are heavy in DE Tim Jamison (12 st, 50 tkl, 5.5 sk), DT Terrance Taylor (12 st, 36 tkl, 1.5 sk, #4DC IND), DT Will Johnson (11 st, 29 tkl, 2 sk) and DE Andre Criswell (11 gm). DE Brandon Graham (PS#2LB) had 10 sacks and 10 tfl and was voted the team MVP. New DC Robinson implemented a 3-4 D in the spring which offsets their depth issues at DT. Not listed below is Adam Patterson (6'3" 263 Jr), Dominique Ware (5'7" 249 So) and Lawrence Perry (6'1" 266 Sr). Naturally the unit is loaded with VHT's and despite being less experienced, could be as effective as the '08 bunch.

LINEBACKERS - In 2008 UM had to replace 2 starters (#2, #3 tkl'r) and the top returnee was #5. This year they lose their #5 tackler LB John Thompson (9 st, 53 tkl) and Austin Panter (1 st, 8 tkl) but add in FS Stevie Brown (12 st) as a S/LB hybrid to fill in the 4th LB spot with the move to the 3-4. Three starters who were the #1, #2 and #4 tkl'rs return making this unit more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '07 with basically 2 starters back, UM was #27 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters and 2 backups but due to the use of a NB and injuries the yr prior, actually had 3 back who started 10+ in '07. Surprisingly, the Wolves plummeted to #68. This year they lose CB Morgan Trent (12 st, 41 tkl, 3 int, #6DC CIN), SS Brandon Harrison (12 st, 69 tkl, 3 sk), NB Charles Stewart (2 st, 41 tkl) and FS Brown moved to the new S/LB spot. While this group is only equal to '08 in terms of experience, they should improve upon last year's poor finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Lloyd Carr's teams had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #26 in '04 and #15 in '05 but surprisingly they were just #95 in '07. Rodriguez's final 5 ST units at WV were #38, #35, #32, #8 and #37. They had everyone back in '08 and the unit had its ups and downs but showed a lot of improvement (#15). KC Lopata hit 10 of 15 (long 50). Jason Gingell had 4 TB's on 39 KO. 1st Tm B10 P Zoltan Mesko improved his average from 41.1 to 43.0 (39.3 net!). Martavious Odoms was the top PR (12.6) and avg 23.0 on KR sharing the job with true frosh Boubacar Cissoko (PS#5, 23.4). This year they lose Lopata and Gingell but should field another fine unit.

COACHES - Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title in 1997 and finished his career 18-9 all-time vs Top 10 teams. He went out on a high note with an upset of #9 Florida in the Capital One Bowl. Last year Rich Rodriguez brought in his new spread offense. In his first year at WV in 2001, Rodriguez inherited 4 returning offensive starters from a team that averaged 29.7 ypg. In his "Hair-on-Fire" offense they avg just 21.4 ppg. In his 2nd season they rose to 30.5 ppg and 419 ypg and never looked back. His final 3 teams at WV finished ranked #5, #10 and #6. His OC is Calvin Magee who followed Rodriguez to UM after 3 years as OC at WV and he called plays in their Fiesta Bowl upset of Oklahoma. After his defense allowed the most points in school history, DC Scott Shafer resigned. The new DC is Greg Robinson who was the HC at Syracuse the last 4 years (10-37) and was a DC in the NFL with KC, NYJ and Denver. He was the Broncos DC when they won B2B Super Bowls in the 1990's and was also the co-DC at Texas in 2004 when they beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. That year Texas outscored opponents 105-3 in the 3Q (reg ssn) showing he made good halftime adjustments.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year was quite a change for the Michigan program. The Wolverines had 40 straight winning years and had gone to 33 straight bowls, both of which were the NCAA's longest streaks. In 12 of Lloyd Carr's 13 seasons, they finished ranked (5 Top 10). They had been to 3 of the last 5 Rose Bowls and nearly played in the Nat'l Title game in '06 (#2 into final gm). Carr's final squad in '07 opened 0-2 including a stunning loss to App St but finished 9-4 including a win over #9 Florida. Last year I did not make a lot of friends in Ann Arbor. Not only did I not have Michigan ranked in my Top 25, I did not have them in my Top 50! I was not alone as SI ranked them #54 and projected a 5-7 record. For the first time in 23 years, UM was not in the Top 3 of the Big Ten media poll or the AP Top 25 (#24 USA Today). In Rodriguez's first year at WV he inherited a bowl winning team that had 13 ret starters but went just 3-8. Here he had just 10 ret starters and had to replace 4 OL including the#1 overall pick in the draft, QB Henne, RB Hart, WR's Manningham and Arrington and simply did not have the right type of QB (mobile) that fit the new offense. The Wolves only lost to eventual #2 Utah by 2 (game not as close as score). While they beat Miami, Oh by 10, Miami trailed by 4 when they missed an open TD pass in the 3Q. They actually played better than the 35-17 loss at ND (6 TO's). The next week Wisc dominated them 19-0 at the half but stunningly UM rallied back winning 27-25 (UW miss 2 pt con :13 left). They led Illinois 14-3 in the 1Q, but Illinois dominated after that with Juice Williams accounting for a Big House record 431 yards in a 45-20 thrashing. The next week vs Toledo, they appeared in control but gave up a 100 yd IR TD. Toledo also knocked in a 48 yd FG off the crossbar while UM missed a 26 yd FG at the end for their first ever loss to a MAC team at home, 13-10. After having 9 straight wins vs Penn St, Mich was the largest underdog in their history at +24 but led 17-7 in the 2Q. It was just 17-14 late 3Q but PSU dominated late in a 29 point win. The Wolves had 6 straight wins over rival Mich St and for just the 2nd time since 1968 were an underdog vs their "little brother." MSU had a 473-252 yd edge and got their first win in Ann Arbor since 1990. Purdue got a TD with :26 left but did have a 522-300 yd edge in UM's 48-42 loss which clinched their first losing season since 1967. UM finished 12-0 in their history of playing in the Metrodome by dominating bowl bound Minn 29-6. NW got their first win in The Big House since 1995 the next week and it was a school record 8th loss and 5th at home for UM. The previous six UM HC's beat Ohio St in their 1st game and while they played well in the first 4 series (OSU three 3 & outs and an int), the Buckeyes rolled 42-7 and UM had their most ever losses at 9. UM was -112 ypg in Big Ten play (2nd worst). On the positive side, it is the 2nd year of Rodriguez's scheme and he now has QB's that fit the offense. UM qualifies for my Turnovers=Turnaround (-10) and had 3 net close losses and a defensive ypp of 12.7 (pg 299). They also have 15 ret starters (4th highest Big Ten) and the Wolverines make my list of MIT in '09.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 5 Tate Forcier Fr. 6-1 187 **PS#16.** IFS. Denard Robinson is **PS#35. 8** Nick Sheridan (6'1" 220 Jr). 4 st, 8 gm, 613 (46%) 2Y. Broken leg spg. **16** David Cone (6'7" 222 Jr).

RB 4 BRANDON MINOR SR. 6-1 216 **PS#25.** 623 (4.7) 2Y. 4 st, 533 (5.2) HM B10 LY. **23** Carlos Brown (6'0" 206 Sr) **PS#12.** 545 (4.5) 3Y. **24** Kevin Grady (5'9" 226 Sr) **PS#2.** 703 (3.7) 3Y.

WR 22 DARRYL STONUM SO. 6-2 188 **PS#12.** 10 st, 176 (12.6) true. **82** LaTerryal Savoy (6'3" 213 Sr) **PS#33.** 47 (9.4) 3Y. **FB 44** Mark Moundros (6'1" 228 Jr) PS#473. 10 st 2Y.

WR 13 GREG MATHEWS SR. 6-3 209 **PS#10.** 8 st, 434 (9.4) 2Y. 8 st, 409 (11.7) LY. **21** Junior Hemingway (6'1" 226 So) **PS#17.** 2 st, 78 (13.0) 2Y. **7** Terrence Robinson (5'9" 173 rFr) PS#145.

WR 9 MARTAVIOUS ODOMS SO. 5-9 171 **PS#49.** 11 st, 443 (9.0), 20 KR true. **20** Michael Shaw (6'0" 177 So) **PS#26.** 2 st, 215 rush yd (5.1), 6 rec true. **3** Justin Feagin (6'0" 198 So) PS#174.

TE 86 KEVIN KOGER SO. 6-4 245 **PS#15.** 3 st, 9 gm, 93 (15.5) true. **80** Martell Webb (6'4" 254 Jr) **PS#24.** 13 gm 2Y. **88** Brandon Moore (6'6" 246 rFr) **PS#9.** Mike Therman (6'4" 233 Jr).

C 50 DAVID MOLK SO. 6-2 283 **PS#35.** 12 st, took every snap at C, Iron Wolverine rFr. **56** Ricky Barnum (6'2" 280 rFr) PS#153. **LS 66** George Morales (6'0" 225 rFr) PS#295.

RG 60 DAVID MOOSMAN SR. 6-5 292 **PS#39.** 7 gm 2Y. 12 st, all snaps RG LY. **63** Rocko Khoury (6'5" 291 rFr) **PS#65.** Elliott Mealer (6'6" 299 rFr) **PS#31.** Kurt Wermers (6'5" 289 rFr) **PS#55.**

LG 52 STEPHEN SCHILLING JR. 6-5 304 **PS#4.** 13 st rFr. 11 st (inj) LY. **74** John Ferrara (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#76. 13 gm DL rFr. 5 st LG, 12 gm LY. **62** Tim McAvoy (6'6" 297 Sr) **PS#44.** 6 st 3Y.

RT 79 PERRY DORRESTEIN JR. 6-7 310 **PS#84.** 4 gm rFr. 4 st (3 LT, 1 RT), 5 gm (inj) LY. **72** Mark Huyge (6'6" 291 So) PS#275. Lit'd. **65** Patrick Omameh (6'4" 276 rFr) PS#195.

LT 71 MARK ORTMANN SR. 6-7 284 PS#33TE. 2 st, 13 gm 2Y. 11 st (9 LT, 2 LG), 11 gm LY. **78** Dann O'Neill (6'7" 312 rFr) **PS#20.** Taylor Lewan (6'6" 270 Fr) is **PS#26.**

K NA Brendan Gibbons Fr. 6-0 215 **PS#8. 92** Jason Olesnavage (6'5" 212 Sr). No gm action 3Y. **43** Bryan Wright (6'1" 217 Jr) PS#30. 81 KO, 12 TB 2Y. Scott Schrimscher (5'10" 190 So).

DE 55 BRANDON GRAHAM SR. 6-2 268 **PS#2.** 5 st, 28 tkl, 10 tfl 2Y. 11 st (inj), 46 tkl, **20 tfl** (#2 NCAA), **2nd Tm B10** LY. Craig Roh **PS#16. 92** Greg Banks (6'4" 275 Jr) PS#66. 13 tkl 2Y.

DT 68 Mike Martin So. 6-2 291 **PS#24.** 12 gm, 20 tkl, **Frosh AA** true. **73** William Campbell (6'4" 330 Fr) **PS#2. 95** Renaldo Sagesse (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#349. 3 tkl 2Y. Vince Helmuth.

DE 53 Ryan Van Bergen So. 6-6 261 **PS#43.** 1 st, 13 tkl rFr. **81** Steve Watson (6'4" 251 So) **PS#15TE.** 4 gm LY at TE. **90** Anthony LaLota **PS#18. 89** Tim North (6'1" 253 Sr). 3 tkl 2Y.

LB 42 JB Fitzgerald So. 6-3 232 **PS#17.** 8 tkl, 12 gm true. Kenny Demens (6'1" 237 So) **PS#29.** 1 gm (inj) LY. Paul Gyarmati (6'2" 206 rFr) PS#427. Played 2 games at LB.

LB 42 OBI EZEH JR. 6-2 240 PS#80. 10 st, 68 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 12 st, 98 tkl, 7 tfl, HM B10 LY. **9** Marell Evans (6'3" 237 Jr) PS#200. 1 st, 4 tkl 2Y. **52** Kevin Leach (6'1" 202 So). 2 tkl rFr.

LB 8 JONAS MOUTON JR. 6-2 218 **PS#11.** 11 st, 81 tkl, 6.5 tfl 2Y. **58** Brandon Herron (6'2" 222 So) PS#89. 7 tkl rFr. **7** Brandin Hawthrone PS#99. IFS. Ohene Opong-Owusu (6'2" 240 Sr).

S/LB 3 STEVIE BROWN SR. 6-0 215 **PS#9.** 26 gm, 1 st, 42 tkl 2Y 12 st, 64 tkl LY. **27** Mike Jones (6'2" 202 Fr) PS#114. IFS. Isaiah Bell (6'2" 206 Fr) **PS#48. 36** Rushdi Furrha (6'1" 207 So).

CB 6 DONOVAN WARREN JR. 6-0 187 **PS#9.** 11 st, 52 tkl, 6 pd true. 11 st, 52 tkl LY. JT Turner **PS#13. 19** Zach Johnson (6'2" 198 So). 8 tkl rFr. Matthew Cavanaugh (5'10" 185 rFr).

CB 33 Boubacar Cissoko So. 5-9 182 **PS#5.** 2 st, 12 gm, 15 tkl true. **12** JT Floyd (6'0" 184 rFr) PS#63. Adrian Witty. **17** Tony Anderson (5'11" 190 So). 5 gm rFr. **32** Karl Tech (5'10" 189 So).

S 40 Michael Williams So. 5-11 191 **PS#33.** 18 tkl rFr. **28** Brandon Smith (6'3" 211 rFr) **PS#7.** RS (inj) LY. Thomas Gordon is PS#141. **23** Floyd Simmons (5'10" 192 rFr) PS#444.

S 29 Troy Woolfolk Jr. 6-0 183 PS#79. 15 tkl 2Y. Vladimir Emillen is PS#91. Doug Rogan (6'1" 188 So) PS#455. Jared Van Slyke (6'3" 197 So) PS#284. Jordan Reilly (5'10" 188 So).

P 41 ZOLTAN MESKO SR. 6-5 238 **PS#2.** 50 punts (41.6), tm net 34.9 rFr. 70 (41.1), 35.9 net '07. 80 (43.0, #1 B10), 39.3 net (#1 B10), **1st Tm B10** LY. Bryan Wright. Chris Berry (6'3" 208 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	William Campbell 6-5 330 PS#2
DB	JT Turner 6-2 185 PS#13
WR	Je'Ron Stokes 6-1 178 PS#11
DL	Craig Roh 6-4 230 PS#16
DL	Anthony LaLota 6-4 235 PS#18
QB	Tate Forcier 6-1 187 PS#16
OL	Taylor Lewan 6-6 270 PS#26
RB	Jeremy Gallon 5-8 165 PS#25
RB	Fitzgerald Toussaint 5-10 185 PS#28
OL	Quinton Washington 6-3 315 PS#30
OL	Michael Schofield 6-6 270 PS#36
DB	Isaiah Bell 6-2 205 PS#48
RB	Teric Jones 5-9 191 PS#49
OB	Denard Robinson 6-0 180 PS#35
RB	Vincent Smith 5-6 158 PS#56
WR	Cameron Gordon 6-2 210 PS#46
DB	Vladimir Emilien 6-1 213 PS#91
DB	Mike Jones 6-2 202 PS#114
LB	Brandin Hawthorne 6-0 195 PS#99
DB	Thomas Gordon 5-11 200 PS#141
K	Brendan Gibbons 6-0 215 PS#8
DB	Adrian Witty 5-11 170 PS#376

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

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RICH RODRIGUEZ (Career 63-35) (Div I 43-28-2) (NAIA 2-8)
2nd Year at Michigan Bowls: 2-3 West Virginia '01-'07

Rodriguez AT MICHIGAN/OVERALL

3-9 / 63-35	SU	1-2 / 4-8 Vs Top 10
2-5 / 35-16	Home	1-2 / 13-15 Vs Top 25
1-4 / 26-16	Away	0-1 / 8-12 Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 2-3	Neutral	1-0 / 10-4 Off A Bye
2-6 / 36-20	Vs Conf	3-5 / 15-13 Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (30,19,2)
Lost: 19 (3,13,3)

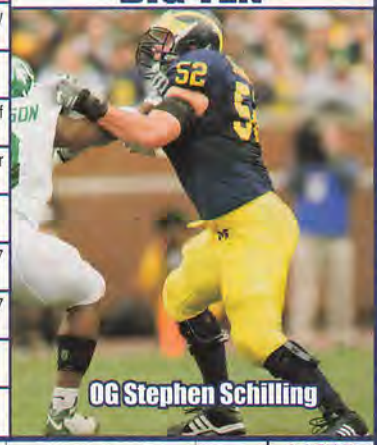
2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 108,571 (#1)

BIG TEN

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chad Henne 9,715 '04-'07	1. Mike Hart 5,040 '04-'07	1. Braylon Edwards 3,541 '01-'04
2. John Navarre 9,254 '00-'03	2. Anthony Thomas 4,472 '97-'00	2. Anthony Carter 3,076 '79-'82
3. Elvis Grbac 6,460 '89-'92	3. Jamie Morris 4,393 '84-'87	3. Amani Toomer 2,657 '92-'95

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#29

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	Western Michigan	A						Michigan is 8-2 in season openers having dropped B2B games (App St & Utah). The Wolverines are 4-0 vs WM & 24-1 vs current the MAC with the lone loss to Toledo LY.
Sep. 12	Notre Dame	A						The home team is 8-2 in this series & the L/3 have been decided by an avg of 27 ppg. Last year UM turned the ball over 6 times & trailed 21-0, 10:09 into the game.
Sep. 19	Eastern Michigan	A						The Wolves are 15-0 vs the 3 Michigan MAC schools with an avg score of 34-8. Last met in '07 as Michigan only led 16-14 in the 3Q before winning 33-22.
Sep. 26	Indiana (HC)	A						Michigan is 30-1 vs Indiana since 1968 & they have won 15 in a row at home. Last meeting was in '06 (34-3) & UM has dominated the L/5 winning by an avg 30 ppg.
Oct. 3	at Michigan St	G						Michigan's loss LY broke a 6 game series win streak. UM was outgained 473-252 but led 21-14 in the 3Q last year. They've have won 3 straight in Lansing.
Oct. 10	at Iowa	A						Michigan has won 3 straight & 10 of 12 in the series. Three of the last 4 in Iowa City have been decided by exactly 3 pts. This will be their first trip to Iowa since 2005.
Oct. 17	Delaware St	A						This is only the Wolverines 2nd FCS opponent since 1953 (App St '07 L, 32-24). The Hornets went 5-6 in the MEAC last year including a 24-3 loss to Kent St.
Oct. 24	Penn St	A						Michigan has won 5 straight at home & Penn St was ranked #15 or higher in 4 of those games. Last year UM led 17-7 before surrendering 39 unanswered pts.
Oct. 31	at Illinois	A						Michigan has won 9 straight in Champaign but LY's 45-20 loss at home matches their largest in this series (1924, 39-14). UM led 14-3 before allowing 28 straight pts.
Nov. 7	Purdue	A						UM has won 19 of 23 vs Purdue but LY's 48 pts allowed was a series high. UM led 28-21 at HT & tied it with 1:20 left but Purdue went 73/4pl for the win.
Nov. 14	at Wisconsin	A						The Wolverines have won 31 of 36 but the visitor has dropped 4 straight. LY UM scored 27 straight pts after trailing 19-0 at HT & #9 Wisky had a tying 2 pt conv called back.
Nov. 21	Ohio St	A						Five straight losses is the longest losing stretch in series. LY Michigan only trailed 14-7 at the half but the Bucks finished with 3 scoring plays of 49+ yds in the 42-7 win.
Nov. 28								
Dec. 5								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STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (106,201) (#2)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	8-4	10-3	10-3	9-3	7-5	11-2	9-4	3-9	76-36
Home	6-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	4-3	7-0	5-3	2-5	48-13
Away	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-1	4-1	3-1	1-4	25-18
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	3-5
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	6-2	7-1	7-1	5-3	7-1	6-2	2-6	52-20
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	4-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	4-1	3-2	1-3	24-16
ATS	6-6	5-6-1	5-8	9-4	5-6-1	5-7	8-5	6-5-1	2-10	51-57-3
Home Fav	4-2	4-2	2-5	6-1	2-3-1	2-4	3-4	3-2	0-5	26-28-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-3
Away Favorite	0-3	1-2-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	1-1	3-0	1-2-1	0-1	12-16-2
Away Dog	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	0-0	1-3	8-5
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	3-5
vs Conf	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	6-2	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	4-3-1	2-6	37-32-3
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-4	2-2	0-4	14-25
Off SU Win	3-5	3-4-1	3-6	7-3	3-5-1	3-4	8-3	4-3-1	0-3	34-36-3
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	2-2	2-6	14-16

Lloyd Carr 1995-2007 — Rich Rodriguez

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Minor	103	563	30	533	9	5.2
Sam McGuffie	118	535	49	486	3	4.1
Michael Shaw	42	230	15	215	0	5.1
Steven Threet	76	358	157	201	2	2.6
Carlos Brown	29	128	6	122	0	4.2
Nick Sheridan	42	142	50	92	1	2.2
Justin Feagin	11	56	4	52	0	4.7
Kevin Grady	14	37	4	33	1	2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Steven Threet	200	102	51.0	1105	9	7
Nick Sheridan	137	63	46.0	613	2	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Martavious Odoms	49	443	9.0	0	50
Greg Mathews	35	409	11.7	2	35
Darryl Stonum	14	176	12.6	1	51
Sam McGuffie	19	175	9.2	1	40
Toney Clemons	11	101	9.2	0	29
Kevin Koger	6	93	15.5	1	35
James Rogers	3	64	21.3	0	24
Brandon Minor	5	59	11.8	2	27
Zion Babb	2	45	22.5	0	45

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Zoltan Mesko	80	3436	43.0	21	39.3(t)	1	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
KC Lopata	27-29	5-7	1-2	3-4	1-2	10-15	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Obi Ezeh	98	1	6	2	1
Jonas Mouton	76	1	5.5	1	0
Brandon Harrison	69	3	4	3	0
Stevie Brown	64	1	0.5	3	2
John Thompson	53	0	2.5	0	1
Donovan Warren	52	0	3.5	4	1
Tim Jamison	50	5.5	5	2	0
Brandon Graham	46	10	10	0	0
Morgan Trent	41	0	2.5	2	3
Charles Stewart	41	0	0	2	1
Terrance Taylor	36	1.5	2.5	0	0
Will Johnson	29	2	1	0	0
Mike Martin	20	2	2.5	0	0
Michael Williams	18	1	1	0	0
Boubacar Cissoko	15	0	1	3	0
Ryan Van Bergen	13	0	0	1	0
Troy Woolfolk	10	0	0	0	0
Austin Panter	8	0.5	0	0	0
Carson Butler	8	0	0	0	0
Zach Johnson	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Martavious Odoms	10	126	12.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Boubacar Cissoko	20	467	23.4	0
Martavious Odoms	20	461	23.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Rose - #4	+7	USC - #1	14-28
04	Rose - #13	+7'	Texas - #6	37-38
05	Alamo - #20	-10	Nebraska	28-32
06	Rose - #3	+1	USC - #8	18-32
07	Capital One	+11	Florida - #9	41-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 19–20

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
3	20.3	291	148	3.9	143	48.8	14.4	22	-10	2008	7	28.9	367	137	3.6	230	57.8	12.7	29
6*	27.2	385	165	4.0	220	53.2	14.1	28	+2	2007	4	21.4	336	157	4.0	179	55.2	15.7	33
6*	29.2	371	176	4.3	195	62.2	12.7	24	+14	2006	8	15.9	268	43	1.9	225	53.7	16.9	43
8*	28.8	384	162	3.9	223	58.2	13.4	24	+5	2005	6	20.3	345	137	3.8	208	57.0	17.0	24
6	30.8	387	154	3.8	233	59.8	12.5	29	+6	2004	6	23.3	336	133	3.6	203	55.8	14.5	21
7*	35.4	447	176	4.3	271	59.7	12.6	24	+2	2003	6	16.8	297	117	3.5	181	53.9	17.6	29
7*	27.8	381	148	3.8	233	54.9	13.7	22	+9	2002	8	20.4	348	123	3.4	225	53.6	17.1	42

UM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
108,421	Utah	11	25-36	1.4	19-38	167	3	16	43-36	0.8	21-34	305	6	0
106,724	Miami, Oh	15	35-178	5.1	10-18	103	0	16	32-47	1.5	23-40	205	3	+1
80,795	at Notre Dame	21	42-159	3.8	19-28	229	0	14	34-113	3.3	10-21	147	0	-4
109,833	Wisconsin	14	34-172	5.1	12-31	96	0	18	44-158	3.6	20-37	226	4	-1
109,750	Illinois	17	35-69	2.0	18-35	250	4	19	47-191	4.1	13-26	310	0	-2
107,267	Toledo	19	39-170	4.4	15-27	120	1	17	22-70	3.2	33-50	257	1	-2
110,017	at Penn St	15	46-202	4.4	12-22	89	3	22	38-231	6.1	19-33	251	0	0
110,146	Michigan St	13	31-84	2.7	13-27	168	4	22	48-167	3.5	18-30	306	5	-1
59,135	at Purdue	15	37-177	4.8	9-21	123	3	25	46-256	5.6	21-34	266	0	0
55,040	at Minnesota	20	42-232	5.5	18-30	203	0	8	28-83	3.0	13-24	105	4	0
107,856	Northwestern	15	46-181	3.9	12-36	83	1	14	37-59	1.6	17-29	198	3	0
105,564	at Ohio St	11	41-111	2.7	8-25	87	3	13	43-232	5.4	8-16	184	3	-1
TOTALS		186	453-1771	3.9	165-338	1718	22	204	462-1643	3.6	216-374	2760	29	-10
AVERAGES		15.5	38-148	3.9	14-28	143	6.5%	17.0	39-137	3.6	18-31	230	7.8%	-0.8

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #14 Score
#8	Miami, Oh	-13	43-10
#8	at Notre Dame	-12	20-28
#17	San Diego St	-20	24-21
#18	Iowa	-13	30-17
#19	at Indiana	-18	35-14
#14	Minnesota - #13	-3'	27-24
#14	at Illinois	-19	30-19
#13	at Purdue - #12	+4	16-14
#12	Michigan St	-11	45-37 3OT
#9	Northwestern	-14	42-20
#7	at Ohio St	-5'	21-37

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#4	N Illinois	-18'	33-17
#3	Notre Dame - #20	-7	10-17
#14	E Michigan	-29	55-0
#14	at Wisconsin	-2'	20-23
–	at Michigan St - #11	+6	34-31 OT
#21	Minnesota	-7'	20-23
–	Penn St - #8	-3'	27-25
–	at Iowa	+3	23-20 OT
#25	at Northwestern - #21	-2	33-17
#21	Indiana	-25'	41-14
#17	Ohio St - #9	+3	21-25

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #14 Opponent	Line	Post #8 Score
#14	Vanderbilt	-26'	27-7
#10	C Michigan	-28	41-17
#11	at Notre Dame - #2	+5'	47-21
#6	Wisconsin	-13'	27-13
#6	at Minnesota	-9'	28-14
#6	Michigan St	-15'	31-13
#4	at Penn St	-5'	17-10
#2	Iowa	-12'	20-6
#2	Northwestern	-29'	17-3
#2	Ball St	-34	34-26
#2	at Indiana	-19	34-3
#2	at Ohio St - #1	+6'	39-42

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#5	Appalachian St	NL	32-34
–	Oregon	-7	7-39
–	Notre Dame	-9'	38-0
–	Penn St - #10	+2'	14-9
–	at Northwestern	-17	28-16
–	E Michigan	-29'	33-22
–	Purdue	-5	48-21
#24	at Illinois	-1	27-17
#19	Minnesota	-23	34-10
#15	at Michigan St	-4	28-24
#13	at Wisconsin	-2'	21-37
#23	Ohio St - #7	+4	3-14

2008 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Utah	-3	23-25
–	Miami, Oh	-14'	16-6
–	at Notre Dame	-2	17-35
–	Wisconsin - #9	+5'	27-25
–	Illinois	-2	20-45
–	Toledo	-16	10-13
–	at Penn St - #3	+24	17-46
–	Michigan St	+4	21-35
–	at Purdue	+2'	42-48
–	at Minnesota	+8'	29-6
–	Northwestern	-3'	14-21
–	at Ohio St - #10	+20	7-42

WISCONSIN BADGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Tyler Donovan (PS#29) was a 3 year backup (2 car st) with career numbers of 620 (63%) with a 5-2 ratio going into '07. In '07 he beat out K-St transfer Allan Evridge (PS#50). Evridge had 6 starts at K-St in '05 throwing for 1,365 (47.9%) with a 6-7 ratio. Donovan threw for 2,607 (58%) with a 17-11 ratio. Evridge played in 7 hitting 5 of 12. LY they had to replace Donovan and Evridge beat out Dustin Sherer (PS#47). Evridge started the first 6 throwing for 949 (53.8%) with a 5-5 ratio. He became the 18th QB in UW history to top 300 in a game with 308 vs Marshall but also had 2 costly TO's in the loss to Ohio St. He was benched for good in the 3Q vs Penn St after hitting just 2-10 for 50 yds with 1 int. Dustin Sherer started the rest of the season throwing for 1,389 (54.5%) with a 6-5 ratio but also had a propensity for holding on to the ball too long as he absorbed 21 of the team's 29 sacks. He attended a QB camp this spring to shorten his throwing motion. Scott Tolzien (6'3" 202 Jr, PS#109) played in 3 (8 pass). This year they lose Evridge and I expect athletic VHT rFr Curt Phillips (PS#18) to win the job. No matter who wins the job, this unit will put up better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The Badgers had a streak of 10 straight years with a 1,000 yard rusher until '03 and '04 when the top back was plagued by injuries. In 2005 Brian Calhoun rushed for 1,636 (4.7) with 22 TD's and also had 53 rec (10.8). Calhoun left early for the NFL (#3DC) and the leading returnee in '06 was Jamil Walker (PS#25), who had 96 (5.3) in '05. RFr PJ Hill rushed for 130 in the opener and never looked back. He became just the 7th frosh in Div I history to rush for more than 1,500. Injuries did slow him as he had just one 100 yard effort in his final 5. In 2007 Hill was banged up (miss 2) rushing for 1,212 (5.2). His backup was Zach Brown (PS#151), who had 568 (4.8). Last year they got the much anticipated debut of rFr John Clay (PS#3). Hill stayed healthy and they split the snaps between the 3. Hill rushed for 1,161 (5.1) while Clay had the best ypc with 5.7 (884). Brown added 305 (5.5) as the 3rd down back. Not listed below are Mike Preisler (6'0" 205 So) and Sam Spitz (6'1" 245 rFr). They lose FB Chris Pressley (9 st, 6 yd), FB Bill Rentmeester (1 st, 53 ttl yd) and Hill opted to leave early for the NFL (UFA NO) but I look for a monster year from Clay.

RECEIVERS - Bielema has done a good job of landing VHT's at this position and it may start to pay off. Last year they ret'd 3 of their top 4 rec in TE's Travis Beckum (982, 13.1 in '07), Garrett Graham (328, 10.9 in '07) and also WR Kyle Jefferson (412, 15.8). Unfortunately Beckum was lost after playing in just six games. He was still #4 with 264 (11.5). Graham led with 540 (13.5). In the 2H of the year, soph David Gilreath (PS#51) emerged as he not only had 520 (16.8), but also added 285 rushing (11.4) including a monster 168 rush (21.0) vs Ind (90 yd TD run). Late in the year, VHT rFr Nick Toon (PS#14) emerged and had 257 (15.1) while solid blocker Isaac Anderson added 286 (13.6). After Beckum went down, backup TE Lance Kendricks (PS#17WR) was also lost for the regular season (141, 23.5). Not listed in the PSL below are WR's Elijah Theus (6'2" 188 Sr, PS#161), TJ Williams (6'0" 182 rFr, PS#102), Maurice Moore (5'11" 178 Jr), Nate Emanuel (6'1" 191 Jr), Richard Kirtley (6'2" 186 Sr), Eric Kossoris (6'1" 190 So), TE's Rob Korslin (6'5" 254 So, PS#168), Jeremy Reierson (6'6" 221 rFr) and Zach Davison (6'4" 238 rFr, PS#153DL). This year they only lose Beckum (#3DC NYG) but this should be one of the best Badger rec corps in years.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07 the Badgers had one of their deepest O-lines in years with 9 of the top 10 back and a legitimate 5-man #2 O-line. When I think of Wisconsin, I think of big off lines and power rush attacks so it's surprising to me that their 201 ypg rush (4.4 ypc) was actually their best total of the decade! Due to inj over the last 6 they had 2 rFr starters on the left side and did allow 33 sacks (10 vs Ohio St). LY they had to replace one starter (2 bkup). LT Gabe Carimi missed 3 and the O-line struggled without him and RG Kraig Urbik also missed 2. When those two ret'd full time vs Indy, UW rushed for 441 (7.2). The Badgers improved their numbers to 211 ypg (4.8) with 29 sacks (8.7%). This yr they lose RG Urbik (11 st, 4Y st'r, #3DC PIT), LG Andy Kemp (13 st, 3Y st'r) and RT Eric Vanden Heuvel (12 st, 3Y st'r). Those 3 had 121 career starts (49 are returning #93 FBS). Not listed in the PSL is Jordan Beramann (6'6" 310 rFr). With a less experienced unit, it will be tough to match '08's best-of-the-decade numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '05 the Badgers had to replace all 4 starters (4 DC's) and allowed 168 ypg with their 4.6 ypc being the worst since 1990. In '06 the unit ret'd intact and allowed just 115 ypg (3.8). In '07 they had to replace 1 starter but surprisingly slipped to 134 ypg (4.1). LY they once again had to replace 1 starter (#6DC). All 3 returning senior starters started all 13 LY and they depart with 120 career starts. Surprisingly UW only improved to 133 ypg (3.9 ypc, 23 sk). This yr they lose 2nd Tm Big Ten DT Mike Newkirk (13 st, 59 tkl, 4 sk), DT Jason Chapman (39 tkl, 2 sk, HM Big Ten) and DE Matt Shaughnessy (13 st, 40 tkl, 4 sk, HM Big Ten, #3DC OAK). O'Brien Schofield did lead the DL in sacks and is the lone returnee on a much less experienced front wall.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Badgers ret'd the entire 2 deep (incl top 3 tkl'rs). Returning starter Elijah Hodge (#3 tkl'r '07) lost the job however and had just 9 tackles so it was like having 2 starters back. Jonathan Casillas led in tackles in '07 but missed 3 in '08 (knee) and was #3. MLB Jaevery McFadden broke his hand and played with a cast but led with 84. This year McFadden moves to his preferred WLB slot but they do lose Casillas (10 st, 62 tkl, HM Big Ten), SLB DeAndre Levy (13 st, #2 tkl'r, #3DC DET), Hodge and Ryan Flasch (9 tkl). Backup Eric Prather (18 tkl) injured his knee and his career may be over. Naturally with the loss of 2 starters, this unit will be down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UW usually fields a strong secondary. They finished #7 in my pass D rankings in '04 and even with an inexperienced unit in '05 finished #19. In '06 they were #2 thanks to an excellent CB combo of Jack Ikegwuonu and Allen Langford. In '07 they had both CB's back but had to replace both S's and slipped to #57 even though FS Shane Carter led the Big Ten in int's. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter (#4DC) and 2 backups. S Aubrey Pleasant (13 st '07) lost his spot to Jay Valai. As expected they moved up to #35. This year they lose CB Langford (13 st, 47 tkl, 2 int, 13 pbu, 1st Tm Big Ten) but have 7 of the top 8 back including 6 who have started 6+. Projected starting CB Aaron Henry (2 st '07, 38 tkl true) returns after RS '08. Not listed in the PSL below are Tyler Holland (5'11" 196 Sr), Prince Moody (5'11" 199 Sr), Coddye Ring-Noonan (5'10" 204 rFr), Andrew Lukasko (5'10" 181 So), Chukwuma Offor (6'0" 181 So), Adam Hampton (5'11" 185 So), Kevin Claxton (6'2" 208 So, PS#164, 5 tkl LY) and William Hartmann (5'11" 202 Sr). CB Mario Goins was susp for the spring but is expected to return. They now have 3 starters back for a 2nd consecutive season and this group looks stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Bielema's first year UW finished #44 in my ST rankings but thanks to K Taylor Mehlhaff (21-25, long 51, 27 TB on KO) and P Ken DeBauche (35.3 net), they moved up to #13 in '07. LY those two had to be replaced and there were a lot of big plays on ST, both positive and negative. I was impressed with both new frosh K's as Philip Welch hit 20 of 24 FG's (long 52) and Brad Nortman avg 41.8 (35.3 net). David Gilreath saw his PR avg drop (14.0 to 8.8) and KR drop (23.0 to 19.6). The Badgers surprisingly dropped to #93 and Bielema took the blame for the unit's inconsistency as he coaches it himself. This yr they only lose LS Dave Peck and I look for Gilreath to return to '07 form with the unit making a huge leap in my ST rankings.

COACHES - After 17 yrs, Barry Alvarez stepped aside in '06 as UW's all-time leader in wins (118), although he remains the AD. He handpicked his successor, Bret Bielema, who was brought in as the DC in '04 (from K-St). When he first took over, Bielema was the NCAA's 2nd youngest HC. After a 12-1 debut in '06, Bielema was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and was given a new 5-year, $7.5 million contract. Paul Chryst, who was the OC at Oreg St in '03-'04, came in as the "Co-OC" in '05 and took over as the main OC in '06. Although Chryst has received overtures from the NFL and colleges for HC jobs he has stayed. Dave Doeren was co-DC in both '06 and '07 but last year had the DC duties to himself and returns for his 4th year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Badgers' 2005 offense set a school record with 34.3 ppg but returned just 3 starters in '06. UW came into the season unranked in Bielema's debut but went 11-1 (all wins vs unranked tms). They did upset #12 Ark in the Capital One Bowl (Ark 368-201 yd edge) as Bielema became the first rookie Big Ten coach (3rd ever in NCAA) to win 12 games. In '07 the Badgers opened the season at #7, their highest preseason AP ranking since '00 (#4). Most publications had them ranked #1 or #2 in the Big Ten and I did not make a lot of friends in Madison as I had them lower. UW would finish just 4th and were only +18 ypg (6th best). They had 3 net close wins to get to 6-0. Later, after losses at Ill, Penn St and Ohio St by 19 ppg, they caught Mich resting QB Henne and RB Hart for their matchup with Big Ten leader Ohio St beating the unfocused Wolves 37-21. After losing a bowl to Tenn they finished #24. UW came into LY 25-1 at Camp Randall since '04 and were one of just 3 teams to play in a Jan bowl each of the previous 4 years (USC, WV). They had 16 ret starters and the most talented team in Bielema's 3 years. Badger fans were hoping for the Big Ten Title as they got both Penn St and Ohio St at home and they were picked 2nd in the Big Ten preseason media poll. At 2-0 they got past #21 Fresno on the road thanks to 3 FSU missed FG's. The next week they led UM 19-0 at the half before losing 27-25. They got OSU at home and were leading but the Bucks got a TD with 1:08 left to pull out the win and UW dropped from the polls. They were thrashed by Penn St and Iowa (comb 86-23). They trailed Illinois 17-10 when they got a 49 yd TD pass to turn the game around and win by 10. The next week they led 24-13 over Mich St in the 4Q and blew a late lead for the 3rd time as Bielema helped the Spartans by being called for a personal foul and then calling a TO in the final seconds while MSU was scrambling to get its FG unit out onto the field. MSU K Swenson calmly nailed a 44 yd FG for the Spartan win. After thrashing Ind, they got past Minn 35-32 with the Gophers playing without WR Decker. UW was very fortunate to get past Cal Poly, a team that missed 3 xp's as UW won it in OT. They were thrashed by Fla St in the bowl 42-13 and finished just 7-6. UW did have just 11 Sr starters LY but this year have just 11 starters back (2nd fewest B10). On the plus side, despite their 3-5 record in the B10, UW was +76.9 ypg (4th best). They were -8 in TO's and had 48 starts lost to inj (3rd most FBS) making them more experienced than their record indicates. Their def ypp was 12.4 and 72.6% of the previous teams in that spot improved their records the next year. Despite being less experienced and talented than the '08 squad, UW should improve upon their 7 win total.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 10 CURT PHILLIPS rFR. 6-3 215 **PS#18. Scout Off POY. 18 Dustin Sherer** (6'4" 217 Sr) PS#47. 7 st, 1389 (54%), 6-5 ratio 3Y. Scott Tolzien (6'3" 202 Jr) PS#109. 107 (63%) 2Y.

TB 32 John Clay So. 6-2 247 **PS#3.** 1 st, 884 (5.7) rFr. **30** Zach Brown (5'11" 208 Jr) PS#151. 4 st, 12 gm, 568 (4.8) true. 12 gm, 305 (5.5) LY. **22** Erik Smith (5'11" 200 rFr) PS#85.

TE 36 Mickey Turner Sr. 6-4 250 PS#46. 8 st, 46 (11.5) 3Y. **82** Jake Byrne (6'5" 245 So) PS#26. 13 gm true. **FB 28** Dex Jones (6'1" 245 rFr) PS#73. Bradie Ewing (6'1" 215 So) PS#329.

WR 1 NICK TOON SO. 6-3 207 **PS#14.** 12 gm, 257 (15.1) rFr. **6 Isaac Anderson** (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#142. 5 rec true. RS '07. 8 st, 286 (13.6) LY. **13** Daven Jones (6'1" 177 Jr) **PS#33.**

WR 85 DAVID GILREATH JR. 5-11 162 PS#51. 1 rec, 26 PR (14.0), 42 KR (23.0) true. 9 st, 520 (16.8), 285 rush (11.4), **2nd Tm B10** LY. Kyle Jefferson (6'5" 180 Jr) **PS#36.** 11 st, 601 (15.0) 2Y.

TE 89 GARRETT GRAHAM SR. 6-4 248 PS#18. 3 gm rFr. 10 st, 328 (10.9) '07. 10 st, 540 (13.5), **1st Tm B10** LY. **84** Lance Kendricks (6'4" 237 Jr) PS#17. 8 gm, 141 (23.5) LY.

C 74 JOHN MOFFITT JR. 6-4 313 **PS#99.** 6 st LG rFr. 13 st C LY. **60** Jake Current (6'4" 290 So) **PS#92.** 6 gm true. **LS 57** Drew Woodward (6'4" 226 Sr) Bkup L3Y. Zach Opsal (6'2" 225 Jr).

RG 76 Bill Nagy Jr. 6-4 307 **PS#92.** 5 gm rFr 1 ltt'd. 3 st, 8 gm OG & C LY. **70** Kevin Zeitler (6'4" 301 So) **PS#90.** 3 gm as true. **65** Joe Schafer (6'5" 307 rFr) **PS#56.**

LG 78 Jake Bscherer Jr. 6-7 310 **PS#7.** 1 st, 10 gm true. 13 gm '07. RS due to depth LY. **72** Travis Frederick (6'3" 333 Fr) PS#102. IFS. **64** Robert Burge (6'7" 317 rFr) Walk-on.

RT 67 Josh Oglesby So. 6-7 329 **PS#8.** #2 RT in fall camp but RS in '07. 3 st at LT, 13 gm, 301 pl as rFr. **66** Peter Konz (6'6" 298 rFr) **PS#52.** Casey Dehn is PS#186.

LT 68 GABE CARIMI JR. 6-8 313 **PS#57.** 13 st, ltt'd rFr. 10 st, 10 gm (knee) LY, 3rd TM Big Ten. Ryan Groy is **PS#53. 58** Ricky Wagner (6'7" 308 rFr) PS#445. Moved from TE.

K 18 PHILIP WELCH SO. 6-3 200 PS#25. 20-24 FG incl 9-11 from 40+, long of 52, **1st Tm Frosh AA** as rFr. **96** Pat Hughes (5'11" 170 Fr). Walked on to team in March.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 87 JJ Watt So. 6-6 285 PS#122. 2 st TE true at CM. Trans LY, Scout Tm D POY here. **93** Louis Nzegwu (6'3" 240 So) PS#68. 11 gm, 6 tkl rFr. **94** Tyler Westphal (6'6" 245 rFr) **PS#31.**

DT 79 Jeff Stehle Sr. 6-6 291 PS#50. 21 tkl 2Y. **55** Eriks Briedis (6'5" 280 rFr) PS#244. **77** Dan Cascone (6'3" 296 Sr) PS#200. 3 gm 3Y. **64** Jordan Hein (6'4" 284 Sr).

DT 45 Dan Moore Sr. 6-2 278 PS#170JC. 13 gm, 19 tkl here LY. **95** Patrick Butrym (6'4" 280 So) PS#37TE. 5 tkl rFr. **91** Jordan Kohout is **PS#33. 46** Alex Bodin (6'5" 219 So).

DE 50 O'BRIEN SCHOFIELD SR. 6-3 242 PS#81. 1 st, 18 gm, 8 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 40 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. **97** Brendan Kelly (6'6" 240 rFr) PS#63. 3 gm (inj) and RS LY. Anthony Mains (6'6" 225 rFr) PS#191.

WLB 47 JAEVERY McFADDEN SR. 6-3 226 PS#52. 23 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 84 tkl LY. **41** Kevin Rouse (6'0" 229 So) **PS#35.** Neck inj LY. AJ Fenton is PS#63. **56** Matthew Groff (6'2" 236 rFr) PS#246.

MLB 15 Culmer St Jean Jr. 6-1 235 PS#301. 2 st, 17 tkl rFr. 1 st, 13 gm, 23 tkl LY. **43** Leonard Hubbard (6'1" 233 rFr) **PS#43. 59** Tony Megna (6'0" 202 So) 1 tkl, 2 gm rFr.

SLB 27 Blake Sorensen Jr. 6-1 230 PS#62. 14 tkl, 12 gm true. 2 st, 11 gm, 14 tkl LY. **53** Mike Taylor (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#66. **42** Erik Prather (6'3" 230 Sr) 19 tkl 2Y. Knee inj spg, ? '09.

CB 7 Aaron Henry So. 6-0 197 PS#139. 2 st, 38 tkl true. RS LY. **23** Mario Goins (6'1" 186 So) PS#209. 6 st, 20 tkl LY. Marcus Cromartie (6'1" 187 rFr) PS#142. Otis Merrill (5'11" 176 So).

CB 29 NILES BRINKLEY JR. 5-10 180 PS#79. 5 gm rFr. 7 st, 40 tkl, 13 pd LY. **10** Devin Smith (5'11" 187 So) PS#180. 6 tkl true. **26** Antonio Fenelus (5'10" 186 So) PS#416. 13 tkl, 12 gm true.

S 12 JAY VALAI JR. 5-9 200 PS#239. 4 tkl, 11 gm rFr. 12 st, 56 tkl, **2nd Tm B10** LY. **8** Aubrey Pleasant (6'1" 196 Sr) PS#165. 5 tkl true. Med RS '06. 13 st, 47 tkl '07. 1 st, 26 tkl LY.

S 21 CHRIS MARAGOS SR. 6-0 198 8 st WR at WM. Trans '07. 6 st, 45 tkl LY. **25** Shane Carter (6'2" 202 Sr) PS#157. 20 st, 93 tkl, 15 pd 2Y. Shelton Johnson (6'0" 181 rFr) PS#265.

P 98 BRAD NORTMAN SO. 6-3 214 PS#39. 66 punts (41.8), 35.3 net, 13 gm as true. Improved snap to kick time from 2.5 to 2.1. **90** Ryan Wickesberg (6'1" 218 So). DNP LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Kraig Appleton 6-4 200 PS#12
DL	Jordan Kohout 6-4 276 PS#33
DL	Shelby Harris 6-4 240 PS#42
DL	Pat Muldoon 6-4 255 PS#50
QB	Jon Budmayr 6-1 200 PS#39
OL	Ryan Groy 6-5 300 PS#53
RB	Montee Ball 5-11 215 PS#64
DL	David Gilbert 6-4 225 PS#87
LB	AJ Fenton 6-2 215 PS#63
OL	Zac Matthias 6-5 290 PS#78
LB	Conor O'Neill 6-1 200 PS#80
OL	Travis Frederick 6-3 333 PS#102
TE	Brian Wozniak 6-5 230 PS#30
DL	Tyler Dippel 6-3 250 PS#152
OL	Casey Dehn 6-6 295 PS#186
LB	Ethan Armstrong 6-2 225 PS#166
DB	Josh Peprah 6-0 195 PS#193
LB	Chris Borland 6-0 220 PS#197
WR	Jeff Duckworth 6-0 195 PS#191
DB	Darious Thomas 5-11 174 PS#359
DL	Ethan Herner 6-5 250 PS#489
DB	Dezmen Southward 6-1 190 PS#794
TE	Jacob Pedersen 6-5 210 PS#185
LB	Nick Hill 6-2 200 PS#962

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#53

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Northern Illinois	A					
Sep. 12	Fresno St	A					
Sep. 19	Wofford	A					
Sep. 26	Michigan St	A					
Oct. 3	at Minnesota	A					
Oct. 10	at Ohio St	A					
Oct. 17	Iowa (HC)	A					
Oct. 24							
Oct. 31	Purdue	A					
Nov. 7	at Indiana	A					
Nov. 14	Michigan	A					
Nov. 21	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5	at Hawaii	A					

Wisconsin has won 13 straight Camp Randall openers by an avg of 20 ppg. The Badgers are 29-3 vs current MAC tms & 10-1 vs NIll including a 44-3 win in '07.

Wisconsin is 2-1 vs Fresno after last year's 13-10 win in Fresno as both were ranked (#10 & #21). Badgers are 10-3 vs WAC teams & also travel to Hawaii.

Wisc is 26-6 vs FCS tms but needed 3 missed XP by Cal Poly in LY's 36-35 OT win. The Terriers went 9-3 LY in the Southern Conf & were down only 16-13 to SC w/2:00 left.

The Badgers are 8-4 including 4-1 at home. Wisky led 24-13 in 4Q but MSU scored final 12 pts aided by HC Bielema's per foul & a TO to allow MSU to set up GW 44 yd FG.

119th meeting is longest FBS rivalry. UW has won 5 straight & 12 of 14 for Paul Bunyan's Axe but trailed 21-7 at the half LY before the comeback win, 35-32.

UW has dropped B2B games in this series but they're the only team to hand OSU 3 losses this decade. Wisky had a 16 game home win streak snapped with LY's loss.

HC Bielema was Iowa's DB & asst cch ('93-'01). The Badgers have dropped 5 of 7 vs Iowa with the 5 losses by an avg of 16 ppg. LY was the 1st time neither was ranked S/'01.

UW has won 5 of the last 7 including the last 3 but both losses did come at home. In their last meeting the Badgers held Purdue to the lowest series pt total S/'55 (3 pts).

The Badgers are 10-2 vs the Hoosiers S/'93 winning by 26 ppg. UW tied a Memorial Stadium record with 441 yds rush LY. They only led 24-20 at HT but held IU to 53 2H yds.

The home team has won 5 straight & 6 of the last 8 have been decided by a TD or less. UW forced 5 1H TO's LY & led 19-0 before UM scored 27 unanswered pts.

Wisconsin has won 2 of the last 3 but also just 2 of the last 5. The visitor has dropped 4 straight as the Wildcats upset the Badgers their last 2 trips to Evanston.

Wisconsin has made this season ending trip 3 times S/'96 winning all 3 by an avg of 45-17. Last trip was a 41-24 win in Alvarez's final regular season game.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Darrell Bevell 7,686 '92-'95
2. John Stocco 7,227 '03-'06
3. Brooks Bollinger 5,627 '99-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ron Dayne 7,125 '96-'99
2. Anthony Davis 4,676 '01-'04
3. PJ Hill 3,942 '06-'08

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lee Evans 3,468 '99-'03
2. Brandon Williams 2,924 '02-'05
3. Travis Beckum 2,149 '05-'08

BRET BIELEMA (Career 28-11)

4th Year at Wisconsin — Bielema's Bowl Record: 1-2

Bielema's records AT WISCONSIN

28-11	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
19-2	Home	3-6	Vs Top 25
7-7	Away	2-2	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	1-3	Off A Bye
15-9	Vs Conference	5-4	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,20,2)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,088 (#15)

BIG TEN

SS Jay Valai

STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (80,321) (#19)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-4	5-7	8-6	7-6	9-3	10-3	12-1	9-4	7-6	76-40
Home	4-3	3-4	5-3	4-3	6-0	5-1	7-0	7-0	5-2	46-16
Away	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-1	2-3	2-3	25-20
Neutral	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	5-4
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	5-3	7-1	5-3	3-5	39-33
vs Non-Conf	5-0	2-2	6-0	3-2	3-1	5-0	5-0	4-1	4-1	37-7
ATS	4-9	5-6	7-6	6-7	7-4-1	8-5	9-3	4-8	5-7	55-55-1
Home Fav	1-4	0-4	3-4	1-4	4-1-1	3-2	4-2	3-2	1-2	20-25-1
Home Dog	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	7-5
Away Favorite	2-2	0-1	1-1	3-1	0-2	2-2	3-0	0-2	2-1	13-12
Away Dog	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-3	1-1	10-9
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	5-4
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-2-1	3-5	6-2	2-6	3-5	36-35-1
vs Non-Conf	0-5	1-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	5-0	3-1	2-2	2-2	19-20
Off SU Win	2-6	2-2	3-3	3-4	5-3-1	5-4	7-3	1-7	3-3	31-35-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-3	4-2	2-3	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-1	2-3	19-16

Barry Alvarez: 1990 — Bret Bielema: 2006

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
PJ Hill	226	1194	33	1161	13	5.1
John Clay	155	895	11	884	9	5.7
Zach Brown	55	307	2	305	3	5.5
David Gilreath	25	309	24	285	2	11.4
Bill Rentmeester	11	52	2	50	0	4.5
Dustin Sherer	49	176	157	19	1	0.4
Scott Tolzien	4	13	0	13	1	3.2
Allan Evridge	23	62	58	4	1	0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dustin Sherer	191	104	54.5	1389	6	5
Allan Evridge	132	71	53.8	949	5	5
Scott Tolzien	8	5	62.5	107	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Garrett Graham	40	540	13.5	5	45
David Gilreath	31	520	16.8	3	49
Isaac Anderson	21	286	13.6	0	39
Travis Beckum	23	264	11.5	0	42
Nick Toon	17	257	15.1	1	28
Kyle Jefferson	14	189	13.5	0	42
Lance Kendricks	6	141	23.5	0	36
PJ Hill	7	72	10.3	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Nortman	66	2761	41.8	16	35.3	2	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Philip Welch	39-40	4-4	7-9	8-9	1-2	20-24	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jaevery McFadden	84	0	2.5	2	0
DeAndre Levy	73	5	4.5	3	1
Jonathan Casillas	62	1	5	0	1
Mike Newkirk	59	4	5	0	0
Jay Valai	56	1	3	1	0
Allen Langford	47	0	1	13	2
Chris Maragos	45	0	0	0	1
Niles Brinkley	40	0	1	9	4
O'Brien Schofield	40	5	3.5	1	0
Matt Shaughnessy	40	4	4	4	0
Jason Chapman	39	2	3	2	0
Shane Carter	37	0	0.5	4	2
Aubrey Pleasant	26	0	1.5	0	0
Culmer St Jean	23	0	0	0	1
Mario Goins	20	0	1	1	0
Dan Moore	19	0	3	0	0
Erik Prather	18	0	1.5	0	0
Blake Sorensen	14	0	2	0	0
Antonio Fenelus	13	0	0	0	0
Jeffrey Stehle	12	1	1	0	0
Elijah Hodge	9	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Gilreath	18	158	8.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Gilreath	40	784	19.6	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Outback - #16	+8	Georgia - #8	21-24
05	Capital One - #21	+10	Auburn - #7	24-10
06	Capital One - #6	+2'	Arkansas - #12	17-14
07	Outback - #18	+1'	Tennessee - #16	17-21
08	Champs Sports	+6	Florida St	13-42

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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8	27.5	399	211	4.8	188	54.1	14.5	29	-8	2008	8	26.5	329	133	3.9	196	52.5	12.4	23
9	29.5	409	201	4.4	208	57.3	13.9	33	-2	2007	7	23.2	357	134	4.1	223	55.3	15.4	28
3*	29.2	373	162	3.9	211	58.9	12.8	30	0	2006	8	12.1	253	115	3.8	138	47.8	21.0	29
6*	34.3	397	168	3.8	228	59.3	11.6	37	+13	2005	3	23.8	417	168	4.6	250	51.7	17.6	31
9	20.8	328	161	3.6	167	52.6	15.8	22	+2	2004	6	15.4	291	124	3.8	167	48.8	18.9	34
7	27.3	395	177	4.0	218	55.4	14.5	37	-3	2003	8	23.5	355	142	3.9	213	53.9	15.1	32
7*	26.6	355	190	4.1	165	53.1	13.4	46	+18	2002	2	23.0	373	149	4.0	224	54.9	16.2	20

2008 STATS BY GAME

UW 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
80,910	Akron	27	63-404	6.4	7-10	75	0	19	22-70	3.2	22-37	227	2	-2
80,396	Marshall	26	40-158	4.0	18-27	329	0	18	29-75	2.6	24-46	239	0	+2
42,387	at Fresno St	16	39-154	3.9	13-26	150	0	15	33-118	3.6	15-27	225	3	+2
109,833	at Michigan	18	44-158	3.6	20-37	226	4	14	34-172	5.1	12-31	96	0	+1
81,608	Ohio St	19	39-179	4.6	13-25	147	2	17	40-183	4.6	13-19	144	4	0
81,524	Penn St	14	40-148	3.7	11-27	165	3	22	35-106	3.0	18-30	271	0	-2
70,585	at Iowa	19	34-158	4.6	21-41	251	2	17	34-254	7.5	12-20	121	0	-3
81,241	Illinois	14	45-163	3.6	12-22	174	4	15	30-88	2.9	17-32	221	2	+2
75,121	at Michigan St	21	47-281	6.0	14-29	149	1	20	29-25	0.9	20-45	287	3	0
30,618	at Indiana	31	61-441	7.2	11-20	160	2	14	38-133	3.5	13-34	141	3	-3
81,228	Minnesota	17	45-116	2.6	18-31	242	5	13	29-99	3.4	15-30	202	3	0
80,709	Cal Poly	17	32-184	5.8	13-22	245	3	23	59-276	4.7	8-16	95	1	-2
52,692	† Florida St	16	38-201	5.3	9-16	132	3	23	38-134	3.5	23-37	276	2	-3
TOTALS		255	567-2745	4.8	180-333	2445	29	230	450-1733	3.9	212-404	2545	23	-8
AVERAGES		19.6	44-211	4.8	14-26	188	8.7%	17.7	35-133	3.9	16-31	196	5.7%	-0.6

2004 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #21 Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#21	UCF	-23	34-6
#21	UNLV	-15'	18-3
#20	at Arizona	-11	9-7
#20	Penn St	-3	16-3
#20	Illinois	-14'	24-7
#15	at Ohio St - #18	+4	24-13
#10	at Purdue - #5	+7	20-17
#6	Northwestern	-12	24-12
#5	Minnesota	-6'	38-14
#4	at Michigan St	-8	14-49
#9	at Iowa - #17	+3	7-30

2005 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
-	Bowling Green	-1'	56-42
-	Temple	-32'	65-0
-	at North Carolina	-3'	14-5
-	Michigan - #14	+2'	23-20
#17	Indiana	-17'	41-24
#14	at Northwestern	-6	48-51
#23	at Minnesota - #22	+3	38-34
#19	Purdue	-7'	31-20
#15	at Illinois	-21	41-24
#14	at Penn St - #10	+12	14-35
#19	Iowa	-2'	10-20
#24	at Hawaii	-7	41-24

2006 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
-	† Bowling Green	-10'	35-14
-	Western Illinois	NL	34-10
-	San Diego St	-13'	14-0
-	at Michigan - #6	+13'	13-27
-	at Indiana	-11'	52-17
-	Northwestern	-21	41-9
#25	Minnesota	-8	48-12
#21	at Purdue	-6'	24-3
#17	Illinois	-21'	30-24
#17	Penn St	-7	13-3
#16	at Iowa	-2'	24-21
#12	Buffalo	-38	35-3

2007 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
#7	Washington St	-14	42-21
#5	at UNLV	-25'	20-13
#7	The Citadel	NL	45-31
#9	Iowa	-7	17-13
#9	Michigan St	-7	37-34
#5	at Illinois	+2'	26-31
#19	at Penn St	+6'	7-38
-	N Illinois	-23'	44-3
-	Indiana	-9	33-3
-	at Ohio St - #1	+16	17-38
-	Michigan - #13	+2'	37-21
#24	at Minnesota	-13'	41-34

2008 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#13	Akron	-26'	38-17
#11	Marshall	-21	51-14
#10	at Fresno St - #21	-2	13-10
#9	at Michigan	-5'	25-27
#18	Ohio St - #14	+1	17-20
-	Penn St - #6	+6	7-48
-	at Iowa	+4	16-38
-	Illinois	+2'	27-17
-	at Michigan St - #22	+5'	24-25
-	at Indiana	-9'	55-20
-	Minnesota	-13'	35-32
-	Cal Poly	NL	36-35 OT

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '07 UM had to replace Bryan Cupito who was a 3 year starter and had thrown for 2,819 (59.6%) with a 22-9 ratio as a senior setting most of the school's passing records. The returning QB's had a combined 10 career pass att, all by Tony Mortensen (PS#79). Mortensen was beaten out in Aug '08 by rFr Adam Weber (PS#47), a dual threat with a strong arm. Weber set the school's single season records in passing yards (2,895), completions (258), TD passes (24) and total offense (3,512) but also threw for a Big Ten leading 19 int. In 2008 they added athletic true frosh MarQueis Gray (PS#13) but he sat out in order to qualify. Weber was banged up, even having arthro knee surgery the week after Ind but didn't miss a start and improved his numbers to 2,761 (62.2%) with a 15-8 ratio. JC David Pittman (3,643 yd '07) bounced between WR and QB and had 1 completion a 75 yd pass in the bowl. Weber's backups were Mortensen and Mike Maciejowski (PS#69) but they had 2 combined att. Added to the mix this year is John Nance (PS#60), Adam Lueck (6'0" 181 rFr) and true frosh Moses Alipate (PS#18). Gray took most of the snaps in the spring and will play after impressing the staff but if Weber continues his improvement, he'll be one of the Big Ten's top QB's.

QB Adam Weber

RUNNING BACKS - The Gophers had a tremendous tradition at RB under Glen Mason. They produced a 1,000 yard runner each season from '99-'06 and became the first school in NCAA history to have 2 backs each top 1,000 yards in 3 consec seasons ('03-'05). Mason sent many RB's to the NFL. In his final season Amir Pinnix rushed for 1,272 (5.0). Prior to '07 Brewster said that Pinnix would likely top 1,500 (which would be a schl rec). He did rush for 168 in the opener and 126 vs Miami but was injured and lost his starting job. He finished with 563 (5.3). True frosh Duane Bennett added 442 (4.1) and Jay Thomas (6'0" 195 Sr, PS#167) had 215 (5.4). Last year Bennett rushed for 92 in the opener but tore his ACL vs BG and that left the job to a pair of true frosh in DeLeon Eskridge (PS#163) and Shady Salamon (PS#74). Eskridge topped 100 twice and led with 678 (3.7) while Salamon added 181 (3.7). This year everyone returns and added to the mix are Kevin Whaley (5'9" 179 rFr, PS#55), FB Jon Hoese (6'2" 230 Jr), RJ Buckner (5'11" 204 Jr, PS#268), Tyler Johnson (5'9" 195 Jr) and true frosh Hason Lipscomb (PS#38). With an added emphasis on the run game as well as more talent and experience, this unit should greatly improve upon last year's 104 ypg rush (lowest S/'96).

RECEIVERS - In Brewster's first year the leading returning WR was 6'5" Wheelwright who led in both '04 (654, 21.8) and '05 (568, 15.4). Wheelwright had a fine year in '07 with 775 (11.7) but Eric Decker (378, 14.5 in '06) became the feature WR and had 909 (13.6). Tray Herndon had 235 (10.7) and Ralph Spry added 226 (9.8). Last year they had to replace both Wheelwright and Herndon and then Spry was susp for 2 and in the coaches' doghouse. Decker was by far the team's #1 offensive weapon and led the Big Ten with 1,074 (12.8). He was inj'd in the 2Q vs NW and in the final 3 regular season games he had just 3 rec and UM's offense went south without him. In the bowl he did have 149 (18.6). Brewster signed 4 true frosh last year but after 7 games they had comb for just 3 rec. Once Decker went out they began to see more action with the most productive being VHT Brandon Green (PS#22) who had 306 (14.6). This year they lose TE Jack Simmons (#2 rec, 12 st, PS#17) and Spry (7 st). Not listed below are Brandon Randolph (6'0" 198 rFr) and Kyle Moore (6'0" 180 So). While Decker's numbers probably won't match '08, this is a deep more experienced group that adds in PS#1JC Hayo Carpenter.

OFFENSIVE LINE - They had to learn new blocking schemes in '07 with the coaching change but had 8 of the top 10 back. Minny moved to 162 ypg (4.5) rush while allowing just 13 sacks (2.9%). The improvement can be traced to going from a QB that had -67 net yards rushing to Adam Weber's 617. Eight diff OL started in '07 with just 2 starting all 12. Last year they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters and one part timer (7 st). RG Nedward Tavale (7 st '07) had just 7 starts (ankle) and LT Dominic Alford had just 5 starts (foot). Only one OL started more than 8 in the same spot (RT Ryan Wynn) as 10 diff OL started. As you would expect, the numbers dropped greatly to 104 ypg (3.1) and even with a mobile QB, they allowed 30 sacks (7.2%). This year Brewster is switching schemes trying to become more of a power running offense and the only loss is LT Jason Meinke (8 st). I look for much improved rushing numbers and a decrease in sacks.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 thanks to the emergence of Willie VanDeSteeg (10 sacks) the Gophers decreased their ypc rush allowed to 4.2. In '07 they had 3 starters returning and brought in Tenn trans Raymond Henderson and undersized JUCO DT Eric Small (260 lbs) who lost his job after the first 6 st. VanDeSteeg broke his wrist (1 sk) and the team's sack total dropped from 25 to 11 while they allowed a ghastly 229 ypg rush (5.7). Small bulked up to 295 last year and VanDeSteeg was 100% healthy and naturally the unit improved greatly to allowing 143 ypg (4.1) with 34 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm B10 VanDeSteeg (13 st, 53 tkl, 10.5 sk) and DE William Brody (4 tkl). They now have a pair of 295+ pounders at DT and are still awaiting an impact from Henderson (4 tkl 2Y). The DL has 10 sacks ret which is fewer than VanDeSteeg had LY and despite being more experienced overall, may be down a notch.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gophers had to replace their #3 and #4 tacklers but did return #2 and #5 and moved DE Lee Campbell (12 st '07) to MLB so they had 3 who had 8+ starts in '07. This year they lose WLB Deon Hightower (13 st, 67 tkl, 2.5 sk), OLB Steve Davis (6 st, 45 tkl, 2 sk, 1 int) and SLB Kevin Mannion (9 st, 19 tkl, 3 tfl). While they lose their #4, #9 and #15 tacklers, they do return #1, #5 and #11 and add in PS#'s 25, 49 and 56 from '08's recruiting class. Despite having less starts returning, this unit looks to be in great shape and Simoni Lawrence could be ready for a breakout senior season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 this group was wiped out by departures with the unit being torched weekly as they finished #118 in my pass D rankings. Three true frosh started vs Mich and they combined for 23 st. Last year Brewster did bring in two JC starters in Tramaine Brock (PS#45) and Traye Simmons (PS#77). He also moved WR Marcus Sherels to CB (12 st). Last year's four starters had a combined 5 starts at DB here in '07 as Ryan Collado (9 st '07) lost his job. Despite the relative inexperience, the Gophers climbed to #81. Brock missed the spring trying to regain his eligibility and if he does this unit returns intact and adds in Wisc transfer Kim Royston (PS#67). This is Brewster's first experienced secondary here and it should show in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Brewster's first year their top returnman, Dominic Jones (24.6 KR, 11.5 PR), was lost over the summer. Jason Giannini (PS#47) missed 3 FG's vs Miami and lost his job to walk-on Joel Monroe. Monroe hit 7 of 9 FG's (long 54). Monroe also had 11 TB on 55 KO. Justin Kucek, who was infamous for his fumbled punt snap late vs Wisc as a rFr, improved his avg each year from 39.4 in '05 to 40.3 in '06 and 42.7 in '07. The team finished a respectable #61 in my ST rankings. Last year their top KR/PR was lost over the summer again. Kucek avg 41.9 (net 36.4). Monroe hit 12 of 16 FG's (long 42) and had 7 TB's. True frosh Troy Stoudermire was the top KR (25.8) while Marcus Sherels was the top PR (11.9). The Gophers moved up to #51. This year they must replace both K's but the returnmen are back as is top kick coverman Nathan Triplett who won the Bobby Bell Award for top ST player the last 2 years.

COACHES - Despite never having been a coordinator Tim Brewster became the new HC in '07 after spending time in Denver as the Broncos' TE coach. He coached under Mack Brown from 1989-2001 and is a solid recruiter. Last year I thought Brewster had an excellent set of coord in OC Mike Dunbar and DC Ted Roof. The D went from allowing 36.7 ppg in '07 to 24.8 in Roof's 1st year. Roof left to become Auburn's DC while Dunbar was let go with the offense moving away from the spread. The new OC is Jedd Fisch who was the Broncos' WR coach last year. The new co-DC's are DB coach Ronnie Lee and Kevin Cosgrove who both served on Barry Alvarez's staff at Wisconsin. Cosgrove was the DC there from '95-02 and more recently served as Neb's DC from '04-07.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Minnesota had been in 3 bowls in the 20 years prior to Glen Mason's arrival. They went to 7 bowls in the last 8 years under him but never to a Jan bowl. Their highest ranking under Mason came in 1999 (#12). Mason's two biggest upsets were in 1999 vs #2 Penn St and in 2000 vs #6 Ohio St. In 2005 the Gophers were just 4-4 in Big Ten play but +44.0 ypg (4th best). In '06 they had a tough schedule with only 12 ret starters and it looked like a rebuilding year. They were -92.3 ypg in Big Ten play (2nd worst) but benefitted from +18 in turnovers (pg 312). UM ran a power running game under Mason but switched to the spread under Brewster. I did not make Gopher fans happy in '07 when I pegged them for LAST in the Big Ten after they had been to 5 straight bowls. During the year on philsteele.com I predicted that ND St would "upset" Minnesota and the Bison not only won 27-21, they manhandled the Gophers with a 394-125 yd rushing edge. The Gophers did indeed finish last in the Big Ten as they went 1-11. Last year I made a bold statement by placing the Gophers on my **Most Improved List**. They were -15 in TO's in Brewster's first season and had 5 net close losses. They also had 14 ret starters. I say a bold statement because my Most Improved List projects that a losing team will get to a bowl and this was a Gophers squad that was one play away (missed Miami, Oh FG) from 0-12 in '07! Minny did get a TD with :22 left to get past NI at home and then actually were an underdog to a MAC school but beat BG 42-17. Mont St led 6-0 with a 134-65 yd edge but UM rallied for a comfortable 35-23 win. The Gophers got revenge vs FAU for the previous year's upset with a 37-3 trouncing at home to open 4-0. The next week they were blasted by Ohio St trailing 34-6 in the 4Q (2 gbg TD). They held Ind to 1 FD and 24 yards in the 1H in a 16-7 win. Brewster ret'd to his alma mater, Illinois and pulled the upset 27-20 despite being outgained 550-312. The next week Purdue lost starting QB Painter in the 1Q and were led by a 3rd stringer in the Gophers' 17-6 win. UM did suffer a tough loss vs NW in which top weapon WR Decker was inj'd as the Gophers had the ball and were int'd and ret'd 48 yards for a TD with :12 left. Mich came into the Metrodome and manhandled them with a 435-188 yd edge (29-6). UM (without Decker) did lead Wisc 21-7 at half but also trailed 35-24 in their 3 point loss. In their final game in the Metrodome, Iowa won 55-0, UM's biggest Big Ten loss ever and first home shutout loss since 1989. UM tied the biggest turnaround in school history as Murray Warmath's Gophers went from 2-7 to 8-2 in 1960. They were whipped in the Insight Bowl by Kansas, 42-21. Interestingly with the same Big Ten record and an even worse Insight Bowl loss than Mason suffered in '06, Brewster was given a contract ext while Mason was fired. Despite UM's 3-5 B10 record, they were -108.8 ypg (3rd worst). UM also qualifies for my Turnovers=Turnaround (+12). On the positive side, the Gophers have 17 ret starters (most in B10) including their top-notch duo of QB Weber and WR Decker and will have a charged up fan base for the first year of their new outdoor home stadium. While this is by far Brewster's strongest team, they probably won't have as much good fortune as they did in '08 and will have a tough time topping LY's 7 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 8 ADAM WEBER JR. 6-3 217 PS#47. 12 st, 2895 pass (58%) 24-19, 617 rush '07. 13 st, 2761 (62%) 15-8, 233 rush LY. MarQueis Gray **PS#13**. John Nance (6'3" 182 rFr) PS#60.

RB 22 DUANE BENNETT SO. 5-9 204 PS#166. 7 st, 442 (4.1) true. 2 st, 140 (4.4) RS LY. **23** DeLeon Eskridge (5'11" 189 So) 9 st, 678 (3.7). **6** Kevin Whaley PS#55. Hasan Lipscomb **PS#38**.

WR NA HAYO CARPENTER JR. 5-11 185 **PS#1JC. 4.37 spd. 16 Ben Kuznia** (6'0" 192 Sr) **12 st**, 310 (10.0). Da'Jon McKnight (6'3" 200 So) 3 rec true. **FB** Jon Hoese (6'2" 230 Jr) 1 st.

WR 2 BRANDON GREEN SO. 6-0 179 **PS#22**. 5 st, 306 (14.6) true. **1** Brodrick Smith (6'3" 207 So) PS#201. 2 st, 5 rec as true. **80** Xzavian Brandon (6'3" 181 rFr) PS#182.

WR 7 ERIC DECKER SR. 6-2 215 PS#119. 12 st, 909 (13.6) '07. **1st Tm B10** LY, 12 st, 1074 (12.8). Troy Stoudermire (5'10" 183 So) 3 rec. David Pittman (5'11" 189 Sr) **PS#6JC**. 4 rec.

TE 48 Nick Tow-Arnett Sr. 6-2 247 2 st, 149 (14.9) '07. 211 (21.1) LY. Ra'Shede Hageman **PS#6**. **85** Eric Lair (6'3" 230 So) PS#47. 12 gm true. Collin McGarry (6'4" 228 Jr) PS#35.

C 60 RYAN WYNN SO. 6-5 291 PS#167. 13 st rFr. DJ Burris (6'2" 290 Jr) PS#110. 11 st RG '07. **9 st OG** LY. Trey Davis (6'2" 276 So) **PS#68**. 5 st C LY. **LS** Ryan Coleman (6'1" 227 Jr).

RG 73 MATT CARUFEL JR. 6-5 303 **PS#5. 3 st** RG at **ND** '07. **66** Nedward Tavale (6'2" 320 Sr) **PS#73**. 13 st RG '06. 7 st LG '07. **7 st** RG LY. Chris Bunders (6'3" 316 So) PS#152. 3 st LY.

LG 76 DOMINIC ALFORD JR. 6-3 332 PS#162. 5 st RT '07. 5 st LT LY. **52** Jeff Tow-Arnett (6'2" 285 Sr) 3 st LG '07. **8 st C LY**. Josh Campion **PS#92**. Jacob Glickstein (6'3" 275 rFr).

RT 71 JEFF WILLS JR. 6-7 375 PS#134JC. In for spg. Ryan Orton (6'4" 292 So) PS#152. 6 st LG, 13 gm. Ed Olson (6'7" 285 Fr) **PS#89**. Brooks Michel PS#125.

LT 79 Matt Stommes Sr. 6-7 296 12 tkl DL '07. 1 st RT, 3 gm LY. **74** Ryan Ruckdashel (6'5" 278 Sr) **PS#83**. 3 st, 10 gm '07. 3 gm LY. Andy Brinkhaus (6'3" 280 Jr) PS#135.

K 37 Eric Ellestad Jr. 6-2 200 PS#16. 18-26 FG with a long of 47 in HS career. No gm action here. **43** David Schwerman (6'0" 196 rFr) PS#73. 5-8 FG as HS senior.

DE 55 Cedric McKinley Sr. 6-5 262 PS#174JC. 8 tkl, 3 sk LY. Raymond Henderson (6'5" 272 Sr) **PS#9LB**. 4 tkl 2Y. DL Wilhite (6'4" 236 rFr) PS#158RB. Terrell Combs (6'2" 252 So) PS#149.

DT 99 GARRETT BROWN SR. 6-2 310 PS#91. 3 st, 30 tkl '06-'07. 13 st, 34 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **96** Brandon Kirksey (6'2" 281 So) PS#95. 8 tkl, 2 tfl true. Joey Searcy (6'0" 285 Fr) PS#169.

DT 98 ERIC SMALL SR. 6-2 295 PS#188JC. 6 st, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl '07. 12 st, 25 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. Jewhan Edwards (6'2" 324 So) PS#111. 8 tkl, 1 tfl true. Barrett Moen (6'3" 282 Sr) 11 tkl, 1.5 sk 2Y.

DE 93 DERRICK ONWUACHI SR. 6-5 253 3 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl '07. 8 st, 16 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **97** Anthony Jacobs (6'2" 286 So) **PS#60**. 7 tkl. Kendall Gregory-McGhee (6'5" 235 Fr) PS#82. Matt Garin PS#120.

SLB 21 Simoni Lawrence Sr. 6-1 218 PS#170. 4 st, 66 tkl, 4 sk, 6.5 tfl true. Nathan Triplett (6'3" 239 Sr) PS#105. 40 tkl 2Y. Rex Sharpe (6'1" 231 Sr) 3 tkl. Thomas Hennessey (5'11" 220 Sr) 10 tkl 2Y.

MLB 30 LEE CAMPBELL SR. 6-3 246 PS#211. 12 st 40 tkl, 6 tfl '07. 13 st LY, 80 tkl, 5.5 tfl. Gary Tinsley (6'1" 224 So) PS#146. Sam Maresh (6'3" 247 Fr) **PS#25.** Logan U'u (5'10" 222 Sr) 3 tkl.

WLB 4 Keanon Cooper rFr. 6-0 206 **PS#49DB**. 4.41 spd. **8** Spencer Reeves (6'2" 221 Fr) **PS#56** '08. **43** Ryan Grant (6'2" 227 rFr) PS#89DB. Brent Singleton (6'1" 205 Fr) PS#181.

CB 24 MARCUS SHERELS SR. 5-11 165 PS#479RB. 1 st, 46 rush '07. 12 st CB LY, 46 tkl, 11 pbu, 2 int. Michael Carter (5'11" 154 Fr) **PS#41**. **13** Michael McKelton (5'10" 183 Sr) 5 tkl 2Y.

CB 15 TRAYE SIMMONS SR. 5-11 179 **PS#77JC. 2nd Tm B10**, 12 st, 62 tkl, #5 FBS 18 pd LY. Ryan Collado (5'9" 176 Jr) PS#159. 10 st, 73 tkl, 5 pd 2Y. Johnny Johnson (5'9" 186 So) 4 tkl true.

S 27 KYLE THERET JR. 5-10 186 PS#222. 5 st, 39 tkl, 3 int true. HM B10, 13 st, 78 tkl, 11 pd LY. **26** Mike Rallis (6'2" 208 So) 20 tkl true. Tim Dandridge (6'1" 181 So) PS#128. 2 tkl.

S 1 TRAMAINE BROCK SR. 5-10 194 **PS#45JC**. 13 st, 73 tkl, 5 pbu, 1 int LY. Return? '09. **3** Kim Royston (5'11" 182 Jr). 22 tkl 2Y at Wisky. Bryant Allen PS#74. Kerry Lewis PS#145.

P NA Dan Orseske Fr. 6-3 195 **PS#5**. 39.3 avg, 38.9 net with 13 of 29 punts inside 20 as HS senior. **37** Eric Ellestad (6'2" 200 Jr) PS#16. Blake Haudan (6'1" 216 Sr) PS#76.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Hayo Carpenter 5-11 185 PS#1JC
QB	MarQueis Gray 6-4 224 PS#13 '08
QB	Moses Alipate 6-5 230 PS#18
TE	Ra'Shede Hageman 6-6 235 PS#6
LB	Sam Maresh 6-3 247 PS#25 '08
DB	Michael Carter 5-11 154 PS#41
RB	Hasan Lipscomb 5-11 201 PS#38
LB	Spencer Reeves 6-2 221 PS#56 '08
DL	Kendall Gregory-McGhee 6-5 235 PS#82
DB	Bryant Allen 6-0 160 PS#74
OL	Ed Olson 6-7 285 PS#89
OL	Josh Campion 6-5 265 PS#92
OL	Jeff Wills 6-7 375 PS#134JC
DL	Matt Garin 6-4 220 PS#120
OL	Brooks Michel 6-7 280 PS#125
DB	Kerry Lewis 5-9 178 PS#145
K	Dan Orseske 6-3 195 PS#5
DB	Kenny Watkins 6-0 185 PS#158
WR	Nick Rengel 6-3 225 PS#128
DL	Joey Searcy 6-0 285 PS#169
LB	Brent Singleton 6-1 205 PS#181
WR	Victor Keise 6-0 160 PS#172
DL	Eric Jacques 6-2 285 PS#490

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#5

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at Syracuse	A					The Gophers split a home & home series w/Syracuse in '95 & '96 (visitor is 0-2). Minnesota has won 6 of 7 road openers with their only loss vs FAU in 2007.
Sep. 12	Air Force	A					First meeting. Home opener & inaugural game for TCF Bank Stadium. Minnesota is 13-1 in home openers with their only loss in 2007 vs BG in OT.
Sep. 19	California	A					First non-conf BCS team Minnesota has hosted since 1997 (Iowa St). The Gophers are 18-3 at home since 2000 vs non-conference opponents.
Sep. 26	at Northwestern	G					Minnesota has lost back-to-back gms vs NU & is 1-8 in Big Ten road openers. QB Weber had a career high 51 att's but threw a pick 6 w/:12 left in the loss.
Oct. 3	Wisconsin	A					Minnesota has lost 5 straight overall in the series & 7 straight in Madison. Minny was without WR Decker LY but led 21-7 at the half before a 28-3 UW run.
Oct. 10	Purdue (HC)	A					UM is 2-9 vs Purdue S/'96 but won LY in the 2nd lowest series pt total (17-6) S/'66. The last 7 games in Minnesota have avg'd 82 total pts with 2 topping 100 pts.
Oct. 17	at Penn St	G					First trip back to Happy Valley S/'05 where the Gophers have won 2 of the last 3. Coming into '09 the Gophers are just 5-16 away vs Big Ten opponents.
Oct. 24	at Ohio St	A					UM is 2-34 vs OSU S/'69 including 1-18 visiting Columbus. Last year they trailed 20-3 at HT & 34-6 in the 4Q before scoring 2 garbage TD's (last w/ 1:13 left).
Oct. 31	Michigan St	A					The Gophers lost 17 straight in the series from '77 to '97 but have won 5 of 7 since including the last 2. These 2 have avg'd 65 total points in their last 4 meetings.
Nov. 7	Illinois	A					UM HC Brewster is an Illinois alum. The Gophers are 7-2 in this series with the HT dropping 3 of the L/4. LY UM was outgained 550-312 in a rare conf road win.
Nov. 14	South Dakota St	A					Minn is 6-0 vs SDSt (none S/'33) but did lose to MVF Conf member NDSt in '07. The Jackrabbits went 7-5 last year including a 44-17 loss at Iowa St.
Nov. 21	at Iowa	A					Minneota is 1-7 vs Iowa S/'01 including a 55-0 loss in last yr's Metrodome finale. Last year it was 6-0 in the 2Q before Iowa scored 49 pts in under 30 minutes.
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bryan Cupito 7,446 '03-06
2. Cory Sauter 6,834 '94-'97
3. Asad Abdul-Khaliq 6,660 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darrell Thompson 4,654 '86-'89
2. Laurence Maroney 3,933 '03-'05
3. Thomas Hamner 3,810 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ron Johnson 2,989 '98-'01
2. Tutu Atwell 2,640 '94-'97
3. Ernie Wheelwright 2,434 '04-'07

TIM BREWSTER (Career 8–17)

3rd Year at Minnesota — Brewster's Bowl Record: 0-1

Brewster's records AT MINNESOTA

8-17	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
5-9	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
3-7	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
3-13	Vs Conference	2-13	Off A Loss

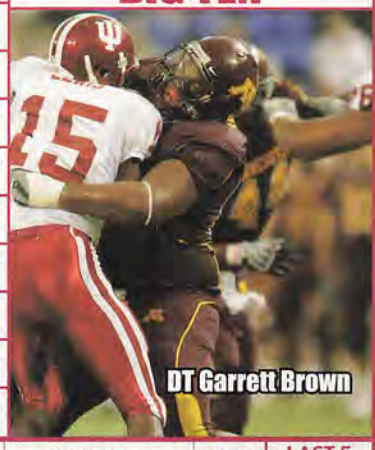
2008 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (31,22,1)
Lost: 12 (3,7,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,958 (#42)

BIG TEN



STADIUM: TCF BANK STADIUM (50,000) (#62)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	4-7	8-5	10-3	7-5	7-5	6-7	1-11	7-6	56-55
Home	4-2	4-2	5-2	5-2	5-1	4-2	4-2	1-6	4-3	36-22
Away	2-3	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-4	3-2	2-4	0-5	3-2	17-29
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-4
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	0-8	3-5	27-45
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	5-0	5-0	4-0	3-1	3-2	1-3	4-1	29-10
ATS	5-7	4-6	5-7	7-6	6-5	7-5	7-5	4-7	7-5	52-53
Home Fav	2-3	1-0	2-2	3-3	3-2	4-1	3-0	0-2	2-3	20-16
Home Dog	1-0	2-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	6-10
Away Favorite	1-1	0-0	1-0	4-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-1	1-0	12-6
Away Dog	1-2	1-4	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	4-0	11-17
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-4
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	32-40
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-1	3-1	3-2	3-0	3-1	3-1	0-3	2-2	20-13
Off SU Win	2-4	0-2	3-4	5-4	3-2	4-3	3-3	0-1	5-1	25-24
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-3	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-2	3-2	4-5	2-3	22-26

Dan Mason '07
Tim Brewster '08

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeLeon Eskridge	184	714	36	678	7	3.7
Adam Weber	127	518	285	233	4	1.8
Shady Salamon	49	193	12	181	3	3.7
Duane Bennett	32	147	7	140	2	4.4
Eric Decker	11	87	0	87	1	7.9
Jay Thomas	7	29	5	24	0	3.4
Mike Maciejowski	2	13	0	13	0	6.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Adam Weber	410	255	62.2	2761	15	8
David Pittman	1	1	100.0	75	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eric Decker	84	1074	12.8	7	75
Jack Simmons	36	331	9.2	2	53
Ben Kuznia	31	310	10.0	0	22
Brandon Green	21	306	14.6	1	71
Nick Tow-Arnett	10	211	21.1	1	40
DeLeon Eskridge	29	181	6.2	0	23
Duane Bennett	12	125	10.4	1	34
Shady Salamon	9	91	10.1	1	15
Ralph Spry	7	63	9.0	0	21
Brodrick Smith	5	50	10.0	1	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Kucek	74	3103	41.9	24	36.4	2	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joel Monroe	34-36	4-6	5-5	3-5	0-0	12-16	42

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Lee Campbell	80	4	1.5	1	2
Kyle Theret	78	0	2.5	8	3
Tramaine Brock	73	0	2.5	5	1
Deon Hightower	67	2.5	6	0	0
Simoni Lawrence	66	4	6.5	3	1
Traye Simmons	62	0	1.5	14	4
Willie VanDeSteeg	53	10.5	8.5	1	0
Marcus Sherels	46	0	0.5	11	2
Steve Davis	45	2	4.5	2	1
Garrett Brown	34	3	4	3	0
Nate Triplett	31	0	1	2	0
Eric Small	25	2	2.5	1	0
Ryan Collado	22	0	0	0	1
Mike Rallis	20	0	1	0	0
Kevin Mannion	19	0	3	0	0
Derrick Onwuachi	16	0	4	1	0
Jay Thomas	9	0	0	0	0
Cedric McKinley	8	3	0	0	0
Brandon Kirksey	8	0	2	0	0
Jewhan Edwards	8	0	1	0	0
Barrett Moen	7	1.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Sherels	15	179	11.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Troy Stoudermire	42	1083	25.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Sun - #24	-4'	Oregon	31-30
04	Music City	+1	Alabama	20-16
05	Music City	-6'	Virginia	31-34
06	Insight	+7	Texas Tech (OT)	41-44
08	Insight	+8	Kansas	21-42

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Minnesota's All-Time Bowl Record 5–8

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	23.2	323	104	3.1	219	62.2	13.9	30	+12	2008	7	24.8	384	143	4.1	240	59.0	15.5	34
6	26.3	408	162	4.5	246	57.7	15.5	13	-15	2007	8	36.7	519	229	5.7	289	64.0	14.1	11
6*	28.9	375	154	4.3	221	58.4	13.0	18	+18	2006	6	26.0	426	158	4.2	268	62.2	16.4	25
9*	35.8	495	273	5.4	222	57.3	13.8	3	-1	2005	7	29.0	413	156	4.4	257	56.8	14.2	15
7	30.1	438	257	5.4	182	47.6	14.6	9	+7	2004	7	22.8	397	131	3.7	266	60.1	17.4	24
7*	38.7	495	289	5.5	205	61.3	12.8	16	-1	2003	9	21.9	340	123	3.5	218	59.0	15.5	26
5*	28.9	393	210	4.7	183	52.3	13.6	18	0	2002	8	24.5	355	177	4.3	179	55.3	14.5	28

2008 STATS BY GAME

UM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
44,029	N Illinois	18	31-127	4.1	24-37	298	2	15	31-72	2.3	17-30	326	2	0
23,184	at Bowling Green	22	45-164	3.6	21-25	233	3	22	26-128	4.9	29-45	261	1	+5
43,929	Montana St	12	39-151	3.9	15-24	201	2	21	39-138	3.5	16-39	218	2	+3
41,003	Florida Atlantic	24	40-206	5.2	19-24	235	1	18	25-101	4.0	20-39	175	1	+3
105,175	at Ohio St	18	28-81	2.9	23-36	187	1	21	37-279	7.5	13-22	135	2	-2
40,511	Indiana	22	44-59	1.3	22-37	274	4	10	24-49	2.0	16-24	244	4	+1
62,870	at Illinois	16	34-116	3.4	19-27	196	3	25	33-88	2.7	26-42	462	5	+2
54,215	at Purdue	15	34-109	3.2	21-34	212	4	19	40-117	2.9	16-30	109	5	+3
54,122	Northwestern	20	25-68	2.7	32-52	327	2	16	41-220	5.4	12-16	143	2	0
55,040	Michigan	8	28-83	3.0	13-24	105	0	20	42-232	5.5	18-30	203	0	0
81,228	at Wisconsin	13	29-99	3.4	15-30	202	3	17	45-116	2.6	18-31	242	5	0
64,071	Iowa	6	21-7	0.3	14-30	127	2	23	46-222	4.8	16-31	261	2	-3
49,103	† Kansas	20	38-80	2.1	20-35	251	3	26	29-101	3.5	28-36	345	3	0
TOTALS		214	436-1350	3.1	258-415	2848	30	253	458-1863	4.1	245-415	3124	34	+12
AVERAGES		16.5	34-104	3.1	20-32	219	7.2%	19.5	35-143	4.1	19-32	240	8.2%	0.9

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #25	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#25		Toledo	-11'	63-21
#22		Illinois St	NL	37-21
#22	at	Colorado St	-3'	34-16
#19		Northwestern	-14'	43-17
#18		Penn St	-15	16-7
#13	at	Michigan - #14	+3'	24-27
#19	at	Michigan St	-9	17-51
–		Illinois	-17'	45-0
#24	at	Indiana	-17'	21-30
–	at	Wisconsin - #5	+6'	14-38
–		Iowa - #19	-4	27-29

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at	Tulsa	-17	41-10
–		Colorado St	-13	56-24
–		Florida Atlantic	-30'	46-7
–		Purdue - #11	-3	42-35 2OT
#18	at	Penn St	-2'	14-44
–	at	Michigan - #21	+7'	23-20
#22		Wisconsin - #23	-3	34-38
–		Ohio St - #12	+3'	31-45
–	at	Indiana	-13	42-21
–		Michigan St	-6	41-18
–	at	Iowa	+6	28-52

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at	Kent St	-15	44-0
–	at	California - #22	+8	17-42
–		Temple	-41'	62-0
–	at	Purdue	-3	21-27
–		Michigan - #6	+9'	14-28
–		Penn St	+3	27-28 OT
–	at	Wisconsin - #25	+8	12-48
–		North Dakota St	NL	10-9
–	at	Ohio St - #1	+27'	0-44
–		Indiana	-5'	63-26
–	at	Michigan St	-1	31-18
–		Iowa	-3	34-24

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Bowling Green	-14	31-32 OT
–		Miami, Oh	-8'	41-35 3OT
–	at	Florida Atlantic	-7	39-42
–		Purdue	+13'	31-45
–		Ohio St - #8	+24	7-30
–	at	Indiana	+13'	20-40
–	at	Northwestern	+6'	48-49 3OT
–		North Dakota St	NL	21-27
–	at	Michigan - #19	+23	10-34
–		Illinois	+12	17-44
–	at	Iowa	+14'	16-21
–		Wisconsin - #24	+13'	34-41

2008 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		N Illinois	-8'	31-27
–	at	Bowling Green	+5	42-17
–		Montana St	-29	35-23
–		Florida Atlantic	-7	37-3
–	at	Ohio St - #14	+20	21-34
–		Indiana	-7	16-7
–	at	Illinois	+12'	27-20
#25	at	Purdue	-2	17-6
#20		Northwestern	-7'	17-24
–		Michigan	-8'	6-29
–	at	Wisconsin	+13'	32-35
–		Iowa	+6	0-55

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - After Brett Basanez (PS#26) left as the school's all-time leading passer, three QB's battled for the job in '06. Basanez's backup, CJ Bachér (PS#35), who had played in 5 (15 att), was the favorite but was inj'd in August and missed the first 7. Mike Kafka (PS#41) opened as the starter after only starting for one year in HS. He is big and mobile with a strong arm. He led in rushing vs Miami and Nevada but was inj and Andrew Brewer (PS#44) started the next 3. Brewer led in rushing vs Penn St and Wisc but completed just 50% with a 0-4 ratio. Bachér started the final 5 throwing for 1,172 (59%) with a 6-8 ratio and the Wildcats' offense was more potent. In '07 Bachér led the Big Ten in passing ypg (305) and had 19 TD's. On the negative side he also had 19 int (11 in L/4) with many coming at crucial times. Kafka played in 4 (3 att) and Brewer was moved to WR. Last year Bachér's goal was to cut down on int's and he took less chances. He threw for 1,224 less yards (2,432, 60.0%) with a 17-15 ratio. He did have 4 int vs Ohio where he sprained 2 fingers on his passing hand in the 1H. Bachér was injured vs Indy with 4:00 left and Kafka fmbl'd twice in a row on NU's last drive. Kafka started vs Minn and set a Big Ten record for rushing yards by a QB with 217 (old rec Gary Danielson 213 in 1972) and started vs Ohio St but then Bachér returned. Kafka played in 8 throwing for 330 (69.6%) with 321 rush yards. This year they lose Bachér and battling Kafka will be Dan Persa (PS#53), Joe Mauro (PS#106), Harrison Scott (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#252) and true Evan Watkins (PS#34). This unit is less experienced but could put up better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 the Wildcat RB's were very inexperienced but true frosh Tyrell Sutton (2004 HS Mr. Football in Ohio) emerged and rushed for 104 in his debut. He went on to win the Big Ten Frosh of the Year and finished with 1,474 (5.9) and 16 TD's. Sutton was on billboards across Chicago promoting the team in '06 but strangely was de-emphasized in the offense until QB Bachér entered the lineup. Sutton was back to his normal self over the final 5 to finish at the magical 1,000 yard mark (5.3). Sutton was injured in the 2Q of game 2 in '07 and missed 5 and parts of others. In the final 4 he rushed for 400 and still led with 522 (4.8). Omar Conteh (PS#184) was #2 with 447 (4.7). Sutton was off to another fine year in '08 but broke his wrist vs Indy and missed the final 4. Sutton rushed for 890 (4.8) and was only the 2nd Cat to have at least 1,000 career yds rushing and rec (Ricky Edwards '80-'83) and finished as NU's #2 career rusher. Conteh rushed for 235 (3.2) but he was lost (ACL) for the L/4 in '08. Stephen Simmons (PS#147) started the final 3 regular season games but avg just 2.9 ypc (#5 rusher). Not listed below are Jacob Schmidt (5'10" 200 So, 4 yd) and Scott Concannon (5'10" 190 So, PS#120, 8 gm LY). While the unit should remain healthier, they are much less experienced with the loss of their top 2 backs.

RECEIVERS - Due to QB problems in '06, the Cats' top WR had just 494 yards but in '07 three WR's topped 649. Last year 3 of the top 4 ret'd as Eric Peterman was #1 in '07 with 744 (11.3), Ross Lane #3 with 649 (13.2) and Rasheed Ward #4 with 434 (9.4). They also added Andrew Brewer (3 st QB '06) after he missed '07 due to an injury. NU had 3 players finish in the Big Ten's top 10 in rec/gm. Lane led in rec (60) while Peterman led NU in yards with 737 (12.5). Ward added 526 (10.3) and Brewer had 145 (8.1). This year they lose Ward (12 st), Lane (12 st, 3Y st'r), Peterman (12 st, 2Y st'r) and Jeff Yarbrough (0 rec). Not listed below are SB's Brett Nagel (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#63LB), Brendan Mitchell (6'3" 250 Sr, PS#62) and Mark Woodsum (6'0" 235 Sr, PS#275QB). This unit loses its top 3 and 73% of its rec and they are much less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Cats OL paved the way for 194 ypg rush (5.0). In '06 they had 4 starters back but surprisingly the numbers dropped to 142 ypg (4.0). In '07 they had to replace two starters while star TB Sutton missed 5. The rushing totals dropped again (120, 3.6) while the sacks rose to 32 (6.0%) despite ZERO missed OL starts. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and their 36 career starts returning were #102 in FBS. The 2 ret starters, Joel Belding and Kurt Mattes each started just 2 so the five full-time starters of '08 had a comb 2 career starts. Surprisingly the numbers improved to 142 ypg rush (3.8) with just 22 sacks (4.8%). This year they lose LG Keegan Kennedy (13 st, HM Big Ten) and RG Belding (12 st '07, 2 st '08). Not only do they have 4 full-time starters returning, but Mattes (PS#23), who had 12 starts in '07 (knee sprain LY) is back.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 NU had a small, young, inexperienced D-line that allowed a shocking 314 ypg rush (5.4) and the D only had 6 sacks on the year. Two years later with a veteran group they only allowed 139 ypg (3.6). An inexperienced group in '05 yielded 218 ypg (5.2 ypc, 12 sk). In '06 they had to replace two starters but improved to 158 ypg (4.3) with 23 sacks. Surprisingly a veteran group in '07 allowed 167 ypg (4.4). Last year the top 4 DL tacklers returned. NU actually allowed the lowest ypg rush in their history (previous low '95 Rose Bowl tm) at just 126 ypg (3.6) while increasing the sack total from 18 to a Big Ten leading 34. This year they lose Big Ten HM DT John Gill (12 st, 44 tkl, 9.5 tfl) whose play often demanded double teams, DE Kevin Mims (13 st, 46 tkl, 7 tfl) and DE Rejaie Johnson (2 tkl, 1 sk). Star 1st Tm Big Ten DE Corey Wootton (10 sk) tore his ACL in the bowl but decided to return for a 5th yr in '09. This has the makings of a solid group if Wootton is 100%, but they won't match '08's record breaking numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year they had to replace 1 starter in Adam Kadela who had 47 more tackles than the #2 man. They then lost then #2 tackler Malcolm Arrington (#7 tkl'r '07) after 7 starts (knee inj) but his replacement, Nate Williams avg'd 9.2 tkl/gm as a starter. This year they lose SLB Prince Kwateng (13 st, 106 tkl, 2.5 sk), Arrington (51 tkl) and Mike Dinard (23 tkl). While they lose their #2 and #8 tacklers, they do return #5 and #6 so they actually are slightly more experienced than in 2008.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a respectable pass D's of #37 in '05 and #59 in '06 they had to replace 2 starters in '07 and surprisingly dropped to #106. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but did get back Brendan Smith (12 st '06). Justan Vaughn beat out VHT Jordan Mabin (PS#55) but was lost after 2 starts (due to shoulder surgery). As you would expect, NU improved to #44. This year the only losses are David Oredugba (5 tkl) and Todd Dockery (2 tkl). All four starters return plus Vaughn. Not listed in the PSL below are Scott Lilja (5'10" 185 Jr), James Kurzawski (5'10" 180 rFr), Tim Weak (6'1" 180 rFr), Demetrius Dugar (5'11" 165 rFr, PS#408) and James Nussbaum (6'2" 215 Jr, PS#467). The Cats could have their best pass D finish of the decade.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Heading into last year NU had finished #90, #92, #95, #110, #106 and #79 in my ST rankings. In '07 they had to replace their K and P but last year the unit ret'd intact and they had their best finish in 7 years at #65. Brendan Smith did not have a PR longer than 12 yds until the Illinois game where he had a 51 yarder which was a key to their win. KR Stephen Simmons (26.8 '07) avg dropped to 22.1. Amado Villarreal (12 of 18 FG's '07) hit 20 of 25 FG (only 3 att 40+). Stefan Demos had a 36.8 net in '07 and 34.1 in '08. This year they must replace Villarreal but could continue to improve.

COACHES - Randy Walker did a great job here prior to his tragic death in 2006. Walker had actually handpicked his successor, Pat Fitzgerald, who became the youngest coach in the NCAA (by 5 years!) at 31. Fitzgerald was the Big Ten's Def MVP on the 1995 Rose Bowl team and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He also became the first NU HC since John Pont in 1973 to win his first game. NU has gone from 4-8 to 6-6 to 9-4 in his first three years and basically outplayed Missouri in their bowl loss. In 2008 he brought in a new OC in Mick McCall who was Bowling Green's OC in '07 (QB cch '03-'06). BG went from 19.5 ppg in '06 to 30.2 in 2007. DC Mike Hankwitz was Wisconsin's DC in '06-'07, at Colorado (under Gary Barnett) in '04 and '05 and Arizona's DC and interim HC in '03. Hankwitz was also A&M's DC from 1997-'02 and in his 39 years, his teams have had 33 winning seasons. He enters his 2nd year after a successful debut.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the last 14 years NU has won an amazing 3 Big Ten titles (59 years between titles '36-'95). In 2000 the Big Ten media selected NU last in the league. I went out on a limb making them my #4 Most Improved Team and they were an amazing 8-3. In 2001 the media overreacted picking them first. I didn't make too many Wildcat fans happy when I pegged them 9th and they fell to 4-7. In '02, with just 9 starters back, they were 3-9. In '03 they once again made my MIT list (15 st back) and went to their first bowl in 3 years. In '04 they finished 5-3 in conf play but at 6-6 did not get to a bowl. In '05 the Cats lost 4 proj starters over the summer (8 back). They still became the first NU team since 1931 to win 6+ for 3 consec seasons. NU led UCLA 22-0 in the 1Q but lost the Sun Bowl. After going 1-7 vs the Big Ten in '02 (including 49 and 52 point losses), they were 14-10 in Big Ten play from '03-'05. In '06 they had 13 ret starters but then suffered the sudden loss of HC Randy Walker over the summer. Under the circumstances, Pat Fitzgerald did a fine job getting the team to 2-6 in the Big Ten and 4-8 overall. They led Mich St 38-3 in the 3Q before allowing the NCAA's biggest comeback ever. In '07 Penn St and Wisc rotated off the schedule and were replaced by Ind and Minn. I called for the Cats to be bowl eligible for the 5th time in eight years. They had 7 HG (most in 61 yr). But their 6-6 record left them home for the holidays. While the Cats only improved their Big Ten record to 3-5 in '07, their ypg went from -105.9 in '06 to -23.1 in '07. Last year their 47 ret lettermen were the most since 1992 and new OC McCall moved them back to the spread offense that they had great success with from 2002-'05 under Mike Dunbar. I called it Fitzgerald's best team yet, with 7 sets of my power ratings calling for 7+ wins. After having a 484-225 yd edge vs Syr (30-10 win), they were outgained by Duke 472-328 but got a TD late to win. They were 4-0 for the first time since 1962 when they beat Ohio **and for the first time since 1963 swept their non-conf games**. They trailed Iowa 17-3 but the Hawkeyes fumbled a punt and NU got a TD (:17 left 1H) to get back in it and ended up winning 22-17 to get to 5-0. They had a 459-297 edge vs Mich St but were done in by -3 in TO's and poor field position. After beating Purdue 48-26 they were 6-1 but were stunned by Ind (last in Big Ten) as five TO's and inj's to Sutton and Bachér were the culprits. The next week without their RB and QB they were tied vs Minn when they got a 48 yd IR TD by Smith with :12 left to move to 6-2. Ohio St destroyed them 45-10 at home in front of a partisan OSU crowd. NU got their first win in the Big House since 1995 by upsetting Mich 21-14 and Illinois needed a win to get to a bowl game but NU crushed those hopes with a 27-10 win and moved to 9-3. The Cats were the biggest underdog of any bowl team yet outplayed Missouri but still came up short in OT. NU was -8.1 ypg in the Big Ten (#7) and benefitted from 4 net close wins. NU has not had a bowl win (0-6) since the 1948 Rose Bowl. They also lost 23 seniors. On the positive side they had 37 starts lost LY to inj (16th most). While NU will not improve their record for the first time in Fitzgerald's tenure, they do have 7 HG's and avoid both Ohio St and Mich. The Cats should be bowl eligible for the 7th time in the last 8 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 13 Mike Kafka Sr. 6-3 215 PS#41. 6 st, 835 (61%) 3-8 ratio, 592 rush 3Y. **7** Dan Persa (6'1" 200 So) PS#53. 11 gm LY. **14** Joe Mauro (6'4" 215 Jr) PS#106. 0 att 2Y.

RB 25 Stephen Simmons Jr. 5-8 175 PS#147. 10 gm true. 2 st, 178 (2.9) LY. **23** Alex Daniel (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#168. **3** Jeravin Matthews (5'11" 170 So) PS#185. 10 gm as true.

WR 6 Charles Brown So. 5-11 180 PS#112. 12 gm, 2 rec rFr. **88** Martin Bayless (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#225. **85** Zeke Markshausen (5'11" 180 Sr) 1 rec 3Y. Brendan Barber (6'2" 195 rFr).

WR 11 Jeremy Ebert So. 6-0 180 PS#223. 4 st, 161 (10.7) true. Demetrius Fields (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#326. Kevin Frymire (6'1" 180 Sr) 1 rec 3Y. Kevin Mitchell (6'1" 210 Sr) PS#294. 16 gm 3Y.

WR 5 Sidney Stewart Jr. 6-1 185 PS#100. 6 gm rFr. 1 st, 134 (7.9) LY. **15** Carl Fisher (6'0" 195 Jr) PS#42. 11 gm 2Y. **2** Lee Coleman (5'10" 180 Jr) PS#357. 11 gm 2Y.

WR 12 ANDREW BREWER SR. 6-3 215 **PS#44.** 3 st QB rFr. Inj '07. 4 st WR, 145 (8.1) LY. **SB 89** Josh Rooks (6'6" 265 Jr) PS#30. 5 st 2Y. Drake Dunsmore (6'3" 230 So) PS#73. ACL, RS LY.

C 65 BEN BURKETT SO. 6-4 280 PS#227. 13 st, **3rd Tm FR AA** rFr. **73** Colin Armstrong (6'5" 285 So) **PS#88.** 1 gm rFr. **LS 58** John Henry Pace (5'11" 215 So) DNP LY.

RG 64 DOUG BARTELS SO. 6-4 285 9 st, 13 gm rFr. **66** Mike Boyle (6'7" 290 Jr) PS#406. Bkup 24 gm no action L2Y. **69** Nick Adamle (6'4" 300 rFr) **PS#74.** Turned down Ohio St.

LG 63 Keegan Grant Jr. 6-2 295 PS#448. Walked on in '06, RS. 12 gm as rFr, awd scholarship. 1 gm LY (inj). **72** Brian Mulroe (6'4" 275 rFr) **PS#59.** Taylor Paxton is PS#166.

RT 78 KURT MATTES SR. 6-6 295 **PS#23.** 12 st '07. 2 st, 8 gm LY. **76 Desmond Taylor** (6'3" 285 Sr) PS#377. 2 st 2Y. 13 st (11 RT, 2 RG) LY. Patrick Ward is **PS#25.**

LT 75 AL NETTER SO. 6-6 290 PS#390. Backup as true but still RS'd. 13 st at LT rFr. Neal Deiters (6'8" 315 rFr) PS#122. **74** Chuck Porcelli (6'7" 300 rFr) PS#121.

K 37 Jeff Budzien Fr. 5-10 145 **PS#2.** Will compete right away. **1** Stefan Demos (5'10" 190 Jr) **PS#9.** Handled KO as rFr, punts LY. **34** Steve Flaherty (6'1" 170 rFr) PS#33.

DE 99 COREY WOOTTON SR. 6-7 265 PS#238. 25 st, 93 tkl, 16 tfl 3Y. 13 st, 42 tkl, 16 tfl, **1st Tm B10** LY. **53** Quentin Williams (6'4" 230 rFr) **PS#37.** Brian Arnfelt (6'5" 270 rFr) PS#251.

DT 98 CORBIN BRYANT JR. 6-4 275 PS#157. 9 st, 33 tkl, 5.5 tfl 2Y. **90** Jack DiNardo (6'4" 280 So) PS#29. 3 tkl rFr. **93** Niko Mafuli (6'3" 305 So) **PS#58.** Andrew Struckmeyer (6'2" 255 So).

DT 79 Adam Hahn Sr. 6-4 295 PS#153, 8 st, 28 tkl rFr. 12 st, 33 tkl '07. 5 st, 11 tkl LY. **67** Marshall Thomas (6'3" 290 Sr) PS#490. 25 tkl 3Y. **92** Evan Luxenburg (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#283.

DE 94 Vince Browne So. 6-5 270 PS#73. 10 gm, 26 tkl, 7.5 tfl rFr. **42** Kevin Watt (6'4" 260 So) PS#93. 1 tkl rFr. **71** Cameron Joplin (6'5" 260 So) PS#43. Bo Cisek (6'2" 255 rFr).

WLB 35 Ben Johnson So. 6-4 215 PS#182. 12 gm rFr. Aaron Nagel (6'1" 225 So) **PS#32. ND trans.** Stone Pinckney (6'0" 220 rFr). Tyris Jones (6'0" 215 rFr). Will Studlien PS#71.

MLB 57 NATE WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 225 PS#104. 6 tkl rFr. 6 st, 66 tkl LY. **50** Chris Jeske (6'1" 225 Sr) **PS#28.** 4 gm 2Y. **33** David Nwabuisi (6'0" 240 rFr) PS#295. Pat Pohlen (6'3" 225 So).

SLB 41 QUENTIN DAVIE JR. 6-4 225 PS#73. 2 st, 25 tkl rFr. 11 st, 57 tkl, 9.5 tfl LY. Bryce McNaul (6'4" 225 So) **PS#41.** 2 tkl rFr. Roderick Goodlow PS#82. **45** Kyle Petty (6'0" 205 So).

CB 24 SHERRICK McMANIS SR. 6-1 190 PS#439. 16 st, 97 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 67 tkl, 14 pd, HM B10 LY. **21** Mike Bolden (6'1" 185 So) PS#134. 10 tkl rFr. Ricky Weina (5'11" 180 So).

CB 26 JORDAN MABIN SO. 5-11 180 **PS#55.** 11 st, 52 tkl, 8 pd, **1st Tm Fr AA** rFr. **28** Justan Vaughn (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#173. 2 st, 18 tkl 2Y. **14** Caleb Harper (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#275.

S 17 BRAD PHILLIPS SR. 6-4 210 PS#168. 7 tkl true. 9 st, 55 tkl '07. 13 st, 109 tkl, 9 pd, HM B10 LY. **10** Brian Peters (6'4" 210 So) PS#443. 2 st, 35 tkl rFr. Hunter Bates (5'10" 170 rFr) PS#333.

S 4 BRENDAN SMITH SR. 6-1 215 PS#99. 16 st, 97 tkl 2Y. RS '07. 13 st, 82 tkl, 8 pd. HM B10 LY. **32** David Arnold (6'1" 220 So) PS#65. 9 tkl rFr. Jared Carpenter (6'0" 205 rFr) PS#304.

P 1 STEFAN DEMOS JR. 5-10 190 **PS#9.** Rugby style punter. 54 punts (40.1), 36,8 (#2 in the B10) net as rFr. 64 punts (39.0), tm net 34.1, 26 inside 20, 46 KO, 4 TB LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Patrick Ward 6-7 285 PS#25
QB	Evan Watkins 6-6 235 PS#34
K	Jeff Budzien 5-10 145 PS#2
RB	Mike Trumpy 6-0 205 PS#78
LB	Will Studlien 6-2 220 PS#71
LB	Roderick Goodlow 6-2 210 PS#82
LB	Damien Proby 6-0 210 PS#96
DL	Anthony Battle 6-3 240 PS#146
RB	Arby Fields 5-9 190 PS#125
DB	Davion Fleming 5-10 205 PS#173
OL	Taylor Paxton 6-5 265 PS#166
WR	Drew Moulton 5-11 165 PS#132
DL	Davon Custis 6-3 215 PS#174
TE	John Plasencia 6-5 240 PS#51
DL	Tyler Scott 6-4 235 PS#192
OL	Brian Smith 6-7 295 PS#202
LB	Tim Riley 6-3 215 PS#203
DB	Cooper Gerami 6-0 200 PS#330

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#85

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Towson	G					First meeting. NU has split vs a pair of Colonial Conf teams beating NE 27-0 ('07) & losing to NH 34-17 ('06). The Tigers were 3-9 LY including a 41-13 loss at Navy.
Sep. 12	Eastern Michigan	G					NU is 13-9-1 vs the MAC & 2-0 vs E Michigan. They beat them at home in '06 (14-6) & forced 4 TO's & held them on downs inside the 10 to win in Detroit ('07, 26-14).
Sep. 19	at Syracuse	A					Wildcats are 5-1 on the road (reg ssn) vs non-conf BCS schools including beating Duke LY. In LY's opener, NU dominated w/a 484-225 yd edge & a 242-68 yd edge in the 2H.
Sep. 26	Minnesota	G					Wildcats have won 7 of 11 vs the Gophers including 2 straight. LY Kafka made the start at QB for the inj'd Bachér & rushed for 217 yds. SS Smith got an IR TD with :12 left.
Oct. 3	at Purdue	G					NU is just 3-9 vs Purdue but did win LY. The 48 pts scored is a series record for NU (76 games). The Wildcats forced 5 TO's with 6 different players scoring TD's.
Oct. 10	Miami, Oh	G					The Wildcats are just 2-6 vs the RedHawks. They did win last meeting in '06 (21-3). Last season was NU's first undefeated non-conference record since 1963.
Oct. 17	at Michigan St	G					The visitor has won 4 straight & NU has won 3 of the L/4 in East Lansing & all 3 wins were upsets as a DD dog. The Wildcats entered LY's game 5-0 on the season.
Oct. 24	Indiana (HC)	G					The Wildcats are 8-3 vs the Hoosiers but did lose 21-19 LY as they had 5 TO's. They have won 5 straight at home & this is the only Big Ten series they lead (42-34-1).
Oct. 31	Penn St	G					Northwestern is 3-9 all-time vs the Lions but are 2-4 in Evanston. The Wildcats pulled out the upset in '03 (17-7) & '04 (14-7) but have lost the L/2.
Nov. 7	at Iowa	A					NU is 7-26 vs Iowa S/'74 with all 7 wins coming in the L/12 games including B2B upsets in Iowa. Last year NU was down 17-3 before scoring the games final 19 pts.
Nov. 14	at Illinois	A					The visitor has lost the last 2 but the Wildcats have won 5 of the last 6. The L/10 gms have been decided by an avg 16 ppg with none closer than 6 pts.
Nov. 21	Wisconsin	G					First time since '98 NU closes out Big Ten not playing Ill. The home team has won each of the last 4 with the Badgers winning by 22 ppg & the Wildcats winning by 6 ppg.
Nov. 28							Bonus: Northwestern is 7-2 in season openers including winning 4 straight (avg score 29-7).
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brett Basanez 10,580 '02-'05
2. Len Williams 7,487 '90-'93
3. CJ Bacher 7,319 '04-'08

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Damien Anderson 4,485 '98-'01
2. Tyrell Sutton 3,886 '05-'08
3. Darnell Autry 3,793 '94-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. D'Wayne Bates 3,370 '95-'98
2. Richard Buchanan 2,474 '87-'90
3. Ross Lane 2,068 '04-'08

PAT FITZGERALD (Career 19-18)

4th Year at Northwestern — Fitzgerald's Bowl Record: 0-1

Fitzgerald's records AT NORTHWESTERN

19-18	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
11-9	Home	1-6	Vs Top 25
7-8	Away	2-2	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
10-14	Vs Conference	8-8	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (24,23,1)
Lost: 23 (12,8,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,590 (#79)

BIG TEN

STADIUM: RYAN FIELD STADIUM (47,130) (#66)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	4-7	3-9	6-7	6-6	7-5	4-8	6-6	9-4	53-56
Home	5-1	2-3	2-4	2-4	5-1	4-2	2-4	4-3	5-2	31-24
Away	3-2	2-4	1-5	4-2	1-5	3-2	2-4	1-3	4-1	21-28
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-4
vs Conf	6-2	2-6	1-7	4-4	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	5-3	33-39
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-3	1-3	2-2	2-2	3-1	4-1	20-17
ATS	8-4	3-7-1	6-6	9-4	5-6-1	7-5	5-6	4-7	7-5	54-50-2
Home Fav	4-0	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-1	0-4	2-1	8-15
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	3-2	3-3	2-0	3-1	2-2	2-0	1-2	17-12
Away Favorite	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-2	7-5
Away Dog	3-1	1-1-1	3-3	2-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	1-3	3-0	19-16-2
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-2
vs Conf	6-2	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	3-4-1	6-2	4-4	3-5	5-3	38-32-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	4-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-2	16-18
Off SU Win	4-4	1-3	2-1	4-2	1-4-1	2-5	0-2	1-5	3-5	18-31-1
Off SU Loss	3-0	1-4-1	4-4	4-2	3-2	4-0	4-4	3-2	3-0	29-18-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Citrus - #11	+8'	Tennessee - #9	28-48
00	Alamo - #18	+14'	Nebraska - #9	17-66
03	Motor City	+7	Bowling Green	24-28
05	Sun	+2'	UCLA - #17	38-50
08	Alamo - #22	+12	Missouri - #25 (OT)	23-30

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Northwestern's All-Time Bowl Record 1–6

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
	7*	24.4	358	142	3.8	217	60.9	14.7	22	-3	2008	8	20.2	341	126	3.6	214	58.7	16.9	34
	8*	25.8	428	120	3.6	308	60.9	16.6	32	-9	2007	8	31.0	411	167	4.4	243	62.8	13.2	18
	7	16.5	311	142	4.0	169	56.6	18.9	26	-7	2006	6	26.2	363	158	4.3	204	61.6	13.9	23
	5*	32.3	500	194	5.0	307	62.5	15.5	11	+9	2005	3	33.9	480	218	5.2	262	58.1	14.2	12
	8*	24.6	409	172	4.6	237	53.8	16.7	12	+4	2004	9	28.5	391	139	3.6	252	56.2	13.7	23
	7*	20.2	375	212	4.7	163	53.1	18.6	23	-2	2003	8	25.1	417	164	4.1	253	61.1	16.6	20
	4	22.7	389	157	4.3	232	57.9	17.2	20	-6	2002	5	41.1	502	314	5.4	189	60.3	12.2	6

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Sutton	184	922	32	890	6	4.8
Mike Kafka	68	416	95	321	1	4.7
Omar Conteh	73	271	36	235	3	3.2
CJ Bacher	84	339	109	230	3	2.7
Stephen Simmons	62	189	11	178	2	2.9
Eric Peterman	5	20	16	4	0	0.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
CJ Bacher	408	245	60.0	2432	17	15
Mike Kafka	46	32	69.6	330	2	3
Eric Peterman	2	2	100.0	55	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Eric Peterman	59	737	12.5	6	53	
Ross Lane	60	640	10.7	3	35	
Rasheed Ward	51	526	10.3	3	46	
Tyrell Sutton	35	305	8.7	2	27	
Jeremy Ebert	15	161	10.7	2	36	
Andrew Brewer	18	145	8.1	0	19	
Sidney Stewart	17	134	7.9	1	30	
Omar Conteh	10	61	6.1	0	21	
Josh Rooks	7	46	6.6	2	12	
CJ Bacher	1	25	25.0	0	25	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Stefan Demos	64	2499	39.0	14	34.1(t)	1	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Amado Villarreal	30-34	12-13	7-9	1-3	0-0	20-25	46

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Brad Phillips	109	1.5	4.5	6	3
Prince Kwateng	106	2.5	2.5	2	0
Brendan Smith	82	0	3	6	2
Sherrick McManis	67	0	0	12	2
Nate Williams	66	1	2.5	2	0
Quentin Davie	57	3.5	6	2	0
Jordan Mabin	52	0	2	5	3
Malcolm Arrington	51	1.5	5	1	0
Kevin Mims	46	3.5	3.5	2	0
John Gill	44	4	5.5	1	0
Corey Wootton	42	10	6	2	1
Brian Peters	35	0	2	1	1
Corbin Bryant	28	1	4.5	0	0
Vince Browne	26	4	3.5	0	1
Mike Dinard	23	0	0	0	0
Marshall Thomas	12	0	1	0	0
Adam Hahn	11	0.5	0.5	1	0
Mike Bolden	10	0	0	1	0
Justan Vaughn	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brendan Smith	15	118	7.9	0
Eric Peterman	7	44	6.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stephen Simmons	23	509	22.1	0
Jeravin Matthews	6	139	23.2	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

NU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
20,015	Syracuse	25	42-269	6.4	23-35	215	1	11	30-122	4.1	14-28	103	2	-1
23,614	at Duke	14	27-77	2.9	15-33	251	0	28	44-178	4.0	29-47	294	2	+1
19,062	S Illinois	20	34-148	4.4	22-31	185	0	17	32-85	2.7	19-32	178	6	0
22,069	Ohio	17	37-147	4.0	18-36	133	1	12	28-4	0.1	27-44	228	5	-1
70,585	at Iowa	22	34-106	3.1	28-45	284	0	24	31-169	5.5	21-30	238	2	+4
32,527	Michigan St	27	32-176	5.5	34-61	283	1	18	43-128	3.0	14-20	169	2	-3
27,163	Purdue	23	43-191	4.4	21-34	250	2	23	25-158	6.3	31-51	308	2	+2
30,698	at Indiana	23	47-152	3.2	22-35	164	3	17	36-72	2.0	22-35	247	3	-5
54,122	at Minnesota	16	41-220	5.4	12-16	143	2	20	25-68	2.7	32-52	327	2	0
47,130	Ohio St	20	43-117	2.7	18-27	177	4	23	45-244	5.4	9-16	197	1	-3
107,856	at Michigan	14	37-59	1.6	17-29	198	3	15	46-181	3.9	12-36	83	1	0
32,166	Illinois	21	34-109	3.2	22-33	230	0	21	39-123	3.2	20-37	212	5	+1
55,986	† Missouri	21	40-72	1.8	27-43	304	5	21	30-111	3.7	27-44	200	1	+2
TOTALS		263	491-1843	3.8	279-458	2817	22	250	454-1643	3.6	277-472	2784	34	-3
AVERAGES		20.2	38-142	3.8	21-35	217	4.8%	19.2	35-126	3.6	21-36	214	7.2%	-0.2

2004 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at TCU	+6	45-48 2OT
–	Arizona St	-2	21-30
–	Kansas	-2'	20-17
–	at Minnesota - #19	+14'	17-43
–	Ohio St - #7	+11	33-27 OT
–	Indiana	-11	31-24 2OT
–	at Wisconsin - #6	+12	12-24
–	Purdue - #17	+10	13-10
–	at Penn St	+3'	14-7
–	at Michigan - #9	+14	20-42
–	Illinois	-12'	28-21 OT
–	at Hawaii	-6	41-49

2005 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Ohio	-14'	38-14
–	N Illinois	-2'	38-37
–	at Arizona St - #18	+14'	21-52
–	Penn St	+8	29-34
–	Wisconsin - #14	+6	51-48
–	at Purdue	+7'	34-29
–	at Michigan St - #22	+13'	49-14
#21	Michigan - #25	+2	17-33
–	Iowa	+3	28-27
#25	at Ohio St - #10	+19'	7-48
–	at Illinois	-15	38-21

2006 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Miami, Oh	-6	21-3
–	New Hampshire	NL	17-34
–	E Michigan	-17	14-6
–	at Nevada	+7	21-31
–	at Penn St	+19'	7-33
–	at Wisconsin	+21	9-41
–	Purdue	+7	10-31
–	Michigan St	+8	38-41
–	at Michigan - #2	+29'	3-17
–	at Iowa	+20	21-7
–	Ohio St - #1	+22'	10-54
–	Illinois	+2'	27-16

2007 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northeastern	NL	27-0
–	Nevada	-10	36-31
–	Duke	-16'	14-20
–	at Ohio St - #8	+23'	7-58
–	Michigan	+17	16-28
–	at Michigan St	+16	48-41 OT
–	Minnesota	-6'	49-48 2OT
–	† E Michigan	-10	26-14
–	at Purdue	+13'	17-35
–	Iowa	-1'	17-28
–	Indiana	+2'	31-28
–	at Illinois - #20	+13'	22-41

2008 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Syracuse	-11'	30-10
–	at Duke	-6	24-20
–	S Illinois	NL	33-7
–	Ohio	-11'	16-8
–	at Iowa	+8	22-17
–	Michigan St - #23	+1'	20-37
–	Purdue	-4	48-26
–	at Indiana	-8	19-21
–	at Minnesota - #20	+7'	24-17
–	Ohio St - #12	+11	10-45
–	at Michigan	+3'	21-14
–	Illinois	+2	27-10

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Purdue is known for their QB's and in 2006 Curtis Painter (PS#29) twice topped 400 in a game, joining 6 others in the PU 400+ club in Drew Brees, Kyle Orton, Scott Campbell, Mark Herrmann, Mike Phipps and Jim Everett. At 6'4" 230, Tiller said he was his strongest, most physical QB. In 2006 Painter set a Big Ten record with 3,985 (59.4%, 22 TD) although he also led the FBS with 19 int. He threw for a school record 546 vs CM in the bowl in '07 finishing with 3,846 (62.6%) and a 29-11 ratio. Tiller was impressed with true frosh Justin Siller (PS#44) in bowl practices that year and created some packages to get him on the field in '08. Joey Elliott (PS#27) played in 4 (24 att) in his 2nd year as Painter's backup. Painter (#6DC IND) was the Big Ten's most experienced QB LY and became the school's #2 career leading passer but was benched several times midyear. Elliott played in 3 and was beginning to see more playing time when he was lost for the season with a shoulder injury. When Painter also went down vs Minnesota, Siller, who had not taken a snap at QB in 4 weeks (RB), was forced into action. He started vs Mich hitting 21 of 34 for 266 (77 rush) but vs Mich St hit just 33% (6 yd rush). Against Iowa, Painter came off the bench to hit 24 of 30 for 190. Painter started the finale vs rival Indiana and hit 38 of 54 for 448 with 5 TD's. He finished with almost 1,500 less than in '07. This spring Siller was dismissed which virtually assures that Elliott will win the starting job. Caleb TerBush (PS#137), Chris Bennett and this year's true frosh are the backups.

RUNNING BACKS - Heading into LY Purdue had just one 1,000 yard rusher S/'95 (Joey Harris '02). Kory Sheets led with 780 (4.9) in '06 and JUCO Jaycen Taylor added 677 (6.0). Both ret'd in '07 and they added true frosh Dan Dierking (PS#45). Taylor, a straight-ahead power runner, shared the duties with the speedster Sheets until he broke his arm (miss 4, 560, 5.2). Sheets led with 859 (5.1) while Dierking added 181 (4.3). Sheets bulked up in '08 and got over his previous fumble problems. Taylor went down with a torn ACL and Sheets became the 6th Boiler RB to top 1,000 (1131, 4.8) and was the #4 rec. Sheets set Purdue's single ssn (16) & career (48) rush TD records and is the #2 career rusher. LB Anthony Haygood gained 61 on a fake punt which was good enough for the #2 rusher of the non-QB's. FB Frank Halliburton (6'2" 251 Sr, PS#136DL) had 37 (2.8) and Dierking 34 (3.8). Not listed below are FB's Sean Matti (5'11" 214 So), Halliburton, Jared Crank (6'2" 235 So) and RB's George Brigandi (5'8" 198 rFr) and Matt Vlahogeorge (5'10" 205 So). They burned Ralph Bolden's RS LY (28, 1.8) and he was the star of the spring. Taylor does have 1,237 (5.6) career yds rush and they add in true frosh Al-Terek McBurse (4.4 spd) but it will be tough to replace Sheets' production.

RECEIVERS - The Boilers produced some top-notch receivers under Tiller including Taylor Stubblefield who left in '05 as the NCAA's career receiving leader and TE Tim Stratton who won the inaugural Mackey Award. Prior to '07 Tiller concluded that his receiving group was his best in 11 years. Dorien Bryant led with 936 (10.8) while TE Dustin Keller (#1DC) was #2 with 881 (13.0). Last year they had to replace 4 of their top 5 and the leading returner was #3 Greg Orton (752, 11.2). Tiller was very high on JUCO Aaron Valentin and while he did avg 20.4 ypc, he had just 11 rec. Desmond Tardy was not 100% until the 2H of the year but led with 876 (13.1). Orton was #2 with 720 (10.4). Converted QB/DB Keith Smith (great hands) finished #3 with 486 (9.9). Tiller called the group competent but said they lacked '07's playmakers. Starting TE Kyle Adams RS (knee Wk 1). This year they lose their top 2 in Orton (11 st) and Tardy (9 st) as well as TE Jerry Wasikowski (9 st,89), WR Brandon Whittington (11 st, 25 rec) and Arsenio Curry (18 rec). Not listed below are JC signee Cortez Smith, Kris Staats (6'1" 197 Jr), Kurt Lichtenberg (6'1" 185 So), Patrick Carroll (6'1" 190 So) and TE Crosby Wright (6'3" 241 rFr). Smith, Valentin and Adams form a competent group and they add in CB Royce Adams (18 st, 85 tkl, 3Y) and some solid signees so this group is just as experienced as '08.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL reached its high point in '05 when they opened holes for 187 ypg (4.9) and allowed just 9 sacks (2.1%). In '06 Tiller commented how the group had Big Ten size and they had 9 of their top 10 OL back. Surprisingly the numbers dropped to 124 (4.3). They had to replace a #5 and #7 DC in '07. Surprisingly the ypc dropped again to 4.1 (129 ypg). Last year they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters. Two of the 3 ret starters were banged up with Sean Sester starting just 2 and Zach Reckman 5. New OL coach Hope said they would be more physical than '07 but the rather inexperienced group opened holes for just 125 ypg (3.8) with 24 sacks (4.8%). Tiller called OT Dennis Kelly Purdue's best OT prospect since Matt Light and he burned his RS to play in 4 of the L/5. With the constant shuffling of the line, only one OL started more than 9 at the same position (C Cory Benton, 12 st). This year they lose Benton as well as Sester. Naturally this should be an improved group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This has been "The Den of DE's" under Tiller with 10 earning an NFL paycheck. Last year they had to replace one starter (#3DC) and 3 backups and DE Brown (12 st '07) lost his spot. The unit regressed to allowing 175 ypg (4.5) with the D having 24 sacks. Tiller did say that DE Ryan Kerrigan is "a player you can build your D around." This year they lose DE Alex Magee (11 st, 28 tkl, 3.5 sk, #3DC KC), DT Ryan Baker (12 st, 31 tkl, 11 tfl) and DT Jermaine Guynn (1 st, 16 tkl). They add in E Mich transfer Adam Brockman (6'3" 255 So, 2 st, 13 tkl '07) and six true frosh signees and not listed below are Corey Chapman (6'2" 223 Jr), Eric Mebane (6'3" 221 rFr) and Brad Niemeier (6'2" 260 rFr). This year 2 starters plus Brown return so they are just as experienced but can only improve upon '08's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - The Boilers had to replace 2 starters (#4DC) and a backup LY with the 3 being the #4, #5 and #6 tkl'rs. They had back their #2 tkl'r, Anthony Heygood, but the unit was so thin that they moved Joe Holland (PS#63RB) from S just a week prior to the opener. True frosh Chris Carlino didn't start until Ohio St (7 tkl) but was called "a star in the making." This year they lose Tm MVP Heygood (#1 tkl'r, 6 tfl, 12 st) and Kevin B Green (1 st, 6 tkl) but have 5 of the top 6 back. Also Jason Werner (PS#37), who has more athleticism and range than any other LB, missed '08 (inj) but is expected to return. Holland was #3 tkl'r as a rFr and he, Carlino and Werner form a pretty good starting trio.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '06 Purdue was extremely inexperienced at DB but only dropped to #69 in my pass D rankings. In '07 all 4 starters ret. Tiller compared SS Torri Williams to Rod Woodson but for the 3rd consec season, he was lost to inj. PU still moved up to #42. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and Tiller said David Pender (6'1") may be the best CB he's had. With 2 starters back and Williams healthy PU moved up to #31. This year they lose SS Frank Duong (8 st, 41 tkl) and Fabian Martin (7 tkl). I list this unit as 3 starters back as Duong was the #2 tkl'r at S. I like the Pender/King combo at CB and they are more experienced than '08 especially since Williams was granted a 6th year.

CB David Pender

SPECIAL TEAMS - Purdue finished #87 in my ST rankings in '06 and in '07 I called for them to make a huge leap in the rankings. They did not disappoint me moving all the way up to #4. Last year they had to replace their P, top KR and PR. While a drop was expected, it's surprising they fell all the way to #96. Chris Summers hit 18 of 22 FG's (long 50) in '07 but after hitting just 5 of 10 was replaced by true frosh Carson Wiggs. Wiggs' first kick was a school record 53 yard FG vs Ohio St and he hit 8 of 11 (2 miss 50+). Summers avg just 38.4 on punts and the tm net was just 29.6 (#117 FBS). Aaron Valentin was dangerous on KR (25.7). Frank Halliburton blocked 2 punts vs N Colorado. This year they only lose their top PR Desmond Tardy (6.3) and Purdue should head back up my ST rankings.

COACHES - Joe Tiller had a solid 12 tenure here and leaves as PU's all-time win leader with 126-92-1 overall career record here. It was quite an accomplishment as they had 11 losing years in 12 seasons prior to his arrival. He got them to 10 bowls in 12 years! It was announced prior to last season it would be Tiller's last and that Danny Hope would take over. Hope was EKU HC from '03-'07 and went 35-22. Hope was previously Purdue's OL coach under Tiller from '97-'01. DC Brock Spack was here all 12 years under Tiller but leaves for the HC job at Ill St. The new OC is Gary Nord who was the HC at UTEP (2000-'03). He had been the OC at Fla Atl the L4Y and was also the OC at L'ville and Okla. The new DC is Donn Landholm who has been an asst for 30 years and was the DC at EKU from '05-'07 and LB coach and recruiting coord here last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Purdue's last outright Big Ten Title came in 1929 although they've shared the crown 6 times since. In '05 all the pieces were in place for a huge year as they had all 11 starters back from a D that allowed just 17.2 ppg. They also did not have to play Ohio St or Mich and had their toughest games at home. The team sold a school record 45,581 season tickets. They were #15 in the preseason AP poll, their highest S/'80 (#9). They were 2-0 and led Minny 28-20 but lost in 2OT. With their hopes of an unbeaten season gone, they imploded and dropped the next 5 before rebounding to win the final 3 (5-6). In '06 they had 30 seniors including 15 fifth year Sr and 11 ret starters. This time they opened 4-0 before losses at #12 ND and #19 Iowa and later became the first team under Tiller to have ever been shutout (Penn St). They did finish above .500 on the Big Ten road for the first time S/'97 and were 8-4 before the worst loss in Purdue bowl history (vs MD). They did not have a win in '06 over a IA team that had a winning record and benefitted from 3 net close wins. Tiller wanted them to be more physical in '07 and they had 18 ret starters. They opened strongly (5 blowout wins) and moved to #23 but were then dominated in B2B weeks by OSU and Mich. They won their next two and were thinking NY's Day bowl but stunningly lost their last 3. Last year Tiller announced it would be his final season and Danny Hope would be the HC. PU did have just 12 ret starters (2nd fewest B10). After beating a FCS team they led #16 Ore 20-3 in the 2Q but missed a 44 yd FG at the end of reg and lost in 2OT. After beating CM they were 2-1 but lost 38-21 to ND. They gave PSU one of their closest games of the year and then outgained Ohio St 298-222 in Columbus yet still lost by 13. Five TO's cost them vs NW and the next week QB Painter was inj'd and with their #2 QB out, they went to 3rd string Justin Siller, who had been working at RB and lost to Minn. With Siller more acclimated to the offense, they beat Mich at home with a 522-300 yd edge. Against Mich St, they trailed 7-0 w/:09 left in the 1H and gave up a 40 yd IR TD and lost by 14. They had a 337-320 yd edge vs a powerful Iowa team and were at the I27 with :05 left (Hail Mary inc). In the FHG for Tiller, they destroyed Ind 62-10. Despite a 2-6 Big Ten record, PU was +42.1 ypg (#6). They also had 42 starts lost LY to inj (10th most FBS). On the negative side, they do have just 12 ret starters (3rd fewest Big Ten). PU's D allowed just 317.5 ypg in B10 play (4th best) and now has 8 of its top 10 tkl'rs back. New QB Joey Elliott was impressive in the spring so they should have improved passing numbers. This is a PU team that stood toe-to-toe with Oreg, Ohio St, Penn St and Iowa last year. They also avoid Iowa & Penn St in conf play and with 7 HG's, they have a decent shot at bowl eligibility.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 14 Joey Elliott Sr. 6-2 216 **PS#27.** 10 gm 3Y, 300 (55%), 2-2 ratio. Caleb TerBush (6'5" 222 rFr) PS#137. Rob Henry (6'2" 200 Fr) PS#71. Chris Bennett (6'3" 201 Sr) 1 gm LY.

RB 33 Jaycen Taylor Sr. 5-10 180 PS#168JC. ACL '08. 4 st 2Y, 1237 (5.6), 37 rec (8.8). **27** Al-Terek McBurse (6'0 204 Fr) PS#41. Ralph Bolden (5'9" 194 So) 8 gm true, 28 yd.

WR 8 KEITH SMITH JR. 6-2 226 PS#137QB. 1 st SS true, 11 tkl. RS. 4 st LY, 486 (9.9). **3** Waynelle Gravesande (6'0" 182 So) PS#167. **43** Adam Wolf (5'11" 204 Sr) 34 gm 3Y, 17 tkl.

WR 17 Aaron Valentin Sr. 6-1 205 PS#141JC. 12 gm LY, 224 (20.4), **2ndTm BigTen ST**, 25.7 KR (25.7). **26** Tommie Thomas (6'2" 193 rFr) PS#53. Gary Bush (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#209.

WR 18 Royce Adams Sr. 6-0 190 PS#121. 18 st at CB 3Y, 39 gm, 85 tkl, 2 int. Keith Carlos (6'1" 200 Jr) PS#249JC. 4.4 spd. In summer. **83** Josh VanZant (5'9" 195 So).

TE 85 Kyle Adams Jr. 6-5 251 PS#89.3 st 3Y, 22 gm, 167 (11.9). Inj LY. **88** Colton McKey (6'5" 256 So) PS#103. **80** Jeff Lindsay (6'3" 238 Jr) **PS#18.** **16** Jeff Panfil PS#239.

C 54 Jared Zwilling Sr. 6-4 293 **PS#40.** 23 gm, 14 tkl DT 2Y, 4 st, 7 gm LG LY. Andrew Brewer (6'3" 297 rFr) PS#162. Austen Moret. **LS** Andy Huffman (6'3" 277 Sr). John Finch.

RG 73 KEN PLUE SO. 6-7 322 **PS#93.** Last 6 st RG true, 12 gm. **72** Justin Pierce (6'4" 310 Jr) PS#462. L/3 st RG rFr. First 5 st RG LY, 9 gm. James Shepherd (6'5" 309 So) PS#208.

LG 50 ERIC HEDSTROM SR. 6-5 292 **PS#60.** First 8 starts at LG until shoulder inj LY. **76** Rick Schmeig (6'3" 300 rFr) PS#235. **53** Dan Barry (6'2" 309 So) PS#194. Walk-on '07.

RT 61 ZACH JONES SR. 6-5 312 PS#338. 12 st RT in '07. 12 st LY (9RT, 2LT, 1RG. Peters Drey (6'6" 292 rFr) PS#167. Michael Chacksfield (6'5" 266 rFr) PS#290. GS '07. RS LY.

LT 68 DENNIS KELLY SO. 6-8 291 PS#205DL. 4 gm as true. #1 LT in spg. **75** Zach Reckman (6'6" 297 Sr) 13 st LG '07. Last 5 st LT, 11 gm LY. Ryan Prater (6'5" 286 Jr) PS#467.

K 37 CARSON WIGGS SO. 6-0 202 PS#37. 8-11 FG as true, L/53, 6 TB on 41 KO. **13** Chris Summers (6'1" 179 Sr) PS#85. 26-42, L/50 2Y. 5-10 L/45, 14-15 xp.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 84 RYAN KERRIGAN JR. 6-4 263 PS#27. 11 st LY, HM Big Ten, 56 tkl, 7 sk, 4.5 tfl. **87** Gerald Gooden (6'3" 235 So) 1 st rFr, 14 tkl, 4 tfl. **58** Robert Maci (6'4" 236 rFr).

DT 92 MIKE NEAL SR. 6-4 302 PS#83. 450 bench. 11 st 3Y, 34 gm, 64 tkl, 7.5 sk, 7 tfl. **99** Nick Mondek (6'5" 283 So) PS#125. 12 gm rFr, 7 tkl. **70** LaSalle Cooks (6'3" 249 rFr).

DT 93 Kawann Short rFr. 6-4 310 PS#125. **51** Monroe Brooks (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#199. **69** Kris Cooke (6'1" 301 Jr) PS#246JC. RS at N Illinois '06, JC '07. 8 gm here LY, 7 tkl.

DE 95 Keyon Brown Sr. 6-3 241 PS#100. 12 st 2Y, 21 tkl, 4 sk. 12 gm, 15 tkl LY. **49** Nickcaro Golding (6'5" 225 So) 1 st rFr, 13 tkl. Eric McDaniel (6'2" 295 Fr) PS#103.

SLB 25 Jason Werner Sr. 6-4 221 **PS#37.** 13 gm '07, 28 tkl, 2 tfl, RS LY. **57** Tyler Haston (6'2" 228 Jr) PS#241. 13 tkl 2Y. **51** Antwon Higgs (6'3" 256 Fr) PS#127. IFS '09.

MLB 47 CHRIS CARLINO SO. 6-2 215 PS#107.5 st true, 12 gm, 36 tkl. **45** Dwayne Beckford (6'3" 223 Fr) PS#120. GS '08. **23** John Humphrey (6'1" 230 Jr). Derek Jackson (6'2" 223 rFr) PS#127.

WLB 30 JOE HOLLAND SO. 6-1 220 PS#63RB. 12 st rFr, 76 tkl, 4 pbu. **41** DeVarro Greaves (6'2" 216 So) PS#160. **18** Nnamdi Ezenwa (6'2" 210 rFr). **38** Zack Heiniger (5'11" 204 rFr).

CB 7 BRANDON KING SR. 5-11 192 PS#99. 13 st '07 FS, 44 tkl. 12 st LY CB, 48 tkl, 10 pd. **15** Charlton Williams (6'2" 200 So). 13 gm true, 4 tkl. RS LY. **41** Mike Conway (5'11" 194 So).

CB 3 DAVID PENDER SR. 6-1 175 PS#97. 8 st '06-07, 57 tkl, 9 pd. 12 st, HM Big Ten, 32 tkl, 13 pd (#3 B10). **6** Kevin Green (5'10" 192 So) PS#232. 9 gm ST's true.

SS 22 Dwight McLean Sr. 6-1 210 PS#478JC. 6 st LY, 12 gm, 36 tkl, 5 pd. **21** Josh McKinley (6'1" 210 Jr) 3 st, 13 gm, 34 tkl 2Y. Logan Link (6'1" 218 So). Mark Thompson (6'0" 212 So).

FS 2 TORRI WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 208 PS#300.6th yr. 12 st LY, HM Big Ten, 83 tkl, 6 pbu, 2 int. **32** Albert Evans (6'0" 206 So) PS#118. **20** Gavin Roberts is PS#278. Walter Williams.

P 13 CHRIS SUMMERS SR. 6-1 179 PS#85, 31-52 FG, L/50 3Y. 50 punts LY, 38.4 avg, 29.6 tm net. **37** Carson Wiggs (6'0" 202 So) PS#37. Pooch. 6 punts LY, 31.2 avg, 19-21 xp.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Al-Terek McBurse 6-0 204 PS#41
DL	Eric McDaniel 6-2 295 PS#103
TE	Gabe Holmes 6-4 230 PS#27
DL	Brandon Taylor 6-1 290 PS#123
QB	Rob Henry 6-2 200 PS#71
LB	Antwon Higgs 6-3 250 PS#127
DB	Ishmael Aristide 5-11 205 PS#163
DL	Trevor Foy 6-8 245 PS#164
WR	Keith Carlos 6-1 200 PS#252JC
WR	Eric Williams 5-10 195 PS#151
DL	Cody Davis 6-3 260 PS#194
LB	Dwayne Beckford 6-3 223 PS#120 '08
OL	Justin Kitchens 6-5 260 PS#246
DB	Chris Quinn 5-10 185 PS#271
WR	Gary Bush 6-0 175 PS#209
WR	Josh Johnson 5-11 180 PS#216
WR	Xavier Reese 6-3 180 PS#236
QB	Najee Tyler 6-4 215 PS#150
DL	Xavier Melton 6-3 280 PS#343
DL	Kevin Pamphile 6-5 245 PS#396
WR	Cortez Smith 6-3 180 PS#77BJC
WR	Antavian Edison 5-10 170 PS#500RB

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

West Lafayette, Indiana
Weather (765) 447-1352

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#33

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Toledo	G					
Sep. 12	at Oregon	A					
Sep. 19	Northern Illinois	G					
Sep. 26	Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 3	Northwestern (HC)	G					
Oct. 10	at Minnesota	A					
Oct. 17	Ohio St	G					
Oct. 24	Illinois	G					
Oct. 31	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 7	at Michigan	A					
Nov. 14	Michigan St	G					
Nov. 21	at Indiana	A					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

Purdue is 11-1 in West Lafayette openers with an average score of 41-16. These two have split 4 meetings with Purdue winning 52-24 in Toledo in '07.

Purdue led 20-3 but missed a last sec 44 yd FG in last year's 2OT loss. Oregon totaled 503 yds (306 rush) vs Purdue's 408 yds (Sheets 180 (6.2)).

First meeting. Coming into '09 Purdue is 36-7-1 vs the MAC. They have won 8 straight last losing to BG in 2003. Last yr they were outgained by MAC foe CM 440-344.

Purdue is 5-18 vs the Irish S/'86 but they've split the past 6 & have won 2 of the L/3 at home. Last time at home the Boilermakers led 23-0 at the half but were outgained 426-371.

Purdue has won 9 of 12 but has actually dropped 3 of the last 5. In last year's 48-26 loss the Boilers had 5 TO's. Last year 7 of the 13 scoring drives were 4 plays or less.

Purdue has won 9 of 11 but has split the last 4 including last yr's 17-6 home loss. PU was w/o QB Elliiot & lost QB Painter (Tiller era low 109 passing yds, till Mich St gm).

Purdue held Ohio St to just 222 yds & 14 FD's & no offensive TD's in last year's 16-3 loss. Purdue is 5-24 vs the Buckeyes S/'68, averaging just 10 ppg the last 6 gms.

Purdue has a 4 game series win streak vs Illinois winning by an avg score of 40-19. The winner has scored 37+ in this series the last 8 games winning by 25 ppg.

The Boilermakers have dropped 3 straight to the Badgers. A close series in Madison with the last 8 games decided by an avg of 5 ppg including 4 of 8 by 3 or less.

Purdue had lost 17 straight in Ann Arbor last winning in 1966. Purdue's 48-42 win last year was led by 3rd string QB Siller including a 73/4pl drive ending with :26 left.

Purdue has won 7 of 10 but has lost the last 2. LY QB Siller threw a 40 yd pick 6 with :09 left in the 1H to trail 14-0 then scored with under 1 min to break the shutout.

In HC Tiller's final gm, Purdue's 52 pt win was the largest series margin since 1893. Purdue scored on the first 10 possessions matching their largest MOV in Ross-Ade.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Drew Brees 11,792 '97-'00
2. Curtis Painter 11,163 '05-'08
3. Mark Herrmann 9,946 '77-'80

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Alstott 3,635 '92-'95
2. Kory Sheets 3,341 '05-'08
3. Otis Armstrong 3,315 '70-'72

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. John Standeford 3,788 '00-'03
2. Taylor Stubblefield 3,629 '01-'04
3. Dorien Bryant 3,548 '04-'07

DANNY HOPE (Career 0-0) (FCS 35-22)
1st Year at Purdue
Hope's Bowl Record: 0-0

Hope's records AT PURDUE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

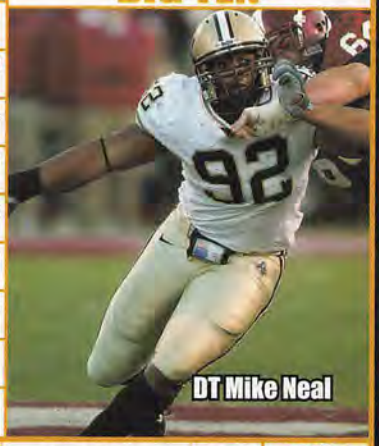
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,23,3)
Lost: 19 (13,6,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,702 (#35)

BIG TEN



STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500) (#38)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	6-6	7-6	9-4	7-5	5-6	8-6	8-5	4-8	62-50
Home	6-0	4-2	4-3	6-1	4-2	3-3	5-2	5-2	4-3	41-18
Away	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	3-3	2-3	0-5	19-27
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-5
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	2-6	37-35
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	3-2	3-2	3-1	2-1	3-3	5-0	2-2	25-15
ATS	6-6	5-6-1	7-4-1	8-4-1	5-7	3-7-1	6-7	6-6	5-6	51-53-4
Home Fav (Joe Tiller 1997)	4-2	3-2-1	2-2	6-1	4-2	1-4	0-3	3-2	2-1	25-19-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	5-5
Away Favorite (Danny Hope)	2-3	1-1	1-1-1	1-1	1-4	1-0-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	10-11-2
Away Dog	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-1-1	0-0	0-3	4-1	1-1	2-3	9-13-1
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-5
vs Conf	5-3	3-4-1	6-1-1	5-2-1	2-6	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	36-33-3
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-3	3-2	3-1	0-2-1	2-3	2-2	1-2	15-20-1
Off SU Win	3-5	3-3	4-2	6-2-1	3-4	2-1-1	4-4	4-2	1-2	30-25-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-2-1	3-2-1	2-1	1-3	1-5	2-3	1-4	4-4	18-25-2

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kory Sheets	234	1185	54	1131	16	4.8
Justin Siller	60	240	73	167	2	2.8
Anthony Heygood	1	61	0	61	0	61.0
Frank Halliburton	13	39	2	37	0	2.8
Dan Dierking	9	34	0	34	0	3.8
Ralph Bolden	16	31	3	28	0	1.8
Joey Elliott	7	26	13	13	1	1.9
Curtis Painter	44	120	110	10	0	0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Curtis Painter	379	227	59.9	2400	13	11
Justin Siller	106	59	55.7	496	3	2
Joey Elliott	15	8	53.3	81	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Desmond Tardy	67	876	13.1	5	60	
Greg Orton	69	720	10.4	5	43	
Keith Smith	49	486	9.9	2	31	
Kory Sheets	37	253	6.8	1	25	
Aaron Valentin	11	224	20.4	2	79	
Brandon Whittington	25	182	7.3	1	14	
Jerry Wasikowski	13	89	6.8	0	18	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chris Summers	50	1919	38.4	16	29.6(t)	1	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Carson Wiggs	19-21	3-3	3-3	1-2	1-3	8-11	53
Chris Summers	14-15	3-4	1-2	1-4	0-0	5-10	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Heygood	114	0	6	3	1
Torri Williams	83	0	0.5	6	2
Joe Holland	76	1	1	4	0
Ryan Kerrigan	56	7	4.5	4	1
Brandon King	48	0	2	9	1
Frank Duong	41	0	2	2	1
Dwight Mclean	36	0	0.5	3	2
Chris Carlino	36	0	0.5	0	0
Mike Neal	33	5.5	4.5	0	0
David Pender	32	0	1.0	12	1
Ryan Baker	31	1.5	9.5	0	1
Alex Magee	28	3.5	2.5	0	0
Royce Adams	18	0	1	0	0
Josh McKinley	17	0	1	0	0
Jermaine Guynn	16	1	1.5	0	0
Keyon Brown	15	1.5	0	0	0
Gerald Gooden	14	2	2	0	0
Nickcaro Golding	13	0	0	0	0
Dan Dierking	10	0	0	0	0
Fabian Martin	7	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Desmond Tardy	9	57	6.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Aaron Valentin	16	411	25.7	0
Desmond Tardy	12	345	28.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Sun	+3	Washington	34-24
03	Capital One - #12	+3'	Georgia - #11 (OT)	27-34
04	Sun	-8	Arizona St - #21	23-27
06	Champs Sports	-1	Maryland	7-24
07	Motor City	-7'	Central Michigan	51-48

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Purdue's All-Time Bowl Record 8-7

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL TOTAL	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	24.7	374	125	3.8	250	58.8	15.2	24	-3	2008	6	25.1	358	175	4.5	183	56.3	14.3	24
9*	34.3	436	129	4.1	307	62.1	12.7	25	+1	2007	9	26.5	389	149	4.0	240	56.9	14.7	30
6	26.0	416	124	4.3	292	59.5	16.0	20	-1	2006	5	26.7	432	191	4.9	241	61.3	16.2	30
6	30.0	429	187	4.9	242	56.3	14.3	9	+3	2005	11	28.1	430	143	3.5	287	58.8	15.3	28
8*	31.8	446	125	3.5	321	61.1	14.1	31	-3	2004	3	17.2	345	105	3.1	240	55.5	20.1	35
7*	26.8	373	149	3.5	224	60.6	13.9	33	+12	2003	9	17.4	303	97	2.7	206	52.9	17.4	41
8	29.7	453	197	4.4	256	60.0	15.2	20	-10	2002	8	22.2	317	116	3.3	201	48.2	14.3	30

2008 STATS BY GAME

PU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
51,476	N Colorado	17	26-116	4.5	15-28	286	1	22	37-122	3.3	27-42	216	2	-1
54,666	Oregon	25	45-201	4.5	26-50	207	4	26	43-306	7.1	20-47	197	0	+1
57,101	C Michigan	16	29-83	2.9	27-36	261	1	26	38-149	3.9	25-44	291	5	0
80,795	at Notre Dame	23	17-103	6.1	29-55	359	0	23	40-201	5.0	20-35	275	1	-1
57,215	Penn St	16	33-83	2.5	16-27	158	2	24	40-202	5.1	18-26	220	2	-1
105,378	at Ohio St	18	26-70	2.7	23-51	228	2	14	42-125	3.0	10-14	97	3	-2
27,163	at Northwestern	23	25-158	6.3	31-51	308	2	23	43-191	4.4	21-34	250	2	-2
54,215	Minnesota	19	40-117	2.9	16-30	109	5	15	34-109	3.2	21-34	212	4	-3
59,135	Michigan	25	46-256	5.6	21-34	266	0	15	37-177	4.8	9-21	123	3	0
75,522	at Michigan St	13	40-108	2.7	13-30	83	5	15	42-146	3.5	10-22	154	0	+3
67,676	at Iowa	24	32-86	2.7	37-52	251	1	14	38-248	6.5	8-15	72	1	0
63,107	Indiana	35	33-117	3.5	41-58	479	1	13	32-122	3.8	13-25	92	1	+3
TOTALS		254	392-1498	3.8	295-502	2995	24	230	466-2098	4.5	202-359	2199	24	-3
AVERAGES		21.2	33-125	3.8	25-42	250	4.8%	19.2	39-175	4.5	17-30	183	6.7%	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#24	Syracuse	-12'	51-0
#25	Ball St	-30'	59-7
#15	at Illinois	-21'	38-30
#15	at Notre Dame	-2'	41-16
#9	at Penn St	-10'	20-13
#5	Wisconsin - #10	-7	17-20
#12	Michigan - #13	-4	14-16
#17	at Northwestern	-10	10-13
–	at Iowa - #20	-1	21-23
–	Ohio St	-6	24-17
–	Indiana	-20'	63-24

2005 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#13	Akron	-34'	49-24
#12	at Arizona	-7	31-24
#11	at Minnesota	+3	35-42 2OT
#22	Notre Dame - #13	-3	28-49
–	Iowa	-4'	17-34
–	Northwestern	-7'	29-34
–	at Wisconsin - #19	+7'	20-31
–	at Penn St - #11	+15	15-33
–	Michigan St	+4'	28-21
–	Illinois	-23	37-3
–	at Indiana	-11	41-14

2006 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	Indiana St	NL	60-35
–	Miami, Oh	-17	38-31 OT
–	Ball St	-17	38-28
–	Minnesota	+3	27-21
–	at Notre Dame - #12	+14'	21-35
–	at Iowa - #19	+11	17-47
–	at Northwestern	-7	31-10
–	Wisconsin - #21	+6'	3-24
–	Penn St	+3	0-12
–	at Michigan St	+2'	17-15
–	at Illinois	+3	42-31
–	Indiana	-12'	28-19
–	at Hawaii - #25	+18'	35-42

2007 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	at Toledo	-6'	52-24
–	E Illinois	NL	52-6
–	C Michigan	-21'	45-22
–	at Minnesota	-13'	45-31
–	Notre Dame	-21'	33-19
#23	Ohio St - #4	+7	7-23
–	at Michigan	+5	21-48
–	Iowa	-7	31-6
–	Northwestern	-13'	35-17
–	at Penn St	+8	19-26
–	Michigan St	-4	31-48
–	at Indiana	-1'	24-27

2008 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	N Colorado	-42	42-10
–	Oregon - #16	+7	26-32 2OT
–	C Michigan	-10	32-25
–	at Notre Dame	+1'	21-38
–	Penn St - #6	+13'	6-20
–	at Ohio St - #12	+18'	3-16
–	at Northwestern	+4	26-48
–	Minnesota - #25	+2	6-17
–	Michigan	-2'	48-42
–	at Michigan St - #18	+9'	7-21
–	at Iowa	+17'	17-22
–	Indiana	-11	62-10

INDIANA HOOSIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Blake Powers set IU's season TD pass record (22) in 2005 and began '06 as the starter before injury. RFr Kellen Lewis started the last 9 and was the team MVP throwing for 2,221 (54.9%) with a 14-7 ratio (441 rush). I named Lewis 1st Tm Big Ten in '07 when he threw for 3,043 (60%) with a 28-10 ratio (also #1 rusher, 736) setting IU single-season records for yds and passing TD's. Against NW, Lewis was inj and Ben Chappell (PS#44) threw one pass which was int'd and ret'd 41 yds for a TD in a 3 pt loss. Chappell played in 3 with 1 other att. Last year Lewis was susp in the spring so Chappell got most of the snaps. They split snaps in Aug and the #3 was Mitchell Evans. Evans was a QB in spring, moved to S then to WR in Aug. Lewis became the first Hoosier to run for 2 TD's of 60+ in the same gm (WKU) while Chappell was used mostly in short yardage situations (235 lbs). Lewis was inj'd vs Mich St when IU introduced a package with Chappell at QB and Lewis at WR and he was banged up the rest of the year. He hit 15 of 21 vs Minn but missed the 2H Iowa. Chappell QB'd vs Illinois (12 of 29 for 172) and guided the win over NW hitting 21 of 34 for 219. He also took most of the snaps vs CM and UW. Lewis ret'd vs Penn St and Purdue but hit just a comb 22 of 46 for 149. He played in 10, throwing for 1,131 (57.0%) with a 6-8 ratio (#2 rusher) while Chappell threw for 1,001 (52.3%) with a 4-3 ratio. Evans hit 2 of 8. Teddy Schell (PS#69) played in one. IU RS Adam Follett (6'5" 227, PS#103), Connor Creevey (6'2" 218) and Andrew Pimentel (5'10" 172). The Hoosiers introduced the "Pistol" offense this spring and Lewis played WR full-time. That turned out to be a blessing in disguise as Lewis was kicked off the tm in late April. He leaves IU as the holder of 16 career passing records and Dustin Hass (holder) also departs. IU went from 236 ypg (59.9%) with a 28-11 ratio in '07 to 181 ypg (53.9%) with an 11-11 and they could improve even with the loss of Lewis.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hoosiers have used a RB-by-committee approach for the last 3 years. In 2006 ex-WR Marcus Thigpen, who was one of the fastest players in the Big Ten (track team), rushed for 387 (3.9) and had 18 rec. Demetrius McCray (PS#222) was the Scout Team Off MVP in 2005 and added 320 (3.6). In 2007 Thigpen led the RB's with 568 (4.1), Bryan Payton (36 yd '06) had 381 (4.2) and the inj plagued McCray added 138 (6.3). Last year Thigpen bulked up from 182 to 199 lbs and led with 631 (6.7). He became the first player in the NCAA since '02 to have two 70+ yd TD's in the same game (Mich St) and is also the first player in IU history with over 1,000 yards rushing, rec and return yards in a career (10 TD's of 74+ yd). Payton rushed for 339 (4.3) and McCray added 214 (3.6). Darius Willis (PS#53) has the best combination of speed and power of the RB's but RS. Zach Davis-Walker (5'8" 196 So, PS#228) had 106 (4.6) and Trea Burgess (6'1" 226 Jr) had 54 (3.2). Adding depth are Alex Hunt (6'0" 198 rFr, PS#134), Shawn Major-Winston (5'10" 206 So, PS#167) and FB Ian Reeves (6'0" 234 So). This year they lose Thigpen and I expect Willis to be the feature back.

RECEIVERS - In 2007, James Hardy (6'7") became IU's new career leader and had a school record 16 TD's with 1,125 yards (14.2). Andrew Means was #2 with 559 (11.6) and Ray Fisher was #3 with 482 (9.3). Hardy opted to leave for the NFL draft (#2DC) and Means played minor league baseball with Reds organization (#11DC) but ret'd to football in Aug. In '08 Means led with 450 (13.2) despite missing one and Fisher was #2 with 373 (8.9) also missing one. True frosh Demarlo Belcher (6'5") looked to fill Hardy's role and had 337 (13.5). Another true frosh Tandon Doss (PS#128) missed 4 but was the first IU true frosh with 100+ rec yards in a game since 1997 when he had 107 vs NW (186 on yr). QB/WR Mitchell Evans had 129 (14.3). This year they lose Brandon Walker-Roby (5 st, 7 rec), Means (11 st) and Fisher who moves to DB. QB Lewis spent the spring at WR before he was dismissed. This is a young receiving corps that should improve with experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With a mobile QB in Antwaan Randle-El in 2001, the Hoosiers avg 5.5 ypc rush but the next 5 years they failed to top 3.5 ypc rush and that included '06 when they had the mobile Lewis at QB (638 gross rush). In '06 then-HC Hoeppner recruited the "Seven Blocks of Limestone." Two played in '06 and 5 RS. In '07 IU had to replace one starter and two backups (comb 20 st) but improved to 157 ypg rush (4.3) while allowing 31 sacks (7.0%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups. With QB Lewis banged up, it was surprising that the rushing totals improved to 167 ypg (4.5) even though injuries caused them to play 7 different starting lineups. This year the 9 of the top 10 return with the only loss being RT Mike Stark (11 st). The "Seven Blocks of Limestone" are now experienced upperclassmen.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers allowed 5.0, 5.0 and 4.6 ypc rushing from 2004-'06. In '07, DE Greg Middleton set a school record (old rec Van Waiters' 14 in '87) with 16 sacks (#1 in NCAA). DE cohort Jammie Kirlew added 12.5 tfl and the team improved to 3.8 ypc. Last year IU had to replace one starter and one backup. Middleton was susp for the opener and then was double and triple teamed often and lost his spot at times (4 sk '08) to Ryan Marando. Kirlew had 10.5 sk and 9 tfl. This year they lose DT Greg Brown (12 st, 37 tkl), Marando (9 st, 28 tkl, 3.5 sk), DT Keith Burrus (2 st, 14 tkl), DT Kevin Burrus (2 tkl) and DE Jeff Boyd (2 tkl). Even though the unit has 2 starters lost, I count 3 ret starters as Middleton was a proj'd first day NFL DC prior to '08 and has 18 starts and 20 sks the L/2Y. They also add OL's Jarrod Smith (2 st, 11 gm) and Milton Owens. Even though Indy slipped to 4.1 ypc allowed while the sacks dropped to 31, this has the makings of one of the Big Ten's top D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - For years the Hoosiers emphasized speed over size at LB but they are getting bigger as this year's starting trio are 231, 236 and 244 lbs. Last year they had to replace one starter (#3 tkl'r) and this year lose Geno Johnson (12 st, 50 tkl, #7) and Jerry Williams (5 tkl). They appear in great shape as Tyler Replogle had 19 tackles vs Purdue in the season finale and takes over the open spot. MLB Matt Mayberry tied a school record with 4 sks vs CM LY. Not listed below are Brandon McGhee (6'1" 242 So), Jamie Lukaszewski (5'9" 201 Jr) and Greg Svarczkopf (5'9" 216 rFr).

WLB Will Patterson

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 IU had to replace its top 2 tacklers but ret'd the excellent CB combo of Tracy Porter (4.38 spd) and Leslie Majors. Indy rose to #67 (#111 in '06) with a 21-19 ratio. Last year they lost that CB combo (Porter #2DC). This unit was decimated as CB Christopher Phillips (Wk 3), SS Austin Thomas (Wk 8) and starting FS Nick Polk (Wk 9) were lost to ACL's. They played against Mich St, Penn St and Purdue without those 3 starting DB's. As you would expect, they dropped to #105. This year they lose SS Joe Kleinsmith (7 st, 56 tkl, 3 pbu), Phillips (3 st, 11 tkl), FS Brandon Mosley (5 st, 43 tkl) and Bruce Hampton (1 tkl). Florida transfer Jerimy Finch (PS#15) was cleared in late August but saw minimal action due to inj (6 tkl). Adding depth are Collin Taylor (6'0" 195 Sr) and Matt Kurz (5'11" 197 Sr). This year they have six back with starting experience and add Ray Fisher (19 st WR) and if they remain healthier, will make a large climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After a #115 finish in '05 in my ST rankings (#16 in '04), I called IU one of the NCAA's most improved ST units in '06 and they moved up to #38. Marcus Thigpen set a school record with 3 KR TD's in the same year and was #1 in IA in KR (30.1). Tracy Porter avg 18.6 on PR's and Austin Starr connected on 12 of 15 FG's (long 46). In '07 they only had to replace the P. Groza finalist Starr hit 21 of 23 FG's (long 49, IU rec 16 straight) including 11 of 12 from 40+ and the game winning 49 yarder vs Purdue. He also had 15 TB on 79 KO. Surprisingly the return avg dropped (Thigpen 22.9 KR, Porter 11.0 PR). They finished #54. Last year they had to replace Porter and find a new P again. Starr surprisingly hit just 10 of 17 FG's (long 46). New P Chris Hagerup improved the team's net to 36.6 while also taking a high snap and running for a FD vs NW on what turned out to be a key TD drive in the upset. Starr had 17 TB's on 53 KO. Thigpen avg just 22.4 on KR and Fisher 9.6 on PR. This year they lose Thigpen and Starr which will make it difficult to move up from last year's #76 finish.

COACHES - In 2005 Terry Hoeppner took over a program that hadn't had a winning season since 1994. He rebuilt the Hoosiers with the results paying off in a rare bowl appearance in '07 which sadly came after he lost his battle with cancer in June. Bill Lynch (OC here in '05-06) then took over as the HC. Lynch was the HC at Ball St from 1995-2002 winning the MAC Title in 1996 and finishing as MAC West co-Champs in 2001. The OC is Matt Canada (3rd yr) who was the QB coach from 2004-'06 and also N Illinois' OC in '03. IU has co-DC's (both 4Y) in Brian George and Joe Palcic. The two shared the position at Miami, Oh in 2004.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Indiana got to six bowl games under the tutelage of Bill Malloy between 1986-1993 but entered 2007 having gone through 12 straight losing seasons. Terry Hoeppner inherited just 13 returning starters in his first season here ('05) and nicknamed Memorial Stadium "The Rock" adding emphasis to the home games. He opened up his first year at 4-1 but they lost their last six thanks in part to being -8 in turnovers. In '06 Hoeppner missed two early winnable games and the team lost both. The Hoosiers got to 5-4 but lost their last three and narrowly missed out on a bowl. In '07 Hoeppner made the team's motto "Play 13" (the # of games played if in a bowl). Hoeppner passed away after courageously battling cancer and the Hoosier players vowed to deliver his goal. They went 7-5 and earned a trip to the Insight Bowl. Indy did have 5 All-Big Ten players (most S/'88). Indy was coming off the bowl trip last year and I had one of the few publications that pegged them for last in the Big Ten. Despite their 3-5 Big Ten mark in '07, they were -70.5 ypg (3rd worst) and had just 13 ret starters with 20 lettermen lost. As I expected, Indy struggled in '08. They opened 2-0 with a pair of wins vs WKU and Murray St but had a streak of 20 straight wins over the MAC end vs Ball St (42-20). After losing to Mich St by 13, IU managed just 1 FD in the first 29:00 vs Minn and lost by 9. They were thrashed by a combined 100-22 vs Iowa and Illinois but with the season seemingly out of control they stunningly upset NW 21-19. Part of the reason for Indy's downturn was the injury to Lewis vs Mich St. He was in and out of the lineup after that. CM, without QB LeFevour, got its first lead on a TD with 8:52 left and beat the Hoosiers by 3. IU lost their final 3 Big Ten games by an avg of 50-12! IU finished last in the Big Ten at 1-7 and was -177.3 ypg with their avg league loss by 41-14.5. This year IU is a more veteran squad with 15 ret starters and last year had 43 starts lost to injury (T-8th most FBS). This decade IU has not finished higher than #71 in the FBS in total def with their 393.8 ypg in '01 being their only year under 400 ypg. They have also not finished higher than 8th in the Big Ten in D. Five times they finished in the bottom 20 of the FBS (4 of 9 years - last in B10). They have not been ranked since Sept 20, '94. While IU is improved and strong along both lines, they lack playmakers with Lewis' departure. This may be IU's 14th losing year out of the last 15.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 4 Ben Chappell Jr. 6-3 235 PS#44. 3 st, 1015 (52%), 154 gross rush 2Y. All snaps in spring. **17** Teddy Schell (6'5" 221 So) PS#69. Dusty Kiel (6'2" 220 Fr) PS#66.

RB 28 Darius Willis rFr. 6-0 219 PS#53. Scout Tm Off POY LY. **27** Bryan Payton (5'9" 207 Sr) PS#473. 2 st, 756 (4.1) 3Y. Demetrius McCray (5'11" 200 Sr) PS#222. 4 st. 672 (4.0) 3Y.

WR 81 Tandon Doss So. 6-3 197 PS#128. 8 games then injury, 186 (13.3) true. **84** Matt Ernest (6'2" 187 So) PS#66. 5 gm, 3 rec rFr. Chris Banks (6'2" 176 Sr) PS#127.

WR 1 TERRANCE TURNER JR. 6-3 207 PS#232. 1 rec rFr. 9 st, 289 (10.0) LY. **5** Mitchell Evans (6'3" 197 Jr) PS#84QB. 1 st SS true. 2 st @ WR, 129 (14.3) LY. Duwyce Wilson PS#61.

WR 88 Demarlo Belcher So. 6-5 209 2 st, 12 gm, 337 (13.5) true. **9** Tyler Adetona (6'1" 207 rFr) PS#135. **85** Charles Love (6'3" 225 rFr) PS#224. Aaron Burks (5'11" 187 Jr) PS#444.

TE 41 MAX DEDMOND SO. 6-5 233 PS#24. 4 st, 51 (8.5) rFr. **87** Troy Wagner (6'5" 271 Sr) PS#152. 7 st 2Y. Brad Martin (6'4" 254 Jr) PS#92. 1 st 2Y. Brian Zematis (6'4" 250 Sr) PS#354.

C 64 PETE SAXON SR. 6-6 303 PS#226. 18 st 2Y. 10 st, 11 gm LY. **60** Will Matte (6'2" 284 rFr) **PS#86. LS** Brandon Bugg (6'0" 251 Sr) 13 gm 2Y. Jeff Sanders (6'4" 240 Jr) PS#74.

RG 79 CODY FAULKNER JR. 6-5 308 **PS#54**. 2 gm rFr. 11 st LY. **59** Mike Reiter (6'2" 300 Sr) PS#381. 1 gm '07. 4 st (2 LG, 1 C, 1 RG) 7 gm LY. **61** Chris Ahlfeld (6'1" 256 rFr) PS#480.

LG 70 JUSTIN PAGAN SO. 6-5 311 PS#156. Last 5 sts as true. Added 105 lbs to bench press. **65** Marc Damisch (6'6" 303 rFr) PS#172. Jordan Marquette is PS#415JC.

RT 73 James Brewer Jr. 6-8 339 PS#397. Inj'd rFr, 8 gms (inj) LY. **71** Alex Perry (6'7" 284 Jr) PS#164. 4 gm rFr. First 5 st, 10 gm LY. Josh Hager (6'9" 282 So) PS#421. 2 gm rFr.

LT 76 RODGER SAFFOLD SR. 6-5 306 PS#396. 6 st, 7 gm true. 13 st '07. 10 st (knee) LY. Added 100 lbs to bench press S/'06. **72** Andrew McDonald (6'6" 290 So) PS#276. 2 st, 5 gm rFr.

K NA Mitch Ewald Fr. 5-10 165 **PS#7. 91** Nick Ford (5'9" 198 Jr) PS#85. 1 xp, 1 gm LY. **99** Nick Freeland (5'11" 191 rFr) PS#55. **47** Kyler Scott (5'7" 173 rFr) PS#70.

DE 57 JAMMIE KIRLEW SR. 6-3 263 PS#44. 20 st, 84 tkl, 17.5 tfl 2Y. 10 st, 74 tkl, 19.5 tfl, **1st Tm B10 LY. 90** Eric Thomas (6'4" 265 So) **PS#61.** 1 tkl rFr. Kyle Kozak (6'4" 235 rFr) PS#421.

DT 52 Jarrod Smith Jr. 6-4 301 PS#197. 2 gm rFr. 2 st OL (1 @ LG, 1 @ C), 11 gm LY. Moved in spg. **75** Nicholas Sliger (6'3" 293 rFr) PS#108. **69** Mick Mentzer (6'4" 308 rFr) PS#121.

DT 55 DEONTE MACK JR. 6-3 286 PS#245. 18 tkl rFr. 10 st, 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **50** Larry Black (6'2" 312 rFr) PS#190. **63** Milton Owens (6'2" 306 So). 2 gm rFr. Moved from OL for spg.

DE 92 GREG MIDDLETON SR. 6-3 285 PS#217. 6 tkl true. 13 st, 50 tkl, 17 tfl, 1st Tm B10 '07. 5 st, 11 gm, 18 tkl LY. **51** Terrance Thomas (6'1" 263 Jr) 11 tkl 2Y. Fred Jones (6'4" 262 So) PS#234.

WLB 34 WILL PATTERSON SR. 6-1 236 PS#220. 5 st, 41 tkl true. 13 st, 104 tkl '07. 10 st (inj) 55 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. **25** Justin Carrington (6'0" 223 Sr) PS#152. 6 gm RB rFr. 1 st, 37 tkl '07. 28 tkl LY.

MLB 43 MATT MAYBERRY SR. 6-2 244 PS#108. 12 tkl true. 42 tkl '07. 12 st, 89 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. **44** Darius Johnson (6'0" 234 So) PS#79. 13 tkl rFr. Ian Reeves (6'0" 234 So) PS#445. 1 st @ FB LY.

SLB 46 Tyler Replogle Jr. 6-2 231 PS#123. 8 tkl (ACL) true. 2 st, 11 gm, 26 of 38 tkl in L/2 gm LY. **42** Chad Sherer (6'0" 212 rFr) PS#173. **48** Leon Beckum (5'11" 221 So). 2 tkl, 6 gm rFr.

CB 29 CHRIS ADKINS SO. 6-1 186 12 st, 54 tkl rFr. **10** Donnell Jones (5'10" 210 So) PS#491. 2 st, 20 tkl rFr. Adrian Burks (6'0" 175 Jr) PS#373. 6 tkl 2Y. Andre LaGrone (6'0" 185 So).

CB 7 RAY FISHER SR. 5-9 185 PS#119. 19 st WR, 1070 (9.1) 3Y. Moved in spring. **6** Richard Council (6'1" 201 Jr) PS#476. 7 st, 45 tkl, 9 pbu LY. Peter St Fort (6'0" 183 rFr) PS#260.

SS 20 AUSTIN THOMAS SR. 6-2 221 PS#426. 6 st, 49 tkl rFr. 12 st, 112 tkl, HM B10 '07. 5 st (ACL), 41 tkl LY. **30** Jarrell Drane (6'2" 197 So) PS#443. 2 tkl rFr. Kyle Dietrick (6'2" 197 rFr) PS#385.

FS 8 NICK POLK SR. 6-0 225 PS#300. 32 rec rFr. 13 st FS, 74 tkl '07. 7 st (inj), 52 tkl LY. **14** Jerimy Finch (6'1" 223 Jr) **PS#15. UF trans.** 6 tkl LY. Shane Covington (6'1" 194 rFr) PS#84.

P 12 CHRIS HAGERUP SO. 6-5 201 PS#52. 61 punts (42.4), tm net 36.6 rFr. No spg (ACL) '09. **30** Charlie Klingensmith (6'0" 180 Sr). Walk on. Discovered working out by Lynch. No gm action LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Duwyce Wilson	6-3 190 PS#61
DL	Adam Replogle	6-3 270 PS#112
WR	Jammone Chester	6-1 195 PS#82
QB	Edward Wright-Baker	6-1 205 PS#63
OL	Pat McShane	6-5 280 PS#110
OL	Charlie Chapman	6-6 275 PS#120
QB	Dusty Kiel	6-2 220 PS#66
DB	Nick Zachery	6-1 200 PS#133
K	Mitch Ewald	5-10 165 PS#7
LB	Dimitrius Carr	6-1 205 PS#133
DB	Lawrence Barnett	5-10 180 PS#161
OL	Colin Rodkey	6-4 270 PS#165
TE	Ted Bolser	6-5 230 PS#46
OL	Jordan Marquette	6-3 295 PS#415JC
DL	Javon Cornley	6-5 220 PS#285
OL	Aaron Price	6-4 285 PS#359
LB	Damon Sims	6-3 220 PS#324
RB	Griffin Dahlstrom	6-3 210 PS#420
OL	Steve Fiacable	6-1 280 PS#669
RB	Nick Turner	6-0 185 PS#609

INDIANA HOOSIERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#32

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 3	E Kentucky (Thur)	A					The EK opener is the 1st ever Thurs gm in Memorial Stadium history. Colonels were 8-4 LY losing 40-7 to Cincy, 37-13 to WKU & 38-10 to FCS Champion Richmond in the playoffs.
Sep. 12	Western Michigan	A					Indiana is 4-0 all-time vs WM including winning 37-27 in '07 & 39-20 in '06. Indy dropped a pair of MAC meetings LY getting upset by Ball St & Central Mich.
Sep. 19	at Akron	A					Indiana is 4-1 the L5Y in away openers. Indy scored 2 TD's in last 6:25 to pull away for a 41-24 win the last meeting vs UA. The Hoosiers are 32-6-2 vs current MAC teams.
Sep. 26	at Michigan	A					The Hoosiers have lost 15 straight & 30 of 31 to Michigan. The last win in Ann Arbor was in 1967 (0-15 since). IU is 1-16 the last 17 Big Ten openers (only win in '00).
Oct. 3	Ohio St	A					Indiana has dropped 14 straight to OSU & is 1-29-1 in Columbus with the win coming in 1987. In their last meeting ('06) the #1 Bucks outgained Indiana 540-165.
Oct. 10	at Virginia	G					First meeting. The Hoosiers are just 5-11 all-time vs current ACC teams. The Hoosiers are 1-8 away vs non-conference BCS teams but have not faced one since 2004.
Oct. 17	Illinois (HC)	A					Indy was outgained 563-313 in LY's loss. IU's 3 wins vs Illinois since 2003 are the most vs any conf opponent. Coming into '09, Indy is just 5-10 hosting the Big Ten.
Oct. 24	at Northwestern	G					Last year's 21-19 HC win snapped a 4 game losing streak to the Wildcats. IU is now 0-5 visiting Evanston S/'95 but the last 2 were each decided by a FG.
Oct. 31	at Iowa	A					Indiana is 3-8 in Iowa including an upset win their last trip in '07. They had 9 sacks & led 21-0. The winner has won by 20 ppg with the closest MOV being 7 pts.
Nov. 7	Wisconsin	A					Indiana has dropped the L/4 by an avg 29 ppg & have dropped 10 of the last 12. The Hoosiers were outgained 601-274 LY allowing 441 yds rush & 3 players w/112.
Nov. 14	at Penn St	G					Indiana is winless (0-12) facing Penn St. In their L/3 trips to Happy Valley (S/'01) they have been outscored by an avg 29 ppg. Last year they were outF'd 23-6.
Nov. 21	Purdue	A					Indiana is 2-10 in the series S/'97 but did win 27-24 in their last meeting here in '07. LY's 62-10 final was the largest margin since their 3rd meeting in 1893 (PU 64-0).
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Antwaan Randle El 7,469 '98-'01
2. Steve Bradley 6,579 '83-'85
3. Kellen Lewis 6,395 '06-'08

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Anthony Thompson 5,299 '86-'89
2. Antwaan Randel El 3,895 '98-'01
3. Alex Smith 3,492 '94-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. James Hardy 2,740 '05-'07
2. Courtney Roby 2,524 '01-'04
3. Ernie Jones 2,361 '84-'87

BILL LYNCH (Career 47-68) (Div II 36-12-3) (Div III 8-2)
3rd Year at Indiana
Bowls: 0-2
Ball St '95-'02

Lynch AT INDIANA/OVERALL

10-15 / 47-68	SU	0-1 / 0-4	Vs Top 10
8-7 / 29-24	Home	0-1 / 2-7	Vs Top 25
2-7 / 18-42	Away	0-1 / 0-17	Vs BCS Tms
0-1 / 0-2	Neutral	0-2 / 2-5	Off A Bye
4-12 / 32-46	Vs Conf	4-9 / 18-43	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (22,25,2)
Lost: 23 (8,14,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,782 (#72)

BIG TEN

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (49,225) (#65)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	3-9	2-10	3-8	4-7	5-7	7-6	3-9	35-70
Home	3-3	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-3	3-3	3-4	5-2	3-5	27-30
Away	0-5	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-5	1-4	2-3	2-3	0-4	8-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	1-7	1-7	1-7	1-7	3-5	3-5	1-7	17-55
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-2	1-3	2-1	3-0	2-2	4-1	2-2	18-15
ATS	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	4-7	3-6-1	5-6	7-5	2-9	36-62-1
Home Fav	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	0-3	11-8
Home Dog	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	2-2	2-1	1-3	11-21
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-3-1
Away Dog	1-4	2-3	2-3	1-5	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-3	13-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	2-6	3-5	2-6	2-6	4-4	4-4	2-6	25-47
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	3-1	0-3	11-15-1
Off SU Win	0-3	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	3-4	0-2	10-21
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-3	3-5	3-5	2-5	1-5	3-3	4-1	2-6	24-37

Dan Shannon '97 | Gerry DiNardo | Terry Hoeppner | Bill Lynch

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Thigpen	94	661	30	631	7	6.7
Kellen Lewis	93	600	100	500	3	5.4
Bryan Payton	79	350	11	339	2	4.3
Demetrius McCray	59	224	10	214	2	3.6
Zach Davis-Walker	23	109	3	106	1	4.6
Ben Chappell	50	148	76	72	3	1.4
Ray Fisher	10	58	0	58	0	5.8
Trea Burgess	17	55	1	54	0	3.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kellen Lewis	193	110	57.0	1131	6	8
Ben Chappell	153	80	52.3	1001	4	3
Mitchell Evans	8	2	25.0	37	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Andrew Means	34	450	13.2	1	47
Ray Fisher	42	373	8.9	5	64
Damarlo Belcher	25	337	13.5	2	47
Terrance Turner	29	289	10.0	0	38
Marcus Thigpen	13	235	18.1	2	79
Tandon Doss	14	186	13.3	1	28
Mitchell Evans	9	129	14.3	0	23
Brandon Walker-Roby	7	54	7.7	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Hagerup	61	2586	42.4	10	36.6(t)	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Austin Starr	27-29	4-4	3-6	3-6	0-1	10-17	46

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Mayberry	89	5	3.5	2	0
Jammie Kirlew	74	10.5	9	0	0
Joe Kleinsmith	56	1	0	3	0
Will Patterson	55	1.5	7	3	1
Chris Adkins	54	0	2	4	0
Nick Polk	52	0	1.5	2	1
Geno Johnson	50	2	2	1	0
Richard Council	45	0	0	9	0
Brandon Mosley	43	0	0	1	1
Austin Thomas	41	0	2	1	2
Tyler Replogle	38	1	0	0	0
Greg Brown	37	0	4.5	0	0
Justin Carrington	28	0.5	0	2	0
Ryan Marando	28	3.5	3	2	0
Deonte Mack	21	2	0.5	0	0
Donnell Jones	20	0	1	3	1
Greg Middleton	18	4	1	1	0
Keith Burrus	14	0	1	0	0
Darius Johnson	13	0	0	0	0
Chris Phillips	11	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ray Fisher	11	106	9.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Thigpen	38	853	22.4	0
Demetrius McCray	17	387	22.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
88	Liberty	-3	South Carolina	34-10
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0
93	Independence - #21	+3	Virginia Tech - #22	20-45
07	Insight	+5	Oklahoma St	33-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Indiana's All-Time Bowl Record
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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	20.5	348	167	4.5	181	53.9	17.0	28	+1	2008	7	35.3	432	172	4.1	261	63.1	12.3	31
9*	31.7	394	157	4.3	236	59.9	12.4	31	+2	2007	7	28.5	403	160	3.8	244	61.6	14.2	42
7*	23.1	336	114	3.5	222	54.0	14.6	26	-4	2006	6	32.8	402	174	4.6	228	61.6	12.3	14
4	22.5	351	131	3.4	220	55.3	15.6	28	-8	2005	9	32.8	417	215	5.0	203	55.1	12.7	19
10*	23.8	322	136	3.2	186	55.3	13.5	27	+4	2004	7	31.2	453	197	5.0	256	56.4	14.5	22
6	14.8	322	155	3.4	167	52.7	21.8	40	+3	2003	6	32.3	430	193	4.5	237	67.1	13.3	15
7	21.5	369	117	3.2	252	51.1	17.1	29	-12	2002	5	37.1	429	235	5.4	194	60.3	11.6	15

2008 STATS BY GAME

IU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
30,067	WKU	21	41-297	7.2	18-30	153	2	14	31-63	2.0	19-31	219	3	0
30,123	Murray St	29	53-254	4.8	21-28	222	0	10	27-28	1.0	19-28	121	4	+2
41,349	Ball St	20	48-256	5.3	11-25	159	2	24	42-224	5.3	16-25	239	1	0
31,832	Michigan St	19	28-189	6.8	23-44	284	1	23	52-236	4.5	14-26	261	0	-3
40,511	at Minnesota	10	24-49	2.0	16-24	244	4	22	44-59	1.3	22-37	274	4	-1
33,428	Iowa	15	28-95	3.4	22-36	191	1	28	51-227	4.5	13-22	195	1	-2
62,870	at Illinois	18	44-141	3.2	12-29	172	4	27	44-292	6.6	16-22	271	2	-1
30,698	Northwestern	17	36-72	2.0	22-35	247	3	23	47-152	3.2	22-35	164	3	+5
26,140	C Michigan	22	43-272	6.3	13-25	213	5	26	31-37	1.2	35-53	485	7	-1
30,618	Wisconsin	14	38-133	3.5	13-34	141	3	31	61-441	7.2	11-20	160	2	+3
108,445	at Penn St	6	30-123	4.1	9-23	57	2	23	38-184	4.8	22-39	258	3	+2
63,107	at Purdue	13	32-122	3.8	13-25	92	1	35	33-117	3.5	41-58	479	1	-3
TOTALS		204	445-2003	4.5	193-358	2175	28	286	501-2060	4.1	250-396	3126	31	+1
AVERAGES		17.0	37-167	4.5	16-30	181	7.8%	23.8	42-172	4.1	21-33	261	7.8%	0.1

2004 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	C Michigan	-10'	41-10
–	at Oregon - #24	+20'	30-24
–	at Kentucky	+2	32-51
–	Michigan St	+3	20-30
–	Michigan - #19	+18	14-35
–	at Northwestern	+11	24-31 2OT
–	at Ohio St	+13'	7-30
–	Minnesota - #24	+17'	30-21
–	at Illinois	+2	22-26
–	Penn St	+3'	18-22
–	at Purdue	+20'	24-63

2005 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at C Michigan	-7	20-13
–	Nicholls St	NL	35-31
–	Kentucky	-1'	38-14
–	at Wisconsin - #17	+17'	24-41
–	Illinois	-7	36-13
–	at Iowa	+16	21-38
–	Ohio St - #14	+15'	10-41
–	at Michigan St	+17'	15-46
–	Minnesota	+13	21-42
–	at Michigan - #21	+25'	14-41
–	Purdue	+11	14-41

2006 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Michigan	-6'	39-20
–	at Ball St	-3'	24-23
–	S Illinois	NL	28-35
–	Connecticut	-1	7-14
–	Wisconsin	+11'	17-52
–	at Illinois	+8'	34-32
–	Iowa - #15	+19'	31-28
–	at Ohio St - #1	+30'	3-44
–	Michigan St	+7	46-21
–	at Minnesota	+5'	26-63
–	Michigan - #2	+19	3-34
–	at Purdue	+12'	19-28

2007 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Indiana St	NL	55-7
–	at W Michigan	E	37-27
–	Akron	-13'	41-24
–	Illinois	+2	14-27
–	at Iowa	+10	38-20
–	Minnesota	-13'	40-20
–	at Michigan St	+3'	27-52
–	Penn St	+7	31-36
–	at Wisconsin	+9	3-33
–	Ball St	-7	38-20
–	at Northwestern	-2'	28-31
–	Purdue	+1'	27-24

2008 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	WKU	-20	31-13
–	Murray St	-41'	45-3
–	Ball St	-3	20-42
–	Michigan St	+8	29-42
–	at Minnesota	+7	7-16
–	Iowa	+6	9-45
–	at Illinois	+15'	13-55
–	Northwestern	+8	21-19
–	C Michigan	-2	34-37
–	Wisconsin	+9'	20-55
–	at Penn St - #7	+34'	7-34
–	at Purdue	+11	10-62

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 BIG 12 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	Colt McCoy, Texas	Zac Robinson, Oklahoma St	Robert Griffin, Baylor
RB	Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma St	Chris Brown, Oklahoma	Jake Sharp, Kansas	Darrell Scott, Colorado
RB	DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	Derrick Washington, Missouri	Roy Helu, Nebraska	Jay Finley, Baylor
WR	Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St	Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	Brandon Banks, Kansas St	Josh Smith, Colorado
WR	Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas	Kerry Meier, Kansas	Ryan Tannehill, Texas A&M	Edward Britton, TexasTech
WR	Jordan Shipley, Texas	Detron Lewis, Texas Tech	Jared Perry, Missouri	Jeff Fuller, Texas A&M
TE	Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma	Jeron Mastrud, Kansas St	Mike McNeill, Nebraska	Jamie McCoy, Texas A&M
C	Chris Hall, Texas	Jacob Hickman, Nebraska	Tim Barnes, Missouri	JD Walton, Baylor
OG	Brandon Carter, Texas Tech	Charlie Tanner, Texas	Andrew Lewis (C), Oklahoma St	Blake Behrens, Colorado
OG	Kurtis Gregory, Missouri	Reggie Stephens, Iowa St	Evan Eike, Texas A&M	Brian Simmons, Oklahoma
OT	Russell Okung, Oklahoma St	Adam Ulatoski, Texas	Jeff Spikes, Kansas	Ryan Miller (OG), Colorado
OT	Trent Williams, Oklahoma	Marlon Winn, Texas Tech	Nick Stringer, Kansas St	Jarvis Jones, Oklahoma
DE	McKinner Dixon, Texas Tech	Auston English, Oklahoma	Eric Childs, Kansas St	Pierre Allen, Nebraska
DT	Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma	Phil Taylor, Baylor	Brandon Harold, Kansas St	Caleb Blakesley, Kansas
DT	Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska	Jaron Baston, Missouri	Lamarr Houston, Texas	Daniel Calvin, Kansas St
DE	Jeremy Beal, Oklahoma	Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Kansas St	Jake Laptad, Kansas	Jason Lamb, Baylor
LB	Joe Pawelek, Baylor	Andre Sexton, Oklahoma St	Shaun Mohler, Colorado	Marlon Williams, Texas Tech
LB	Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri	Keenan Clayton, Oklahoma	Brian Duncan, Texas Tech	Jeff Smart, Colorado
LB	Travis Lewis, Oklahoma	Ryan Reynolds, Oklahoma	Orie Lemon, Oklahoma St	Von Miller, Texas A&M
LB	Sergio Kindle, Texas	Roddrick Muckelroy, Texas	Jesse Smith, Iowa St	Patrick Lavine, Oklahoma St
CB	Cha'pelle Brown, Colorado	Joshua Moore, Kansas St	Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St	Brian Jackson, Oklahoma
CB	Dominique Franks, Oklahoma	Jamar Wall, Texas Tech	Jordan Peterson, Texas A&M	Carl Gettis, Missouri
SS	Darrell Stuckey, Kansas	Earl Thomas, Texas	Larry Asante, Nebraska	Trent Hunter, Texas A&M
FS	Jordan Lake, Baylor	Blake Gideon, Texas	James Smith, Iowa St	Jordan Pugh, Texas A&M
K	Alex Henery, Nebraska	Hunter Lawrence, Texas	Grant Mahoney, Iowa St	Dan Bailey, Oklahoma St
P	Derek Epperson, Baylor	John Gold, Texas	Mike Brandtner, Iowa St	Alonso Rojas, Kansas
KR	Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St	Leonard Johnson, Iowa St	Josh Smith, Colorado	Brandon Banks, Kansas St
PR	Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St	Daymond Patterson, Kansas	Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	Josh Smith, Colorado

Kansas
WR Dezmon Briscoe

Colorado
CB Cha'pelle Brown

Missouri
LB Sean Weatherspoon

Big 12 Notes: Sam Bradford became the first QB to guide his team to two Big 12 Titles as the first 11 Big 12 Title games were won by 11 diff QB's. The Big 12 has been the 2nd best conference the last two years with FOUR top ten teams in 2007. Last year the Big 12's 29-10 record in FBS non-conf games (reg ssn) was #1 and they had 5 Top 25 teams at the end of the year which was also #1. They are 9-6 in bowls the last 2 years. There was a lot of controversy last year after a 3 way tie in the South with the tiebreaker basically determining who played in the title game. The Big 12 was all offense LY with the avg combined score 67 ppg in league action.

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 BIG 12 FORECAST

BIG 12 SOUTH

1. TEXAS - Texas felt that they should have been in the Big 12 Title game and playing for the National Title as they beat the Sooners head-to-head. The Horns finished 2008 #4 in the polls and have just 12 lettermen lost (fewest B12) and 16 returning starters (tied for most B12). I rate them #1 in the Big 12 in 6 of 9 categories and while they do have to play five B12 games away from home including Okla and Okla St, they get my call to win the Big 12 South and perhaps play in the National Title game.

2. OKLAHOMA - The Sooners were the strongest team in the Big 12 last year (+159 ypg vs conf foes) and probably would have beaten Texas had they not lost LB Reynolds to injury. Unfortunately Big Game Bob suffered his 5th straight BCS bowl loss. The only question mark on this year's Sooner squad is the O-line but in 2006 they had to replace 4 starters and the OL still had a fine year. OU has to play 6 bowl teams away from home but Oct 17th will determine who wins the Big 12 South and I rate that game a toss-up.

3. OKLAHOMA ST - This is Mike Gundy's fifth season and the Cowboys, after going 4-7 his first year, have improved each year. This year they have perhaps the best skill player combo in the country in QB Zac Robinson, RB Kendall Hunter and WR Dez Bryant with two of those three earning 1st Tm AA honors last year. Bill Young inherits a talented D and should get the most out of it and if you are looking for the team in the South that will challenge Okla and Texas (much like TTech did last year), it's the Cowboys as they proved they were capable of playing with the big boys last year.

4. TEXASTECH - In last year's magazine I mentioned that all 8 sets of my power ratings (now 9 sets) called for Tech to have their first 10 win regular season since 1976 and be 10-0 for their matchup vs Okla and a loaded TT team delivered. That Tech squad had 18 ret starters incl their veteran QB and the top WR in college ball. This year Tech has just 11 ret starters and in '08 benefited from +8 in TO's, just 9 starts lost to injury (#14) and 3 net close wins. While they will not match LY's 11 win total, they should have their 15th straight winning season.

5. BAYLOR - Art Briles did a great job with the Bears last year and has 16 ret starters (tied for most B12) including QB Robert Griffin. I like the talent this year and the fact they also had 3 net close losses in '08. They have finished out of the basement only twice (two times, once in '05 & LY when they beat A&M head-to-head) since the Big 12 was formed in '96. Baylor makes my Most Improved List which should mean their first bowl since '94.

6. TEXAS A&M - Has it really come to this? RC Slocum had A&M competing for the Big 12 South Title each year but Aggie fans wanted an annual National Title contender and things have not worked out so well. Last year for the first time ever the Aggies finished in the basement and were -147 ypg (2nd worst). They figure to be a much improved team but their 28 lettermen lost tie for most in the league. A&M's once proud wrecking crew D has allowed 29.7 ppg since Solcum left including a mind-boggling 37.4 ppg last year. A&M should open the season with 3 blowout wins vs non-conf foes which will give them a lot more confidence once the Big 12 rolls around. The Aggies could easily achieve a winning season despite my forecast here in the rugged Big 12 South.

BIG 12 NORTH

1. NEBRASKA - Nebraska has just 13 returning starters and loses 23 lettermen including their record setting QB which ties them for the 3rd least experienced team in the Big 12. They do have the top 4 tacklers back and I rate their O-line and D-line each #2 in the Big 12 overall giving them the best line play in the North (by far). While Nebraska did not play in the Big 12 Title game, they were +112 ypg in conf play (best of the North) and tied for the North Title despite being -11 in TO's. The schedule is not easy but the Huskers have the most talent of the North teams this year.

2. COLORADO - Dan Hawkins' 3 years have not gone as expected as the Buffs are just 8-16 in the Big 12 and have been -29.7, -55.4 and -97.4 ypg in Big 12 play (keeps getting worse). They have just 4 defensive starters back but their D ranked #4 vs Big 12 foes in '08 and should perform better than those numbers indicate. CU does have 3 Big 12 North HG's and are led by a powerful rush attack making my list of Most Improved Teams.

2. KANSAS ST - At one point I considered Bill Snyder one of, if not the premier coach in college football. He did suffer 4-7 and 5-6 records his last 2 years and now returns at 70 years old to retake the program. They were -150.9 ypg in Big 12 (league worst). Twelve players who were expected to contribute have left as of presstime but K-St goes from 12 returning starters of '08 to 14 this year and were -7 in TO's. K-St does have the most favorable schedule of any Big 12 team. They face just one North team at the opponent's stadium (Iowa St neutral site). The Wildcats make my Most Improved List which means they should be back in the postseason.

4. KANSAS - KU may be the preseason Big 12 North favorite as they have by far the division's best QB in Todd Reesing and return the top 5 rushers and top 4 receivers from the Big 12 North's most explosive offense. KU did allow 447.1 (#9) ypg in league play last year and while they have 7 defensive starters back, they lose 3 of their top 4 tacklers (LB crew). They also have some question marks on special teams. They draw a killer Big 12 schedule with just 3 HG's and must play Okla, Texas and also travel to Lubbock out of the South.

5. MISSOURI - Missouri has been very good to me the last few years. In 2007 I was one of the few to pick the Tigers to win the Big 12 North and they delivered and last year were my pick again and made it to their 2nd straight Big 12 Title game. This year they have the fewest amount of starters in the Big 12 (9) and are tied with OSU for the league's fewest returning lettermen (34). The Tigers lose QB Daniel, their top 3 WR's (#1 and #3 DC's) and 7 All-Big 12 defensive players. This looks like a rebuilding year and I'll call for them to have their lowest finish in the North since 2002.

6. IOWA ST - Iowa St basically made a trade with Auburn as the Tigers DC, Paul Rhoads becomes their HC while Gene Chizik surprisingly was hired by the SEC squad. ISU does have 15 returning starters (4th most B12) and the most here since 1999. They also had 4 net close losses last year and are a much stronger team than their 2008 squad which went 0-8 in the Big 12. With new schemes on both offense and defense, it looks like another rebuilding year for the Cyclones and they have just 3 Big 12 HG's.

2008 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
1	Oklahoma	55.1	1	571.8	1	218.9	1	5.9	3	352.9	2	65.5	5	10.4	12	6	2	6	1
4	Texas Tech	44.0	2	517.9	2	105.1	11	4.2	8	412.8	1	74.4	2	11.8	9	13	4	10	2
7	Texas	41.1	3	473.6	4	162.8	5	4.2	6	310.9	4	76.6	1	11.5	10	9	3	19	8
8	Oklahoma St	36.5	5	452.6	6	213.9	2	5.1	2	238.8	10	64.8	6	12.4	8	13	4	12	4
9	Missouri	40.6	4	466.4	5	152.1	6	5.3	1	314.3	3	73.6	3	11.5	11	15	6	11	3
14	Nebraska	35.5	6	476.9	3	182.5	3	4.6	4	294.4	5	71.5	4	13.4	5	18	10	16	6
25	Kansas	31.4	7	410.4	7	133.9	7	3.9	9	276.5	7	62.7	7	13.1	7	17	9	23	11
40	Kansas St	28.9	8	382.5	9	127.5	9	3.8	10	255.0	9	56.2	11	13.2	6	18	10	16	6
41	Baylor	24.9	10	349.8	11	181.6	4	4.5	5	168.1	12	59.1	10	14.1	3	5	1	19	8
66	Texas A&M	26.8	9	362.5	10	77.1	12	2.7	12	285.4	6	60.3	8	13.6	4	19	12	28	12
72	Iowa St	22.0	11	406.1	8	131.0	8	4.1	7	275.1	8	59.4	9	18.5	1	15	6	15	5
99	Colorado	16.9	12	307.5	12	117.5	10	3.3	11	190.0	11	52.1	12	18.2	2	16	8	22	10

2008 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
5	Texas	22.5	1	358.3	1	84.1	1	3.16	1	274.1	4	59.0	2	15.9	12	11	1	28	1
14	Oklahoma	30.8	4	412.8	6	128.3	3	3.90	5	284.5	6	57.8	1	13.4	8	20	5	25	2
43	Texas Tech	31.4	5	384.4	3	150.3	8	4.19	6	234.1	2	65.6	7	12.3	5	15	8	19	3
44	Nebraska	34.0	8	364.9	2	133.9	5	4.32	9	231.0	1	60.0	3	10.7	1	9	12	19	3
51	Oklahoma St	29.5	3	427.0	7	119.8	2	3.88	4	307.3	10	67.8	8	14.5	10	17	3	11	10
56	Missouri	26.6	2	405.5	5	129.6	4	3.64	2	275.9	5	69.0	10	15.2	11	14	2	17	6
59	Colorado	32.1	6	404.9	4	163.4	9	4.22	7	241.5	3	65.4	5	12.6	7	9	6	18	5
60	Kansas	36.6	9	447.1	9	142.6	6	4.23	8	304.5	9	65.5	6	12.2	4	17	9	16	7
62	Baylor	32.1	6	432.8	8	143.1	7	3.86	3	289.6	7	69.7	11	13.5	9	16	4	9	12
100	Kansas St	42.4	11	533.4	12	223.3	12	5.35	12	310.1	11	62.4	4	12.6	6	13	7	12	8
106	Iowa St	41.8	10	497.5	10	170.5	10	4.62	10	327.0	12	71.0	12	11.9	3	13	10	12	8
104	Texas A&M	43.9	12	509.5	11	215.1	11	5.20	11	294.4	8	68.3	9	11.6	2	10	11	11	10

2008 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2008	2007	2006
Missouri	5	3	325	213	10	4	591	381	+60.9	+135.0	+10.4
Nebraska	5	3	284	272	9	4	460	371	+112.0	-55.6	+23.5
Kansas	4	4	251	293	8	5	434	375	-36.7	+92.3	-31.7
Colorado	2	6	135	257	5	7	242	351	-97.4	-55.4	-29.7
Kansas St	2	6	231	339	5	7	419	430	-150.9	-16.8	-18.0
Iowa State	0	8	176	334	2	10	304	430	-91.4	-117.9	-113.1
SOUTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2008	2007	2006
Oklahoma	7	1	441	246	12	2	716	343	+159.0	+35.5	+98.7
Texas Tech	7	1	352	251	11	2	569	362	+133.5	+104.4	+95.3
Texas	7	1	329	180	12	1	551	244	+115.3	+60.6	+43.9
Oklahoma St	5	3	292	236	9	4	530	365	+25.6	+21.9	+4.7
Baylor	2	6	199	257	4	8	336	352	-83.0	-181.4	-134.2
Texas A&M	2	6	214	351	4	8	300	449	-147.0	-22.6	+50.5

Coach of the Year: Mike Leach, Texas Tech/Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
BIG 12 TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 62 Missouri 21

2007 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Missouri	7	1	335	181	12	2	558	326
Kansas	7	1	318	169	12	1	556	213
Colorado	4	4	238	276	6	7	355	383
Kansas St	3	5	285	278	5	7	442	370
Nebraska	2	6	257	339	5	7	401	455
Iowa State	2	6	141	285	3	9	218	381
SOUTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	6	2	280	172	11	3	592	284
Texas	5	3	284	223	10	3	484	329
Texas Tech	4	4	273	238	9	4	532	337
Texas A&M	4	4	190	213	7	6	363	337
Oklahoma St	4	4	283	266	7	6	450	384
Baylor	0	8	108	352	3	9	218	444

Coach of the Year: Mark Mangino, Kansas
TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 38 Missouri 17

2006 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nebraska	6	2	236	173	9	5	428	256
Missouri	4	4	214	178	8	5	391	254
Kansas St	4	4	188	218	7	6	296	309
Kansas	3	5	234	225	6	6	348	306
Colorado	2	6	160	199	2	10	196	267
Iowa State	1	7	120	262	4	8	226	369
SOUTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	7	1	208	121	11	3	424	242
Texas	6	2	270	173	10	3	467	238
Texas A&M	5	3	193	174	9	4	362	267
Texas Tech	4	4	240	235	8	5	422	326
Oklahoma St	3	5	264	243	7	6	458	303
Baylor	3	5	194	320	4	8	283	391

Coach of the Year: Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 21 Nebraska 7

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Brandon Williams, Texas Tech	13	104
Brian Orakpo, Texas	11.5	100
Stryker Sulak, Missouri	10.5	94
James Holt, Kansas	10	92
Sergio Kindle, Texas	**10**	**71**
McKinner Dixon, Texas Tech	**9**	**47**
Jeremy Beal, Oklahoma	**8.5**	**70**
Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska	**7.5**	**67**
Jake Laptad, Kansas	**7**	**36**
Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma	**6.5**	**35**
Brad Jones, Colorado	7	51
Zach Potter, Nebraska	5.5	44

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	NO	YDS
James Holt, Kansas	19.5	112
Brian Orakpo, Texas	19	112
Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska	**19**	**85**
Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri	**18.5**	**75**
Zach Potter, Nebraska	16	54
Brandon Williams, Texas Tech	15.5	123
Stryker Sulak, Missouri	15.5	106
Jeremy Beal, Oklahoma	**15.5**	**87**
Sergio Kindle, Texas	**14**	**78**
Brad Jones, Colorado	14	64
Michael Bennett, Texas A&M	12	44
Travis Lewis, Oklahoma	**12**	**38**

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Earl Thomas, Texas	**17**	**2**	**19**
Jacob Lacey, Oklahoma St	14	2	16
Joshua Moore, Kansas St	**12**	**3**	**15**
Darcel McBath, Texas Tech	7	7	14
Dominque Franks, Oklahoma	**10**	**4**	**14**
Joe Pawelek, Baylor	**7**	**6**	**13**
Jamar Wall, Texas Tech	**11**	**2**	**13**
Justin Thornton, Kansas	**11**	**1**	**12**
Cha'pelle Brown, Colorado	**10**	**2**	**12**
Darrell Stuckey, Kansas	**7**	**5**	**12**
Brian Jackson, Oklahoma	**10**	**2**	**12**
Anthony West, Nebraska	**9**	**2**	**11**
Daniel Charbonnet, Texas Tech	6	5	11
Ryan Palmer, Texas	8	3	11

2008 BIG 12 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	**483**	**328**	**67.9**	**8**	**4720**	**9.8**	**50**	**180.8**
Colt McCoy, Texas	**433**	**332**	**76.7**	**8**	**3859**	**8.9**	**34**	**173.8**
Zac Robinson, Okla St	**314**	**204**	**65.0**	**10**	**3064**	**9.8**	**25**	**166.8**
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	626	442	70.6	9	5111	8.2	45	160.0
Chase Daniel, Missouri	528	385	72.9	18	4335	8.2	39	159.4
Joe Ganz, Nebraska	420	285	67.9	11	3568	8.5	25	153.6
Todd Reesing, Kansas	**495**	**329**	**66.5**	**13**	**3888**	**7.9**	**32**	**148.5**
Robert Griffin, Baylor	**267**	**160**	**59.9**	**3**	**2091**	**7.8**	**15**	**142.0**
Jerrod Johnson, Texas A&M	**326**	**194**	**59.5**	**10**	**2435**	**7.5**	**21**	**137.4**
Josh Freeman, Kansas St	382	224	58.6	8	2945	7.7	20	136.5
Austen Arnaud, Iowa St	**401**	**247**	**61.6**	**10**	**2792**	**7.0**	**15**	**127.4**
Cody Hawkins, Colorado	**320**	**183**	**57.2**	**10**	**1892**	**5.9**	**17**	**118.1**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/PG	REC AVG	YDS/PG
Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St	**13**	**87**	**1480**	**19**	**6.7**	**17.0**	**113.8**
Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas	**13**	**92**	**1407**	**15**	**7.1**	**15.3**	**108.2**
Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	14	102	1260	13	7.3	12.4	90.0
Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech	13	97	1165	19	7.5	12.0	89.6
Brandon Banks, Kansas St	**12**	**67**	**1049**	**9**	**5.6**	**15.7**	**87.4**
Quan Cosby, Texas	13	92	1123	10	7.1	12.2	86.4
Chase Coffman, Missouri	12	90	987	10	7.5	11.0	82.3
Juaquin Iglesias, Oklahoma	14	74	1150	10	5.3	15.5	82.1
Jordan Shipley, Texas	**13**	**89**	**1060**	**11**	**6.8**	**11.9**	**81.5**
Kerry Meier, Kansas	**13**	**97**	**1045**	**8**	**7.5**	**10.8**	**80.4**
Ryan Tannehill, Texas A&M	**11**	**55**	**844**	**5**	**5.0**	**15.3**	**76.7**
Nate Swift, Nebraska	13	63	941	10	4.8	14.9	72.4
Detron Lewis, Texas Tech	**13**	**76**	**913**	**3**	**5.8**	**12.0**	**70.2**
Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma	**14**	**66**	**950**	**14**	**4.7**	**14.4**	**67.9**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	13	41	-15	626	5111	5096	392.0
Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	**14**	**42**	**47**	**483**	**4720**	**4767**	**340.5**
Colt McCoy, Texas	**13**	**136**	**561**	**433**	**3859**	**4420**	**340.0**
Chase Daniel, Missouri	14	69	281	528	4335	4616	329.7
Todd Reesing, Kansas	**13**	**126**	**224**	**495**	**3888**	**4112**	**316.3**
Joe Ganz, Nebraska	13	92	258	420	3568	3826	294.3
Josh Freeman, Kansas St	12	107	404	382	2945	3349	279.1
Zac Robinson, Oklahoma St	**13**	**146**	**562**	**314**	**3064**	**3626**	**278.9**
Austen Arnaud, Iowa St	**12**	**109**	**401**	**401**	**2792**	**3193**	**266.1**
Robert Griffin, Baylor	**12**	**173**	**843**	**267**	**2091**	**2934**	**244.5**
Jerrod Johnson, Texas A&M	**12**	**94**	**114**	**326**	**2435**	**2549**	**212.4**
Cody Hawkins, Colorado	**12**	**57**	**-23**	**320**	**1892**	**1869**	**155.8**
Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma St	**13**	**241**	**1555**	**0**	**0**	**1555**	**119.6**
Chris Brown, Oklahoma	**14**	**217**	**1220**	**0**	**0**	**1220**	**87.1**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma St	**13**	**241**	**1555**	**16**	**6.5**	**119.6**
Chris Brown, Oklahoma	**14**	**217**	**1220**	**20**	**5.6**	**87.1**
DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	**13**	**179**	**1002**	**14**	**5.6**	**77.1**
Derrick Washington, Missouri	**14**	**177**	**1036**	**17**	**5.9**	**74.0**
Jay Finley, Baylor	**12**	**149**	**865**	**7**	**5.8**	**72.1**
Robert Griffin, Baylor	**12**	**173**	**843**	**13**	**4.9**	**70.3**
Rodney Stewart, Colorado	**9**	**132**	**622**	**2**	**4.7**	**69.1**
Jake Sharp, Kansas	**13**	**186**	**860**	**12**	**4.6**	**66.2**
Alexander Robinson, Iowa St	**11**	**153**	**703**	**6**	**4.6**	**63.9**
Roy Helu Jr., Nebraska	**13**	**125**	**803**	**7**	**6.4**	**61.8**
Baron Batch, Texas Tech	**13**	**113**	**758**	**7**	**6.7**	**58.3**
Shannon Woods, Texas Tech	13	141	716	12	5.1	55.1
Keith Toston, Oklahoma St	**13**	**102**	**686**	**9**	**6.7**	**52.8**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St	**30**	**895**	**2**	**29.8**
Brandon Banks, Kansas St	**18**	**498**	**1**	**27.7**
DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	**28**	**774**	**0**	**27.6**
Leonard Johnson, Iowa St	**41**	**1081**	**0**	**26.4**
Jordan Shipley, Texas	**15**	**394**	**1**	**26.3**
Josh Smith, Colorado	**50**	**1276**	**1**	**25.5**
Mikail Baker, Baylor	**30**	**758**	**1**	**25.3**
Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	42	1010	1	24.0
Cyrus Gray, Texas A&M	**49**	**1169**	**1**	**23.9**
Jamar Wall, Texas Tech	**20**	**477**	**0**	**23.9**
Juaquin Iglesias, Oklahoma	20	475	0	23.8
Niles Paul, Nebraska	**41**	**969**	**1**	**23.6**
Aubrey Quarles, Kansas St	**26**	**547**	**0**	**21.0**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Alex Henery, Nebraska	**13**	**21**	**18**	**85.7**	**57**
Randy Bullock, Texas A&M	**7**	**7**	**6**	**85.7**	**46**
Hunter Lawrence, Texas	**12**	**12**	**10**	**83.3**	**46**
Dan Bailey, Oklahoma St	**13**	**19**	**15**	**78.9**	**45**
Brooks Rossman, Kansas St	12	12	9	75.0	53
Jacob Branstetter, Kansas	**12**	**12**	**9**	**75.0**	**34**
Jeff Wolfert, Missouri	14	27	20	74.1	51
Grant Mahoney, Iowa St	**12**	**25**	**17**	**68.0**	**48**
Jimmy Stevens, Oklahoma	**14**	**12**	**8**	**66.7**	**42**
Ben Parks, Baylor	**12**	**9**	**6**	**66.7**	**42**
Donnie Carona, Texas Tech	**13**	**9**	**4**	**44.4**	**42**
Aric Goodman, Colorado	**11**	**14**	**5**	**35.7**	**37**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Justin Brantly, Texas A&M	12	51	2331	45.7
John Gold, Texas	**9**	**21**	**945**	**45.0**
Derek Epperson, Baylor	**12**	**49**	**2169**	**44.3**
Matt Fodge, Oklahoma St	13	36	1544	42.9
Mike Brandtner, Iowa St	**10**	**51**	**2124**	**41.6**
Alonso Rojas, Kansas	**13**	**58**	**2358**	**40.7**
Jake Harry, Missouri	**12**	**26**	**1057**	**40.7**
Matt DiLallo, Colorado	**8**	**41**	**1660**	**40.5**
Dan Titchener, Nebraska	12	42	1649	39.3
DJ Fulhage, Kansas St	**10**	**33**	**1256**	**38.1**
Jonathan LaCour, Texas Tech	**12**	**25**	**927**	**37.1**
Mike Knall, Oklahoma	14	54	1971	36.5

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St	**17**	**305**	**2**	**17.9**
Nate Swift, Nebraska	23	296	1	12.9
Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	23	270	1	11.7
Daymond Patterson, Kansas	**22**	**243**	**1**	**11.0**
Eric Morris, Texas Tech	26	275	1	10.6
Josh Smith, Colorado	**28**	**292**	**0**	**10.4**
Deon Murphy, Kansas St	28	283	1	10.1
Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	**24**	**238**	**1**	**9.9**

PHIL'S BIG 12 UNIT RANKING

South Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Texas	**1**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Oklahoma	**1**	**1**	**2**	**8**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**7**	**1**
Oklahoma St	**3**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**9**	**5**	**6**
Texas Tech	**6**	**7**	**2**	**7**	**3**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**3**
Baylor	**5**	**12**	**7**	**10**	**8**	**6**	**7**	**4**	**8**
Texas A&M	**8**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**10**	**10**	**9**	**11**	**10**
North Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Nebraska	**11**	**8**	**9**	**2**	**2**	**9**	**3**	**3**	**9**
Colorado	**9**	**3**	**10**	**6**	**11**	**4**	**6**	**7**	**10**
Kansas St	**12**	**10**	**7**	**10**	**6**	**8**	**5**	**2**	**6**
Kansas	**4**	**8**	**2**	**12**	**7**	**11**	**3**	**10**	**3**
Missouri	**10**	**5**	**11**	**2**	**8**	**5**	**11**	**12**	**3**
Iowa St	**7**	**10**	**9**	**9**	**12**	**11**	**12**	**5**	**12**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri	**14**	**76**	**79**	**155**	**11.1**
Joe Pawelek, Baylor	**12**	**55**	**73**	**128**	**10.7**
Travis Lewis, Oklahoma	**14**	**70**	**74**	**144**	**10.3**
Jeff Smart, Colorado	**12**	**80**	**38**	**118**	**9.8**
Roddrick Muckelroy, Texas	**13**	**71**	**41**	**112**	**8.6**
Jordan Lake, Baylor	**12**	**66**	**31**	**97**	**8.1**
Shaun Mohler, Colorado	**12**	**65**	**32**	**97**	**8.1**
James Holt, Kansas	13	58	47	105	8.1
Alton Dixon, Texas A&M	12	45	49	94	7.8
Matt Featherston, Texas A&M	**12**	**60**	**34**	**94**	**7.8**
James Smith, Iowa St	**11**	**60**	**25**	**85**	**7.7**
Andre Sexton, Oklahoma St	**13**	**63**	**37**	**100**	**7.7**
Ryan Walters, Colorado	11	63	24	87	7.9
Darrell Stuckey, Kansas	**13**	**60**	**38**	**98**	**7.5**
Brock Christopher, Missouri	14	51	54	105	7.5
Brian Duncan, Texas Tech	**13**	**61**	**33**	**94**	**7.2**
William Moore, Missouri	12	55	31	86	7.2
Mike Rivera, Kansas	13	50	43	93	7.2
Jesse Smith, Iowa St	**12**	**47**	**37**	**84**	**7.0**
Cha'pelle Brown, Colorado	**12**	**59**	**25**	**84**	**7.0**

TEXAS LONGHORNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Vince Young had a memorable career here and became the first player in NCAA history to have 2,500 passing and 1,000 rushing yds in a season ('05) and left 30-2 as a starting QB. In 2006 rFr Colt McCoy (PS#11) beat out true frosh Jevan Snead (PS#4, IFS). McCoy had a much better season than most expected. He set school records for TD passes in a game (6) and season (29). Snead transferred to Ole Miss. During Aug '07 McCoy was getting 50% of the snaps and Sherrod Harris (6'3" 215, PS#23) and true frosh John Chiles (PS#8) were getting 25% each. In 8 of Mack Brown's 11 years, the backup QB has received significant action as the starting QB's stayed healthy in just '02, '05 and '08. Chiles (fastest on team) created the same buzz that Vince Young did 5 years ago and became 2nd string (hamstring inj). In 2006 McCoy had a veteran O-line and while they had to replace 3 OL starters in '07, nobody expected McCoy's sophomore slump. While he narrowly missed the school record for passing yards in a season (Major Applewhite 3,357 in '99), he also nearly set the record for most int in a season (Todd Dodge '84, 19). McCoy's comp % dropped from 68.2% (29-7 ratio) to 65.1% (22-18). Chiles played in 7 but hit just 1 of 9 (191 rush). Last year I expected McCoy to return to '06's form and he surpassed his frosh numbers, completing an NCAA record 76.7% for 3,859 with a 34-8 ratio. He was also the #1 rusher (561, 4.1) and finished 2nd in the Heisman balloting. McCoy turned down the NFL. The Longhorn QB's combined for a Texas record 4,008 passing yards. Chiles hit 11 of 13 for 149 yds and they even used the "Q" package bringing him on the field with McCoy but he now moves to WR. Brown adds in true frosh Garrett Gilbert (PS#2), who is expected to play TY and take McCoy's spot next season. Also adding depth are Trevor Walker (6'2" 197 Jr), Ford Lakin (6'1" 185 rFr, PS#145) and John Paul Floyd (6'1" 180 rFr). McCoy should have his best season as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - Texas has had some great RB's including Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams. Cedric Benson became just the 5th player in NCAA history to top 1,000 for 4 straight years including 1,834 (5.6) in '04. QB Vince Young kept alive Texas' streak of 1,000 yard rushers at 11 but the top RB in '05 was Jamaal Charles (PS#6) who had only 878 (7.4). In 2006 the streak ended as Charles led with 831 (5.3). In '07 Charles rushed for 1,619 (6.3) and 18 TDs. Vondrell McGee (PS#20) had 297 (4.0) and Chris Ogbonnaya had 66 (2.5). Last year those two ret'd and Foswhitt Whittaker (PS#18) was the star of the spring game. It appeared to be a 3-man race but Whittaker was inj in Aug. He ret'd in Wk 2 and rushed for 72 but then missed 2. For the season he was never 100% and played in 7 with 284 yd (4.4). QB McCoy led in rushing and the top RB was McGee who had just 376 (4.3). FB Cody Johnson also played TB and had 338 (4.4) and Ogbonnaya for 373 (5.0). This year the only losses are Ogbonnaya (7 st, #7DC STL) and FB Luke Tiemann (4 gm). Not listed below are Tre' Newton (6'0" 200 rFr, PS#29) and FB's Antwan Cobb (6'0" 215 Jr, PS#59), Aaron Smith (6'2" 228 So) and Jamison Berryhill (5'11" 220 rFr). I like the talent here and this unit should greatly improve its production.

RECEIVERS - The top 3 WR's ret'd in '06 & '07 but LY they had to replace 2 of their top 3 rec including their TE. The TE's were banged up and became a non-factor in the off. Their top 2 WR's were clearly Jordan Shipley (PS#7, 417, in '07) and Quan Cosby (PS#9) who was #2 in '07 (680,11.3). They became UT's first duo to each top 1,000 rec yd in a season. The #3 WR spot was battled for all year by Malcolm Williams (PS#11) and Brandon Collins (PS#46). Not listed below are DJ Monroe (5'9" 170 rFr, PS#27), Brock Fitzhenry (5'9" 171 rFr, PS#79), Philip Payne (6'2" 215 Jr, PS#24) and TE's Ian Harris (6'4" 253 So, PS#22), DJ Grant (6'3" 215 rFr, PS#140), Ahmard Howard (6'4" 250 So, PS#29) and Mac McWhorter (6'4" 250 Sr). TE Blaine Irby had 10 rec in the first 3 before being lost (inj) and he should bring the TE back into the off. They lose their top WR in Cosby (13 st, 1123) but Shipley was granted a 6th yr and they add in QB Chiles, making them more exp than in '08.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Texas had to replace 3 starters (115 car st!) then lost a pair of starters to injury late in the year. They still avg'd 208 ypg rush (5.0) with 25 sacks allowed (5.7%). Last year they had to replace two starters (one out w/inj) but ret the entire 2 deep from the final 2 of '07. OL Coach McWhorter (AFCA '08 Asst Cch Yr), who has been here since '02, called the '08 group the deepest OL in his tenure. It was surprising to me that even with a mobile QB like Colt McCoy (561 rush) their stats fell to 167 ypg and their 4.3 ypc was their lowest since '02. They had just 1 senior starter on the OL and when starting C Chris Hall went out, true frosh David Snow got in two starts. This year they lose RG Cedric Dockery (13 st, 3Y st'r) and blocking TE Peter Ullman (2 st, 3 rec). The Horns ret 91 career starts (tie #15 FBS) and have 13 VHT's in the 3 deep and should greatly improve upon '08's underachieving numbers.

OT Adam Ulatoski

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite having 4 ret st'rs in their '05 Nat'l Title year, the DL yielded 131 ypg rush (3.7). In '06 they only had to replace 1 st'r and they had their best rush D S/'42 allowing 61.2 ypg (2.3). In '07 despite having just 1 ret st'r, Texas allowed just 93 ypg (2.9). Last year they had to replace two 2nd Tm B12 DT's (one #5DC). DE Brian Orakpo was the star and earned Big 12 Def POY and won the Nagurski, Lombardi and Hendricks awards. Texas allowed just 84 ypg (3.1) with an FBS leading 47 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are Orakpo (11 st, 42 tkl, 11.5 sk, #1DC WAS), 1st Tm Big 12 DT Roy Miller (13 st, 49 tkl, 5.5 sk, #3DC TB), HM Big 12 DE Henry Melton (10 st, 29 tkl, 4 sk, 6 tfl, #4DC CHI) and DT Aaron Lewis (5 st, 8 tkl). 1st Tm Big 12 Sergio Kindle (10 sk) is the defense's top player and will continue to bounce between DE and LB but this group is clearly my biggest question mark.

LINEBACKERS - Texas splits the playing time at their LB positions. For example, last year the Horns had to replace two starters (comb 125 tkl) but their replacements, Jared Norton (PS#19) and Roddrick Muckelroy (PS#30) had 120 in '07. Last year's lone ret starter, Rashad Bobino, was #4 tkl'r in '07 (69) but only #9 last year (39). This year the only loss is Bobino and while he had 7 starts, I count 3 starters back on the unit as they have their #1, #4 and #5 tkl'rs ret with Kindle and Muckelroy among the Big 12's best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #6 finish in my pass D rankings in '05, the Horns yielded a school record 236 ypg passing and shockingly dropped to #63 in '06. In '07 they had to replace 3 starters (all DC's) including a Thorpe Award winning CB and 1st Tm Big 12 FS. Their starting CB's were just 5'9" and 5'10" and UT finished #45 allowing a new record of 278 ypg (#109 in FBS!). Last year they once again had to replace 3 starters. I mentioned that the unit actually lost less to the NFL so they were more experienced. They had 5 frosh/rFr on the 2 deep but seven of the top 8 were VHT's. As you would expect, Texas rose to #19 (faced #1 toughest QB's). This year the only loss is CB Ryan Palmer (2nd Tm B12, 12 st, 32 tkl, 3 int). They have six back with starting experience (3 others with 12+ gm) and I'll call for them to finish with at least 100 ypg less allowed than last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - With Brown's great recruiting classes, most of the backups are VHT's and contribute here. This decade they have finished #18, #10, #16, #15, #36, #1 (in '05), #12, #26 and #10 in my ST rankings. In '07, Hunter Lawrence had 16 TB's on 91 KO's and Ryan Bailey hit 18 of 22 FG's (long 52). Everyone ret'd LY but Quan Cosby dropped in both PR's (9.4 to 6.3) and KR's (24.2 to 20.6) while Jordan Shipley became the first Horn to score KR, PR and receiving TD's in the same season. Bailey hit just 1 of 2 FG's (inj) and Lawrence hit 10 of 12 (long 46). True frosh Justin Tucker had 23 TB's on 94 KO's. Tucker also handled rugby style P's (1 of 4 P's) and the team's net improved to 39.6. This year they only lose Cosby so another top 25 finish is expected.

COACHES - Mack Brown took over a team that had 3 winning ssn the previous 7 years (4-7 prior yr). He has now won or tied for 5 Big 12 South Titles and has had 19 straight winning seasons overall as a HC including 17 straight bowl bids. He is also the only coach to have 13 straight 9 win ssns. Last year Mack Brown won the Bobby Dodd Nat'l COY Award. OC Greg Davis was with him at N Car and his off has had 9 of Texas' Top 10 seasons in passing yds. They've recorded 35 off team records and 38 fifty-pt games in his tenure. They had co-DC's in '07 but after the D allowed 25.3 ppg (most S/'98), Brown made a tremendous hire bringing in Will Muschamp who was the DC at Auburn (2 yr). He was also the DC at LSU from 2001-'04 and the asst def HC with the Miami Dolphins in '05 under his mentor Nick Saban. He guided LSU's Nat'l Title D in '03 (#1 in the FBS). Muschamp will take over as HC when Brown eventually steps down.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Brown came into '05 with just a 1-12 record vs Top 5 teams but things changed in a big way. UT defeated #4 Ohio St on the road and after having lost 5 straight to Okla, won comfortably 45-12. They beat defending National Champ #1 USC in the Rose Bowl winning their first National Title since 1970. In '06 Vince Young decided to leave early for the NFL and they had their 21 game win streak snapped in Wk 2 vs #1 Ohio St. They still knocked off Okla and were #4 with a shot at the National Title Game when QB McCoy was injured and they lost B2B games to K-St and A&M missing out on the Big 12 Title game. They barely got past Iowa in the bowl to finish 10-3. They were 6-2 in the Big 12 but only +43.9 ypg (4th best), a big drop from 2005 (+211.0 ypg). UT had 13 starters back in '07 and while it was a lackluster year with many unimpressive performances (dropped as low as #23), they ended the year #10. They started 0-2 in the conf for the first time S/'56 (1-9 SWC). They had 2 big comeback wins vs Neb and Okla St and scored 24 pts in the 4Q vs TT to move to 9-2, before being upset by A&M in the finale. Brown was determined to win the bowl game and called every starting job open in bowl practices. Texas responded with a 52-34 wipe out of #12 Ariz St getting their 7th straight year of double digit wins. Texas had just 11 returning starters last year and pulled Kansas and Missouri out of the Big 12 North and had to play TT and Okla away from home. It looked like '08 would be a good year but '09 would be the year they contended for the Nat'l Title. Texas dominated five weak foes early. They trailed #1 Okla by 8 early in the 3Q when OU star LB Ryan Reynolds was inj'd and UT rallied for a 45-35 win. They spanked #11 MO the next week (led 35-0 2Q) then barely got past #7 Okla St by 4. They trailed #6 TT 29-13 3Q but rallied for the lead only to have Harrell hit Crabtree for the game winning TD pass with :01 left. They routed their final 3 foes. That brought up a huge debate as to which 11-1 team, Okla, Texas or TT would get to the Big 12 Title game and have a shot at playing for the Nat'l Title. A disappointed Longhorn team still beat #10 Ohio St in the Fiesta Bowl. Texas outgained Big 12 foes by 115.3 (3rd best) and now returns 16 starters. The Horns lose just 12 lettermen and I rate them #1 in the Big 12 in 6 of the 9 categories and 7 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for them to have an unbeaten season. If, for any reason, they end up tied with Okla the voters will pick Texas this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 12 COLT McCOY SR. 6-3 210 **PS#11**. 13 st rFr. 2570 (68%) 29-7 ratio. 13 st '07. 3303 (65%) 22-18. 13 st LY, 3859 (77%) 34-8, #1 rush. Garrett Gilbert **PS#2** Sherrod Harris **PS#23**.

RB 2 VONDRELL MCGEE JR. 5-10 205 **PS#20**.3st,673(4.1)2Y.**FoswhittWhittaker** (5'10" 190 So) **PS#18**. 2 st, 284 (4.4) rFr. **Chris Whaley PS#14**. Jeremy Hills (6'0" 190 So) **PS#19**. 84 yd (5.2) true.

WR 9 MALCOLM WILLIAMS SO. 6-3 220 **PS#11**.7 st rFr.304 (17.9).**11** James Kirkendoll (5'11" 180 Jr) **PS#28**. 5 st, 221 (10.5) **TB/FB 31 CODY JOHNSON** (5'11" 255 So) PS#62. 2 st, 338 (4.4) LY.

WR 7 John Chiles Jr. 6-2 215 **PS#8**.149 pass yd, 131 rush, 1 rec LY.**5** Brandon Collins (6'0" 185 Jr) **PS#46**. 3 st, 430 (12.3) LY. **6** DeSean Hales (5'11" 175 rFr) **PS#16**.

WR 8 JORDAN SHIPLEY SR. 6-0 190 **PS#7**. 7 st, 417 (15.4) '07. 13 st, 1060 (11.9) **2nd Tm B12** LY. **4** Dan Buckner (6'4" 215 So) **PS#11**. 5 rec. Montre Webber (6'3" 215 Jr) **PS#21**. 2 rec.

TE 19 BLAINE IRBY JR. 6-3 235 **PS#3**. 2 rec true. 3 st LY, 10 rec (inj). **83** Greg Smith (6'4" 267 Jr) PS#36. 4 st, 2 rec LY. **18** Josh Marshall (6'4" 250 Jr) PS#61. Barrett Matthews **PS#7**.

C 71 CHRIS HALL SR. 6-4 300 **PS#35**. 12 st '07 (all 5 OL). **2nd Tm B12 LY**, 11 st C (inj). **78** David Snow (6'4" 300 So) **PS#28**. 2 st true. **LS 58** William Harvey (5'11" 235 Sr) 26 gm 3Y.

RG 63 Michael Huey Jr. 6-5 320 **PS#10**. 13 gm true. 3 st LG LY. **79** Thomas Ashcraft **PS#21** in spg. **75** Steve Moore (6'5" 300 Jr) **PS#82**. Drew Oldis (6'4" 290 Jr) PS#475.

LG 52 CHARLIE TANNER SR. 6-4 305 **PS#55**.9 st LG '07. 10 st LG LY, HM B12 (miss 3 inj). **72** Britt Mitchell (6'5" 305 Jr) **PS#9TE**. 25 gm 2Y. **76** Aundre McGaskey (6'5" 300 So) **PS#22**.

RT 64 KYLE HIX JR. 6-7 320 **PS#23**. 1 st true. 13 st RT LY. **67** Mason Walters **PS#3** in spg. **77** Luke Poehlmann (6'7" 265 rFr) **PS#48**. **57** Andrew Carroll (6'3" 296 Jr).

LT 74 ADAM ULATOSKI SR. 6-8 306 **PS#28**. 7 st rFr. 10 st '07. HM B12. 13 st LT '08. **1st Tm B12. 56** Tray Allen (6'5" 315 Jr) PS#198. 20 gm 2Y. **54** Mark Buchanan (6'6" 300 rFr) **PS#47**.

K 15 HUNTER LAWRENCE SR. 6-0 187 **PS#6. 2nd Tm B12 LY**. 10-12 FG, L/46. **39** Ryan Bailey (6'2" 205 Sr) **HM B12 '07**. 18 of 22 FG, L/52. **21** Michael Summerville (5'11" 175 rFr).

DE 80 Alex Okafor Fr. 6-4 240 **PS#4**. In spg. **43** Dravannti Johnson (6'2" 232 rFr) **PS#11**. **97** Russell Carter (6'3" 245 So) **PS#18**. 2 qbh, 5 gm rFr, Kyle Kriegel PS#104 in spg.

DT 92 Ben Alexander Sr. 6-0 310 **PS#34**. 12 tkl 3Y. **99** Jarvis Humphrey (6'2" 305 rFr) **PS#15**. **91** Kheeston Randall (6'5" 288 So) **PS#66**. 2 tkl true. **93** Tyrell Higgins (6'3" 279 rFr) PS#183.

DT 33 LAMARR HOUSTON SR. 6-2 290 **PS#4**. 11 st '07, 66 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7.5 tfl, 8 st LY, 22 tkl, 7 tfl. **94** Michael Wilcoxon (6'3" 285 So) PS#98. 6 gm, 1 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. Derek Johnson **PS#53**.

DE 32 Eddie Jones Jr. 6-3 260 **PS#1**.28 tkl rFr, 1.5 sk.8 tkl, 5 tfl LY. Shoulder surg. No spring '09. **81** Sam Acho (6'3" 258 Jr) PS#107. 26 tkl, 4.5 sk 2Y. Calvin Howell **PS#26**.

SLB 2 SERGIO KINDLE SR. 6-4 255 **PS#1**. 53 tkl, 7 tfl in '06-'07. 11 st LY, 53 tkl, 10 sk, 4 tfl, **1st Tm B12**. Keenan Robinson (6'3" 232 So) **PS#4**. 24 tkl rFr. Ryan Roberson (5'10" 237 rFr) **PS#45**.

MLB 11 JARED NORTON SR. 6-3 237 **PS#19**. 1 st '07, 53 tkl, 4 tfl. 5 st LY, #4 tkl'r (54) 2.5 sk. **13** Tariq Allen **PS#12** in spg. **18** Emmanuel Acho (6'2" 235 So) **PS#46**. 11 tkl true.

WLB 38 RODDRICK MUCKELROY SR. 6-2 235 **PS#30**. 3 st rFr until inj. 1 st, 67 tkl '07. 13 st LY, 112 tkl, 4 tfl. **2nd Tm B12. 42** Dustin Earnest (6'3" 233 Jr) **PS#17**. 19 tkl 2Y. Patrick Nkwopara PS#144.

CB 7 DEON BEASLEY SR. 5-10 180 **PS#7**. 1 st '07, 37 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu. 9 st LY, 40 tkl, 6 pbu. **3** Curtis Brown (6'1" 185 Jr) **PS#5**. 14 tkl true. 4 st LY, 27 tkl, 9 pbu. **25** Sam Walker (6'0" 183 rFr).

CB 8 Chykie Brown Jr. 6-1 187 **PS#20**. 11 tkl '07. 8 st LY, 28 tkl, 9 pbu. **4 Aaron Williams** (6'1" 189 So) **PS#3**. 1 st true, 16 tkl, 3 pbu. **23** Marcus Davis **PS#26** in for spring.

SS 12 EARL THOMAS SO. 5-10 197 **PS#31**. 13 st rFr, 72 tkl, 2 int, **17 pbu**. HM B12. **5** Ben Wells (6'1" 197 So) **PS#25**. 2 tkl rFr. **26** Kenny Vaccaro **PS#44** in spring. Clark Ford (5'10" 185 Sr) 4 tkl.

FS 21 BLAKE GIDEON SO. 6-1 200 PS#178. 13 st true, 64 tkl, 7 pbu. HM B12. **6** Christian Scott (6'1" 209 So) **PS#26**. 15 tkl rFr, 3 pbu. **27** Nolan Brewster (6'2" 210 So) **PS#13**. 8 tkl true.

P 47 JOHN GOLD JR. 6-3 212 21 punt LY, 45.0 avg. **Justin Tucker** (6'1" 177 So) PS#130DB. 14 punts true, 45.2 avg. 23 TB on 94 KO. Trevor Gerland (6'2" 197 Sr) 15 punt '07. 3 LY (inj).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB Garrett Gilbert 6-4 207 PS#2
OL Mason Walters 6-6 298 PS#3
DL Alex Okafor 6-4 240 PS#4
RB Chris Whaley 6-3 235 PS#14
DL Calvin Howell 6-4 280 PS#26
DB Marcus Davis 6-1 190 PS#26
WR Gregory Timmons 6-3 196 PS#17
OL Garrett Porter 6-6 305 PS#18
LB Tariq Allen 6-2 245 PS#12
OL Thomas Ashcraft 6-5 315 PS#21
OL Paden Kelley 6-7 270 PS#27
TE Barrett Matthews 6-2 215 PS#7
DB Kenny Vaccaro 6-1 198 PS#44
DB Eryon Barnett 6-2 180 PS#46
DL Derek Johnson 6-3 310 PS#53
DL Dominique Jones 6-3 235 PS#94
DL Kyle Kriegel 6-5 255 PS#104
TE Trey Graham 6-5 235 PS#28
LB Patrick Nkwopara 5-11 210 PS#144
WR Marquise Goodwin 5-10 170 PS#146
DL Tevin Mims 6-4 245 PS#302
RB Luke Padgett 6-1 205 PS#1607
WR Chris Torbert 5-9 175 PS#1565
OL Nick Zajicek 6-3 260 PS#1786
DL Trey Wier 6-2 230 PS#1562
DL Luciano Martinez 5-11 265 PS#1562

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MACK BROWN (Career 195–95–1) (FCS 6-5)
12th Year at Texas Bowls: 11-6 North Carolina '88-'97

Brown AT TEXAS/OVERALL

115-26 / 184-72-1	SU	9-13 / 11-20 Vs Top 10
60-6 / 102-25-1	Home	26-17 / 35-34-1 Vs Top 25
39-9 / 62-34	Away	15-8 / 24-17 Vs BCS Tms
16-11 / 20-13	Neutral	22-7 / 33-11-1 Off A Bye
73-18 / 113-53-1	Vs Conf	18-5 / 39-26 Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (12–1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,22,5)
Lost: 12 (5,7,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 98,046 (#5)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#40

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TX	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	ULM	A					
Sep. 12	at Wyoming	A					
Sep. 19	Texas Tech	A					
Sep. 26	UTEP	A					
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	Colorado	A					
Oct. 17	† Oklahoma (Dallas)	G					
Oct. 24	at Missouri	A					
Oct. 31	at Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 7	UCF	A					
Nov. 14	at Baylor	A					
Nov. 21	Kansas	A					
Nov. 26	at Texas A&M (Thur)	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Colt McCoy 9,732 '06-Present
2. Major Applewhite 8,353 '98-'01
3. James Brown 7,638 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ricky Williams 6,279 '95-'98
2. Cedric Benson 5,540 '01-'04
3. Earl Campbell 4,443 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Roy Williams 3,866 '00-'03
2. Mike Adams 3,032 '92-'96
3. Quan Cosby 2,598 '05-'08

The Longhorns have won 9 straight season openers by an average score of 49-6. Texas is 13-0 vs current SBC members with a 27 ppg avg margin of victory.

The Longhorns have won 8 straight road openers & 25 of L/29 away from Austin. Under HC Mack Brown Texas is 10-2 in non-conf away games (9-0 since 2001).

Last yr TT WR Crabtree got a TD reception with :01 left for the win. These schools have played every year since 1960 & UT has won 5 of the L/6 (9-4 in Big 12 play).

Texas came out flat LY in El Paso, trailing 6-0 & were outgained in a misleading final. Under Brown, UT is 17-0 vs instate non-conference schools (avg score 47-10).

Bonus: Coming into '09 including bowls, UT is 15-4 vs ranked opponents the L5Y.

Under Brown, UT is 72-16 (82%) in B12 reg ssn play. UT is 6-1 S/'00 vs CU (avg W by 31 ppg), but the L in '01's B12 Title gm knocked them out of a National Title shot.

This rivalry had been played every yr at the Cotton Bowl since 1929 (UT 58-40-5). Texas had just -3 yds rushing LY in the 1H before a key OU LB injury (164 yds, 8.2 after).

UT is 14-1 S'31 vs MU with the only L coming in '97 (UT's last losing ssn & yr before Brown). LY QB McCoy set a school record with 17 consecutive pass completions (29-32, 337 yds 2-0).

Last time here UT trailed 21-0 & outscored OSU 24-0 in the 4Q including a 40 yd FG w/o any time left. UT has won the L/11 vs OSU & 16 of the L/17.

Texas trailed 24-23 early 4Q in the schools only meeting in 2007 (in Orlando). Including all 4 non-conf schools, of Texas' 12 opp's TY only 5 went to a bowl LY.

Longhorns are 12-4 since '00 in Nov AG's. This will be McCoy's 4th start vs BU, he is avg 289 ypg (69%) w/12 TD passes, but also has tossed 5 int & been sk'd 5x's.

Last gm hosting KU ('05), UT had a 52-0 HT lead (tied UT rec) holding KU to 13 yds & 1 FD. Texas is 15-1 since 1993 in home finales (only loss was to Texas A&M in 2006).

HT in this instate rivalry is 9-4 in B12 gms. UT is 41-18-2 on Thanksgiving & LY held A&M to -24 yds rushing, posting the largest margin of victory in the series since 1898.

Bonus: Texas is 28-6 the last 34 games in November.

STADIUM: TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM (93,553) (#5)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf) 1st yr

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	11-2	11-2	10-3	11-1	13-0	10-3	10-3	12-1	97-18
Home	6-0	5-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	5-2	5-1	7-0	50-4
Away	3-1	5-0	5-1	4-0	4-0	5-0	3-1	4-1	3-1	36-5
Neutral	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-1	2-0	11-9
vs Conf	7-1	7-2	6-2	7-1	7-1	9-0	6-2	5-3	7-1	61-13
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-0	5-0	3-2	4-0	4-0	4-1	5-0	5-0	36-5
ATS	7-5	6-6-1	6-7	8-5	5-7	11-2	5-7	6-6-1	9-4	63-49-2
Home Fav (more than 10pts)	4-2	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-3	5-0	3-3	3-3	5-2	32-21
Home Dog (more than 10pts)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Favorite (more than 10pts)	2-1	2-2-1	3-2	4-0	1-2	2-2	1-3	1-3-1	3-1	19-16-2
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0
Neutral	0-2	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-2	3-0	1-1	2-0	1-1	8-12
vs Conf	6-2	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	4-4	7-2	3-5	3-4-1	5-3	41-31-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	3-2	3-2	1-3	4-0	2-2	3-2	4-1	22-18
Off SU Win	5-4	5-4-1	4-6	5-5	4-6	10-2	3-5	3-5-1	8-3	47-40-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	3-0	0-1	11-5

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Colt McCoy	136	734	173	561	11	4.1
Vondrell McGee	88	399	23	376	4	4.3
Chris Ogbonnaya	74	404	31	373	4	5.0
Cody Johnson	76	342	4	338	12	4.4
Foswhitt Whittaker	64	306	22	284	0	4.4
John Chiles	45	192	61	131	2	2.9
Jeremy Hills	16	84	0	84	0	5.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Colt McCoy	433	332	76.7	3859	34	8
John Chiles	13	11	84.6	149	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Quan Cosby	92	1123	12.2	10	39
Jordan Shipley	89	1060	11.9	11	68
Chris Ogbonnaya	46	540	11.7	3	65
Brandon Collins	35	430	12.3	3	40
Malcolm Williams	17	304	17.9	3	91
James Kirkendoll	21	221	10.5	1	29
Blaine Irby	10	95	9.5	2	23
Dan Buckner	5	84	16.8	2	51
Foswhitt Whittaker	10	51	5.1	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Gold	21	945	45.0	6	39.6(t)	0	7
Justin Tucker	14	633	45.2	0	–	0	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Hunter Lawrence	60-60	4-5	2-2	4-5	0-0	10-12	46

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Roddrick Muckelroy	112	0	4	4	0
Earl Thomas	72	0	3	17	2
Blake Gideon	64	0	1	7	0
Jared Norton	54	2.5	1.5	2	0
Sergio Kindle	53	10	4	2	0
Roy Miller	49	5.5	5.5	4	0
Brian Orakpo	42	11.5	7.5	2	0
Deon Beasley	40	1	2	6	0
Rashad Bobino	39	0	1	2	0
Ryan Palmer	32	3	0	8	3
Henry Melton	29	4	6	2	0
Chykie Brown	28	1	1	9	0
Curtis Brown	27	0	0	9	0
Keenan Robinson	24	1	1	1	0
Lamarr Houston	22	1.5	5.5	5	0
Aaron Williams	16	0	1	3	1
Sam Acho	16	3	0	2	0
Christian Scott	15	0	0	3	0
Dustin Earnest	14	0	2	0	0
Emmanuel Acho	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jordan Shipley	6	64	10.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jordan Shipley	15	394	26.3	1
Quan Cosby	17	350	20.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Rose - #6	-7'	Michigan - #13	38-37
05	Rose - #2	+7	USC - #1	41-38
06	Alamo - #18	-9	Iowa	26-24
07	Holiday - #17	-2'	Arizona St - #12	52-34
08	Fiesta - #3	-8'	Ohio St - #10	24-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Texas' All-Time Bowl Record 25–21–2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	42.4	476	167	4.3	308	76.7	11.2	26	+2	2008	4	18.8	343	84	3.1	259	56.2	18.3	47
7*	37.2	463	208	5.0	255	63.5	12.4	25	+1	2007	6	25.3	371	93	2.9	278	60.7	14.7	28
6	35.9	392	163	4.4	229	65.8	10.9	19	+9	2006	7	18.3	297	61	2.3	236	58.3	16.2	38
7*	50.2	512	275	5.9	237	64.9	10.2	14	+7	2005	9	16.4	303	131	3.7	172	51.1	18.5	34
7*	35.3	464	299	5.8	165	57.8	13.2	11	+5	2004	7	17.9	320	107	3.2	213	55.2	17.9	22
8	41.0	440	233	5.1	207	56.4	10.7	25	+2	2003	8	21.5	330	153	3.7	177	47.2	15.3	42
7*	33.8	386	136	3.4	250	59.4	11.4	37	+17	2002	5	16.3	308	143	3.9	165	48.0	18.9	38

2008 STATS BY GAME

TX 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
98,053	Florida Atlantic	31	46-232	5.0	28-35	271	0	13	23-37	1.6	17-39	255	0	+2
53,415	at UTEP	26	31-122	3.9	20-29	282	1	23	31-145	4.7	25-46	267	2	0
97,201	Rice	28	44-259	5.9	20-24	341	2	19	24-17	0.7	30-48	301	7	-2
97,833	Arkansas	25	50-208	4.2	21-23	213	0	12	26-11	0.4	14-28	180	7	+1
53,927	at Colorado	25	46-169	3.7	23-30	262	4	15	28-49	1.8	17-38	217	3	0
92,182	† Oklahoma	23	35-161	4.6	28-35	277	4	20	26-48	1.8	28-41	387	3	+2
98,383	Missouri	32	40-203	5.1	30-33	388	1	24	19-30	1.6	31-41	318	2	+1
98,518	Oklahoma St	32	32-113	3.7	38-45	391	1	22	37-217	5.9	17-27	199	5	-1
56,333	at Texas Tech	18	28-80	2.9	20-34	294	4	31	28-105	3.8	36-53	474	2	-1
97,715	Baylor	30	47-194	4.1	26-37	300	1	9	29-201	6.9	6-20	71	3	-1
51,930	at Kansas	25	37-166	4.5	24-34	255	1	18	24-47	2.0	25-50	258	4	+1
98,621	Texas A&M	24	43-216	5.0	24-30	320	3	12	22-(-24)	-1.1	20-35	269	6	+1
72,047	† Ohio St	33	29-54	1.9	41-58	414	4	21	39-203	5.2	10-25	176	3	-1
TOTALS		352	508-2177	4.3	343-447	4008	26	239	356-1086	3.1	276-491	3372	47	+2
AVERAGES		27.1	39-167	4.3	26-34	308	5.8%	18.4	27-84	3.1	21-38	259	9.6%	0.2

TX Pre #7 2004 RESULTS Post #5

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#7	North Texas	-26	65-0
#7	at Arkansas	-12	22-20
#5	Rice	-32'	35-13
#5	Baylor	-38'	44-14
#5	† Oklahoma - #2	+7	0-12
#9	Missouri	-13'	28-20
#8	at Texas Tech	+1	51-21
#8	at Colorado	-14	31-7
#6	Oklahoma St - #19	-12'	56-35
#6	at Kansas	-22	27-23
#6	Texas A&M - #22	-10'	26-13

TX Pre #2 2005 RESULTS Post #1

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#2	Louisiana	-40'	60-3
#2	at Ohio St - #4	+1'	25-22
#2	Rice	-40'	51-10
#2	at Missouri	-14'	51-20
#2	† Oklahoma	-14	45-12
#2	Colorado - #24	-17	42-17
#2	Texas Tech - #10	-17	52-17
#2	at Oklahoma St	-37'	47-28
#2	at Baylor	-29	62-0
#2	Kansas	-32'	66-14
#2	at Texas A&M	-28	40-29
#2	† Colorado	-26'	70-3

TX Pre #3 2006 RESULTS Post #13

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#3	North Texas	-41	56-7
#2	Ohio St - #1	-2	7-24
#8	† Rice	-33	52-7
#7	Iowa St	-24'	37-14
#7	Sam Houston St	NL	56-3
#7	† Oklahoma - #14	-3'	28-10
#6	Baylor	-27	63-31
#5	at Nebraska - #17	-5	22-20
#5	at Texas Tech	-10	35-31
#4	Oklahoma St	-17'	36-10
#4	at Kansas St	-16	42-45
#11	Texas A&M	-13'	7-12

TX Pre #4 2007 RESULTS Post #10

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#4	Arkansas St	-39	21-13
#7	TCU - #19	-9	34-13
#6	at UCF	-17	35-32
#7	Rice	-38	58-14
#7	Kansas St	-14'	21-41
#19	† Oklahoma - #10	+12	21-28
#23	at Iowa St	-16'	56-3
#19	at Baylor	-26	31-10
#17	Nebraska	-20'	28-25
#14	at Oklahoma St	-3	38-35
#15	Texas Tech	-6'	59-43
#13	at Texas A&M	-7	30-38

TX Pre #11 2008 RESULTS Post #4

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#11	Florida Atlantic	-24	52-10
#10	at UTEP	-26'	42-13
#7	Rice	-29	52-10
#7	Arkansas	-27	52-10
#5	at Colorado	-12	38-14
#5	† Oklahoma - #1	+6'	45-35
#1	Missouri - #11	-4	56-31
#1	Oklahoma St - #7	-11'	28-24
#1	at Texas Tech - #6	-3'	33-39
#5	Baylor	-27	45-21
#4	at Kansas	-13'	35-7
#4	Texas A&M	-35'	49-9

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Jason White won the Heisman here in 2003. In his final two years he threw for 7,051 (63.4%) with a 75-19 ratio. In 2007 rFr Sam Bradford (PS#20) battled JUCO Joey Halzle (2 att '06) and true frosh Keith Nichol (PS#7, in for spg). I projected Bradford to win the job and he had a phenomenal season leading the FBS in pass efficiency. At 6'4", he is the tallest QB to start at OU and has a powerful arm. He threw for 3,121 (69.5%) with a 36-8 ratio. Last year I wondered if he would suffer the same soph jinx that Texas' Colt McCoy did (29-7 ratio in '06, 22-18 in '07) but he did not. Bradford set an NCAA record for pass eff in a season at 180.8 and took home the Heisman Trophy setting various school records. He threw for 4,720 (67.9%) with an amazing 50-8 ratio. Halzle played in 10 (30 passes). This year Halzle departs and the backup is Landry Jones (PS#3). Adding depth is John Nimmo (6'2" 207 Jr) and Ben Sherrard (6'4" 213 rFr, PS#247). Bradford shockingly turned down the draft to return. It will be tough to top '08's numbers, but he could.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, Adrian Peterson (PS#1) rushed for a school record 1,925 (5.7) in just 8 starts as a true frosh and was #2 in the Heisman voting, the highest finish ever for a frosh. Peterson was banged up the next 2 years but still managed to top 1,000 each season. He left early for the NFL (#1DC, 7th pick) where he has had two outstanding seasons with the Vikings. Allen Patrick (PS#50JC) did well as Peterson's backup in '06 rushing for 761 (4.5) and Chris Brown added 343 (4.9). Those two both ret'd in '07 but DeMarco Murray (PS#5) was the most explosive of the RB's and was the leading rusher (764, 6.0) but was lost for the ssn vs TT while trying to recover an onside kick. Patrick rushed for 202 vs Okla St and topped 1,000 (1009, 5.8), Brown added 611 (3.9) while Mossis Madu (6'0" 196 Jr, PS#149) had 232 (5.8). Last year they had to replace Patrick (#7DC) and Murray showed his form in the 2H of the year rushing for 1,002 (5.6) with 14 TD's despite missing the last 2 (was #1 when inj'd). Chris Brown finished #1 with 1,220 (5.6) and 20 TD's while Madu added 475 (4.1). All 3 return as does 1st tm B12 FB Matt Clapp (6'3" 234 Sr, PS#30) and added to the mix is rFr Jermie Calhoun (PS#2), Justin Johnson (6'1" 200 So, 27 ttl yds, PS#12) and FB Buck Buchanan (6'0" 229 So). This is one of the best RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 OU had to replace 3 NFL DC's including Mark Clayton (#1DC) who is their all-time leading receiver. True frosh Malcolm Kelly led with 471 (14.3). In '06 Kelly had 993 (16.0). Juaquin Iglesias added 514 (12.5), Manuel Johnson (PS#14) had 378 (10.5) and TE Joe Jon Finley added 241 (12.7). The group ret'd intact in '07. Interestingly TE Brody Eldridge (8 st, 3 rec '06) was on the preseason Mackey Award Watch List but most of the talk was about TE Jermaine Gresham (PS#3) who avg 20.1 on 8 rec as a true (2 st). Iglesias led with 907 (13.3) while Kelly added 821 (16.8). Gresham, who bulked up to 250 lbs while also getting faster, had 518 (14.0). Last year they had to replace Finley and Kelly (#2DC). Iglesias led with 1,150 (15.5), Gresham added 950 (14.4) and rFr Ryan Broyles (PS#41) contributed with 687 (14.9). Manuel Johnson added 714 (17.0). This year they lose 2nd Tm B12 Iglesias (14 st, #3DC CHI), Johnson (13 st, #7DC DAL), Quentin Chaney (PS#28, 504, 17.4) and TE Kolby Smith (1 rec). Not listed below are WR's Rashad Hutchins (5'10" 180 So), Zac Givens (5'11" 180 Jr) and TE's James Toms (6'4" 235 rFr), Josh New (6'3" 235 So) and Trent Ratterree (6'4" 232 So). RB Madu will also work at WR. This unit has plenty of talent but is less experienced than last year's top-notch group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 OU had to replace 4 starters but still opened holes for 177 ypg rush (4.5) and allowed just 16 sacks (4.7%). They did have a mobile QB in Paul Thompson. They had five back with 7+ starts in '07 and avg 191 ypg (4.7) with 14 sks (3.5%). Last year OU had the best OL in the country with 130 career starts (#1 FBS) and all 5 starters were NFL prospects. Surprisingly the Sooners numbers only climbed to 199 ypg (4.7) with 13 sacks (2.5%). This year they lose 1st Tm B12 LT Phil Loadholt (13 st, 2Y st'r, #2DC MIN), 1st Tm B12 LG Duke Robinson (12 st, 3Y st'r, #5DC CAR), 2nd Tm B12 C Jon Cooper (14 st, 4Y st'r), HM B12 RG Brandon Walker (14 st, 3Y st'r), RT Branndon Braxton (1 st) and backup C Jason Hannan. They add in LSU transfer Jarvis Jones (PS#37, 7 gm true) but only have 32 car starts returning (#107 FBS) with 28 of those belonging to LT Trent Williams. This unit is my major concern on this year's Sooner squad but the last time they had just one starter returning, the stats were very similar ('06) to the '08 numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - From '04-'06 OU allowed under 100 ypg rush. In 2007 they had to replace four starters including a pair of 1st Tm Big 12 DL's. The Sooners were the only team in the country to have two PS#1 DT starters in DeMarcus Granger and Gerald McCoy. The inexperienced group still allowed just 110 ypg rush (3.3) while DE Auston English led the Big 12 with 9.5 sacks. Last year they only had to replace 2 players (comb 11 st, 27 tkl, 3 sk). Granger was far from 100% all year due to an injury so it was like having 2 starters returning in McCoy and English. OU slipped a bit allowing 116 ypg (3.5), their highest this decade but the D did have 42 sacks (T-#3 FBS). This year they figure to have one of the top DL's in the country and amazingly McCoy turned down being a 1st Rd DC. The only two losses are DE Alan Davis (10 tkl, 2.5 sk) and DT Cory Bennett (12 tkl, 2.5 sk). In my PSL below I list 4 VHT frosh newcomers and they add in Jonte Bumpus (6'3" 226 So, PS#33LB), Casey Walker (6'3" 285 rFr, PS#119) and Tola Jimoh (6'1" 230 Sr).

LINEBACKERS - Last year this unit had to replace their #1 (#2DC) and #2 tacklers and the top returnee was Ryan Reynolds (#7) who was another year removed from his ACL surgery. Reynolds became OU's top def player but was injured vs Texas with the Sooners up by 2 scores. It took the Sooner's D about 4 games to recover from his loss. Also inj'd was proj'd starting WLB Austin Box (miss 4). Travis Lewis had 144 tackles (breaking Brian Bosworth's OU frosh record) which was the 4th most in the FBS LY and Keenan Clayton was #3. Adding depth are Daniel Franklin (6'3" 220 rFr, PS#50), Brandon Crow (6'0" 228 Jr, PS#69, 8 tkl 2Y) and Dylan Hughey (6'0" 210 rFr). This year the only loss is Lamont Robinson (PS#25, 4 tkl) and not only are 5 of the top 6 back but Reynolds returns from injury and 10 of the top 12 are VHT's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Sooners always fare well in my pass D rankings and even with a young, inexperienced unit in '04 they were #29. They moved up to #16 in '05 and to #5 in '06 with 3 starters back. In '07 the unit ret'd intact but "only" finished #18. Last year they had to replace 3 starters who were PS#2, PS#6 and PS#7. Their 1 returning starter, SS Nic Harris even started one game at LB. The less experienced unit actually improved to #11. This year they lose 1st Tm B12 SS Harris (14 st, 75 tkl, 6 pbu, #5DC BUF) and 2nd Tm B12 FS Lendy Holmes (#2 tkl'r, 5 int, 3Y st'r). Not listed below are Sean Edwards (5'8" 156 So), Marloe Prince (5'11" 175 Sr), Michael Hayes (5'10" 190 Jr) and Emmanuel Jones (5'11" 190 Jr). It surprises me that 2 of the 4 proj starters are non-VHT's but this group has more experience.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Stoops' first 9 years his ST units were a strength with six Top 13 finishes including '07 when they were #6 in my ST rankings. Last year KR's DeMarco Murray (27.6) and Juaquin Iglesias (23.8) were back as was PR Ryan Broyles (9.9). The team's net punting dropped (37.1 '07 to 33.7 in '08). Jimmy Stevens hit 8 of 12 FG's (long 42). Matt Moreland had 15 TB on 122 KO but the Sooners allowed 4 KR TD's (23.8). OU plummeted to #101. This year they lose P Knall and career KR leader Iglesias but I would expect Stoops to get this unit fixed and back towards the top in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Prior to Bob Stoops' arrival, Oklahoma had five consec non-winning seasons. Stoops not only won a National Championship in his second season but played in the National Title game in each of the next two years. OU's 102 wins the last 9 years are 5 more than any other team in the NCAA. Kevin Wilson, who was the OC at Northwestern from 1999-'01 and had been the co-OC at OU from '02-'05, took over as the sole OC in '06. He is now the co-OC again along with Jay Norvell. Norvell was the OC at Neb from '04-'06 and at UCLA in '07. Both DC's, Brent Venables and Bobby Jack Wright (5th year as co-DC) enter their 11th year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Okla did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury. They stunned the nation winning the National Title despite not being ranked in the preseason Top 20. Thanks to a regular season-ending loss to Okla St in '01, the Sooners did not get to the Big 12 Title game. They ret'd to the Big 12 Title game in '02. In 2003 the Sooners lost the conf title game and also the National Title game. The Sooners probably had their most talented and experienced team yet under Stoops in '04. They went 12-0 getting to the Nat'l Title game vs USC but were embarrassed 55-19 in the school's worst loss S/'97. In '05 they had just 9 ret starters and topped my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover list with 41 pts (pg 308). They were also #12 in my experience ratings in the B12. RB Adrian Peterson was banged up early and Stoops, who had never lost a non-conf HG, amazingly had a streak of 19 straight home wins snapped in a 17-10 loss to TCU. OU struggled through a 7-4 reg ssn and even needed 2 OT's to get past Baylor at home. OU finished on a high note knocking off #6 Oregon in the Holiday Bowl. Their offense had amazing balance with 2,130 rush and 2,131 pass. In '06 they suffered some tough losses (Oreg & Boise) but still took home the B12 Title and their +98.7 ypg was #1 in conf. In '07 they only had to replace 10 lettermen yet just 2 preseason magazines called for OU to even win the South! Okla was stunned by Colo the week before playing Texas but after they beat the Horns they moved up to 9-1 and #3. They had to travel to TT and Bradford was lost in the 1Q to inj and they lost. They still whipped #1 ranked Missouri in the B12 Title game. "Big Game" Bob suffered his 4th straight BCS bowl loss as WV manhandled them 48-28 in the Fiesta Bowl and they finished #8. Heading into '08, 4 of OU's last 7 losses had come on the final play. Despite winning the B12 they were just +35.5 ypg (5th best) in '07 and did benefit from +8 in TO's. Last year I rated Okla my #1 off and #2 def. The season was going along as planned with 5 blowout wins and they were #1 when they faced #5 Texas. OU led early by 8 in the 3Q but lost their star LB Reynolds to inj and Texas rallied for a 10 pt win. Okla crushed their final 6 foes and when they beat Missouri 62-21 in the Big 12 Title game, it was their 5th straight game of 61+ pts (6 straight 58+). There was much debate as to whether OU or the team that beat them (Texas) deserved to be in the Title game but OU got the opportunity to play Florida and lost by 10, Stoops' 5th straight BCS bowl loss and 3rd straight loss in the Title game. OU was a league best +159.0 ypg and have the nation's longest home win streak at 24. They unexpectedly had 3 key players in QB Bradford, TE Gresham and DT McCoy turn down probable #1DC's. On the negative side, Okla benefited from +23 in TO's. OU has to play BYU, Miami, Texas, Kansas, Neb and TT all away from home but they have my #3 rated off and #5 D in the FBS and 2 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for them to be undefeated.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 14 SAM BRADFORD JR. 6-4 218 **PS#20.** 3121 (70%) 36-8 ratio rFr. 14 st, **Heisman winner**, #1 FBS pass eff, TD pass, 4720 (68%) 50-8 LY. **12** Landry Jones (6'4" 211 rFr) **PS#3.**

RB 7 DeMARCO MURRAY JR. 6-1 205 **PS#5.** 1 st, 764 (6.0) rFr. **1st Tm B12,** 12 st, 1002 (5.6), 31 rec, 28 KR (27.6) LY. Chris Brown (5'11" 210 Sr) **PS#35.** 3 st, 2174 (4.9) 3Y, **20 TD** LY.

FB/TE 34 Matt Clapp Sr. 6-3 234 **PS#30.** 11 gm 2Y. 14 gm, 9 rec (10.2), **1st Tm B12** LY. **83** Brody Eldridge (6'5" 265 Sr) **18 st** 3Y, 79 ttl yd. **TB 23** Jermie Calhoun (6'0" 210 rFr) **PS#2.**

WR 85 RYAN BROYLES SO. 5-11 175 **PS#41.** 9 st, 687 (14.9), 24 PR rFr. Cameron Kenney **PS#17JC. 8** Brandon Caleb (6'2" 196 Jr) **PS#27.** 4 rec 2Y. Carter Whitson (5'11" 182 Sr). 1 rec 3Y.

WR 80 Adron Tennell Sr. 6-4 191 **PS#3.** 35 gm, 208 (13.0) 3Y. **4** Jameel Owens (6'3" 200 So) **PS#8.** 9 gm, 44 (11.0) true. **24** Dejuan Miller (6'5" 200 So) **PS#21.** 6 gm, 2 rec (7.0) true.

TE 18 JERMAINE GRESHAM SR. 6-6 261 **PS#3.** 5 st, 679 (15.1) 2Y. 14 st, 950 (14.4), 14 TD, **1st Tm B12** LY. **82** James Hanna (6'4" 215 So) PS#25. 1 rec true. Eric Mensik (6'6" 260 Jr) PS#75.

C 60 Ben Habern rFr. 6-4 275 **PS#32.** 3 gm, 9 kd, til inj & RS. **51** Brian Lepak (6'4" 285 Jr) PS#192. 15 gm 2Y at Colo St. Trans LY. **LS 52** Derek Shaw (6'0" 217 Sr) 39 gm, 3L.

RG 77 Stephen Good So. 6-5 305 **PS#9.** 450 bench. 7 gm true, ssn high 4 kd vs NU. **78** Alex Williams (6'6" 300 So) **PS#40.** 1 gm RS '07. 6 gm rFr. James Winchester (6'1" 205 So).

LG 74 Brian Simmons Sr. 6-5 304 PS#275. 7 gm rFr. 2 st, 14 gm, 71 kd '07. 2 st, 14 gm, 421 pl, 50 kd LY. Tavaris Jeffries is PS#141JC. Tyler Evans (6'5"280 Fr) is PS#122.

RT 70 Cory Brandon Jr. 6-7 308 **PS#19.** 6 gm rFr, 92% grade. 9 gm, 148 pl, 16 kd LY. **76** Jarvis Jones (6'7" 294 So) **PS#37.** 7 gm as true, 63 plays **at LSU.** Transfer LY.

LT 71 TRENT WILLIAMS SR. 6-5 308 **PS#33.** 14 st 2Y. 14 st, **131 kd,** 943 pl, **1st Tm B12** LY. Turned down NFL. **59** Donald Stephenson (6'6" 275 So) **PS#75.** 7 gm rFr. Jeff Vinson **PS#55JC.**

K 17 JIMMY STEVENS SO. 5-6 156 **PS#3.** 8-12 FG, L/42 rFr. Bryce Easley PS#42. Walk-on. 14-20 FG, L/54 as Sr HS. **37** Matthew Moreland (6'2" 206 So) 0-1 FG rFr. **36** Tress Way.

DE 33 AUSTON ENGLISH SR. 6-3 253 PS#70. 2 gm true. RS '06. 9 st, 36 tkl, 13 tfl, 1st Tm B12 '07. 9 st, 32 tkl, 9 tfl LY. **91** RJ Washington (6'4" 242 rFr) **PS#4. 90** David King (6'4" 240 rFr) **PS#57.**

DT 86 ADRIAN TAYLOR JR. 6-4 295 PS#132. 15 st, 36 tkl, 7.5 tfl 2Y. Jamarkus McFarland **PS#9.** Cordero Moore (6'2" 295 Sr) PS#62. 11 tkl 3Y. Pryce Macon (6'1" 249 Jr) PS#63. 9 gm, 6 tkl 2Y.

DT 93 GERALD McCOY JR. 6-4 295 **PS#1.** 13 st, 19 tkl rFr. 14 st, 30 tkl, 11 tfl, **2nd Tm AA** LY. **96** DeMarcus Granger (6'2" 302 Sr) **PS#1.** 11 st, 75 tkl 3Y. **92** Stacy McGee (6'4" 260 rFr) **PS#21.**

DE 44 JEREMY BEAL JR. 6-3 253 PS#112. 2 st, 21 tkl, 5 tfl rFr. 14 st, 61 tkl, 15.5 tfl, **2nd Tm B12** LY. **84** Frank Alexander (6'4" 229 So) PS#120. 5 st, 26 tkl, 5 tfl, HM B12 rFr.

WLB 28 TRAVIS LEWIS SO. 6-2 232 **PS#49.** 14 st, 144 tkl, 12 tfl, **B12 Def Frosh POY. 12** Austin Box (6'2" 221 So) **PS#6.** 4 st, 36 tkl, 6.5 tfl rFr. **55** Tom Wort is **PS#10.** Big spg.

MLB 4 RYAN REYNOLDS SR. 6-2 234 **PS#3.** 3 tkl true. ACL '06. 7 st, 60 tkl '07. 6 st (ACL) LY. **10** Mike Balogun (6'2" 250 Sr) **PS#81JC.** 2 st, 13 tkl here LY. Jayden Bird is **PS#40.** Big spg.

SLB 22 KEENAN CLAYTON SR. 6-2 220 **PS#13.** 16 st, 108 tkl, 10.5 tfl, 11 pd 3Y. HM B12 LY **21** JR Bryant (6'3" 230 Sr) **PS#4JC.** 18 tkl here LY. **56** Ronnell Lewis is **PS#6.** Big spring.

CB 2 BRIAN JACKSON SR. 6-1 202 PS#78. 18 tkl 2Y. 14 st, 72 tkl, 12 pd LY. **15** Lamar Harris (6'2" 180 rFr) PS#53. **32** Jamell Fleming (5'11" 185 So) **PS#38.** 14 gm, 23 tkl rFr. ? for '09.

CB 1 DOMINIQUE FRANKS JR. 6-0 189 **PS#21.** 1 st, 5 tkl rFr. 14 st, 42 tkl, 14 pd, **2nd Tm B12** LY. **3** Jonathan Nelson (5'11" 177 Jr) **PS#38.** 41.5" vert. 7 tkl, 6 gm 2Y. Gabe Lynn is **PS#10.**

SS 20 Quinton Carter Jr. 6-2 192 PS#220. 5 gm, 1 tkl true. RS '07. 2 st, 12 gm (inj). 37 tkl LY. Kevin Brent is **PS#18.** IFS. **27** Sam Proctor (6'0" 208 So) PS#67. 14 tkl, 14 gm rFr.

FS 5 Joseph Ibiloye rFr. 6-4 205 **PS#24.** Split time between S & LB in spring '09. **6** Desmond Jackson (5'11" 198 So) **PS#58.** 9 gm, 8 tkl rFr. **30** Javon Harris is **PS#60.** IFS.

P 36 Tress Way rFr. 6-1 190 PS#29. 38.4 avg as a HS Sr. #1 P in spg '09. Cameron Kenney (6'2" 195 Jr) **PS#17JC.** 47.0 avg, ST POY at JC in '08. WR/P in spg '09.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Jamarkus McFarland 6-3 285 PS#9
DB	Gabe Lynn 6-1 180 PS#10
DB	Kevin Brent 5-11 196 PS#18
LB	Ronnell Lewis 6-3 220 PS#6
WR	Cameron Kenney 6-2 195 PS#17JC
DL	Justin Chaisson 6-5 265 PS#19
LB	Tom Wort 6-1 210 PS#10
OL	Jeff Vinson 6-8 350 PS#55JC
LB	Jayden Bird 6-3 230 PS#40
DB	Javon Harris 6-0 180 PS#60
RB	Jonathan Miller 6-0 186 PS#59
TE	Gabe Ikard 6-4 240 PS#14
QB	Drew Allen 6-6 210 PS#46
RB	Marshall Musil 6-3 220 PS#82
OL	Josh Aladenoye 6-6 340 PS#94
OL	Tavaris Jeffries 6-5 320 PS#141JC
LB	Gus Jones 6-2 220 PS#95
DL	Terry Franklin 6-4 210 PS#135
OL	Tyler Evans 6-5 280 PS#122
DB	Demontre Hurst 5-10 170 PS#132
WR	Jaz Reynolds 6-3 182 PS#108
DB	Marcus Trice 5-9 175 PS#146
K	Bryce Easley 6-2 201 PS#42
DL	Jarrett Brown 6-4 245 PS#461

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#3

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	† BYU *(Arlington)*	A					OU has gone 10-1 in ssn openers S/'98 & has won 9 of 11 road openers (lost 2 of L/4). This gm will be played in the new home of the Dallas Cowboys which seats 80,000+.
Sep. 12	Idaho St	G					Coming into '09, Under Stoops OU is 32-4 in reg season non-conf gms (L's to UO, TCU, UCLA & ND). Stoops has started the ssn 4-0 in 7 of his 10 yrs as HC (3-1 twice & 2-2 once).
Sep. 19	Tulsa	G					The Sooners lead this instate series 15-7-1, but S/'79 OU has gone 9-1 outscoring the Golden Hurricane by 32 ppg. Last gm in '07 saw a combined 83 pts & 951 yds.
Sep. 26							
Oct. 3	at Miami, Fl	G					OU played UM in Miami at the old Orange Bowl ('88), both were 11-0 (OU lost 20-14). Under Stoops, OU is 9-2 vs BCS non-conf tms in the reg ssn w/an avg score OU 40-23.
Oct. 10	Baylor	G					Oklahoma is 24-0 since 2002 when hosting Big 12 opp's (avg score 44-16). Stoops' OU squads have outscored Baylor on avg 43-12 ppg (18-0 all-time).
Oct. 17	† Texas *(Dallas)*	G					Since '98, every RRR has been decided by DD except for '07's 7 pt win. OU was up 21-10 mid-2Q LY before MLB Reynolds left w/a knee inj, then the Horns exposed the middle of the field.
Oct. 24	at Kansas	A					OU had 252 yds in the 1Q LY vs KU, breaking the previous best of 235 in 1953. QB Bradford threw for an OU record 468 yds (previous-Josh Heupel 429 yds in '99).
Oct. 31	Kansas St (HC)	G					OU's 55 1H pts LY vs KSU tied a school rec for pts in a half (55 in 1942, 2H vs KSU). Stoops was a co-DC/DB coach under Bill Snyder at KSU from 1989-1995.
Nov. 7	at Nebraska	A					Oklahoma is 20-2 since 2003 in November. Last year they exploded for a 28-0 lead in the first 5:30 min. OU has won 5 of the L/6 including the 2006 B12 Title game.
Nov. 14	Texas A&M	G					Sooners scored a ssn high 66 pts LY vs A&M & they broke a NCAA rec w/5 straight 60+ gms. OU is 9-1 S'99 vs A&M & the only L was in '02 at Kyle Field when ranked #1.
Nov. 21	at Texas Tech	A					Bradford tossed 4 TD passes LY vs TT breaking Jason White's single ssn rec of 40. OU has dropped their L/2 trips in Lubbock and 3 of the L/5 (avg score OU 32-27).
Nov. 28	Oklahoma St	G					This is the most lopsided series in the nation featuring 2 tms from the same state (OU 79-17-7). Last year's Bedlam win sealed Oklahoma's 7th Big 12 South Title.
Dec. 5							Bonus: OU is 8-1 S/'00 before taking on rival Texas with an avg MOV of 25 ppg.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jason White 7,922 '99-'04
2. Sam Bradford 7,841 '07-Present
3. Josh Heupel 7,456 '99-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Billy Sims 4,118 '75-'79
2. Joe Washington 4,071 '72-'75
3. Adrian Peterson 4,045 '04-'06

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mark Clayton 3,241 '01-'04
2. Juaquin Iglesias 2,861 '05-'08
3. Malcolm Kelly 2,285 '05-'07

BOB STOOPS (Career 109-24)

11th Year at Oklahoma — Stoops' Bowl Record: 4-6

Stoops' records AT OKLAHOMA

109-24	Straight Up	12-8	Vs Top 10
60-2	Home	33-13	Vs Top 25
32-11	Away	13-8	Vs BCS Teams
17-11	Neutral	18-8	Off A Bye
73-14	Vs Conference	16-2	Off A Loss

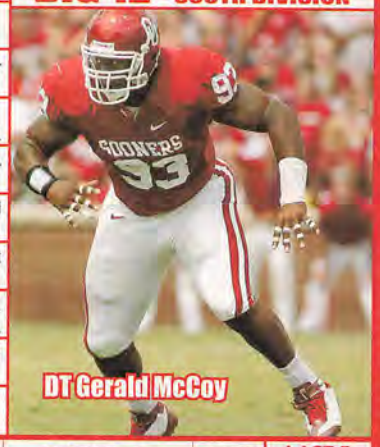
2008 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (23,20,3)
Lost: 16 (9,6,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,075 (#12)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



DT Gerald McCoy

STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (82,112) (#15)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	13-0	11-2	12-2	12-2	12-1	8-4	11-3	11-3	12-2	102-19
Home	6-0	6-1	6-0	7-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	7-0	6-0	55-2
Away	4-0	3-1	3-2	4-0	4-0	1-2	4-1	2-2	5-0	30-8
Neutral	3-0	2-0	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	17-9
vs Conf	9-0	6-2	7-2	8-1	9-0	6-2	8-1	7-2	8-1	68-11
vs Non-Conf	4-0	5-0	5-0	4-1	3-1	2-2	3-2	4-1	4-1	34-8
ATS	7-5-1	6-7	8-5-1	7-7	4-9	6-6	8-4-2	7-7	10-3	63-53-4
Home Fav	2-3	2-5	4-2	4-3	2-4	2-4	4-1-1	5-2	4-1	29-25-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-3-1	2-2	0-4	0-0	1-1-1	1-3	5-0	14-15-2
Away Dog	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	5-2
Neutral	2-0-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	14-11-1
vs Conf	4-4-1	4-4	6-3	5-4	3-6	5-3	6-2-1	3-6	7-2	43-34-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-3	2-2-1	2-3	1-3	1-3	2-2-1	4-1	3-1	20-19-2
Off SU Win	6-5-1	5-5	6-5	6-6	4-8	3-4	6-3-2	5-6	10-2	51-44-3
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-1	9-5

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2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Brown	217	1239	19	1220	20	5.6
DeMarco Murray	179	1038	36	1002	14	5.6
Mossis Madu	115	497	22	475	6	4.1
Sam Bradford	42	140	93	47	5	1.1
Justin Johnson	14	35	11	24	0	1.7
Matt Clapp	7	23	2	21	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Sam Bradford	483	328	67.9	4720	50	8
Joey Halzle	30	22	73.3	171	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Juaquin Iglesias	74	1150	15.5	10	48
Jermaine Gresham	66	950	14.4	14	73
Manuel Johnson	42	714	17.0	9	76
Ryan Broyles	46	687	14.9	6	77
Quentin Chaney	29	504	17.4	2	48
DeMarco Murray	31	395	12.7	4	34
Chris Brown	15	109	7.3	1	25
Matt Clapp	9	92	10.2	3	28
Mossis Madu	12	84	7.0	0	15
Adron Tennell	9	68	7.6	0	18
Brandon Caleb	4	52	13.0	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Knall	54	1971	36.5	15	33.7	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jimmy Stevens	94-99	4-4	3-5	1-3	0-0	8-12	42

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Travis Lewis	144	3.5	8.5	2	4
Lendy Holmes	89	0	1.5	4	5
Keenan Clayton	82	4.5	5.5	9	1
Nic Harris	75	0	3	6	1
Brian Jackson	72	0	4	10	2
Jeremy Beal	61	8.5	7	4	0
Ryan Reynolds	44	0	5	2	0
Dominique Franks	42	0	1	10	4
Quinton Carter	37	0	0.5	2	0
Austin Box	36	0	6.5	1	1
Auston English	32	4.5	4.5	1	0
Gerald McCoy	30	6.5	4.5	2	1
Adrian Taylor	26	4.5	2	0	0
Frank Alexander	26	3.5	1.5	1	0
Jamell Fleming	23	0	0	0	0
DeMarcus Granger	20	0	2.5	0	0
JR Bryant	18	0.5	0.5	1	0
Sam Proctor	14	0	0	0	0
Mike Balogun	13	0	1	0	0
Brett Bowers	13	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Broyles	24	238	9.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeMarco Murray	28	774	27.6	0
Juaquin Iglesias	20	475	23.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Orange - #2	+1	USC - #1	19-55
05	Holiday	+3	Oregon - #6	17-14
06	Fiesta - #7	-7	Boise St - #9 (OT)	42-43
07	Fiesta - #3	-7'	West Virginia - #11	28-48
08	BCS Championship - #2	+6	Florida - #1	14-24

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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	51.1	548	199	4.7	349	67.7	10.7	13	+23	2008	5	24.5	368	116	3.5	252	55.4	15.0	42
8	42.3	449	191	4.7	258	67.3	10.6	14	+8	2007	7	20.3	338	110	3.3	228	60.3	16.7	31
4	30.3	369	177	4.5	192	60.3	12.2	16	-1	2006	9	17.3	287	99	3.3	188	51.8	16.6	26
5	26.9	356	178	4.0	178	53.3	13.2	21	-1	2005	4	23.1	307	91	2.8	216	53.0	13.3	45
10*	34.8	462	208	4.8	254	66.0	13.3	9	+4	2004	6	16.8	299	95	3.1	204	54.4	17.7	39
4	42.9	439	146	3.8	293	62.3	10.2	28	+17	2003	9	15.3	259	113	3.4	146	52.0	17.0	45
8*	38.6	393	191	4.5	202	57.8	10.2	30	+19	2002	7	15.4	293	108	3.0	185	47.7	19.0	36

2008 STATS BY GAME

OU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,715	Chattanooga	27	46-182	4.0	31-38	305	1	1	36-16	0.4	3-17	20	5	-1
84,476	Cincinnati	30	44-197	4.5	29-38	395	0	19	29-87	3.0	22-42	239	3	0
67,716	at Washington	28	47-274	5.8	19-24	317	0	23	34-87	2.6	23-38	249	4	+3
85,158	TCU	17	36-25	0.7	19-34	411	4	16	35-102	2.9	16-41	212	3	+4
37,145	at Baylor	32	58-217	3.7	24-34	377	0	17	41-194	4.7	11-26	75	2	-1
92,182	† Texas	20	26-48	1.8	28-41	387	3	23	35-161	4.6	28-35	277	4	-2
85,241	Kansas	36	44-206	4.7	36-53	468	0	26	30-134	4.5	25-42	357	5	+2
47,054	at Kansas St	23	45-273	6.1	13-32	255	0	23	32-64	2.0	30-52	486	3	+4
85,212	Nebraska	21	40-193	4.8	21-30	315	0	15	35-204	5.8	16-28	214	1	+3
85,603	at Texas A&M	29	38-328	8.6	23-36	325	1	20	29-26	0.9	22-51	252	4	+4
85,646	Texas Tech	32	55-299	5.4	17-23	326	2	20	22-45	2.0	33-55	361	4	+2
49,031	at Oklahoma St	27	38-187	4.9	30-44	370	0	25	39-198	5.1	17-26	254	2	+2
71,004	† Missouri	39	43-243	5.7	34-49	384	0	20	28-60	2.1	28-44	294	2	+3
78,468	† Florida	25	29-107	3.7	26-41	256	2	24	44-249	5.7	18-30	231	0	0
TOTALS		386	589-2779	4.7	350-517	4891	13	272	469-1627	3.5	292-527	3521	42	+23
AVERAGES		27.6	42-199	4.7	25-37	349	2.5%	19.4	34-116	3.5	21-38	252	8.0%	1.6

2004 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #2	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #3
#2		Bowling Green	-32	40-24	
#2		Houston	-37	63-13	
#2		Oregon	-28	31-7	
#2		Texas Tech	-25	28-13	
#2	†	Texas - #5	-7	12-0	
#2	at	Kansas St	-20	31-21	
#2		Kansas	-27	41-10	
#2	at	Oklahoma St - #21	-13	38-35	
#2	at	Texas A&M - #22	-12'	42-35	
#2		Nebraska	-30	30-3	
#2	at	Baylor	-36'	35-0	
#2	†	Colorado	-22	42-3	

2005 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #7	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #22
#7		TCU	-25	10-17	
#18		Tulsa	-30'	31-15	
#21	at	UCLA	+6'	24-41	
–		Kansas St	-6'	43-21	
–	†	Texas - #2	+14	12-45	
–	†	Kansas	-6'	19-3	
–		Baylor	-14	37-30 2OT	
–	at	Nebraska	+1'	31-24	
–		Texas A&M	-13'	36-30	
–	at	Texas Tech - #21	+7'	21-23	
–		Oklahoma St	-18'	42-14	

2006 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #10	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #11
#10		UAB	-22'	24-17	
#15		Washington	-17	37-20	
#15	at	Oregon - #18	+4'	33-34	
#17		Middle Tenn	-28	59-0	
#14	†	Texas - #7	+3'	10-28	
#23		Iowa St	-19'	34-9	
#20		Colorado	-14	24-3	
#19	at	Missouri - #23	+1'	26-10	
#18	at	Texas A&M - #21	-2'	17-16	
#17		Texas Tech	-9	34-24	
#16	at	Baylor	-21	36-10	
#13	at	Oklahoma St	-6	27-21	
#8	†	Nebraska - #19	-3'	21-7	

2007 RESULTS

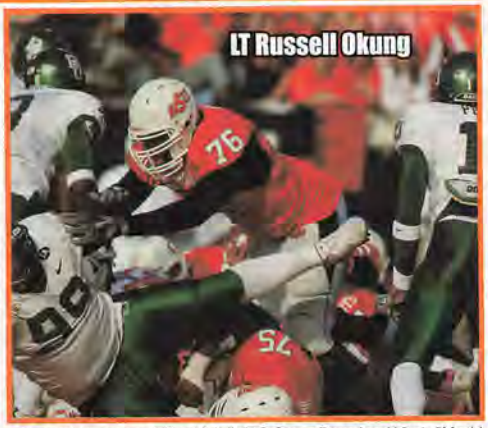
OU Rank	Pre #8	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #8
#8		North Texas	-39'	79-10	
#5		Miami, Fl	-11	51-13	
#3		Utah St	-45'	54-3	
#4	at	Tulsa	-23	62-21	
#3	at	Colorado	-23	24-27	
#10	†	Texas - #19	-12	28-21	
#6		Missouri - #11	-12	41-31	
#4	at	Iowa St	-30	17-7	
#5		Texas A&M	-21	42-14	
#4		Baylor	-38	52-21	
#3	at	Texas Tech	-7'	27-34	
#10		Oklahoma St	-13'	49-17	
#9	†	Missouri - #1	-3	38-17	

2008 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #4	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #5
#4		Chattanooga	-51'	57-2	
#4		Cincinnati	-22'	52-26	
#3	at	Washington	-20'	55-14	
#2		TCU - #24	-18'	35-10	
#1	at	Baylor	-24'	49-17	
#1	†	Texas - #5	-6'	35-45	
#4		Kansas - #16	-19'	45-31	
#4	at	Kansas St	-18'	58-35	
#4		Nebraska	-21	62-28	
#6	at	Texas A&M	-27	66-28	
#5		Texas Tech - #2	-7	65-21	
#3	at	Oklahoma St - #11	-7'	61-41	
#4	†	Missouri - #19	-16'	62-21	

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009



QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 OSU's 3 QB's combined for 49.4% with an 11-17 ratio. Bobby Reid (PS#5) won the job in '06 and was #3 in NCAA in pass eff after 8 but struggled in the final 4 of the regular season and threw for 2,266 (55%) with a 24-11 ratio. Reid was the starter into '07 but Zac Robinson took over and set the school record for single season total offense with 3,671. Robinson threw for 2,824 (60%) with a 23-9 ratio (847 rush, 6.1). Last year the only question was would his backup be soph Alex Cate (PS#17) or Brandon Weeden (6'4" 215 So) who spent 5 years as a minor league baseball pitcher. Weeden was a #2DC of the Yankees and obviously has a powerful arm. Cate played in 4 (5 att) and Weeden in 1 (3 att). Robinson threw for 3,064 (65%) with a 25-10 ratio while rushing for 562 (3.8) and already holds the OSU record for total offense with 7,786 (Mike Gundy, 7749). Not listed in the PSL below is Brayden Stringer (6'4" 206 rFr). Robinson should have improved numbers once again.

RUNNING BACKS - OSU has had some great RB's like Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas and Terry Miller. Tatum Bell (#2DC) topped 1,000 in each of his last 2 years and Vernand Morency (#3DC) rushed for 1,474 (5.7) in '04. In '07 the job was a battle between Kendall Hunter (PS#116) and Dantrell Savage (PS#11JC). Savage had 10 straight 100 yard games finishing with 1,272 (5.7). Hunter had 696 (6.5). Last year they had to replace Savage but added Beau Johnson (5'10" 210 Sr, PS#7JC). Johnson rushed for just 357 (6.2). Keith Toston, who had 631 (6.0) in '06 but missed most of '07 (ACL), had 686 (6.7). The star of the unit was FWAA AA Hunter who rushed for 1,555 (6.5) with 16 TD's. His best B12 game was 161 at #1 Texas. Not listed below are Michael Roberts (5'9" 186 Jr), Taylor Sokolosky (5'9" 190 Jr) and FB's Travis Miller (5'9" 189 rFr) and John Toben (6'1" 239 So). The great news is everyone returns and keep an eye on rFr Kye Staley (PS#14), whose nickname is Ron because he has a running style like Ron Dayne, and true frosh Dexter Pratt (PS#20) who was in for the spring.

RECEIVERS - Rashaun Woods set the school's career receiving mark in 2003 (#1DC). His brother, D'Juan Woods, became the feature WR in '05 and led with 879 (15.7) while the #2 had just 238 (14.9). Woods ret'd in '06 and they got the outstanding addition of NC transfer Adarius Bowman (6'4", PS#16). Bowman set a school record with 300 yds rec vs Kan and had 1,181 (19.7). Woods' numbers dropped to 647 (15.8) while TE Brandon Pettigrew had 310 (12.9). In '07 they had to replace Woods. Bowman missed 2 (inj) but still led with 1,006 (15.0). True frosh Dez Bryant (PS#5) emerged and had 622 (14.5).TE Pettigrew finished with 540 (15.4). Last year they had to replace Bowman and then lost Pettigrew for 3 to inj. Bryant led with 1,480 (17.0) and 19 TD's including a Holiday Bowl record 13 rec (167 yds) while Pettigrew had 472 (11.2). A #2 WR did not really emerge until late when Damian Davis had 5 for 79 vs Okla and finished #3 with 414 (21.8). Pettigrew moves on (#1DC DET) and Davis and Jeremy Broadway (118 yd) were dismissed. One of the year's best stories, WR Artrell Woods transferred (1 rec after major inj). Everyone else is back and while there are a few big losses, this group could be just as strong. The big question is who will be #2 to Bryant? Not listed in the PSL are TE's Ben Bailey (6'2" 224 Jr), Dylan Brown (6'1" 210 Jr), Perry Watson (6'0" 185 rFr) and WR's Bryce Hood (5'9" 185 So), Isaiah Anderson (5'10" 175 rFr, PS#146), Colton Chelf (5'10" 180 Jr), Josh Cooper (5'11" 185 So, PS#74) and Nathan Gilsleider (6'3" 202 Sr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 the Cowboys basically had just 2 starters back but improved to 243 rush ypg (5.3) while allowing just 11 sacks. Last year they had to replace a 2nd Tm B12 LG but had 9 of their top 10 back and improved to 245 ypg (5.5) with 16 sacks (4.9%). This year they lose C David Washington (13 st, 3Y st'r, would've been 4 if not inj'd), RG Steve Denning (13 st, 2Y st'r) and backups OT Trent Perkins and G Andrew Lawrence. They return 1st Tm Big 12 LT Russell Okung and add PS#4JC Anthony Morgan (IFS) and PS#22 Brandon Webb. While this unit is a little less experienced than the 2008 version, they should be one of the top OL's in the B12 as they return 91 career starts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - OSU had 7 of its top 8 back in 2006 and went from allowing 4.9 ypc to 4.0 and was #8 in the FBS in tfl's. In 2007 they had to replace all 4 starters and as expected, the numbers slipped to 4.2 ypc rush allowed and the sacks dropped from 37 to 22. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did add a couple of JUCO's. While they trimmed the ypg rush allowed to 138 (4.3), they only recorded 15 sacks. This year they lose DT Tonga Tea (7 st, 22 tkl, 2 sk, HM B12), DT Jeray Chatham (7 st, 15 tkl, 2 tfl) and Quencey Patrick (4 tkl). OSU opened in a 3-4 in six of their 13 games. This year they have two returning starters plus two others who combined for 6 starts making it the most experienced unit in 3 years and again add a couple of JUCO's and some rFr.

LINEBACKERS - The Cowboys have had experienced LB corps the last few years. Last year they had to replace one starter (#1 tkl'r) and four players who combined for six starts and 111 tackles. OSU moved starting SS Andre Sexton to LB and ret'd its #2 tackler. This year they only lose Seb Clements (15 tkl) and Jared Glover (5 tkl). They return their #1, #2 and #4 tacklers who each started all 13 as well as their #7 and #9 tacklers and the 2 deep includes 4 VHT's. This should be one of the top LB corps in the Big 12.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishes of #98 ('05) and #80 ('06) they had 7 of their top 8 back in '07 and nine DB's with FBS starting experience. It was surprising the more experienced unit dropped to #92. CB Jacob Lacey became the first OSU player to have 3 int's in a game since Tony Banfield (1959). Last year they only had to replace one starter and 3 backups and I called for OSU to have its best pass D rankings in at least 4 years. The Cowboys lost Lucien Antoine (PS#37JC) in Wk 2 (1 st) to an ACL inj but climbed to #64. This year they lose 2nd Tm B12 CB Lacey (13 st, 61 tkl, 2 int, 14 pbu), SS Ricky Price (13 st, 81 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu), FS Quinton Moore (12 st, 70 tkl, 3 pbu) and TJ Bell (5 st, 18 tkl). Two VHT JC's signed last year but this group is much less experienced and is my biggest concern on the 2009 squad.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cowboys finished #3, #18 and #11 in ST coord's Joe DeForest's first 3 years and added a #19 finish in '06. Surprisingly in '07 the group dropped to #70. Last year with almost everyone back I said they should make a solid climb. Dez Bryant avg a super 17.9 per PR while Perrish Cox improved his KR avg to 29.8 (21.5 '07). Dan Bailey hit 15 of 19 FG's (2 miss from 50+, long 45) while Matt Fodge avg 42.9 (net 39.1). Overall the unit improved to #14. This year they lose P Fodge but could finish close to last year's solid ranking.

COACHES - Mike Gundy was a star QB here and later was the QB coach and OC in the early '90's. He ret'd here in '01 as the asst HC and OC and took over as HC in '05. Gundy, at 38, was the youngest HC in the NCAA in '05 but he had paid his dues with 15 years as a full-time asst. Last year he had to replace OC Larry Fedora, who left to be HC at SM. He went with co-OC's in Trooper Taylor and Gunter Brewer (QB coach). Gundy called the plays in the '07 bowl and all of last year and put a lot of faith in his DC Tim Beckman as at times in '08 he worked on the next offensive series away from the field. This year he loses Taylor (Aub) and Beckman, who became the HC at Toledo. He made a great hire in Bill Young who is in his 3rd stint at OSU (last here in '78). He was the DC at Miami LY, Kansas from '02-'07 and also the DC at Ohio St, Oklahoma and USC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OSU had 51 returning lettermen in '03 including their big 3 off players in QB Fields, RB Bell and WR Woods. They were ranked #24 in the preseason (not ranked S/'85) and opened the season 7-1 before finishing a solid 9-4. In '04 they had to replace the big 3 but RB Morency rushed for 1,474 and the Cowboys recorded their 3rd straight winning year after having just 1 in the previous 12. They blew a 35-14 lead vs Texas and despite a 5-0 start, finished just 7-5 benefitting from +16 turnovers. In '05, despite a weak non-conf schedule, I mentioned the possibility of a losing season. They opened up 3-0 but were hardly impressive vs three weak foes. Colo dealt them their first shutout in 14 years (34-0). The Cowboys lost 7 of their last 8 to finish 4-7. In 2006 they had 9 starters back on off. They finished 7-6 with 4 close losses decided on the final play. In 2007 the Cowboys had 8 off starters back including their top QB, RB and WR from the 4th most productive offense in school history so expectations were raised much like in 2003. Their 15 ret starters tied for tops in the Big 12 but they did have 5 road games vs teams that went to bowls in '06. When they beat Indiana in the bowl they matched 2006's record at 7-6 and it was the first time they recorded B2B bowl wins since 1987 when Gundy was the QB with RB Thomas and WR Hart Lee Dykes. Last year the Cowboys had to replace 28 of 62 lettermen (45%) and played in the same division as three Top 10 teams yet I still called for them to top 2007's win total. OSU blew out their first 5 foes including bowl bound Houston & Troy. Despite being 5-0, they were a 2 TD dog at #3 Missouri. OSU pulled the upset 28-23 which had them 6-0 for the first time since 1945. This after Gundy's first 3 years were a combined 18-19. In a letdown spot the next week, they still blasted Baylor 34-6 and rose to #7. They took on #1 Texas on the road and only lost by 4. After waxing Iowa St they took on #2 TT on the road, one week after Tech's upset of Texas. This time they were destroyed 56-20 with TT having a 629-368 yd edge. After beating Colo they took on their 4th Top 3 team of the season and lost to Okla 61-41 in a game that was closer than the final. In their bowl, they led 17-7 at half but lost 42-31 with QB Robinson, RB Hunter and WR Bryant all banged up. However, their 9-4 finish was their best since 2003 (9-4 also). Despite facing those 4 Top 10 teams, the Cowboys were +25.6 in Big 12 play (6th best). This year OSU returns another version of the triplets in QB Robinson, RB Hunter (1st Tm AA) and WR Bryant (1st Tm AA). They did have only 2 starts lost in 2008. The Cowboys have shown remarkable balance as in '07 they had 3,161 rush and 3,161 pass and last year the balance was 3,191-3,149. OSU set a school single season ticket record at 39,976. OSU has not had a double digit winning season since 1988 (20 years) but I'll call for one this year as the D should be much improved with new DC Young and the offense is among the nation's best.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 11 ZAC ROBINSON SR. 6-3 218 PS#43. 24 st, 6233 (62%), 51-19 ratio, 1553 rush 3Y. 3 Alex Cate (6'1" 200 Jr) **PS#17.** 5 gm 2Y. 4 Brandon Weeden (6'4" 215 So). 1 gm rFr.

RB 24 KENDALL HUNTER JR. 5-8 190 PS#116. 696 (6.5) true. 13 st, 1555 (6.5), 22 rec, **1st Tm AA** LY. 5 Keith Toston (6'0" 205 Sr) PS#77. 1507 (6.1) 3Y. Beau Johnson **PS#7JC.** 357 (6.2) LY.

WR 8 Bo Bowling Sr. 5-10 186 JC. 3 st, 200 (20.0) LY. Susp. ? this yr. **FB 9 Kye Staley** (5'11" 225 rFr) **PS#14.** David Paulsen PS#95. **37** Bryant Ward (5'11" 225 Jr). 13 gm, 4 st LY.

WR 1 DEZ BRYANT JR. 6-2 215 **PS#5.** 622 (14.5) true. 13 st, 1480 (17.0), 17 PR (17.9), **1st Tm AA** LY. 84 Hubert Anyiam (6'1" 198 So) PS#105. 3 rec rFr. Nick Cash (5'11" 185 rFr).

WR 80 DeMARCUS CONNER SR. 6-1 206 PS#80. 13 gm, 0 rec 2Y. 13 st LY, 48 (16.0). 15 Adrian Richards (6'4" 195 rFr) PS#68. 81 Justin Blackmon (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#107.

TE 86 Wilson Youman So. 6-5 252 PS#42. 4 st, 1 rec rFr. 88 Jamal Mosley (6'4" 243 So) PS#35. 57 (11.4) true. 89 Cooper Bassett (6'5" 250 rFr) PS#40. Justin Horton (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#45.

C 54 ANDREW LEWIS SR. 6-5 290 PS#180. 13 st 2Y. 13 st LG LY, 59 kd, #1 on OL 880 pl. 74 Grant Garner (6'4" 286 So) PS#241. **LS 69** Marc Yerry (6'3" 232 So). 13 gm rFr.

RG 65 Anthony Morgan Jr. 6-5 320 **PS#4JC.** IFS. 77 Noah Franklin (6'5" 310 Sr) PS#316. 18 gm 3Y. 68 Lane Taylor (6'3" 320 rFr) PS#434. 64 Casey LaBrue (6'4" 275 So).

LG 78 Brandon Webb Fr. 6-4 290 **PS#22.** 70 Jonathan Rush (6'5" 309 So) PS#187. 79 Ahmad Jones (6'2" 309 So). PS#67. From DL. 66 DeJuan Davis (6'2" 312 rFr) PS#373.

RT 60 BRADY BOND SR. 6-7 295 PS#162. 5 st rFr. 13 st '07. 13 st, 53 kd LY. 72 Andrew Mitchell (6'5" 308 Sr) **PS#93JC.** Nick Martinez (6'4" 310 So) PS#191. Jordan Taormina (6'6" 300 Jr).

LT 76 RUSSELL OKUNG SR. 6-6 305 PS#138. 8 st true. 13 st, HM B12 '07. 13 st, 71 kd, 874 pl, **1st Tm B12** LY. 58 Patrick Hoog (6'4" 298 rFr) PS#107. Michael Bowie is PS#193.

K 95 DAN BAILEY JR. 6-1 185 PS#60. 2-4 FG, L/28 rFr. 15-19 FG, L/45, 95 KO (67.4) LY. Perfect on xp L2Y. 13 Quinn Sharp (6'1" 177 rFr) PS#11. Grayson Buster (5'11" 186 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 98 DEREK BURTON SR. 6-3 285 **PS#38.** 2 st, 37 tkl 2Y. 13 st DE/DT, 23 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. 93 Richetti Jones (6'3" 253 So) **PS#9.** 5 tkl rFr. 50 Jamie Blatnick (6'3" 252 So) PS#182. 13 tkl rFr.

NG 90 Swanson Miller Sr. 6-4 300 **PS#23JC.** 2 st, 13 gms, 17 tkl LY. 46 Shane Jarka (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#171. 14 tkl 2Y. 89 Nigel Nicholas (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#50. Jarid King (6'0" 272 rFr).

DT 96 Horace Hubbard Jr. 6-4 285 **PS#45JC.** In spg. 95 Chris Donaldson (6'2" 286 Jr) PS#211JC. 5 gm, 9 tkl here LY. 85 Jeremy Gray (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#129. Torn Achilles LY. +75 lb L2Y.

DE 91 UGO CHINASA JR. 6-5 253 **PS#31.** 13 tkl rFr. 13 st, 24 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. 97 Jeremiah Price (6'2" 260 Sr) PS#111JC. 4 st, 22 tkl, 7 tfl here LY. 92 Darius Hart is PS#108JC. In for spg.

OLB 4 PATRICK LAVINE SR. 6-2 222 PS#82. On pace to be OSU's #1 all-time tackler. 34 st, 221 tkl, 19 tfl, 13 pbu 3Y. 44 Donald Booker (5'11" 235 Sr) **PS#50JC.** 32 tkl here LY.

MLB 41 ORIE LEMON SR. 6-1 249 **PS#28.** 6 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 90 tkl, 4 tfl, HM B12 LY. 42 Justin Gent (6'2" 235 Jr) **PS#42.** 36 tkl 2Y. 24 Deron Fontenot (5'9" 208 So) PS#98. 7 tkl rFr.

STAR 20 ANDRE SEXTON SR. 6-0 217 PS#94. 25 st, 148 tkl, 11.5 tfl 2Y. 13 st, 100 tkl, **2ndTm B12** LY. 22 James Thomas (6'0" 205 So) **PS#56.** 10 tkl rFr. 48 Kenny Alexander (6'1" 230 So) PS#99.

CB 23 Terrance Anderson Sr. 5-11 185 PS#91. 1 st, 34 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 12 gm, 27 tkl last year. 7 Maurice Gray (5'9" 180 Sr) **PS#21JC.** 13 tkl here LY. 19 Brodrick Brown (5'8" 180 rFr) PS#189.

CB 16 PERRISH COX SR. 6-0 195 **PS#12.** 12 st, 66 tkl, 17 pd 2Y. 13 st, 32 tkl, 30 KR (29.8) LY. 3x HM B12 RS. Daytawion Lowe is **PS#38.** 6 Andrew McGee is PS#231JC. IFS

SS 31 Lucien Antoine Sr. 6-1 215 **PS#37JC.** 1st, 2 gm LY (inj). 10 Markelle Martin (6'1" 190 So) **PS#56.** 11 gm, 4 tkl, 4 pbu true. 25 Trevor Rogers (6'0" 190 rFr). Jason Evans (6'0" 185 Sr).

FS 12 Johnny Thomas So. 6-0 195 PS#288. 10 gm as true, 12 tkl. 3 Victor Johnson (6'1" 190 So) **PS#50.** 10 gm, 19 tkl, 11 KR (23.3) true. 29 Walker Smith (5'11" 190 Jr). Walk-on.

P 13 Quinn Sharp rFr. 6-1 177 PS#11. #1 P into spring, avd 42.2 ypp in spg gm, L/52. 53 Clinton Stein (6'0" 185 Jr). Walk-on JC transfer competing for P job in spring '09.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Anthony Morgan 6-5 320 PS#4JC
OL	Brandon Webb 6-4 290 PS#22
RB	Dexter Pratt 6-1 225 PS#20
RB	Jeremy Smith 5-11 205 PS#22
DL	Horace Hubbard 6-4 285 PS#45JC
DB	Daytawion Lowe 6-1 185 PS#38
LB	Jordan Barnes 6-1 220 PS#55
DL	Darius Hart 6-5 251 PS#108JC
LB	LeRon Furr 6-3 220 PS#75
RB	David Paulsen 6-3 240 PS#95
DL	Anthony Rogers 6-4 235 PS#122
WR	Tracy Moore 6-3 225 PS#120
LB	Colton Richardson 6-3 195 PS#150
DB	Andrew McGee 6-0 190 PS#231JC
OL	Michael Bowie 6-5 315 PS#193
QB	Clint Chelf 6-3 205 PS#98
DL	Andrew Hudson 6-5 230 PS#228
DB	Andrae May 6-1 170 PS#267
DB	Joe Mitchell 6-3 215 PS#273
DL	Ryan Robinson 6-4 235 PS#298
OL	Parker Graham 6-7 255 PS#351
DB	Mike Eargle 5-11 180 PS#517JC
WR	Charlie Moore 6-2 200 PS#337
WR	Michael Harrison 6-2 190 PS#434
K	Clinton Stein 6-0 185 PS#1805JC
WR	Anthony Hill 6-0 195 PS#1805JC

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

Stillwater, Oklahoma
Weather (405) 478-3377

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#14

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Georgia	A					Cowboys have won 13 straight home openers (last loss was in '95 vs Nebraska). Oklahoma St has won 15 straight non-conf home games by an avg of 33 ppg.
Sep. 12	Houston	A					LY OSU had 699 yds (2nd highest single-gm mark in school history, 717 vs KU in '88). Not only did all 3 of OSU's FBS non-conf opp's make it to bowls LY, they all won.
Sep. 19	Rice	A					Cowboys 3 reg ssn losses LY were vs schools ranked #1 (UT), #2 (TT) & #3 (OU). OSU is 2-0-1 vs Rice posting B2B shutouts, but the last meeting was in 1923.
Sep. 26	Grambling St	A					First meeting. Oklahoma St is 22-5-1 all-time vs FCS oppnents (last loss in 1949). Tigers finished 11-2 LY (lost to NV) as they took home their 22nd SWAC Title.
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	at Texas A&M	G					Last yr's win snapped a 4 game losing streak as OSU scored 5 off, 2 def & 1 ST TD's. The Cowboys are just 8-16 in their L/24 road games losing by an avg of 19 ppg.
Oct. 17	Missouri (HC)	A					Last yr these 2 came in avg 105 combined offensive pts as OSU pulled the upset. Oklahoma St is 26-12-2 on Homecoming since 1969 (45-37-1 on HC all-time).
Oct. 24	at Baylor	A					Mike Gundy spent the '96 season as the BU QB's coach & passing gm coordinator. These 2 have avg'd 69 ppg the L9Y (lowest ttl 40 pts LY). OSU has won 12 of 13 vs BU.
Oct. 31	Texas	A					OSU is 2-21 vs UT (1-12 in B12) & L/win was in '97 (42-16). With a 23-yd run in the 2Q LY vs UT, Hunter became just the 2nd OSU Fr RB to top 1,000 yds in a ssn (T. Thomas).
Nov. 7	at Iowa St	G					The visitor in this series is 5-12-2 since 1984. OSU has dropped 3 of L/5 vs ISU. In last year's 59-17 blowout WR Bryant had 9 rec's for 171 yds & 4 TD's.
Nov. 14	Texas Tech	A					Cowboys surrended a ssn high 629 yds to TT LY, 2nd yr in a row gave up ssn high in yds to TT (718 in '07). These potent offenses have avg 68 ppg S/'99. The HT has won 7 straight.
Nov. 19	Colorado (Thur)	A					Oklahoma St is just 3-11 since 1989 vs Colorado w/the avg score CU 29-18. Including 3 straight losses, OSU is just 7-12-1 in their home finale since 1989.
Nov. 28	at Oklahoma	G					With 2 TD rec LY vs OU, Bryant broke Rashaun Woods OSU single-ssn record (17 in '02). Gundy was 0-4 vs OU as OSU's starting QB from 1986-'89 (0-8 combined as QB/HC).
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Mike Gundy 7,997 '86-'89
2. Zac Robinson 6,233 '06-Present
3. Josh Fields 6,090 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Thurman Thomas 4,595 '84-'87
2. Terry Miller 4,581 '74-'77
3. David Thompson 4,314 '93-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Rashaun Woods 4,414 '00-'03
2. Hart Lee Dykes 3,171 '85-'88
3. D'Juan Woods 2,751 '02-'06

MIKE GUNDY (Career 27-23)

5th Year at Oklahoma St — Gundy's Bowl Record: 2-1

Gundy's records AT OKLAHOMA ST

27-23	Straight Up	1-7	Vs Top 10
17-8	Home	4-12	Vs Top 25
8-14	Away	3-2	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	4-5	Off A Bye
13-19	Vs Conference	12-9	Off A Loss

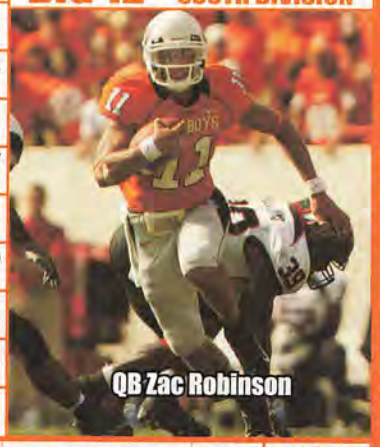
2008 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (14,18,2)
Lost: 15 (6,7,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,261 (#46)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION


QB Zac Robinson

STADIUM: BOONE PICKENS STADIUM (60,000) (#43)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	8-5	9-4	7-5	4-7	7-6	7-6	9-4	58-52
Home	2-4	2-4	6-1	6-1	4-2	3-3	4-2	4-2	6-1	37-20
Away	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	18-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	3-3
vs Conf	1-7	2-6	5-3	5-3	4-4	1-7	3-5	4-4	5-3	30-42
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-1	3-0	4-1	3-2	4-1	28-10
ATS	3-7	4-6	7-4-1	6-6	7-5	3-7	7-4-1	6-5-1	8-4	51-48-3
Home Fav	1-0	0-2	2-0	3-1	3-2	0-1	2-1	1-1	5-0	17-8
Home Dog	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	1-0-1	1-1-1	0-1	12-10-2
Away Favorite	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	9-5
Away Dog	0-4	2-2	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-4	2-2	2-2	2-1	11-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-3-1
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	6-2	3-5	5-3	2-6	4-3-1	4-3-1	5-3	35-35-2
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	1-2-1	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	16-13-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	4-2-1	4-4	4-3	1-3	3-3	1-3-1	6-2	25-23-2
Off SU Loss	2-5	2-4	3-1	2-1	2-2	2-4	4-1-1	5-1	1-2	23-21-1

Bob Simmons 1935-45 | Les Miles | Mike Gundy

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kendall Hunter	241	1626	71	1555	16	6.5
Keith Toston	102	694	8	686	9	6.7
Zac Robinson	146	700	138	562	8	3.8
Beau Johnson	58	367	10	357	3	6.2
Michael Roberts	15	46	4	42	0	2.8
Alex Cate	6	25	4	21	1	3.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zac Robinson	314	204	65.0	3064	25	10
Alex Cate	5	4	80.0	56	0	0
Brandon Weeden	3	1	33.3	8	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Dez Bryant	87	1480	17.0	19	80	
Brandon Pettigrew	42	472	11.2	0	38	
Damian Davis	19	414	21.8	2	50	
Bo Bowling	10	200	20.0	2	66	
Kendall Hunter	22	198	9.0	1	31	
Jeremy Broadway	2	118	59.0	1	95	
Keith Toston	8	62	7.8	0	29	
Jamal Mosley	5	57	11.4	0	16	
DeMarcus Conner	3	48	16.0	0	23	
Hubert Anyiam	3	32	10.7	0	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Fodge	36	1544	42.9	8	39.1	1	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dan Bailey	65-65	11-12	2-2	2-3	0-2	15-19	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Andre Sexton	100	1.5	2.5	4	1
Orie Lemon	90	0	4	8	0
Ricky Price	81	2	2.5	7	1
Patrick Lavine	70	1.5	4	3	2
Quinton Moore	70	0	1.5	3	0
Jacob Lacey	61	0	2	14	2
Donald Booker	32	0	0.5	1	0
Perrish Cox	32	0	1	8	2
Terrance Anderson	27	0	1.5	2	1
Justin Gent	27	0	0	2	1
Ugo Chinasa	24	2	6.5	0	1
Derek Burton	23	0.5	5	0	0
Tonga Tea	22	2	5	2	0
Jeremiah Price	22	3	4	2	1
Victor Johnson	19	0	1	0	0
TJ Bell	18	0	1	1	0
Swanson Miller	17	0	2	0	0
Jeray Chatham	15	1	1	2	0
Seb Clements	15	0	0	0	0
Maurice Gray	13	0	0	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dez Bryant	17	305	17.9	2
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Perrish Cox	30	895	29.8	2
Victor Johnson	11	256	23.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Cotton - #21	+2'	Mississippi - #16	28-31
04	Alamo	-3'	Ohio St - #24	7-33
06	Independence	-2'	Alabama	34-31
07	Insight	-5	Indiana	49-33
08	Holiday - #13	-1'	Oregon - #15	31-42

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Oklahoma St's All-Time Bowl Record 12-7

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	40.8	488	245	5.5	242	64.4	12.0	16	+5	2008	6	28.1	406	138	4.3	268	62.1	14.4	15
8*	34.6	486	243	5.3	243	59.3	14.0	11	-3	2007	7	29.5	443	157	4.2	286	64.3	15.0	22
9*	35.2	410	208	5.2	202	54.2	11.6	18	+5	2006	5	25.6	364	147	4.0	217	60.8	14.2	37
5*	20.2	325	154	3.9	171	49.4	16.1	26	-15	2005	6	31.3	418	204	4.9	214	61.8	13.4	25
6	32.3	381	237	4.8	144	51.7	11.8	15	+16	2004	8	25.1	396	174	4.6	222	59.6	15.8	18
8*	35.9	415	218	5.4	197	54.6	11.5	19	-4	2003	6	25.1	401	160	3.9	241	56.5	16.0	32
7*	34.3	411	148	4.4	263	53.5	12.0	19	-2	2002	8	27.4	399	147	3.5	252	54.8	14.6	28

2008 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
50,830	at Washington St	22	42-174	4.1	20-27	193	1	14	34-114	3.4	12-25	82	2	0
45,001	Houston	28	51-379	7.4	14-21	320	1	28	22-96	4.4	35-62	387	0	-2
43,388	Missouri St	26	56-450	8.0	5-10	122	0	13	48-173	3.6	4-18	23	0	0
52,463	Troy	35	62-358	5.8	16-21	254	0	25	23-144	6.3	27-49	272	0	+3
51,147	Texas A&M	20	46-215	4.7	10-14	186	0	19	30-184	6.1	24-43	218	2	+4
68,349	at Missouri	23	44-187	4.3	19-28	215	2	28	18-64	3.6	39-52	390	2	0
50,080	Baylor	25	58-219	3.8	13-20	238	1	14	31-42	1.4	15-27	162	2	0
98,518	at Texas	22	37-217	5.9	17-27	199	5	32	32-113	3.5	38-45	391	1	+1
46,718	Iowa St	28	36-263	7.3	20-29	419	0	17	38-122	3.2	20-35	240	2	+1
55,663	at Texas Tech	19	34-186	5.5	16-29	182	2	38	25-113	4.5	45-55	516	0	0
46,092	at Colorado	24	40-226	5.7	15-23	217	0	19	35-133	3.8	19-38	171	2	0
49,031	Oklahoma	25	39-198	5.1	17-26	254	2	27	38-187	4.9	30-44	370	0	-2
59,106	† Oregon	27	37-119	3.2	28-51	350	2	22	40-307	7.7	18-32	258	2	0
TOTALS		324	582-3191	5.5	210-326	3149	16	296	414-1792	4.3	326-525	3480	15	+5
AVERAGES		24.9	45-245	5.5	16-25	242	4.9%	22.8	32-138	4.3	25-40	268	2.9%	0.4

2004 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UCLA	+1	31-20
–	Tulsa	-21'	38-21
–	SMU	-34'	59-7
#25	Iowa St	-17	36-7
#22	at Colorado	-6'	42-14
#16	Texas A&M - #23	-7	20-36
#22	at Missouri	+3	20-17
#21	Oklahoma - #2	+13	35-38
#19	at Texas - #6	+12'	35-56
#25	Baylor	-25'	49-21
#23	at Texas Tech	+4'	15-31

2005 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Montana St	NL	15-10
–	at Florida Atlantic	-13'	23-3
–	Arkansas St	-24'	20-10
–	Colorado	+3	0-34
–	Missouri	+4	31-38
–	at Texas A&M	+20	23-62
–	at Iowa St	+14	10-37
–	Texas - #2	+37'	28-47
–	Texas Tech - #13	+23	24-17
–	at Baylor	+3	34-44
–	at Oklahoma	+18'	14-42

2006 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Missouri St	NL	52-10
–	at Arkansas St	-13	35-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-30	48-8
–	at Houston	+1	25-34
–	at Kansas St	-3	27-31
–	at Kansas	+2'	42-32
–	Texas A&M - #23	-3	33-34 OT
–	Nebraska - #20	+5'	41-29
–	at Texas - #4	+17'	10-36
–	Baylor	-16'	66-24
–	at Texas Tech	+6'	24-30
–	Oklahoma - #13	+6	21-27

2007 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Georgia - #13	+6'	14-35
–	Florida Atlantic	-23'	42-6
–	at Troy	-10'	23-41
–	Texas Tech	+6	49-45
–	Sam Houston St	NL	39-3
–	at Texas A&M	+6'	23-24
–	at Nebraska	+4	45-14
–	Kansas St - #25	-2'	41-39
–	Texas - #14	+3	35-38
–	Kansas - #5	+6	28-43
–	at Baylor	-14	45-14
–	at Oklahoma - #10	+13'	17-49

2008 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-#16 Score
–	at Washington St	-7	39-13
–	Houston	-15'	56-37
–	Missouri St	-42'	57-13
–	Troy	-17	55-24
#21	Texas A&M	-25'	56-28
#17	at Missouri - #3	+14	28-23
#8	Baylor	-17	34-6
#7	at Texas - #1	+11'	24-28
#9	Iowa St	-29'	59-17
#8	at Texas Tech - #2	+3'	20-56
#11	at Colorado	-17'	30-17
#11	Oklahoma - #3	+7'	41-61

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Mike Leach's QB's always have great stats and he even had a streak of using a 5th senior (most walk-ons) for 3 straight years (see Hardcore). In 2006 the position was finally filled by a VHT, Graham Harrell (PS#16), who threw for 422 (67.3%) with a 3-0 ratio as Cody Hodges' backup in '05. Harrell threw for 4,555 (66.8%) with a 38-11 ratio in '06. In '07 Harrell improved to 5,705 (71.8%) with a 48-14 ratio. Taylor Potts (PS#19) played in just 5 but hit 32-49 for 409. Last year Harrell's passing yards "dropped" a little to 5,111 (70.6%) with a 45-9 ratio and after they beat Texas he was the frontrunner for the Heisman (finished #4). Potts saw action in 10 (23 of 36). Harrell set an NCAA all-time record with 134 career passing TD's (Colt Brennan) and was the first NCAA player to post multiple 5,000 yd seasons. This year they must replace Harrell but Potts is also a VHT and actually has a little better size (6'5" 215) and more experience than Harrell did when he took over. Battling him will be Stefan Loucks (PS#34), Seth Doege (PS#28), Steven Sheffield (6'4" 181 Jr) and Garrett Riley (6'0" 180 rFr). Replacing the career passing leader is never easy but Potts should have a fine season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 Shannon Woods led with 926 (6.1) and also had 75 rec (7.6). Baron Batch (PS#40) played in 6 (84 ttl yd) before an injury while Kobey Lewis (PS#181) had just 44 ttl yds. Surprisingly, Leach demoted Woods to 3rd string after the '07 spring (poor practices) but he won the job back in the fall. He got into Leach's doghouse again and after 8 was the leading rusher with 439 (5.2) and 34 rec but was dropped to the scout team. Woods' ypc went from 7.0 to 6.1 to 5.2 in his 3 years. True frosh Aaron Crawford (PS#54) rushed for 214 (4.0) with 38 rec (6.5). Lewis added 189 (3.8) and Batch who benches 400+, RS. Leach said that Woods worked ridiculously hard in the offseason and made a point to talk about his solid blocking and won his job back in '08. There was also much more emphasis on the run game as the team avg 118 ypg (4.8), the best in the Leach era (59 ypg, 3.1 in '07). Woods and Batch alternated as the team's leading rusher with Batch finishing with 758 (6.7) and Woods 716 (5.1) and they combined for an additional 846 yds rec. This year they lose Woods (13 st) but return Batch, Crawford (26 yd), Ryan Hale (6'1" 227 Sr, 1 st) and Harrison Jeffers (5'9" 210 rFr, PS#47). Not listed below is Josh Talbott (6'0" 195 rFr) and Gerardo Acevedo (6'1" 203 Jr). Even with the loss of Woods, with Batch back and good depth, this unit could match last year's stats.

RECEIVERS - Naturally Tech has had many 1,000 yard receivers in Leach's pass happy offense. In 2007 they had to replace their top 2 WR's who combined for 2,171 yards and the leading returnees were Danny Amendola (487, 10.1) and Eric Morris (347, 13.9). After RS in '06, Michael Crabtree set NCAA frosh records for rec's, yards and TD's. He had 22 TD's and led the NCAA with 1,962 (14.6) becoming the first frosh to win the Biletnikoff Award while Amendola had 1,245 (11.4). Last year they had to replace Amendola and their #5 WR. Crabtree made the phenomenal catch that won the Texas game and was the Biletnikoff Award winner again but his numbers dropped to 1,165 (12.0) with 19 TD's. Detron Lewis (PS#81) was #2 with 913 (12.0). Morris had 771 (10.4) and rFr Tramain Swindall (PS#92) added 561 (12.2). Edward Britton had 631 (13.1) in '07 and 577 (16.5) last year. In just 2 years Crabtree became TT's all-time leading rec and left early for the NFL (#1DC SF) and also gone is Morris (12 st). Not listed below are Blake Kelley (5'11" 180 Jr, PS#432JC), Landon Hoefer (6'1" 200 Sr), Brik Brinker (6'2" 199 Jr), Steven Johnson (5'7" 152 rFr) and Brian Cote (6'1" 181 So). This unit does have good talent and will put up big numbers but is clearly weaker with the loss of its star.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '05 Leach signed what he called a great crop of true frosh and the 5 players trained at all 5 positions. In '06 the O-line had 4 starters back and opened holes for a Leach era high 4.7 ypc rush (2.9% sk). In '07 they had to replace 4 starters with that '05 class occupying all 5 starting spots. LT Rylan Reed spent 5 years in the MLB system and set a Raider bench press record at 565 lbs! The '07 group avg 331 lbs and 4 were 6'6" or taller. Tech was #2 in the FBS in sack allowed (2.4%) but they dropped to a school record low of 59 ypg rush (3.1). Last year the unit ret'd intact and was one of the largest in the NCAA. C Shawn Byrnes (11 st '07) lost his job to Stephen Hamby. As expected, the numbers improved to 118 ypg rush (4.8) and they led the NCAA allowing 1.96% sacks (tied #4 sk allowed). This year they lose 1st Tm B12 LT Reed (13 st, 2Y st'r), 2nd Tm B12 LG Louis Vasquez (12 st, 3Y st'r, #3DC SD), C Hamby (13 st) and LG Jake Johnson (1 st). Brandon Carter was one of their top OL last year and is back (played LG and LT in spg) plus they add 2 VHT's. While down a few notches, this is still a top-notch unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 TT had to replace 5 of their top 6 DL's and slipped to allowing 177 ypg rush (4.0) while the D had just 25 sacks. Last year the unit ret'd intact and they added in JUCO McKinner Dixon who became the B12 Def Newcomer of the Year with 9 sacks. While they allowed just 140 ypg rush, the ypc remained at 4.0 (34 sk). This year they lose 1st Tm B12 DE Brandon Williams (#4DC DAL, 13 st, 25 tkl, 13 sk) and DE Jake Ratliff (13 st, 14 tkl, 2 tfl). Six of the top 8 could be back (Dixon susp and very ? for fall) and they add in 311 lb JUCO Myles Wade (PS#39). I also expect a bigger impact from Miami, Fl transfer Chris Perry (PS#33). Not listed in the PSL below are Clint Stoffels (6'0" 254 Jr), Ryan Haliburton (6'4" 242 rFr, PS#81), Britton Barbee (6'2" 282 Jr) and Ameche Maduneme (6'4" 270 So). While not quite as deep as '08, I think this group will be tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace their #4 tackler and returned their #2 and #5. This year the entire 2 deep returns incl their #1, #3 and #4 tkl'rs. They also have 2 VHT's on the 2nd string and this is a good sized and very experienced corps. Adding depth are Michael Aguilar (6'1" 220 Jr), Bonner Morren (6'0" 200 rFr), Michael Hanson (6'0" 205 So), Jason Wallace (5'10" 230 So) and Jonathan Brydon (6'3" 207 Jr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 TT only had to replace one starter and allowed the fewest passing yards in the Big 12. TT climbed to #33 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but did move in WR LA Reed (9 st 3Y). Reed was inj (4 st). With just two starters back, they did drop to #45. Leach noted that soph LaRon Moore had as much athletic ability as his starting CB's but a concussion slowed him and his first start was in the bowl. SS Daniel Charbonnet set a school record with 3 int's vs SMU as they had 9 int's in the first 3 but just 9 after that. This year they lose 1st Tm B12 FS Darcel McBath (13 st, 75 tkl, 7 int, #2DC DEN), 1st Tm B12 SS Daniel Charbonnet (12 st, 60 tkl, 5 int), SS Anthony Hines (1 st, 35 tkl), Reed (19 tkl), FS Jordy Rowland (32 tkl) and CB Marcus Bunton (2 tkl). Not listed below are Nathan Stone (5'8" 175 Jr), Eugene Neboh (6'0" 180 rFr), Arlan Waller (6'0" 188 rFr) and Travis Malone (6'0" 213 rFr). Two starters return but they do lose their top 2 DB's (12 of 18 int) and might drop a little more in my rankings especially with the loss of their top four S's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly Leach's best KR team avg in his first 7 years was 19.9 but they improved that to 21.9 in '07. Tech had its best finish under Leach at #18 in my ST rankings and last year replaced their KR's with Jamar Wall (23.9) and Detron Lewis (25.2) and the team improved to 22.2 on KR's but TT dropped to #25. P Jonathan LaCour saw his numbers drop from 42.6 (35.6 net) to 37.1 (29.2 net). FG's were a major problem. Donnie Carona and Cory Fowler combined to hit 5-10 FG's. Matthew Williams hit a 30 yd FG at halftime vs UMass and Leach was so impressed he asked him to walk on. He hit 2 of 3 FG's and 33-33 xp's. Carona did have 26 TB's on 96 KO's. This year the only losses are PR Morris (10.6) and K Fowler. I would look for significant improvement.

COACHES - Mike Leach enters his 10th year here and his teams have led the FBS in passing in 6 out of the last 7 years and in total offense twice in the last 6. He survived a bizarre contract episode in Feb where TT almost fired him with 2 years remaining for not signing a 5 year ext. Leach calls all the plays as this is his offense with Tech having no real OC. Ruffin McNeill took over as DC after Wk 4 in '07 and became a fan favorite. After they held A&M to 7 points, the crowd chanted "Ruffin, Ruffin" at the end. In his first full year as coord they allowed 27.8 ppg and 383 ypg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tech has now had 16 straight non-losing seasons. Even more impressive to me is that they are the ONLY member of the Big 12 with 14 straight winning seasons despite playing in the same division as Texas, Okla and A&M. Tech is 18 games over .500 in conf play since the Big 12 was formed. They outgained Big 12 foes by 134.9 (3rd best) in '03, 103.7 in '04, 115 ypg (2nd best) in '05, 95.3 ypg (2nd best) in '06, 104.4 ypg (2nd best) in '07 and 133.5 (2nd best) in '08. In '04 they were 8-4 and their #18 AP finish was the highest since 1976. In '05 TT was ranked in the preseason Top 25 (#21) for the first time since 1977 (#8). They were #13 after an 8-1 start and played in their 3rd all-time Cotton Bowl where they lost to #13 Bama by 3 and finished #20. That year they were +9 in TO's which is the best TO margin in the Leach era. 2006 was Graham Harrell's first year as a starter (first non-senior starter since 2001). TT had the biggest comeback ever in a bowl. After trailing Minn by 31 pts they won 44-41 in OT to finish 8-5 (unranked). In 2007 they had the fewest amount of ret starters (10) in Leach's 8 years and were picked 5th in the Big 12 South media poll. TT knocked off #3 Okla in the season finale, when Sam Bradford was inj'd, then in the 1Q of the Gator Bowl UVA led by 14 but lost its QB to injury. TT scored 17 pts in the final 3:31 for a 31-28 win to finish 9-4 (#22). Despite their recent success, heading into last year Tech had not won 10 reg season games S/'76. Last year in my forecast I noted that all then-8 sets of my power ratings called for TT to get the elusive 10 win season and that most of them had TT a perfect 10-0 when they traveled to Norman to face Okla. They were #12 in the preseason AP poll, their highest S/'76. Tech lived up to my power ratings forecast. For the most part they dominated their first 10 opp with 2 close calls. They needed OT to get past Neb 37-31 then at 8-0 (best start S/'76), they hosted #1 Texas in a titanic battle. Tech was dominant leading 29-13 but Texas had rallied for the lead. Harrell hit Crabtree with a TD w/:01 left and TT moved up to #2. The next week they vanquished #8 Okla St and moved to 10-0 for the first time S/'38. They were thrashed 65-21 in their showdown vs #5 Okla. The next week they barely survived Baylor trailing 28-14 but got to 11 wins for just the 3rd time in 84 years. Tech got to their 4th Cotton Bowl but came up 13 points short to Ole Miss. LY was the 1st time since '74 Tech defeated 2 Top 10 teams in a single season. TT benefited from +8 in TO's and this year lose Harrell and Crabtree and their 11 ret starters are 2nd fewest in B12. They had 3 net close wins and were #14 in the FBS with just 9 starts lost to inj LY. TT will not match '08's 11 win total especially playing in the same div as 3 preseason Top 10 teams but will keep alive their streak of winning seasons and QB Potts will be among the national leaders in passing.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 15 Taylor Potts Jr. 6-5 215 **PS#19.** 15 games, 669 (65%), 5-2 ratio 2Y. **16** Stefan Loucks (6'1" 171 So) **PS#34.** 1 gm, 0 att 2Y. **7** Seth Doege (6'2" 207 rFr) **PS#28.**

RB 25 Baron Batch Jr. 5-11 200 **PS#40.** 6 gm (inj) true. RS '07. 1 st, 758 (6.7), HM B12 LY. **32** Aaron Crawford (5'11" 199 So) PS#54. 5 st, 240 (3.9) 2Y. **10** Harrison Jeffers **PS#47.**

WR 11 Tramain Swindall So. 6-3 175 PS#92. 561 (12.2) rFr. **82** Adam James (6'3" 217 So) PS#54. GS '06. 159 (10.6) rFr. **2** Cornelius Douglas (5'9" 190 rFr) PS#43QB.

WR 27 EDWARD BRITTON SR. 6-0 174 **PS#42.** 11 st, 762 (13.1) 2Y. 4 st, 577 (16.5) LY. Jacoby Franks (6'1" 194 So) PS#145. 11 gm, 6 rec rFr. Alexander Torres (6'2" 195 Jr). Walk-on.

WR 19 Lyle Leong Jr. 6-1 165 PS#231. 8 st, 380 (11.5) 2Y. Track. **23** Rashad Hawk (6'4" 183 So) PS#101. 65 (13.0) rFr. **80** Adrian Reese (6'7" 207 Jr) PS#57. 10 rec (14.0) 2Y.

WR 17 DETRON LEWIS JR. 6-0 209 PS#81. 120 (12.0) true. 13 st, 913 (12.0) LY. **18** Eric Ward PS#51. In spg. Austin Zouzalik (6'1" 181 rFr) PS#292. Omar Castillo (6'6" 282 rFr) PS#364.

C 51 Shawn Byrnes Sr. 6-4 290 PS#176. 3 gm rFr. 11 st '07. 6 gm LY. **75** Blake Emert (6'4" 280 So) PS#162. DNP as rFr. **LS 50** Austin Burns (5'10" 238 Sr). 36 gm 3Y.

RG 77 Mickey Okafor So. 6-7 320 **PS#63.** 3 gm, played RG and RT as rFr. **66** Deveric Gallington (6'4" 347 rFr) **PS#98.** David Neill (6'5" 285 So) PS#175. Jonathan Guerra (6'3" 252 rFr).

LG 76 BRANDON CARTER SR. 6-7 340 **PS#66.** 1 st, 12 gm rFr. 13 st, HM B12 '07. 13 st, **1st Tm B12** LY. Saw time at LT spg. **78** Lonnie Edwards (6'5" 288 So) **PS#46.** 6 gm as rFr.

RT 67 MARLON WINN SR. 6-6 325 PS#345. 9 gm as true. Last 8 st, 13 gm '07. 13 st, HM B12 LY. **59** Joe King (6'6" 324 rFr) PS#176. Kyle Clark (6'5" 280 Fr) **PS#40.**

LT 68 Terry McDaniel rFr. 6-7 323 PS#185. Improved weight lifting marks. **70** Chris Olson (6'5" 271 Jr) **PS#65.** 7 gm rFr. 6 gm LY. **73** Justin Keown (6'4" 290 Jr). 5 gm '07. DNP LY.

K 85 MATTHEW WILLIAMS JR. 5-8 160 Walked on after gm 4, 2-3 FG, L/31 LY. **49** Donnie Carona. 4-9 FG, L/42 true. Brad Hicks (6'2" 175 Jr) PS#208JC. Brandon O'Connor (5'9" 180 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 92 Brandon Sharpe Sr. 6-3 244 PS#284JC. RS '07. 3 tkl LY. **53** Daniel Howard (6'3" 239 Sr) PS#453JC. 1 st, 30 tkl, 8.5 tfl 2Y. Jake Myatt (6'5" 251 Sr). Caleb Schneider (6'3" 215 rFr).

NT 6 COLBY WHITLOCK JR. 6-2 281 PS#220. 10 st, 47 tkl true. 13 st, 39 tkl, HM B12 LY. **94** Chris Perry (6'3" 308 So) **PS#33. Mia, FL trans.** 7 tkl LY. Victor Hunter (5'11" 256 Sr). 1 st, 60 tkl 3Y.

DT 91 RAJON HENLEY SR. 6-3 266 PS#160. 14 tkl true. 13 st, 52 tkl, 7.5 tfl '07. 5 st, 10 gm (inj), 10 tkl LY. **99** Richard Jones (6'1" 272 Sr) PS#99. 11 st, 60 tkl 3Y. Myles Wade **PS#39JC.**

DE 43 McKinner Dixon Sr. 6-3 250 **PS#75JC.** 1 st '05. JUCO 2Y. 13 gm, 33 tkl, 11 tfl, HM B12 LY. Susp, ? '09 Brandon Sesay (6'6" 278 Sr) **PS#72JC.** 8 tkl LY. Sandy Riley (6'0" 237 Sr). 31 tkl 3Y.

SLB 20 BRONT BIRD JR. 6-3 220 PS#363. 16 tkl true. 13 st, 64 tkl LY. **45** Tyrone Sonier (6'2" 215 So). 2 tkl rFr. **50** Jack Campbell (6'0" 220 So). Tanner Foster (6'3" 211 So) PS#419.

MLB 57 BRIAN DUNCAN JR. 6-1 238 **PS#46.** 9 st, 69 tkl rFr. 13 st, 94 tkl, 8 pd, HM B12 LY. **41** Sam Fehoko (5'11" 236 So) **PS#24.** 3 tkl rFr. **58** Chris Wallace (5'11" 208 Sr). 1 tkl 3Y.

WLB 39 MARLON WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 224 PS#99. 5 tkl true. 12 st, 81 tkl '07. 13 st, 73 tkl, HM B12 LY. **35** Blake Collier (6'2" 211 Jr) **PS#40.** 19 tkl 3Y. **54** Riley Harvey (6'1" 193 So).

CB 28 LaRON MOORE JR. 5-9 186 **PS#43.** 8 tkl rFr. 1 st, 10 tkl LY. **33 Brent Nickerson** (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#107. 6 tkl rFr. **9 st**, 27 tkl LY. **21** De'Shon Sanders (6'1" 198 Sr) **PS#75JC.** 6 tkl LY.

CB 3 JAMAR WALL SR. 5-10 195 **PS#52.** 12 st, 66 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 62 tkl, 13 pd LY. Taylor Charbonnet (5'10" 168 So) PS#298. 13 tkl rFr. Jarrell Routt (6'0" 191 Jr) PS#251JC. DNP in '08.

SS 16 Cody Davis rFr. 6-2 205 PS#137. **22** Jared Flannel (5'11" 173 So) PS#223. 12 tkl rFr. **13** Julius Howard (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#138. 10 tkl 2Y. Andre McCorkle (6'2" 190 So) PS#444.

FS 26 Franklin Mitchem Jr. 6-2 201 PS#114. 16 tkl LY. **30** Brett Dewhurst (6'0" 194 Jr) PS#375. 7 tkl LY. **25** Trent Nickerson (6'4" 196 Jr). No grm action 2Y. Josh Amador (5'11" 195 So).

P 9 JONATHAN LaCOUR JR. 6-2 208 PS#17. 29 punt (42.6), 35.6 net true. 25 (37.1), 29.2 net LY. Donnie Carona (6'0" 215 So) PS#51. Chris Astwood (6'3" 220 rFr). Stephen Frazier (6'1" 195 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Myles Wade 6-2 311 PS#39JC
OL	Kyle Clark 6-5 280 PS#40
OL	Joel Gray 6-6 288 PS#42
QB	Jacob Karam 6-1 197 PS#33
RB	Eric Stephens 5-8 180 PS#60
WR	Eric Ward 5-11 190 PS#51
LB	Brandon Mahoney 6-2 210 PS#49
DL	Pearlie Graves 6-3 260 PS#80
WR	Aaron Fisher 6-3 175 PS#60
DB	Bryce Lamb 6-1 185 PS#82
DB	Will Ford 6-1 190 PS#84
DB	Daniel Cobb 6-1 195 PS#115
DL	Kerry Hyder 6-3 262 PS#126
DB	Terrance Bullitt 6-3 178 PS#120
LB	Dion Chidozie 6-1 190 PS#111
DL	Romario Cathey 6-3 275 PS#159
K	Brad Hicks 6-2 175 PS#208JC
WR	EJ Celestie 5-11 173 PS#135RB
LB	James Scott 6-3 220 PS#159
DB	Yahshua Williams 6-3 185 PS#185
OL	LaAdrian Waddle 6-6 315 PS#233
DB	DJ Johnson 6-0 171 PS#251
DB	Jarvis Phillips 6-0 185 PS#374
DL	Chris Knighton 6-3 235 PS#351
WR	Derrick Mays 6-0 170 PS#288
DL	Aundrey Barr 6-3 230 PS#502
OL	Matt Goetz 6-4 270 PS#558

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#19

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	North Dakota	A					
Sep. 12	Rice	A					
Sep. 19	at Texas	A					
Sep. 26	at Houston	G					
Oct. 3	New Mexico	A					
Oct. 10	Kansas St (HC)	A					
Oct. 17	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 24	Texas A&M	A					
Oct. 31	Kansas	A					
Nov. 7							
Nov. 14	at Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 21	Oklahoma	A					
Nov. 28	† Baylor *(Arlington)*	A					
Dec. 5							

Texas Tech is 15-1 in their last 16 home openers with the avg score 45-17. The Fighting Sioux were 6-4 LY (1st ssn in FCS) & next ssn become a full member.

Into '09, Red Raiders are 20-3 the L/23 reg ssn non-conf gms. Played every yr from 1960-'95 (Southwest Conf)& TT's win in '07 snapped a 7 gm series home win streak.

In the L7Y, these two schools have averaged 78 ppg (66 pts lowest score in '06). When TT beat #1 UT LY it marked their 1st win in school history vs a #1 ranked opp.

Texas Tech is just 9-21-1 since 1977 in road openers, but have won 5 straight. Under Leach, TT is 14-1 vs instate non-conf tms. TT is 5-0 since 1991 vs UH.

Tech is 33-6-2 all-time vs NM, but did drop the last meeting in 2004, 27-24. Coming in '09, TT has won 9 straight reg ssn non-conf gms by an avg of 38 ppg.

TT has won 4 straight in the series by an avg of 25 ppg. LY's game was tied at 14 when TT scored on 7 straight possessions. TT is 15-2 on HC S/'92 (only losses in '01 & '06).

TT is 3-7 vs NU, but have won the L/3 gms, including scoring a B12 high 70 pts in '04. LY TT only ran 48 plays compared to NU's 80, but the Raiders avg 8.8 ypp (NU 5.9).

TT is 11-3 S/'95 vs A&M, but all 3 losses were at Kyle Field. LY the Red Raiders trailed 23-20 at HT after allowing 277 yds in the 1H but held A&M to 39 2H yds.

K Williams won a HT promo at the UMass gm LY (made 30 yd FG) & later joined TT connecting on 9 of 9 XP's vs KU in his debut. TT is 10-1 vs KU (avg score 32-18).

Bonus: The Red Raiders are the only school in the Big 12 to be bowl eligible & post a winning record each season since the league's inception in 1996.

After the OSU gm LY, TT was 10-0 for the 1st time S/'38 (started 6-0 in conf play for 1st time ever). HT has won 7 straight (Stillwater, OSU W's by 4 ppg & in Lubbock, TT W's by 21 ppg).

Last time here The Red Raiders led 34-10 (3Q) & beat the #3 Sooners 34-27. HT is 9-2 the L11Y. TT is 21-3 S'85 in home finales (2 of the 3 losses were vs OU).

TT leads this series 34-32-1, but has won 13 straight w/their avg win by 28 ppg. With their win over BU LY, Tech finished with the best reg ssn record in school history.

Bonus: This year's Baylor game is in the new Cowboys Stadium & next year it is being played at the Cotton Bowl.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Graham Harrell 15,793 '05-'08
2. Kliff Kingsbury 12,429 '99-'02
3. Robert Hall 7,908 '90-'93

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Byron Hanspard 4,219 '94-'96
2. James Gray 4,066 '86-'89
3. Ricky Williams 3,661 '97-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Michael Crabtree 3,127 '07-'08
2. Wes Welker 3,069 '00-'03
3. Lloyd Hill 3,059 '90-'93

MIKE LEACH (Career 76-39)

10th Year at Texas Tech — Leach's Bowl Record: 5-4

Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

76-39	Straight Up	5-14	Vs Top 10
47-10	Home	11-27	Vs Top 25
24-25	Away	6-6	Vs BCS Teams
5-4	Neutral	8-8	Off A Bye
42-30	Vs Conference	28-7	Off A Loss

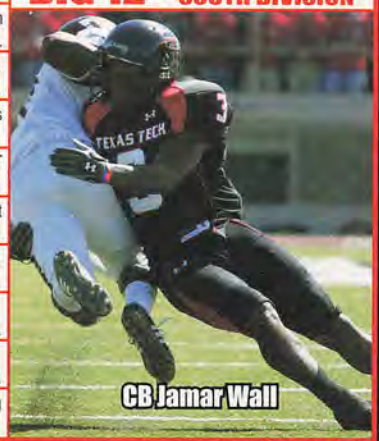
2008 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (22,26,3)
Lost: 19 (9,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,625 (#38)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



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STADIUM: JONES AT&T STADIUM (53,882) (#53)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-6	7-5	9-5	8-5	8-4	9-3	8-5	9-4	11-2	76-39
Home	6-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	4-1	7-0	4-2	5-1	7-0	47-10
Away	1-3	3-2	3-4	2-4	3-3	2-2	3-3	3-3	4-1	24-25
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	5-4
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	7-1	42-30
vs Non-Conf	4-1	3-1	4-2	4-1	3-1	3-1	4-1	5-0	4-1	34-9
ATS	7-6	6-4-1	8-6	9-4	6-6	4-6	5-7	6-6	5-6	56-51-1
Home Fav	4-2	1-1-1	4-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-2	1-3	24-16-1
Home Dog	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-4
Away Favorite	0-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-4	3-1	2-1	12-13
Away Dog	3-1	1-1	1-4	3-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	12-13
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	3-5
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	39-33
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-1-1	3-3	4-1	2-2	1-1	1-3	2-2	1-2	17-18-1
Off SU Win	2-5	4-3	4-4	6-1	2-5	2-5	2-5	3-5	5-5	30-38
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-1	4-1	2-3	4-0	1-1	2-2	2-1	0-1	21-11

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2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Baron Batch	113	771	13	758	7	6.7
Shannon Woods	141	728	12	716	12	5.1
Eric Morris	6	34	0	34	2	5.7
Aaron Crawford	8	26	0	26	1	3.2
Edward Britton	3	11	1	10	0	3.3
Graham Harrell	41	113	128	-15	6	-0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Graham Harrell	626	442	70.6	5111	45	9
Taylor Potts	36	23	63.9	260	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Michael Crabtree	97	1165	12.0	19	82	
Detron Lewis	76	913	12.0	3	76	
Eric Morris	74	771	10.4	9	44	
Edward Britton	35	577	16.5	6	56	
Tramain Swindall	46	561	12.2	2	37	
Baron Batch	45	449	10.0	1	42	
Shannon Woods	36	397	11.0	2	45	
Lyle Leong	18	206	11.4	3	32	
Adam James	15	159	10.6	1	22	
Rashad Hawk	5	65	13.0	0	27	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jonathan LaCour	25	927	37.1	5	29.2	1	11
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Donnie Carona	33-37	1-2	2-2	1-5	0-0	4-9	42
Matthew Williams	33-33	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-3	31

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Brian Duncan	94	0.5	2	6	2
Darcel McBath	75	0	0	7	7
Marlon Williams	73	3	1.5	2	0
Bront Bird	64	1	3	2	0
Jamar Wall	62	0	1	11	2
Daniel Charbonnet	60	0	3	6	5
Colby Whitlock	39	1	4.5	1	0
Anthony Hines	35	0	0	4	0
McKinner Dixon	33	9	2	1	0
Jordy Rowland	32	1	1	3	0
Brent Nickerson	27	0	0.5	2	0
Richard Jones	26	0	0.5	0	1
Brandon Williams	25	13	2.5	3	0
Victor Hunter	23	0	1	0	0
LA Reed	19	0	0	3	0
Franklin Mitchem	16	0	0	0	0
Jake Ratliff	14	0.5	1.5	0	0
Taylor Charbonnet	13	0	0	0	0
Jared Flannel	12	0	0	0	0
Sandy Riley	11	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eric Morris	26	275	10.6	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jamar Wall	20	477	23.9	0
Detron Lewis	8	202	25.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Holiday - #23	+11	California - #4	45-31
05	Cotton - #18	-3'	Alabama - #13	10-13
06	Insight	-7	Minnesota (OT)	44-41
07	Gator	-6	Virginia - #21	31-28
08	Cotton - #8	-4	Mississippi - #20	34-47

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
10*	43.8	531	118	4.8	413	70.2	12.1	13	+8	2008	8	27.8	383	140	4.0	242	63.4	13.7	34
5*	40.9	530	59	3.1	470	71.3	12.9	18	-5	2007	5	25.9	365	177	4.0	188	54.9	14.1	25
8	32.5	449	79	4.7	369	66.8	13.8	19	0	2006	5	25.1	333	151	3.8	182	58.4	13.3	31
4	39.4	496	107	4.2	389	66.5	12.6	36	+9	2005	8	18.8	335	155	4.0	180	55.0	17.8	18
6	36.2	492	92	3.8	400	65.4	13.6	27	-5	2004	9	26.2	358	176	4.3	181	51.2	13.7	17
9	42.5	582	107	4.5	475	64.9	13.7	26	-8	2003	5	34.0	453	197	4.7	256	57.3	13.3	34
7*	38.4	488	99	3.6	389	66.9	12.7	47	-10	2002	9	31.4	404	164	4.2	240	55.7	12.9	28

2008 STATS BY GAME

TT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
49,887	E Washington	30	25-103	4.1	43-58	536	0	24	22-23	1.0	38-63	341	3	+1
24,453	at Nevada	20	22-124	5.6	19-46	297	0	28	47-224	4.8	24-35	264	4	0
53,383	SMU	33	27-180	6.7	37-55	513	1	17	23-61	2.7	18-37	213	3	+4
53,190	Massachusetts	27	25-179	7.2	31-43	359	0	14	33-92	2.8	17-26	166	1	0
43,614	at Kansas St	33	30-136	4.5	42-60	490	0	18	36-113	3.1	15-31	183	1	+1
53,449	Nebraska	16	23-137	6.0	20-25	284	0	29	35-114	3.3	37-45	357	2	+1
86,012	at Texas A&M	33	23-111	4.8	44-56	450	0	19	23-20	0.9	27-40	286	4	-2
50,125	at Kansas	29	29-138	4.8	38-48	418	2	19	33-161	4.9	16-26	154	2	+4
56,333	Texas	31	28-105	3.8	36-53	474	2	18	28-80	2.9	20-34	294	4	+1
55,663	Oklahoma St	38	25-113	4.5	45-55	516	0	19	34-186	5.5	16-29	182	2	0
85,646	at Oklahoma	20	22-45	2.0	33-55	361	4	32	55-299	5.4	17-23	326	2	-2
53,470	Baylor	24	24-56	2.3	41-50	309	2	19	43-229	5.3	12-16	91	2	-1
88,175	† Mississippi	24	14-105	7.5	36-58	364	2	26	45-223	5.0	18-29	292	4	+1
TOTALS		358	317-1532	4.8	465-662	5371	13	282	457-1825	4.0	275-434	3149	34	+8
AVERAGES		27.5	24-118	4.8	36-51	413	2.0%	21.7	35-140	4.0	21-33	242	7.8%	0.6

2004 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
–	at SMU	-24'	27-13
–	at New Mexico	-3'	24-27
–	TCU	-5'	70-35
–	at Kansas	-6	31-30
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+25	13-28
–	Nebraska	-7	70-10
–	Texas - #8	-1	21-51
–	at Kansas St	+2'	35-25
–	Baylor	-31	42-17
–	at Texas A&M - #22	+2'	25-32 OT
–	Oklahoma St - #23	-4'	31-15

2005 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre #21 Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
#21	FIU	-34	56-3
#19	Sam Houston St	NL	80-21
#19	Indiana St	NL	63-7
#16	Kansas	-18'	30-17
#15	at Nebraska	-4	34-31
#13	Kansas St	-15'	59-20
#10	at Texas - #2	+17	17-52
#17	at Baylor	-13	28-0
#16	Texas A&M	-15	56-17
#13	at Oklahoma St	-23	17-24
#21	Oklahoma	-7'	23-21

2006 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre #25 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#25	SMU	-25	35-3
#24	at UTEP	-8	38-35 OT
#24	at TCU - #20	-1	3-12
–	SE Louisiana	NL	62-0
–	at Texas A&M	+2'	31-27
–	Missouri - #23	-5	21-38
–	at Colorado	-6'	6-30
–	at Iowa St	-2	42-26
–	Texas - #5	+10	31-35
–	Baylor	-16	55-21
–	at Oklahoma - #17	+9	24-34
–	Oklahoma St	-6'	30-24

2007 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #22 Score
–	at SMU	-8'	49-9
–	UTEP	-25	45-31
–	at Rice	-28	59-24
–	at Oklahoma St	-6	45-49
–	Northwestern St	NL	75-7
–	Iowa St	-24'	42-17
–	Texas A&M	-10	35-7
#22	at Missouri - #15	+3	10-41
–	Colorado	-13'	26-31
–	at Baylor	-20'	38-7
–	at Texas - #15	+6'	43-59
–	Oklahoma - #3	+7'	34-27

2008 RESULTS

TT Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
#12	E Washington	-41	49-24
#12	at Nevada	-10	35-19
#12	SMU	-36'	43-7
#11	Massachusetts	-37	56-14
#7	at Kansas St	-7	58-28
#7	Nebraska	-20'	37-31 OT
#7	at Texas A&M	-21	43-25
#8	at Kansas - #19	+1	63-21
#6	Texas - #1	+3'	39-33
#2	Oklahoma St - #8	-3'	56-20
#2	at Oklahoma - #5	+7	21-65
#7	Baylor	-21'	35-28

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BAYLOR BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '07 Blake Szymanski (PS#163) began as a backup but took charge and started 10 games throwing for 2,844 (57.3%) with a 22-18 ratio. Last year Szymanski ret'd and had to battle Miami, Fl transfer Kirby Freeman (PS#14) and true frosh Robert Griffin (PS#34). Freeman won the starting job in a tightly contested battle. He was replaced in the opener by the exciting Griffin, who set TX state records in HS in the110m and 300m hurdles and earned AA honors with the Baylor track team. Griffin never relinquished the starting role having a phenomenal true frosh season despite being the youngest starting QB in the NCAA. He set a school QB rush record (217) vs Wash St and set a BU record by hitting 21 of 24 (87.5%) vs Iowa St. Griffin also set an NCAA record by a frosh throwing 209 straight passes without an int (Big 12 rec for all classes is 213), tied a BU all-time mark with 13 rushing TD's (1974 Steve Beaird) and set the school record for TD's accounted for in a season (28). His teammates marvel at the amount of hits he takes and yet he gets back up and they love his toughness. Griffin threw for 2,091 (59.9%) with an amazing 15-3 ratio and was also the #2 rusher with (843, 4.9). Freeman played in just 3 and Szymanski threw 7 passes. This year they lose Freeman (1 st) and added to the mix are Nick Florence (6'1" 180 rFr, PS#76), Tyler DeLoach (6'4" 190 Jr) and this year's true frosh. While it will be tough to improve much upon last year's numbers, Griffin should do just that in his 2nd full year as a starter.

QB Robert Griffin

RUNNING BACKS - Heading into last year Baylor had not avg over 3.2 ypc rush as a team since 1997 (4.7) despite the fact they have had plenty of VHT RB's. In '06 Baylor rushed for just 40 ypg (2.1) and in '07 just 78 (3.1). Last year the top returning rushers were Jay Finley with 207 (3.8) and Jacoby Jones (PS#101) who had 192 (3.9) in '07. QB Griffin's 843 yards helped and HC Art Briles' new offense saw them almost triple their avg to 196 ypg and a school rec 4.9 ypc (4.75 in 1980). Griffin had four 100 yard rushing efforts (one 99 yd) and the RB's combined for just 3, all by Finley. Finley led with 865 (5.8) and Jones was the #2 RB with 203 (3.9). Senior Ray Sims had 133 (4.3) and converted QB Jeremy Sanders (2 st) added 128 (3.8). This year they lose Jones (2 st), Sims (1 st), FB Larry Washington (4 st) and Sanders moves to DB. They add rFr Jarred Salubi, who had an impressive spring and Terrance Ganaway, who had 550 (5.0) at Houston in '07 under Briles. Not listed below are Andrew Judy (6'1" 230 Sr), Sam Sledge (6'2" 270 Sr), Caleb McEachern (5'9" 210 rFr) and Andre Pierce (5'10" 195 Jr). Finley could become the first 1,000 yard rusher here since Rashad Armstrong in 2003 (1,074).

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bears' receiving corps ret'd intact with 4 WR's who had 400+ yards the previous season. True frosh Kendall Wright (PS#60) led with 649 (13.0). David Gettis (407, 13.1 in '07) was #2 with 391 (13.5). Gettis (PS#37) is 6'4" and a former BU track member (ran the 200 and 400m). Thomas White (475, 14.0 in '07) was #3 with 385 (11.0). This year they lose White (3 st) and John David Weed (2 st, 1 rec, 4 gm). Not listed below are Justin Fenty (5'9" 175 Sr, PS#190, 6 st, 387 yd 3Y) who Briles expects a productive year from, Andrew Sumpter (6'2" 200 So), Stacy Williams (5'11" 190 So, PS#226), Thomas Draper (6'2" 185 rFr), Travis McClain (6'1" 185 So), Bryan Swindoll (6'2" 235 So) and TE's Matt Singletary (6'3" 245 So) and Andrew Sowder (6'3" 230 So). I look for improved numbers in their 2nd year of Briles' system as this is a deep group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 the Bears had to learn a new Texas Tech style offense, replace three starters and they only avg 40 ypg rush (2.1) while allowing 36 sacks (7.1%). In '07 they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups then RG Chad Smith quit in Aug (later ret'd) and LT Jason Smith only started 7. Their OL coach was susp midseason and then resigned. After allowing 9 sacks in the first 8, BU gave up 12 over the final 4 but still finished at just 3.7% (#19 FBS). They avg just 78 ypg rush (3.1). Last year they had to replace one starter but got back star LT Jason Smith. Having a mobile QB like Griffin helped the rushing numbers improve dramatically to 196 ypg (4.9) with 28 sacks (9.7%). This year they lose 1st Tm AA LT Smith (#1DC STL, Baylor's first #1DC since 1996) and HM B12 RT Dan Gay (12 st, 3Y st'r) but do have 8 of the top 10 back including 5 with starting experience. Jordan Hearvey (7 st '08 until ACL) is questionable for '09 but they add 4 VHT OL's and despite the loss of their star, could be close to '08's standards.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Baylor had 6 of its top 8 back but surprisingly slipped to 191 ypg rush allowed (5.0) while recording just 11 sacks (#116 FBS). In '07 they had to replace 5 of their top 8 but improved some to 182 ypg (4.4) with 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup and the Bears had their best rush D since 1995, yielding just 138 ypg (3.6). This year they lose DT Vincent Rhodes (12 st, 29 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE Leon Freeman (11 st, 42 tkl, 4 sk) and Adam Geib (1 tkl). While they have 1 less starter returning, the Bears could be even stronger thanks to the addition of Penn St transfer DT Phil Taylor (PS#15). Briles says, "There aren't 5 guys in America like Phil. He's a big guy with fast feet."

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Bears shifted from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 defense and had just one ret starter, losing their #3 and #7 tacklers. Joe Pawelek was #2 in '07 and ret'd. The other 2 starting LB's combined for 38 tackles in '07. Pawelek was the unquestionable leader of the D (128 tkl, 6 tfl) calling the signals (1st Tm B12). This year the entire 2 deep returns including their star and this should be one of the Big 12's stronger LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 BU lost both CB's and dropped to #89 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace both CB's again but moved in WR Krys Buerck (6 st '07) who started 6 at CB. Despite SS Dwain Crawford (9 st '07) getting injured in Wk 8 (not 100% after), they improved slightly to #82. FS Jordan Lake was called one of the three best def players on the team by Briles and was the #1 tackler in '07 (120) and #2 in '08 (97). Antareis Bryan (6'2") beat out Buerck and did well at CB with 8 pbu (10 gm) before he was inj. This year they lose SS Jake La Mar (3 st, #5 tkl'r), SS Crawford (8 st, 36 tkl, 2 int), FS Marlon Price (17 tkl) and Buerck (back to WR). Adding depth are Michael Williams (5'11" 165 rFr, PS#113), Ahmad Jenkins (5'11" 180 So), Tyler Pratt (6'0" 175 rFr) and D'Kendrick Washington (6'1" 200 So). They do return 6 who started last year giving them their most experienced group S/'05.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Thanks to the presence of two-time Ray Guy Award winner, P Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor finished #28 in my ST rankings in '04, #14 in '05 and #32 in '06. Sepulveda was BU's fifth unanimous 1st Tm AA (#4DC). In '07, true frosh Derek Epperson avg 39.1 but the net dropped from 39.0 in '06 to 31.0. Shae Brewster and Caleb Allen combined to hit just 6 of 14 FG's and BU dropped to #119. Briles' last 4 teams at Houston only had rankings of #115, #106, #92 and #90 but improvement was still expected in '08. He signed true frosh Ben Parks (PS#22) who was the star of the Texas High School All-Star Game and hit 6 of 9 FG's (long 42) with 4 TB on 64 KO. Epperson improved to 44.3 (net 38.8). KR Mikail Baker was #6 in the Big 12 (25.3) but PR Joe Bennett avg just 2.3. Baylor made huge strides up to #42 and with Parks, Epperson and Baker all back, could move up again.

COACHES - Last year BU brought in a proven winner in Art Briles, who guided Stephenville HS to 4 state titles (90-2-1 in 6 yr stretch). In 5 years at Houston the Cougars had 3 winning seasons (one .500) and 4 bowl trips. His co-OC's are Randy Clements and Philip Montgomery who both came over from Houston. Briles calls the plays himself. The DC is Brian Norwood who spent 7 years at Penn St coaching safeties and worked with Briles' at TTech where he was DB's coach in 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Baylor has been the worst team in Big 12 history with a 13-91 league record. In 2002 they snapped a 29 game Big 12 losing streak with 1 win and pulled upsets in both 2003 and 2004. Heading into 2005, the Bears were outscored in B12 play by 35.8, 32.5, 27.5, 34.2, 30.7 and 21.3 ppg. Former HC Guy Morriss' first squad ('03) had just 12 ret starters, 76 scholarship players and was -232 ypg in B12 play. They were just 3-8 in '04. In '05 with 14 returning starters the Bears nearly achieved a winning record at 5-6. With a much improved D, they snapped a streak of 24 straight road losses by beating SMU, Army and Iowa St. The ISU win was their first ever Big 12 road win (0-37 prior). Baylor opened up 3-0 for the first time since 1996 and led A&M 10-7 before a late FG forced OT where they fell by 3. They nearly stunned Okla on the road losing in 2 OT's. The Bears outplayed TT for 3Q's but lost. Morriss switched QB's and out went their hopes of a winning season. In 2006 Baylor was picked last in the Big 12 South by the media and that upset Morriss. BU opened 2-0 in the Big 12 (3-3 overall) and was tied with Texas for the South lead. After beating Kansas they moved to 3-1 in league play before losing their final four with the last 3 decided by 34, 42 and 26. Their 3 Big 12 wins were the most ever but they were a Big 12 worst -134 ypg. Baylor only had 11 ret starters in '07 and was in a rebuilding year finishing 0-8 (league worst -181.4 ypg). Last year they had 15 starters back but played in the Big 12 South with 3 Top 10 teams and non-div games vs 4 bowl teams. BU surprisingly only had 30,633 fans for Briles' first HG and trailed WF 20-6 at the half (34-6 after 3Q). QB Griffin was inserted after HT and he changed the tone of the season. They beat NWSt 51-6 then pummelled Wash St on a Friday night (game moved due to Hurricane Ike) 45-17. They led Conn 28-24 with 11:13 left but lost by 3. After losing to #1 Okla by 32, Briles said, "I don't think we're as far apart as what we showed on the field today." BU blasted ISU at home 38-10 snapping their 13 game Big 12 losing streak. They had a great situation catching Okla St off its big upset of Missouri with Texas on deck but were still blown out 34-6. They did lead Neb 20-17 at HT on the road but lost by 12. One of their best games was vs #14 Missouri. It was 28-28 and BU had the ball late but Missouri got a FG w/2:31 left. After losing to #5 Texas by 24 they got their 2nd win vs A&M S/'85 (35-34 '04) in front of 43,549 in a 20 pt win in their FHG. They led 28-14 in the 3Q vs TT but lost. BU has now had 13 straight losing years. They have not been to a bowl S/'94 tying them with Duke for the longest drought among BCS schools. They do have a new $34 mil athletic complex. Last year they were -83 ypg in league play (8th best). They did have only 10 starts lost due to inj and despite their losing record, benefitted from +16 in TO's and this year have just 3 B12 HG's. They are in the 2nd year of Briles' schemes and have 16 ret starters (tied most B12) and had 3 net close losses. They have 3 of the B12's top def players in DL Taylor, LB Pawelek and FS Lake and combined with Griffin, they make my MIT List, which means they'll get their 1st bowl bid since 1994.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Danny Watkins 6-4 310 PS#24JC
OL	Marquis Franklin 6-7 320 PS#46JC
OL	Philip Blake 6-3 305 PS#87JC
OL	Ivory Wade 6-5 305 PS#51
DB	Byron Landor 6-1 210 PS#96JC
QB	Bryce Petty 6-3 215 PS#51
DL	Terrance Lloyd 6-4 230 PS#121
OL	Jeramie Roberts 6-4 305 PS#108
WR	Darius Jones 6-0 185 PS#96
WR	Willie Jefferson 6-6 205 PS#113
WR	Josh Gordon 6-4 210 PS#117
QB	Brody Trahan 6-1 210 PS#84
LB	Chris McAllister 6-2 215 PS#162
WR	Skyler Scott 6-3 195 PS#141
RB	Glasco Martin 6-1 195 PS#157
LB	Tevin Elliot 6-3 215 PS#196DB
DB	Chance Casey 5-11 165 PS#220
WR	Tevin Reese 5-11 160 PS#178
DL	Kelvin Palmer 6-5 260 PS#241
OL	Cyril Richardson 6-6 305 PS#256
DB	Anthony Moore 6-3 180 PS#258
DL	Rico Forbes 6-5 270 PS#259
OL	Stefan Huber 6-5 270 PS#280
DB	Denerick Demby 6-1 185 PS#310
DB	Mike Hicks 5-11 175 PS#324
LB	LeQuince McCall 6-2 200 PS#304
TE	Jerod Monk 6-5 230 PS#133
RB	Terrance Ganaway 6-0 220 PS#236 '07
DL	Deantre Harlan 6-4 240 PS#503
LB	Reggie Rice 5-11 230 PS#1805JC
DB	Glenn Starks 5-8 160 PS#1875JC
DB	Logan Lanier 5-10 200 PS#1875
DB	Michael Valdez 5-10 175 PS#1875
DB	Justin Cyprien 5-8 160 PS#1875

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 10 ROBERT GRIFFIN SO. 6-3 200 **PS#34.** 10 st, 12 gm, 2091 (60%), 15-3 ratio, 843 rush true. Also track. **6** Blake Szymanski (6'4" 205 Sr) PS#163. 13 st, 3561 (56%), 26-25, 405 rush 3Y.

RB 32 JAY FINLEY JR. 5-11 205 1 st, 207 (3.8) rFr. 6 st, 865 (5.8) LY. **21** Jarred Salubi (5'10" 190 rFr) PS#177. Terrance Ganaway (6'0" 220 So) PS#236 w/Briles@UH. 3Y elig remain.

WR 1 KENDALL WRIGHT SO. 5-11 180 PS#60. 8 st, 649 (13.0) true. **80** Terrance Williams (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#179. **5** Mikail Baker (6'0" 205 Sr) PS#120. 4 st, 354 (13.6) 4Y.

WR 4 DAVID GETTIS SR. 6-4 210 **PS#37.** 8 st, 489 (14.0) 2Y. 10 st, 391 (13.5) LY. **15** Krys Buerck (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#192. 6 st, 280 (12.2) true. 6 st CB, 24 tkl, 3 pd LY.

WR 13 Ernest Smith Sr. 6-3 195 PS#209. 17 st, 477 (14.0) 3Y. **20** Lanear Sampson (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#65. Darius Jones PS#96. Kyle Mitchell (6'3" 220 Sr) PS#475JC. 3 st L2Y.

TE 14 JUSTIN AKERS SR. 6-4 250 PS#46. 12 st WR, 480 (10.0) 2Y. 3 st TE, 167 (11.9) LY. **18** Brad Taylor (6'3' 235 Jr) PS#192. 9 st, 558 (13.0) 2Y. **39** VJ McElroy (5'10" 180 So) PS#184.

C 55 JD WALTON SR. 6-3 305 PS#439. **Ariz St trans.** 12 st here '07. 12 st LY. **68** Hunter Hightower (6'5" 275 So) PS#485. Carter Brunelle (6'2" 225 Sr). Casey Cooper (6'1" 210 Sr).

RG 61 JAMES BARNARD SR. 6-4 295 PS#187JC. 12 st '07. 12 st LY. Ivory Wade is **PS#51.** **79** Courtney Green (6'3" 265 So) PS#113. Taylor Douthit (6'0" 285 rFr). Blake Simpson (5'10" 235 rFr).

LG 63 JOHN JONES SO. 6-4 300 **PS#82.** 1 st LY. **70** Jake Jackson (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#230. **Jordan Hearvey** (6'5" 270 Sr) 6 st '07. 7 st LY (ACL). ? for '09. Larry Bradley (6'5" 300 So).

RT NR Marquis Franklin Jr. 6-7 318 **PS#46JC. 69** Cameron Kaufhold (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#182. **78** Chris Griesenbeck (6'6" 275 Sr). 6 gm '07. 4 st LY. Alex Bonilla (6'2" 270 rFr).

LT 59 Danny Watkins Jr. 6-4 310 **PS#24JC.** IFS. 1st year of organized FB was '07. Philip Blake (6'3" 305 So) is **PS#87JC. 67** Joe Korbel (6'6" 265 So). 12 gm last year.

K 40 BEN PARKS SO. 6-2 205 PS#22. Nailed 11-17 FG as Sr in high school. Hit 6-9 FG, long 42, 39-44 xp, 64 KO (56.0) here as true LY. **84** Dary Stone (6'1" 170 Sr).

DE 88 JASON LAMB SR. 6-5 270 PS#31. 20 st, 91 tkl, 12.5 tfl 2Y. 11 st, 27 tkl LY. **57** Tracy Robertson (6'4" 260 So) PS#200. 5 tkl true. **44** Fred Plesius (6'1" 260 rFr) PS#372. Canadian.

DT 98 Phil Taylor Jr. 6-4 355 **PS#15.** 5 st, 20 tkl 2Y at **Penn St.** Trans LY. **92** Kaeron Johnson (6'1" 285 rFr) PS#259. Gary Mason (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#87. Jared Edwards (6'4" 250 rFr).

DT 97 TREY BRYANT SR. 6-2 310 PS#76. 5 tkl rFr. 12 st, 28 tkl '07. 11 st, 24 tkl LY. **90** Nicolas Jean-Baptiste (6'1" 300 So). 9 tkl LY. **94** Chris Buford (6'5" 270 Jr) 5 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y.

DE 96 Zac Scotton So. 6-7 260 PS#205. 3 st, 12 gm, 9 tkl true. **9** Jameon Hardeman (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#176. 16 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. **93** Raylon Walters (6'3" 240 Sr). 6 tkl 2Y.

SLB 6 ANTONIO JONES SR. 6-2 225 PS#146. 3 st, 44 tkl rFr. 22 tkl '07. 12 st, 71 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **33** Earl Patin (6'2" 225 Jr) **PS#53.** 29 tkl true. 52 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **39** Reggie Rice (5'11" 230 Jr).

MLB 41 JOE PAWELEK SR. 6-2 240 PS#279. 10 st, 86 tkl, 2nd Tm B12 rFr. 12 st, 99 tkl '07. 12 st, 128 tkl, 6 tfl, 13 pd, **1st Tm B12** LY. **36** Chris Francis (6'0" 235 Jr) PS#109. 42 tkl 2Y.

FLB 7 ANTONIO JOHNSON JR. 6-0 210 PS#277. 10 st, 88 tkl, 5.5 tfl 2Y. **37** Elliot Coffey (6'0" 220 So) PS#142. 14 tkl rFr. Rodney Chadwick (6'1" 215 rFr) PS#341. Jenner Jones (6'2" 220 rFr).

CB 3 ANTAREIS BRYAN JR. 6-2 190 17 tkl rFr. 3 st, 33 tkl, 9 pd LY. **2** Trentson Hill (6'0" 185 So) 5 st, 30 tkl true. **24** Romie Blaylock (5'10" 170 So) PS#130. 8 gm at WR as true.

CB 8 Tim Atchison Jr. 6-1 205 PS#269. 7 tkl rFr. 3 st, 31 tkl LY. **20** Clifton Odom (5'11" 195 Jr) 13 tkl 2Y. **27** Dominique Criss (5'10" 190 Jr) PS#179. 16 gm, 12 tkl 2Y.

SS 4 JEREMY WILLIAMS SR. 5-11 205 PS#367. 4 st, 38 tkl 2Y. 10 st, 54 tkl LY. **19** Jeremy Sanders (6'2" 210 Sr) PS#230JC. 2 st RB/TE, 128 rush (3.8) LY. Alex Kushneir (6'0" 190 Jr). 5 tkl 2Y.

FS 21 JORDAN LAKE SR. 6-1 210 PS#273. 15 tkl rFr. 12 st, 120 tkl, 8 pd '07. 12 st, 97 tkl, 10 pd, **1st Tm B12** LY. Byron Landor is **PS#96JC. 12** TJ Scranton (5'11" 190 Sr) PS#389JC.

P 38 DEREK EPPERSON JR. 6-3 240 PS#35. 66 punts (39.1), tm net 31.0, 12 gms as true. 49 punts (44.3), tm net 38.8, HM B12 LY. **40** Ben Parks PS#22. Avg 37.8 on punts as Sr in HS.

BAYLOR BEARS

Waco, Texas
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.75
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#18

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at Wake Forest	A					
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	Connecticut	A					
Sep. 26	Northwestern St	A					
Oct. 3	Kent St	A					
Oct. 10	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 17	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 24	Oklahoma St (HC)	A					
Oct. 31	Nebraska	A					
Nov. 7	at Missouri	A					
Nov. 14	Texas	A					
Nov. 21	at Texas A&M	G					
Nov. 28	† Texas Tech *(Arlington)*	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. JJ Joe 5,995 '90-'93	1. Walter Abercrombie 3,665 '78-'81	1. Gerald McNeil 2,651 '80-'83
2. Shawn Bell 5,666 '03-'06	2. Jerod Douglas 2,811 '94-'97	2. Reggie Newhouse 2,552 '99-'02
3. Jeff Watson 5,531 '94-'97	3. Alfred Anderson 2,424 '80-'83	3. Lawrence Elkins 2,094 '62-'64

The Bears are 4-1 vs the Demon Deacons but lost last year's opener 41-13. Last year in HC Briles' Baylor debut the Bears had 5 TO's leading to 21 WF pts.

Bonus: Baylor is a solid 12-3 prior to a bye wk outscoring opp's on avg by 8 ppg.

Bonus: Coming into '09, Baylor has lost 18 straight vs ranked opponents.

Last yr in their first meeting Baylor dropped a Friday night heartbreaker in Storrs. Griffin had 3 TD passes in his 1st road start but Conn scored the final TD for the win.

The Bears piled up 537 yds of offense last year & scored their most pts S/'01. QB Griffin had 336 total yds & 4 TD's in his 1st career start. The Demons went 7-5 last year.

First meeting with KSU as Baylor is 2-0 all-time vs current MAC schools (36-11 avg win). Baylor is 9-4 their last gm prior to B12 play as 3 of the 4 losses were by 7 pts or less.

Last time in Norman BU had 450 yds (most vs any prior OU squad & about 100 yds over their ssn avg). OU is the only tm (at least 5 gms played) that BU has never beaten in school history (0-18).

Last trip here in '05, Baylor won their 1st ever B12 RG beating ISU 23-13 (0-37 coming in). Last year QB Griffin was 21 of 24 & WR Wright caught 7 for 132 yds & 2 TD's.

LY vs OSU Griffin set an FBS rec for most consecutive passes (139) w/o an int as a Fr to start his career breaking OSU HC Gundy's record. They were, however, outgained 457-204.

BU's only win vs NU was in '56 in Lincoln & since have gone 0-9 w/3 shutouts w/the avg loss by 30 ppg. LY Baylor led 20-17 at HT in Lincoln but were shutout 15-0 in the 2H.

Mizzou has outsk'd Baylor 29-5 (16-1 L/4 gms) S/'97 including an allowed 10 in '00. The game was tied in the 4Q LY before Baylor allowed a 75/13pl drive & a 34 yd FG w/2:31.

Baylor & Texas were tied at 14 in the 2Q but Texas scored 31 straight pts. In their L/7 gms, UB has been outscored 342-76 & shutout 3 times vs the Longhorns.

Coming into '09, BU is 2-50 in B12 RG's, but have their only 2 wins in the past 4 seasons. Last trip to Kyle Field, BU had just 83 yds & 4 FD's the 1st 3Q's, 67% (171 yds) of their off in the 4Q.

Briles received a degree from TT in '79 & cch'd RB's under Leach for 3 yrs (2000-'02). In LY's finale, Baylor led 28-14 in the 3Q but allowed TT 3 TD drives (72/14pl, 95/12pl & 38/7pl).

Bonus: BU is now 2-14 in their last 16 season finales (13 of 14 losses by 8+ pts).

ART BRILES (Career 38-36)

2nd Year at Baylor — Bowls: 0-3 Houston '03-'07

Briles AT BAYLOR/OVERALL

4-8 / 38-36	SU	0-4 / 0-8	Vs Top 10
4-3 / 25-13	Home	0-6 / 0-11	Vs Top 25
0-5 / 13-19	Away	1-2 / 4-11	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 0-4	Neutral	0-2 / 2-5	Off A Bye
2-6 / 27-22	Vs Conf	3-4 / 17-13	Off A Loss

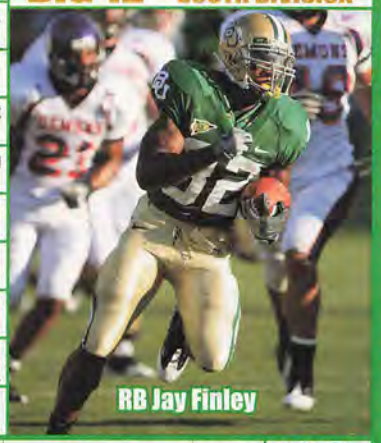
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (22,24,4)
Lost: 24 (11,12,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,124 (#68)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION


RB Jay Finley

STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000) (#59)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Prestige System)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	3-9	3-9	3-8	5-6	4-8	3-9	4-8	30-74
Home	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-4	3-3	2-3	3-4	2-4	4-3	24-33
Away	1-4	0-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	3-3	1-4	1-5	0-5	6-41
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-8	0-8	1-7	1-7	1-7	2-6	3-5	0-8	2-6	10-62
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	3-0	1-3	3-1	2-2	20-12
ATS	3-7	4-6	1-10	7-4	6-3-1	6-4	3-8	4-7	8-3	42-52-1
Home Fav (Kirk Ruble 1998)	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	3-0	8-3
Home Dog (Gary Morton)	1-4	1-4	0-3	3-2	4-0-1	0-3	1-3	1-3	1-2	12-24-1
Away Favorite (Art Briles)	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	0-6	3-2	2-3	3-1	1-3	1-4	4-1	17-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	2-6	2-6	0-8	5-3	5-2-1	4-4	2-6	2-6	6-2	28-43-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	14-9
Off SU Win	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	3-1	13-12
Off SU Loss	2-5	2-5	1-6	5-3	3-2-1	3-3	1-5	3-5	5-1	25-35-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jay Finley	149	895	30	865	7	5.8
Robert Griffin	173	1118	275	843	13	4.9
Jacoby Jones	52	210	7	203	6	3.9
Kendall Wright	29	175	7	168	1	5.8
Ray Sims	31	135	2	133	1	4.3
Jeremy Sanders	34	139	11	128	1	3.8
Thomas White	2	11	0	11	0	5.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Robert Griffin	267	160	59.9	2091	15	3
Kirby Freeman	13	6	46.2	49	1	2
Blake Szymanski	7	4	57.1	28	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kendall Wright	50	649	13.0	5	55
David Gettis	29	391	13.5	0	61
Thomas White	35	385	11.0	2	55
Ernest Smith	7	175	25.0	3	49
Justin Akers	14	167	11.9	2	21
Jay Finley	7	141	20.1	2	47
Brad Taylor	8	93	11.6	1	21
Justin Fenty	6	50	8.3	1	13
Mikail Baker	4	44	11.0	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Derek Epperson	49	2169	44.3	15	38.8	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Parks	39-44	3-5	2-3	1-1	0-0	6-9	42

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Pawelek	128	0	6	7	6
Jordan Lake	97	0	0	7	3
Antonio Johnson	72	1	4	1	1
Antonio Jones	71	3	2.5	2	0
Jake La Mar	56	0	0	0	0
Jeremy Williams	54	1	4.5	4	0
Earl Patin	52	3	1	2	0
Leon Freeman	42	4	5	1	0
Dwain Crawford	36	0.5	0	3	2
Antareis Bryan	33	0	1	8	1
Tim Atchison	31	0	0	3	0
Trentson Hill	30	0	2	0	1
Vincent Rhodes	29	2.5	2	0	0
Jason Lamb	27	0.5	1	3	0
Krys Buerck	24	0	0	2	1
Trey Bryant	24	0.5	3	2	0
Chris Francis	23	0.5	0	0	1
Marlon Price	17	0	0	0	0
Elliot Coffey	14	0	1	1	0
Jameon Hardeman	12	1	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joe Bennett	11	25	2.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mikail Baker	30	758	25.3	1
Jeremy Sanders	6	163	27.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
85	Liberty	E	LSU - #12	21-7
86	Bluebonnet - #14	-5'	Colorado	21-9
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona - #22	20-15
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St - #24	3-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Baylor's All-Time Bowl Record 8-8

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9*	28.0	376	196	4.9	181	58.6	13.4	28	+16	2008	6	29.3	393	138	3.6	255	67.4	13.4	21
4	18.2	351	78	3.1	273	55.1	19.3	21	-18	2007	7	37.0	462	182	4.4	279	64.8	12.5	21
7*	23.6	315	40	2.1	275	60.2	13.4	36	-7	2006	4	32.6	408	191	5.0	217	57.7	12.5	11
6	21.5	318	110	3.1	208	56.6	14.8	26	+5	2005	8	26.5	378	162	4.1	216	51.3	14.3	21
6*	20.4	312	99	3.0	213	59.5	15.3	32	-15	2004	7	36.9	421	206	4.6	215	59.0	11.4	18
6*	15.9	281	110	2.8	171	56.7	17.7	46	-5	2003	6	37.9	450	194	5.1	257	56.0	11.9	29
6*	16.8	335	103	2.8	232	56.0	19.9	52	-17	2002	9	41.3	405	164	4.5	242	61.5	9.8	21

2008 STATS BY GAME

BU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
30,633	Wake Forest	15	34-94	2.8	15-30	156	2	23	44-156	3.5	27-36	220	1	-3
36,258	Northwestern St	25	39-207	5.3	20-26	330	2	14	37-52	1.4	18-33	138	4	+1
25,595	Washington St	20	42-426	10.1	7-16	129	1	19	39-77	2.0	23-38	263	7	+5
38,870	at Connecticut	24	43-169	3.9	14-25	208	4	21	46-225	4.9	13-23	125	0	+2
37,145	Oklahoma	17	41-194	4.7	11-26	75	2	32	58-217	3.7	24-34	377	0	+1
30,548	Iowa St	27	50-147	2.9	22-26	288	3	16	18-81	4.5	21-41	176	0	+1
50,080	at Oklahoma St	14	31-42	1.4	15-27	162	2	25	58-219	3.8	13-20	238	1	0
85,104	at Nebraska	16	33-216	6.5	9-20	134	3	26	37-161	4.4	32-46	336	2	+1
35,142	Missouri	26	44-155	3.5	26-35	283	4	29	34-153	4.5	31-39	337	1	+1
97,715	at Texas	9	29-201	6.9	6-20	71	3	30	47-194	4.1	26-37	300	1	+1
43,549	Texas A&M	25	52-269	5.2	13-23	241	0	14	21-64	3.0	19-30	244	2	+5
53,470	at Texas Tech	19	43-229	5.3	12-16	91	2	24	24-56	2.3	41-50	309	2	+1
TOTALS		237	481-2349	4.9	170-290	2168	28	273	463-1655	3.6	288-427	3063	21	+16
AVERAGES		19.8	40-196	4.9	14-24	181	9.7%	22.8	39-138	3.6	24-36	255	4.9%	1.3

BU Rank – Pre-2004 Opponent – Line – Post-2004 Score

BU Rank	Pre-2004 Opponent	Line	Post-2004 Score
–	at UAB	+14	14-56
–	Texas St	NL	24-17
–	North Texas	+3'	37-14
–	at Texas - #5	+38'	14-44
–	Missouri	+20	10-30
–	at Nebraska	+23	27-59
–	Iowa St	+7'	25-26
–	Texas A&M - #16	+25	35-34 OT
–	at Texas Tech	+31	17-42
–	at Oklahoma St - #25	+25'	21-49
–	Oklahoma - #2	+36'	0-35

BU Rank – Pre-2005 Opponent – Line – Post-2005 Score

BU Rank	Pre-2005 Opponent	Line	Post-2005 Score
–	at SMU	-1'	28-23
–	Samford	NL	48-14
–	at Army	-5'	20-10
–	at Texas A&M	+23	13-16 OT
–	at Iowa St	+8	23-13
–	Nebraska	+2'	14-23
–	at Oklahoma	+14	30-37 2OT
–	Texas Tech - #17	+13	0-28
–	Texas - #2	+29	0-62
–	at Missouri	+8'	16-31
–	Oklahoma St	-3	44-34

BU Rank – Pre-2006 Opponent – Line – Post-2006 Score

BU Rank	Pre-2006 Opponent	Line	Post-2006 Score
–	TCU - #22	+6'	7-17
–	Northwestern St	NL	47-10
–	at Washington St	+13	15-17
–	Army	-11'	20-27 OT
–	Kansas St	+1'	17-3
–	at Colorado	+5'	34-31 3OT
–	at Texas - #6	+27	31-63
–	Kansas	-3	36-35
–	Texas A&M - #22	+5	21-31
–	at Texas Tech	+16	21-55
–	at Oklahoma St	+16'	24-66
–	Oklahoma - #16	+21	10-36

BU Rank – Pre-2007 Opponent – Line – Post-2007 Score

BU Rank	Pre-2007 Opponent	Line	Post-2007 Score
–	at TCU - #22	+21	0-27
–	Rice	-7	42-17
–	Texas St	NL	34-27
–	at Buffalo	-3	34-21
–	at Texas A&M	+16'	10-34
–	Colorado	+9	23-43
–	at Kansas - #20	+26'	10-58
–	Texas - #19	+26	10-31
–	at Kansas St	+26	13-51
–	Texas Tech	+20'	7-38
–	at Oklahoma - #4	+38	21-52
–	Oklahoma St	+14	14-45

BU Rank – Pre-2008 Opponent – Line – Post-2008 Score

BU Rank	Pre-2008 Opponent	Line	Post-2008 Score
–	Wake Forest - #23	+11'	13-41
–	Northwestern St	NL	51-6
–	Washington St	-3	45-17
–	at Connecticut	+13	28-31
–	Oklahoma - #1	+24'	17-49
–	Iowa St	-5	38-10
–	at Oklahoma St - #8	+17	6-34
–	at Nebraska	+13	20-32
–	Missouri - #14	+21	28-31
–	at Texas - #5	+27	21-45
–	Texas A&M	-8'	41-21
–	at Texas Tech - #7	+21'	28-35

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Reggie McNeal became Texas A&M's career leading passer despite having an off year as a senior in '05. In the season finale vs Texas, frosh Stephen McGee (PS#7) was forced to start due to a McNeal injury. McGee became the first Aggie QB to top 100 yards rushing against Texas since Bucky Richardson (1990) and almost engineered the upset. McGee had an excellent soph season throwing for 2,295 (62%) with a 12-2 ratio (666 rush). In '07 his backup was Jerrod Johnson (PS#27WR), who also played on the basketball team in '06 and has a cannon for an arm. McGee played all of '07 with a shoulder inj and threw for 2,311 (58.0%) with a 12-8 ratio and set an Aggie QB rushing record with 899 (5.0). Johnson played in just 5 hitting only 2 of 7 (111 rush). Both mobile QB's were plugged into HC Mike Sherman's pro-style passing offense last year. McGee barely beat out Johnson but sprained his right shoulder in Wk 2 vs NM and Johnson hit 10 of 19 for 124 and 3 TD's. Both Johnson and McGee were banged up but in Johnson's first 7 starts, he threw for 263 ypg (64%) with a 15-4 ratio. In the last 3, he threw for just 156 ypg (47%) with a 3-6 ratio. Johnson did set the school record with 419 vs K-St. McGee took over in his final game (#4DC DAL) and hit 16 of 24 for 207 yds. Ryan Tannehill was last year's #3 QB but spent most of the season at WR but was at QB this spring. Battling Johnson this year are rFr Tommy Dorman (PS#19), Jeff Wood (6'4" 213 Sr) and Kevin Westerman (6'1" 190 So). I look for improvement in the A&M passing numbers even if Tannehill stays at WR.

QB Jerrod Johnson
C Kevin Matthews

RUNNING BACKS - The Aggies have had just one 1,000 yard rusher S/'98 and that was Courtney Lewis (1,024 in '03). A&M had the outstanding combination of power with Jorvorskie Lane and speed with Mike Goodson but neither topped 1,000 with Lane rushing for 725 (4.4) in '06 and 780 (4.6) in '07 and Goodson, as a true frosh, having 847 (6.7) in '06 and 711 (4.6) in '07. Last year Goodson was supposed to be the feature back but rushed for just 406 (4.3) in an injury-plagued year (386 yds rec). New coaches like their own recruits and it wasn't surprising that Cyrus Gray (PS#13) was #2 with 363 (4.8). Lane (neck inj, limited) had just 93 (2.7) and Keondra Smith (PS#77) had 83 (3.1). Not listed below are Ryan O'Bryant (5'11" 229 Sr), Jay Tolliver (5'10" 197 rFr), Anthony Vela (5'11" 239 Jr) and Cole Graybill (6'3" 236 Jr) who moves from LB. Goodson opted to leave early for the NFL (#4DC CAR) and although Lane and Smith both depart I still look for more production.

RECEIVERS - The Aggies had three #2 WR DC's between '01 and '05 but surprisingly the school has never produced a 1,000 yard receiver in a season with Robert Ferguson's 885 in 2000 being the school record. Last year A&M had to replace its top 3 and the two top WR's turned out to be frosh. True frosh 6'4" Jeff Fuller was #2 with 630 (12.6). Converted QB Tannehill (6'4") set the school frosh record with 844 (15.3). TE Jamie McCoy had 500 (11.6) and 6'4" Terrence McCoy was the #3 WR with 237 (9.9). Fuller set the school record for TD rec in a season (9). This year the only loss is Pierre Brown (1 st, 6 rec). Not listed below are Cody Beyer (6'1" 177 Jr, PS#81), Randle Jackson (6'2" 181 So), Don Bishop (6'2" 199 Jr), Taylor Randle (6'0" 172 So), Nick Trice (6'2" 204 So) and TE's Michael Ebbitt (6'2" 238 So, PS#61LB), Keon Furtch (6'2" 190 rFr, PS#50DB) and Josh Ayers (6'4" 265 rFr, PS#147). Tannehill spent the spring at QB but if he does not win the starting job, I expect him back here. This is a much more experienced group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07, A&M had 4 senior starters and opened holes for 212 ypg rush (4.8) with 16 sacks. Naturally the losses were heavy in '08 (2 NFL DC's, one a co-Big 12 OL Yr & 1 HM B12). They had the 4th fewest career starts back (21) in the FBS and had to learn a brand-new system. In the spring, A&M had just 8 scholarship OL available. As you would expect, the numbers dropped dramatically to 89 ypg (2.9), their worst total in over 20 years, while they allowed 39 sacks (9.5%). This year they lose last year's only returning starter in RT Travis Schneider (8 st, inj). They add LSU transfer Matt Allen (PS#31) and starting DT Lucas Patterson (11 st, 34 tkl). This is the 2nd year of Sherman's system and they are vastly more experienced and have added talent.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A&M had to replace 3 starters from the front wall in '07 and despite the top 4 DT's avg 317 lb, they allowed 161 ypg rush (4.3) and recorded just 18 sacks. Last year A&M had to replace 3 starters again. This time the unit was overrun giving up 219 ypg and their 5.2 ypc allowed was their worst in over 2 decades. This year they lose DT Patterson who moves to LT and DE's Cyril Obiozor (12 st, 45 tkl, 3 sk), DE Michael Bennett (11 st, 42 tkl, 12 tfl), NG Kellen Heard (2 st, 17 tkl) and DE Amos Gbunblee (11 tkl). They are shifting to a 3-man front and I'll count one starter returning. While the experience level is close to the last 2 years, they can only improve their rush D as they have 4 VHT's in the 2 deep.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace their top 2 tacklers (graduated) and their #3 moved to CB. The top returnee was #14 in '07. This year they switch to a 4-man LB corps and lose Alton Dixon (12 st, tied #1 tkl'r) and Johnathan Haynes (3 st, 21 tkl). They did start a NB 5 times and return 21 starts to the 4 positions so I list them as having 2 starters back. Their #1, #7 and #10 tacklers are back and figure to have a much tougher corps and Von Miller had a dominant spring.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '05 with just one starter back the Aggies were shredded for an FBS worst 305 ypg passing and finished #104 in my pass D rankings. In '06 a much more veteran secondary moved up to #32. In '07 A&M had one ret starter and finished #84. Last year they had to replace one starter but got back two inj'd '07 starters and moved starting WHIP Jordan Pugh to CB so they returned 6 with 8+ starts. True frosh FS Trent Hunter ended TT QB Graham Harrell's streak of 182 passes without an int but with an inexperienced front 7, the Aggies only finished #103. This year they lose CB Arkeith Brown (9 st, 50 tkl, 1 int), Danny Gorrer (4 st, 29 tkl), ROV Devin Gregg (4 st, 37 tkl) and Johnathan Batson (2 st, 28 tkl). Despite being less experienced, with a stronger front 7, they should move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies were famous for their "12th Man" ST unit (4 Top 10 finishes). They have a history of storied K's but none have not hit a 50 yard FG since '00. After a slow start in former HC Dennis Franchione's first three years ('03-'05) at #73, #99 and #89 they finished #27 and #31 in my ST rankings in his final two. Sherman said he would put an emphasis on the unit but unexpectedly lost K Matt Szymanski (trans) and KR Kerry Franks (25.8). P Justin Brantly became the first Aggie to avg over 43.2 in all four of his years (45.7 in '08, net 36.0). Senior Richie Bean hit just 1 of 4 FG (long 38) while true frosh Randy Bullock (PS#18) hit 6 of 7 (long 46). Bullock had 5 TB on 35 KO (Bean 6 on 21). True frosh Gray avg 23.9 on KR and set a school frosh rec with 1,592 all-purp yds. This year they lose Bean, and more importantly Brantly, and might not even match last year's #61 finish.

COACHES - Franchione said they were 2 pts away from the Big 12 Title in '06 (two 1 pt losses) but he never lived up to Aggies' fans expectations as one of the NCAA's highest paid coaches. His best season in 5 years was just 9-4 and the highest finish in the B12 South was 3rd. Franchione had 2 losing seasons and the man he replaced (RC Slocum 123-47-2) had zero. Sherman took over LY (OL coach here '89-'93 and '95-'96 under Slocum). He was the HC of the Packers (57-39 with 4 playoff trips) from '00-'05 and the OC in '06 & '07 of the HOU Texans. His OC is Nolan Cromwell who was the WR coach with the Seahawks from '99-'07. The DC is Joe Kines who was the DC at Bama from '03-'06 and previously the DC at Ark, Clem, Fla, Fla St and Georgia.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A&M took a streak of 20 consec non-losing years into Franchione's first season in 2003. Franchione inherited just 11 ret starters (fewest B12) and I pegged them to finish 5th in the South. A&M surprisingly allowed 38.8 ppg, more than double what a normal Wrecking Crew defense allowed. The team suffered its first 8 loss season since 1972. In '04 I pointed out the Aggies were -11 in TO's in '03 and called A&M the NCAA's MIT. The Aggies at one point stood 6-1 but faded finishing just 7-5 (3rd South). The 5th loss was in the Cotton Bowl. In '05, #17 A&M lost in the opener as Clemson hit a FG with :02 left but still managed a 5-2 start before the bottom fell out. Their defense was the major culprit (31.2 ppg). In '06 I made the same observation I did in '04 which was the defense had far too much athletic talent to fare as poorly as the previous year. The D went from allowing 31.2 ppg to 20.5 (best in 5 yr) and they trimmed the ypg by 121! In my 2006 magazine I mentioned if they beat TT they had a shot at opening 9-0. They gave up a TD with :26 left vs TT and lost but opened 8-1. A&M then suffered a pair of 1 point losses to the Big 12 Title teams. They then knocked off Texas and got to the Holiday Bowl where they were thrashed by Cal. A&M had 5 close wins in '06 or could have easily been 4-9 but also had 3 close losses or could have been 12-1. That team was +9 in TO's. In '07 they had a killer schedule and after opening up 6-2 they lost to #12 Kan, #5 Okla and #7 MO. After knocking off #13 Texas for a 2nd straight year, Franchione stepped down and Gary Darnell was the interim HC for the bowl and they finished 7-6. Last year A&M was a tough team for me to peg. They did have just 10 ret starters (fewest Big12) and had to learn new schemes. They also had a schedule with a lot of winnable road games. The first game of the Sherman era did not go well and they were upset at home by Ark St (outgained 415-303). They were outgained 370-236 by NM but managed to win. After suffering their worst non-conf defeat at Kyle Field since 1988 in a 41-23 loss to Miami, A&M got past a winless Army 21-17. After an expected 28 point loss to Okla St, they dropped a HG to K-St and a losing season looked imminent. A&M led TT 23-20 at the half but lost, then easily beat ISU on the road and was outgained 392-308 by Colo but won by 7. In their final 3 they were blown out by Okla and Texas and surprisingly Baylor (trailed 41-7!). Their 4 wins in '08 tied for the fewest in a season since their 3-8 record in 1972. The '08 season marked the first time A&M finished either tied or below Baylor in the Big 12 South. A&M was -147.0 ypg (2nd worst) and despite their 4-8 record had 2 net close wins. If you are looking for positives, they are a more experienced team (16 st ret), in the 2nd year of Sherman's systems and they were -10 in TO's last year. A&M should open up with 3 big wins and they'll be playing with a lot more confidence once the meat of the schedule rolls around which means they have an excellent shot at bowl eligibility (hey, one step at a time Aggie fans).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Christine Michael 5-11 202 PS#6
DB	Coryell Judie 5-11 185 PS#10JC
WR	Uzoma Nwachukwu 6-0 186 PS#43
OL	Rhontae Scales 6-6 299 PS#50
OL	Patrick Lewis 6-2 293 PS#56
WR	Brandal Jackson 6-1 180 PS#54
OL	Stephen Barrera 6-5 290 PS#67
WR	Ryan Swope 6-0 195 PS#59
OL	Clint Naron 6-6 290 PS#74
LB	Jonathan Stewart 6-4 221 PS#65
WR	Kenric McNeal 6-1 175 PS#68
DL	Chris Henderson 6-1 280 PS#98
DB	Charlie Thomas 6-1 194 PS#97
TE	Hutson Prioleau 6-4 243 PS#25
DB	Colton Valencia 5-10 176 PS#126
DL	Kirby Ennis 6-4 233 PS#140
DB	Steven Campbell 6-0 178 PS#135
DB	Steven Terrell 5-10 176 PS#140
RB	Kalvin Guyton 5-10 190 PS#123
DB	Dustin Harris 6-0 160 PS#170
LB	Michael Lamothe 6-3 215 PS#157
LB	Sean Porter 6-2 205 PS#174
DB	Desmond Gardiner 5-10 175 PS#207
LB	Malcom Johnson 6-2 211 PS#179
LB	Aaron Arterburn 6-2 215 PS#198
DL	Andrew Weaver 6-2 215 PS#240
DL	Spencer Nealy 6-5 250 PS#304
K	Ryan Epperson 6-2 180 PS#82
K	Kyle Serres 6-2 190 PS#83
QB	Patrick O'Quinn 6-2 195 PS#567
LB	Kody Johnston 5-10 225 PS#987
TE	James Pearson 6-3 212 PS#431
DL	Ryan Kock 6-2 280 PS#1562
DL	Welis Childress 6-4 225 PS#1562
OL	Mitchell Crouch 6-6 270 PS#1788
DB	Grant Gunderson 6-0 175 PS#1875

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 1 JERROD JOHNSON JR. 6-5 229 **PS#27.** 50 yd pass, 111 rush rFr. 10 st, 2435 (60%), 21-10 ratio, 114 rush LY. **17 Ryan Tannehill.** 6 st @ WR. Tommy Dorman (6'2" 210 rFr) **PS#19.**

TB 32 CYRUS GRAY SO. 5-10 188 **PS#13.** 8 st, 12 gm, 363 (4.8), 49 KR (23.9), **3rd Tm FR AA** KR true. Christine Michael **PS#6. 20** Bradley Stephens (5'10" 204 So) **PS#12.** 68 (4.5) rFr.

WR 83 Terrence McCoy Jr. 6-4 198 PS#317. 1 rec rFr. 8 st, 237 (9.9) LY. **21** Roger Holland (5'10" 169 So) PS#69. 52 (13.0) true. RS LY. Chevar Bryson (5'11" 182 Sr) PS#125. 27 tkl 3Y.

WR 5 HOWARD MORROW SR. 6-0 206 **PS#13.** 176 (13.5) 2Y. RS '07. 3 st, 147 (14.7) LY. **Ryan Tannehill** (6'4" 204 So) PS#83. 6 st, 844 (15.3) rFr. **15** Kenny Brown (6'3" 207 Jr) **PS#46.**

WR 8 JEFF FULLER SO. 6-4 209 **PS#14.** 8 st, 630 (12.6), **2nd Tm FR AA** true. Uzoma Nwachukwu **PS#43, 33** Lionel Smith (6'0" 174 So) PS#224. 1 gm LY. Taylor Ward (5'10" 157 rFr).

TE 4 JAMIE McCOY SR. 6-3 224 PS#233. 8 gm 2Y. 8 st, 12 gm, 500 (11.6) LY. **89** Frank Avery (6'4" 207 So) PS#31. 9 gm rFr. **14** KJ Williams (6'3" 233 So) PS#90. 7 gm true.

C 63 KEVIN MATTHEWS SR. 6-4 297 PS#237. 4 gm rFr. 5 gm '07. 12 st LY. **71** Brian Thomas (6'3" 270 rFr) **PS#64. LS 52** Corey Gibas (5'11" 254 Sr). LS on punts last 3 yrs.

RG 76 MICHAEL SHUMARD SR. 6-5 301 **PS#14.** 4 gm rFr. 5 st, 13 gm '07. 12 st LY. **62** Joe Villavisencio (6'4" 322 So) PS#123. 1 st, 2 gm true. **54** Leroy Chevalier (6'5" 336 rFr) **PS#76.**

LG 65 EVAN EIKE SO. 6-4 303 **PS#85.** 12 st, **2nd Tm FR AA** true. **70** Matt Allen (6'2" 298 Jr) **PS#31. LSU trans.** Chris Lathrop (6'4" 264 rFr) PS#254. Brandon Lewis (6'0" 254 So).

RT 74 LEE GRIMES SR. 6-6 339 **PS#29.** 1 gm rFr. 6 gm '07. 12 st (9 RG, 3 RT) LY. Vincent Williams (6'4" 314 Sr) **PS#19.** 5 gm 2Y. 1 st, 9 gm LY. Jeffrey Hyde (6'5" 290 rFr) PS#106.

LT 77 LUCAS PATTERSON JR. 6-4 297 **PS#62.** 1 st DT, 24 tkl rFr. 11 st DT, 34 tkl LY. To OL in Dec '08. **55** Danny Baker (6'5" 296 So) PS#134. 2 st, 9 gm rFr. Used as blocking TE.

K 28 RANDY BULLOCK SO. 5-9 208 PS#18. Hit 6-7 FG, long of 46, 20-21 xp, 32 KO (58.0) 7 gm as true. Kyle Serres (6'2" 190 Fr) is PS#83. Scott Renkes (5'8" 180 rFr).

DE 55 Matt Moss Sr. 6-3 253 **PS#49JC.** 1 st, 15 tkl here LY. **93** Paul Freeney (6'4" 227 Sr) **PS#25.** 3 gm rFr. 13 tkl 2Y. **97** Cody Williams (6'4" 262 Jr) **PS#28.** 2 gm rFr. 4 tkl LY.

NT 83 TONY JEROD-EDDIE SO. 6-5 256 **PS#43.** 7 st, 20 tkl as true. **85** Adren Dorsey (6'2" 297 rFr) PS#88. **81** Ben Bass (6'5" 258 So) PS#77. 2 st as blocking TE, 10 gm rFr.

DT 19 Eddie Brown So. 6-0 265 PS#83. 2 st, 12 gm, 25 tkl true. **50** Rod Davis (6'1" 305 rFr) **PS#42.** Chris Henderson (6'1" 280 Fr) PS#98. **76** Andrew Engram (6'3" 222 Jr).

JLB 40 VON MILLER JR. 6-3 214 **PS#27.** 22 tkl, 4 tfl true. 4 st, 44 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **21 Matt Featherston** (6'2" 235 Sr) PS#315. 2 st, 59 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 94 tkl LY. Billy Chavis (6'4" 233 Jr) **PS#43.**

SLB 32 GARRICK WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 217 PS#185. 5 st, 36 tkl rFr. **17** Andrew Wolridge (6'1" 228 rFr) PS#85. **37** Michael Hodges (6'0" 214 Jr) PS#201. **52** Ryan Steinbrunner (6'2" 225 Jr).

MLB 36 Anthony Lewis Sr. 6-2 254 **PS#15.** 1 tkl true. 1 st, 22 tkl '07. 8 gm, 17 tkl LY. **18** Kyle Mangan (6'2" 222 rFr) **PS#42, 53** Derek Dumas (6'0" 221 Sr) 4 gm, 3 tkl 3Y.

WLB 35 Ricky Cavanaugh So. 6-2 215 PS#342. 5 gm, 7 tkl true. Jonathan Stewart is PS#65. Sean Porter is PS#174. **51** Gary Randall (6'0" 222 Jr). **48** Michael Weeks (6'1" 211 Jr).

CB 5 Jordan Peterson Sr. 5-10 184 PS#114. 11 st, 30 tkl, 10 pd rFr. 2 st, 11 gm, 18 tkl, 5 pd '07. 4 st, 6 gm, 26 tkl, 3 pd LY. **21** Justin McQueen (6'0" 183 So). 1 st, 11 gm, 10 tkl LY.

CB NA CORYELL JUDIE JR. 5-11 185 **PS#10JC. 7 Terrence Frederick** (5'10" 170 So). 6 st, 11 gm, 33 tkl true. Colton Valencia is PS#126. **29** Blaine Cheatham (5'11" 173 rFr).

SS 22 TRENT HUNTER SO. 5-10 185 PS#182. 8 st, 11 gm, 65 tkl, **2nd Tm Frosh AA** true. **41** DeMaurier Thompson (6'1" 185 Jr) PS#77. 6 tkl 2Y. Marcus Gold (5'7" 184 Sr) PS#317. 1 tkl.

FS 25 JORDAN PUGH SR. 5-11 191 **PS#26.** 2 tkl true. 13 st, 90 tkl, HM B12 '07. 12 st, 45 tkl, 5 pd LY. **87** Chris Caflisch (6'3" 195 Jr) PS#148. 2 gm 2Y. Moved from WR in spg.

P NA Ryan Epperson Fr. 6-2 180 PS#82. Preferred walk-on with team in spring, expected to earn scholarship in 2010. Avg 43 ypp in HS. **39** Matt Runkel (5'11" 183 rFr).

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#41

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score A&M	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	New Mexico	G					
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	Utah St	G					
Sep. 26	UAB	G					
Oct. 3	† Arkansas (Arlington)	A					
Oct. 10	Oklahoma St	G					
Oct. 17	at Kansas St	A					
Oct. 24	at Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 31	Iowa St	G					
Nov. 7	at Colorado	G					
Nov. 14	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 21	Baylor	G					
Nov. 26	Texas (Thur)	G					
Dec. 5							

LY A&M was outgained (370-236), outFD'd (20-16), but won the TO battle (+3) in Mike Sherman's 1st victory as the Aggies HC. A&M is 20-1 S/'88 in home openers, but lost LY to ASU.

Coming into '09, A&M has gone 11-2 in non-conf HG's L5Y winning by an avg of 28 ppg. First meeting. A&M is 12-0 with an avg score of 41-15 vs current WAC opponents.

A&M is 21-9 the 1H of the regular season & 11-17 the 2H the last 5 years. 1st meeting. The Aggies 4 non-conf teams had a combined 16-32 record last year.

Including bowl gms, the Aggies are 3-15 vs non-conf BCS tms since the start of the B12. 66th meeting (1st S'91) & old Southwest Conf rivals that played ever yr from 1934-'91.

The Aggies are 14-4 since 1991 in their conference home opener (9-4 in the Big 12). Last time here the Aggies trailed 17-0 at HT & scored 3 TD's in 9:25 in the comeback.

Last year's loss snapped a 5 game series win streak. A&M was SOD at the 1 in the 4Q then allowed a 98/16pl drive to ice the game. A&M is 8-3 vs KSU since 1929.

From 1981-'01 these 2 schools avg'd 39 ppg (21 gms) but the L/7 yrs have avg'd 69 ppg. The visitor is 4-11 since 1994 with the avg loss by 12 ppg and A&M is just 1-7 L/8.

LY WR Tannehill broke A&M's Fr single ssn rec for receptions & rec yds (6-78-13.0-0). Aggies are 8-1 vs the Cyclones, but the lone loss was ISU's last visit in 2005, 42-14.

The visitor has lost 4 straight by an avg of 10 ppg. Last year A&M was held to 3 pts & 82 1H yds but QB Johnson threw three 3Q TD's & DB Hunter had two 4Q int's.

The visitor is 5-16 in this series since 1946 (played every yr since 1993). Cyrus Gray set an A&M single game rec for KOR yds with 261 last year vs OU.

QB Johnson set a A&M rec for pass TD's in a ssn LY vs BU (20th passing Kubiak '82 & Long '02). A&M has won 16 of L/18 & has posted ssn highs in yds 2 of L3Y vs BU (507 in '06 & 552 in '07).

This will be the schools' 116th meeting as they have played ever yr S/'15 (1st gm in 1894). Last time here the Aggies led wire to wire & finished with a 533-357 yd edge.

Bonus: The Aggies are 2-7 their last 9 years in home finales (avg loss by 15 ppg).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Reggie McNeal 6,992 '02-'05
2. Corey Pullig 6,846 '92-'95
3. Kevin Murray 6,506 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren Lewis 5,012 '87-'90
2. Curtis Dickey 3,703 '76-'79
3. Greg Hill 3,262 '91-'93

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terrence Murphy 2,600 '01-'04
2. Bethel Johnson 1,740 '99-'02
3. Jamaar Taylor 1,705 '01-'03

MIKE SHERMAN (Career 4-8)
2nd Year at Texas A&M Sherman's Bowl Record: 0-0

Sherman's records AT TEXAS A&M

4-8	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
2-5	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
2-3	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
2-6	Vs Conference	3-4	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (24,21,3)
Lost: 28 (10,15,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,193 (#14)

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (82,600) (#13)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	8-4	6-6	4-8	7-5	5-6	9-4	7-6	4-8	57-52
Home	4-2	5-1	3-4	4-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	6-1	2-5	37-22
Away	3-2	2-3	3-2	0-5	2-3	1-4	4-0	1-4	2-3	18-26
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	4-4	2-6	33-39
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-0	3-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	4-1	3-2	2-2	24-13
ATS	6-6	4-6-1	4-8	2-10	7-5	4-6	8-3-1	5-7	4-8	44-59-2
Home Fav	3-1	2-2	1-4	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-2	18-17
Home Dog	2-0	0-0-1	1-1	0-3	1-0	1-0	2-0-1	1-1	1-3	9-8-2
Away Favorite	1-2	0-1	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	7-8
Away Dog	0-2	1-3	0-1	0-5	1-2	1-2	2-0	2-3	1-3	8-21
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-5
vs Conf	4-4	2-5-1	3-5	2-6	5-3	3-5	6-1-1	4-4	3-5	32-38-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	0-4	2-2	1-1	2-2	1-3	1-3	12-21
Off SU Win	5-2	2-5	1-5	0-4	4-3	0-4	6-3	1-6	1-3	20-35
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-1-1	3-2	2-5	3-1	4-1	2-0-1	4-1	3-4	24-18-2

REC Coach (1st 3 Gms) · Rivalry Franchise · Off Bowl Bowl (Mem)

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Goodson	94	450	44	406	5	4.3
Cyrus Gray	**75**	**389**	**26**	**363**	**1**	**4.8**
Jerrod Johnson	**94**	**369**	**255**	**114**	**3**	**1.2**
Jorvorskie Lane	35	93	0	93	5	2.7
Keondra Smith	27	88	5	83	0	3.1
Bradley Stephens	**15**	**70**	**2**	**68**	**0**	**4.5**
Stephen McGee	17	23	73	-50	0	-2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jerrod Johnson	**326**	**194**	**59.5**	**2435**	**21**	**10**
Stephen McGee	85	56	65.9	586	2	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ryan Tannehill	**55**	**844**	**15.3**	**5**	**55**	
Jeff Fuller	**50**	**630**	**12.6**	**9**	**59**	
Jamie McCoy	**43**	**500**	**11.6**	**5**	**37**	
Mike Goodson	37	386	10.4	3	62	
Terrence McCoy	**24**	**237**	**9.9**	**1**	**35**	
Howard Morrow	**10**	**147**	**14.7**	**0**	**38**	
Keondra Smith	7	77	11.0	0	31	
Pierre Brown	6	63	10.5	0	14	
Cyrus Gray	**10**	**60**	**6.0**	**0**	**21**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Justin Brantly	51	2331	45.7	4	36.0	2	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Randy Bullock	**20-21**	**3-3**	**2-2**	**1-2**	**0-0**	**6-7**	**46**
Richie Bean	15-15	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-4	38

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Featherston	**94**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Alton Dixon	94	0	2	2	0
Trent Hunter	**65**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**3**
Arkeith Brown	50	0	1.5	6	1
Cyril Oblozor	45	3	3.5	0	0
Jordan Pugh	**45**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**1**
Von Miller	**44**	**3.5**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Michael Bennett	42	2	10	1	1
Devin Gregg	37	0	0	2	0
Garrick Williams	**36**	**1.5**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Lucas Patterson	**34**	**0**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**
Terrence Frederick	**33**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Danny Gorrer	29	2	0	2	0
Johnathan Batson	28	0	1	1	1
Jordan Peterson	**26**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Eddie Brown	**25**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Johnathan Haynes	21	0	0.5	1	0
Tony Jerod-Eddie	**20**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Kellen Heard	17	0	0	1	0
Anthony Lewis	**17**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jordan Pugh	**11**	**61**	**5.5**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Cyrus Gray	**49**	**1169**	**23.9**	**1**	
Bradley Stephens	**13**	**210**	**16.2**	**0**	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Independence	-1'	Mississippi St (OT)	41-43
01	galleryfurniture.com	-5	TCU	28-9
04	Cotton - #22	-4'	Tennessee - #15	7-38
06	Holiday - #21	+3	California - #20	10-45
07	Alamo	+5	Penn St	17-24

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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	25.0	341	89	2.9	252	60.9	13.6	39	-10	2008	5	37.4	462	219	5.2	243	65.5	12.3	16
9*	27.9	397	212	4.8	185	56.9	14.2	16	+7	2007	6	25.9	416	161	4.3	255	61.6	16.0	18
7	27.8	397	207	5.0	191	61.2	14.3	19	+9	2006	7	20.5	323	132	4.3	191	55.2	15.7	20
9*	32.0	442	235	5.7	207	51.7	13.8	16	+6	2005	8	31.2	444	139	3.6	305	60.6	14.2	26
8*	28.4	428	167	4.6	261	59.0	15.1	24	+9	2004	8	24.3	387	143	3.6	244	59.0	15.9	28
6*	25.3	390	177	4.4	213	53.9	15.4	32	-11	2003	5	38.8	432	225	4.8	206	61.7	11.1	19
9*	28.8	386	118	3.4	268	51.5	13.4	29	+2	2002	7	23.3	338	131	3.4	208	57.1	14.5	41

2008 STATS BY GAME

A&M 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
78,691	Arkansas St	18	36-133	3.7	19-27	170	4	23	45-255	5.7	15-28	160	2	-3
28,007	at New Mexico	16	39-92	2.4	13-24	144	3	20	38-216	5.7	22-38	154	1	+3
84,165	Miami, Fl	19	35-87	2.5	19-32	275	3	18	28-159	5.7	20-29	239	2	-1
84,090	Army	14	29-133	4.6	13-19	157	1	21	65-280	4.3	1-5	4	0	0
51,147	at Oklahoma St	19	30-184	6.1	24-43	218	2	20	46-215	4.7	10-14	186	0	-4
78,669	Kansas St	25	33-125	3.8	29-41	419	4	30	47-215	4.6	21-26	234	2	0
86,012	Texas Tech	19	23-20	0.9	27-40	286	4	33	23-111	4.8	44-56	450	0	+2
45,495	at Iowa St	27	35-128	3.7	31-39	381	1	34	39-173	4.4	28-46	401	4	+1
78,121	Colorado	20	33-94	2.8	15-31	214	5	22	43-194	4.5	18-34	198	1	+2
85,603	Oklahoma	20	29-26	0.9	22-51	252	4	29	38-328	8.6	23-36	325	1	-4
43,549	at Baylor	14	21-64	3.0	19-30	244	2	25	52-269	5.2	13-23	241	0	-5
98,621	at Texas	12	22-(-24)	-1.1	20-35	269	6	24	43-216	5.0	24-30	320	3	-1
TOTALS		223	365-1062	2.9	251-412	3029	39	299	507-2631	5.2	239-365	2912	16	-10
AVERAGES		18.6	30-89	2.9	21-34	252	9.5%	24.9	42-219	5.2	20-30	243	4.4%	-0.8

A&M Pre-Rank 2004 RESULTS Post-Rank

A&M Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Rank Score
–	at Utah - #20	+8'	21-41
–	Wyoming	-11	31-0
–	Clemson	E	27-6
–	Kansas St	-4	42-30
–	at Iowa St	-7	34-3
#23	at Oklahoma St - #16	+7	36-20
#17	Colorado	-19'	29-26 OT
#16	at Baylor	-25	34-35 OT
#22	Oklahoma - #2	+12'	35-42
#22	Texas Tech	-2'	32-25 OT
#22	at Texas - #6	+10'	13-26

A&M Pre #17 2005 RESULTS Post-Rank

A&M Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Rank Score
#17	at Clemson	-1'	24-25
–	SMU	-28	66-8
–	Texas St	NL	44-31
–	Baylor	-23	16-13 OT
–	at Colorado	+3	20-41
–	Oklahoma St	-20	62-23
–	at Kansas St	-6	30-28
–	Iowa St	-11'	14-42
–	at Texas Tech - #16	+15	17-56
–	at Oklahoma	+13'	30-36
–	Texas - #2	+28	29-40

A&M Pre-Rank 2006 RESULTS Post-Rank

A&M Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Rank Score
–	The Citadel	NL	35-3
–	Louisiana	-21'	51-7
–	† Army	-28	28-24
–	Louisiana Tech	-23'	45-14
–	Texas Tech	-2'	27-31
–	at Kansas	-1	21-18
–	Missouri - #19	+1'	25-19
#23	at Oklahoma St	+3	34-33 OT
#22	at Baylor	-5	31-21
#21	Oklahoma - #18	+2'	16-17
#24	Nebraska	+1	27-28
–	at Texas - #11	+13'	12-7

A&M Pre #25 2007 RESULTS Post-Rank

A&M Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Rank Score
#25	Montana St	NL	38-7
#23	Fresno St	-17'	47-45 3OT
#25	ULM	-23	54-14
#20	at Miami, Fl	+1'	17-34
–	Baylor	-16'	34-10
–	Oklahoma St	-6'	24-23
–	at Texas Tech	+10	7-35
–	at Nebraska	+1'	36-14
–	Kansas - #12	+3	11-19
–	at Oklahoma - #5	+21	14-42
–	at Missouri - #7	+19'	26-40
–	Texas - #13	+7	38-30

A&M Pre-Rank 2008 RESULTS Post-Rank

A&M Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Rank Score
–	Arkansas St	-19	14-18
–	at New Mexico	-3	28-22
–	Miami, Fl	+3	23-41
–	Army	-27	21-17
–	at Oklahoma St - #21	+25'	28-56
–	Kansas St	+3	30-44
–	Texas Tech - #7	+21	25-43
–	at Iowa St	+3	49-35
–	Colorado	-4	24-17
–	Oklahoma - #6	+27	28-66
–	at Baylor	+8'	21-41
–	at Texas - #4	+35'	9-49

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - When you switch from a pure option offense to a pass offense it is usually a 3 to 4 year process. When then HC Bill Callahan incorporated that transition in 2004 the team completed just 48.4% but improved to 53.8% in '05 and 59.4% in '06. Zac Taylor set the school record for passing yards in a season in '05 and broke it in '06 throwing for 3,197 (59.6%) and added a NU record 26 TD's (8 int). Joe Ganz played in 5 (13 att). In 2007 they brought in Sam Keller who was Ariz St's starting QB in '05. Ganz was neck and neck with Keller all preseason but as expected, Keller won the starting job and held it until he was inj vs Texas. Ganz, in just 3 starts, threw for 1,435 (58.6%) with a 16-7 ratio including school-record's of 510 pass yds vs Kan St with 7 TD's. HC Bo Pelini retained OC Shawn Watson last year making Ganz a good fit for the offense and he set a new school record throwing for 3,568 (67.9%) with a 25-11 ratio (258 rush). Patrick Witt and Zac Lee (PS#13JC) battled for the backup job all year. Witt played in 5 (8 pass) and Lee in 2 (2 pass). Witt surprisingly left before spring but Lee returns as does Pelini recruits Kody Spano (PS#38) and Cody Green (PS#21) who enrolled in Jan. When Green was injured prior to the spring, Latravis Washington (PS#48) moved over from LB (powerful arm). Lee has the best arm and legs for a QB since '04 (new system) and was the clear cut starter out of spring with Spano suffering a knee injury. The unit has 2 career passes and will not match Ganz's record breaking figures.

RUNNING BACKS - While Callahan brought the pass offense to Nebraska, in 2 of his 3 years he produced a 1,000 yard rusher including 2007 when Marlon Lucky (PS#3) led with 1,019 (4.9). Quentin Castille, who played at roughly 250 lbs, was #2 with 343 (4.5) but had fumble problems. True frosh Roy Helu (PS#98) rushed for 209 (4.6). Last year NU used more of a rotation with Lucky (toe) and Helu (shoulder) not being 100%. In the first 8 the Huskers had just one 100 yard rusher (Lucky vs NMSt) but Helu had 157 vs Okla, 115 vs Kansas and then 166 vs Colo and he led with 803 (6.4) despite just 2 starts. Lucky finished #2 with 517 (4.1) and Castille, who led in the bowl (125, 6.9), had 467 (4.4). Marcus Mendoza (PS#41) added 103 (6.9) and now moves to WR. This year they lose Lucky (11 st) as well as solid blocking FB Thomas Lawson. Not listed below are Jeremy Wallace (6'1" 235 rFr), Austin Jones (5'10" 210 So). FB's Kevin Thomsen (6'2" 235 So, PS#143DL), Jordan Makovicka (5'10" 195 rFr), Mike Hays (6'1" 240 So) and Tyler Legate (5'10" 225 rFr). Even with the loss of a talented player, Helu and Castille had 1,270 yds, which was almost 2 and a half times more than Lucky.

RECEIVERS - Naturally in Callahan's pass-happy offense the rec put up some big numbers. The top 4 rec all ret'd in '07 and despite 6'4" Maurice Purify (PS#3) starting just 4 he led with 814 (14.3). RB Marlon Lucky was #2 and Nate Swift was #3 with 520 (14.4). Last year they had to replace their #1, #4, #6 and #7 rec with Swift and Todd Peterson (359, 19.9) the top returnees. No TE had topped 20 rec since '04 but soph Mike McNeill (PS#29) set a school position record LY with 32 for 442 (13.8). Swift broke Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rogers' (1970-'72) mark for career rec and led with 941 (14.9). Peterson was #2 with 786 (12.7) and 6'4" Menelik Holt, who drew comparisons to Purify, had 355 (11.8). Not listed below are Steven Osborne (6'4" 195 rFr, PS#170), Wes Cammack (5'11" 200 Sr, 1 rec), Tim Marlowe (5'10" 175 rFr), Taylor Dixon (5'11" 190 rFr) and TE Damon Bechtold (6'4" 235 rFr, PS#93). This year they lose Swift (13 st), Peterson (12 st) and TE Hunter Teafatiller (2 st). NU's top 2 returnees combined for 797 yards last year which is not far off from the 879 the top 2 had last year plus expect immediate help from several newcomers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Through the years NU was famous for its "Pipeline" O-line. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. They played a 7 man rotation vs Iowa St and when Jaivorio Burkes was inj'd, they were actually down to 5 OL's vs Kan St. The Huskers still improved to 170 ypg rush (4.5) but did allow 21 sacks (4.8%). This year they lose 2nd Tm B12 RG Matt Slauson (13 st, 3Y st'r, #6DC NYJ), RT Lydon Murtha (9 st, 2Y st'r, #7DC DET) and LG Mike Huff (4 st). They do have 5 back with 7+ career starts and Pelini noted that Jr Ricky Henry (PS#67DL) was one of the most physical players on the team. Andy Christensen (9 st '06-'07) was also granted a 6th year. I list 4 VHT starters and while this year's group is equal to '08 in terms of experience (61 car st), I think OL coach Barney Cotton will have an improved bunch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskers' D-line has not had an AA since 1997! In 2007 NU had to replace 4 starters including #1 and #4 DC's. A drop off was expected but it's almost unheard of that a team allows 99% more ypg rush. The Huskers yielded 232 (5.2) which is their worst total in modern history (just 13 sacks). Last year almost everyone was back and they had 4 seniors on the D-line. DE Barry Turner (11 st '07) broke his leg in Wk 2. NT Ndamukong Suh lived up to his PS#7 billing with 19 tfl and actually led the team in tackles with 76 (2 int). Suh was NU's first 1st Tm All Big 12 DL since 1999. The Huskers actually cut their ypg rush allowed in half to 116 ypg (3.6) with 35 sacks. This year they lose DT Ty Steinkuhler (13 st, 48 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE Zach Potter (13 st, 47 tkl, 16 tfl, 2 int), DE Clayton Sievers (14 tkl, 1sk) and NT Shukree Barfield (10 tkl, 3 sk). Not listed below are Josh Molek (6'3" 245 rFr), Tyrone Fahie (6'3" 255 Jr), Conor McDermott (6'2" 240 rFr) and Kenny Anderson (6'2" 240 rFr). With Suh turning down the NFL and Turner coming back from injury, this group should be at least as strong as the '08 version.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskers lost 4 players who combined for 84 starts and 702 career tackles (#1, #3, #5, #7 tkl in '07) and were very inexperienced in '08. The unit then suffered attrition as 1st year LB Cody Glenn (converted RB) started 9, Tyler Wortman just 6 and Phillip Dillard 5. They opened with 5 DB's in the majority of their games. This year they lose Glenn (51 tkl, #5DC WAS) and Wortman (36 tkl, 1 int). Not listed in the PSL are Colin McDermott (6'2" 240 rFr), Tanner Foxhoven (6'3" 225 rFr), Sam Meginnis (6'2" 220 rFr) and Graham Stoddard (6'2" 225 rFr). This unit is loaded with VHT's and despite the losses, they are more experienced and are bolstered with the addition of 10 rFr including walk-ons.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskers were #5 in my pass D rankings in '03 with an incredible 10-32 ratio. NU dropped to #47 in '04 but despite losing #1 and #2 DC's in '05, were #12. In '06 an inexperienced group slipped to #44. In '07 they had 3 starters back and were #58 (20-8 ratio). Last year NU had to replace a pair of 3 year starters and four backups (comb 6 st, 101 tkl). NU managed to climb to #39. Not listed below are CB's Jase Dean (6'0" 185 rFr) and S's Courtney Osborne (6'3" 185 rFr), Adam Watson (6'0" 195 Jr), Brent Moravec (6'0" 185 rFr), Jim Ebke (6'0" 215 So, PS#126) and Justin Blatchford (6'1" 195 rFr). This year they lose CB Armando Murillo (12 st, 44 tkl, 9 pbu, 1 int) but have 7 back who had 55 starts in '08 (so I list them as 4 st ret) and this more experienced unit should improve again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 14 years, the Huskers have ranked in the top 10 of my ST rankings 5 times. They surprisingly dropped to #65 in '06 and moved up to #33 in '07. The Huskers had not had a KR TD since 1998 but Cortney Grixby ended that in '07 vs Kan St and avg 24.3. Last year they had to replace their KR & PR but had their K & P back including fan favorite KO man Adi Kunalic (PS#23). Kunalic, who elicits chants from the crowd when he records a TB, was #1 over the past 2 years in the NCAA with 57 TB. K Alex Henery hit 18 of 21 (NU record long 57, 2 miss 50+). P Dan Titchener had a net of 36.3 (tm) in '07 but 32.1 (tm) LY. Nate Swift was solid on PR's (12.9) and Niles Paul on KR (23.6). This year they lose Swift and Titchener but should move back up in my ST rankings (#41 in '08).

COACHES - In '04 NU made a dramatic change bringing in Bill Callahan, who unlike the previous two HC's, had not been a longtime NU asst. He was given a full four years before being ousted. Taking over was Bo Pelini, who was the interim HC for NU's 2003 bowl win over Mich St (17-3). He was the DC here in '03 and the DC at LSU from 2005-'07. Defense was NU's problem in '07 as it allowed a school record 477 ypg topping 1948's 380 ypg. Carl Pelini (Bo's brother) served 3 years under ex-NU HC Frank Solich at Ohio and became the DC here last year. Shawn Watson is in his 4th year at OC as a holdover from the previous regime.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed for the Big 12 Title game in 2001 when they were upset at Colo 62-36. From that point through the end of '04, the team had 9 losses by 22+ points including 3 in '04. Frank Solich's last team earned an amazing 35th straight bowl bid in '03 but he was let go despite a career record of 58-19! After interviewing DC Pelini among others, NU chose ex-OAK Raiders HC Callahan. In 2004 they were making a dramatic switch going from the option to the West Coast offense. That year I called for Iowa St, who finished '03 at 2-10, to top NU in the Big 12 North. NU's loss to Colo in the finale gave them their first losing season since 1961. Callahan's teams showed improvement the next two years going 8-4 in '05 and then getting to the Big 12 Title game in '06 at 9-3 before dropping their last 2. In '07 I was one of the few NOT to pick NU to win the Big 12 North. Callahan had been given a contract extension by then-AD Steve Pederson. Pederson was fired midyear and Callahan was let go after a 5-7 season. The '07 Huskers D set school records for most points (455) and yards (5,722) allowed. Last year Neb made my Most Improved List despite having just 10 ret starters and 5 opp that were in Jan bowls in '07. The Huskers knocked off two non-conf opp's who were bowl eligible in WM and SJSt and then whipped NMSt, a team playing its season opener (hurricane). The 3-0 Huskers were fired up for their home, night ESPN game vs VT but trailed 28-10 in their 35-30 loss. Pelini said his goal was to shutout Missouri which came in avg 54 ppg and the #4 Tigers poured on 52 in the 35 point win. The next week UN headed to TT (#7) as a 3 TD dog but nearly won with 29-16 FD and 471-421 yd edges, but they lost in OT. That loss made them 0-2 in conf play for the first time since 1968. Ironically, that loss turned their season around as they would win six of their final 7 with their only loss to Big 12 Champ Okla. NU did trail Colo and needed a 57 yd FG to take the lead with 1:43 left giving them a tie for the Big 12 North Title. Pelini RS all but 3 frosh with 50 players sitting out. They knocked off Clemson in the Gator Bowl. This year they lose 12 fifth year seniors and 23 lettermen including their QB. On the positive side, they had 34 starts lost last year due to injury (#100 FBS) and were -11 in TO's (pg 312). An interesting stat is since Nov '01, 63 of 65 BCS teams have beaten a Top 19 team and the only two that have not are Duke and Neb. NU was +112 ypg which was by far the best mark in the North (4th best B12). Despite having just 13 ret'g starters, the Huskers are my pick to get to the Big 12 Title game.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Dejon Gomes 6-0 190 PS#32JC
QB	Cody Green 6-4 215 PS#21
WR	Brandon Kinnie 6-3 215 PS#47JC
LB	Chris Williams 6-0 230 PS#21
RB	Rex Burkhead 5-11 200 PS#42
OL	Jeremiah Sirles 6-6 280 PS#48
OL	Brent Qvale 6-7 335 PS#71
LB	Eric Martin 6-2 215 PS#64
DB	Dijon Washington 6-0 175 PS#92
DL	Thaddeus Randle 6-1 255 PS#105
RB	Dontrayevous Robinson 6-1 215 PS#84
DL	Jason Ankrah 6-4 250 PS#110
OL	Jesse Coffey 6-7 290 PS#113
DL	Cole Pensick 6-2 260 PS#134
QB	Taylor Martinez 6-1 185 PS#100WR
RB	CJ Zimmerer 6-0 215 PS#104
OL	Nick Ash 6-5 260 PS#137
DB	Andrew Green 6-0 180 PS#139
WR	Antonio Bell 6-2 180 PS#108 '08
DB	Lazarri Middleton 6-1 190 PS#200
WR	Ty Kildow 5-7 165 PS#159
TE	JT Kerr 6-4 230 PS#59
WR	Nick Failla 5-10 180 PS#254
QB	Ron Kellogg 6-1 210 PS#229
TE	Robert Barry 6-8 220 PS#230QB
WR	Tyson Clark 6-4 185 PS#733
DL	Spencer Long 6-4 250 PS#807
LB	Devin Paulsen 6-2 210 PS#922
TE	Jake Long 6-4 230 PS#261
TE	Brett Wells 6-4 200 PS#264
OL	Brandon Chapek 6-5 320 PS#1099
OL	PJ Mangieri 6-4 245 PS#1100
DL	Dan Glassmon 6-4 250 PS#1805JC
LB	Colby Starkebaum 6-1 215 PS#1077
OL	Adam Kuhl 6-2 255 PS#1224
WR	John Dostal 5-9 175 PS#1064
OL	Dwight Jones 6-4 240 PS#1788

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 3 Zac Lee Jr. 6-2 210 **PS#13JC.** Scout Tm MVP '07. 1 pass, 5 yards LY. Latravis Washington (6'3" 225 Jr) PS#48. 17 Cody Green **PS#21.** Kody Spano (6'2" 215 rFr) **PS#38.**

IB 10 ROY HELU JR. 6-0 215 PS#98. 2 st, 1012 (6.0) 2Y. 19 Quentin Castille (6'1" 235 Jr) **PS#43.** 1 st, 810 (4.5) 2Y. Collins Okafor (6'1" 225 rFr) **PS#38.** Lester Ward (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#86.

WR 1 Chris Brooks Sr. 6-2 215 **PS#31.** 3 rec, 2Y. 11 Curenski Gilleylen (6'0" 220 So) PS#123. 2 rec rFr. Brandon Kinnie **PS#47JC.** FB 45 Justin Makovicka (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#169.

WR 18 MENELIK HOLT SR. 6-4 220 **PS#36.** 8 gm true. 12 gm, 97 (24.2) '07. 4 st, 355 (11.8) LY. 8 Will Henry (6'5" 215 Jr) PS#195. 11 gm, 2Y. 32 Marcus Mendoza (5'10" 185 So) **PS#41.**

WR 24 Niles Paul Jr. 6-1 215 **PS#7.** 1 rec true. 4 st, 214 (9.3), 41 KR (23.6) LY. 6 Khiry Cooper (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#98. Baseball spg. Antonio Bell (6'2 180 Fr) PS#108. DNQ LY. IFS.

TE 44 MIKE McNEILL JR. 6-4 240 PS#29. 12 st, 467 (14.2) 2Y. 49 Dreu Young (6'4" 245 Jr). 4 st, 10 rec, 2Y. 80 Ryan Hill (6'3" 250 So) PS#56. 3 rec rFr. Ben Cotton (6'6" 240 rFr) PS#17.

C 67 JACOB HICKMAN SR. 6-4 295 **PS#50.** GS . 1 st, 5 gm true. 9 st, 12 gm, HM B12 '07. 13 st, HM B12 LY. 58 Mike Caputo (6'1" 275 So) PS#308. 7 gm rFr. LS Sam Meginnis PS#363.

RG 73 DJ Jones Jr. 6-5 315 **PS#17.** 11 gm, 2Y. 74 Ricky Henry (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#67. RS LY. Quentin Toailoa (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#132. Seung Hoon Choi (6'2" 295 rFr) PS#510.

LG 68 KEITH WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 320 PS#82. 10 gm rFr. 9 st, 13 gm LY. 62 Andy Christensen (6'3" 310 Sr) PS#74. 9 st, 2Y. Susp LY. 6th yr. 66 Cruz Barrett (6'4" 310 Jr) **PS#78.**

RT 78 Marcel Jones So. 6-7 310 **PS#77.** 1 st, 13 gm rFr. 72 Jaivorio Burkes (6'5" 295 Jr) **PS#21.** 3 st true. 4 st LY. No spg (med). 63 Derek Meyer (6'5" 315 Sr) PS#509. **K-St trans.**

LT 65 MIKE SMITH JR. 6-6 290 **PS#45.** 12 gm rFr. 12 st, 13 gm LY. 79 Brandon Thompson (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#124. Jeremiah Sirles is **PS#48.** Brian Thorson (6'3" 290 rFr).

K 90 ALEX HENERY JR. 6-2 175 PS#12. 8-8 FG, L/39 rFr. 18-21 FG, L/57 (NU record), HM B12 LY. 20 Adi Kunalic (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#23. #1 NCAA TB % true. 81 KO (65.5), 29 TB LY.

DE 95 PIERRE ALLEN JR. 6-5 265 PS#112. 16 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 11 st, 52 tkl, 10 tfl LY. 17 Josh Williams (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#70. 80 David Harvey (6'4" 275 Sr) PS#116. 1 gm, 3Y.

DT 55 Baker Steinkuhler rFr. 6-6 295 **PS#1.** Move from OL in spg. 94 Jared Crick (6'6" 285 So) PS#109. 2 tkl rFr. 90 Terrence Moore (6'3" 285 So) PS#190. 8 tkl, 2 sk, 7 gm (inj) rFr.

DT 93 NDAMUKONG SUH SR. 6-4 300 **PS#7.** Med RS. 12 st, 53 tkl, 14 tfl, 2Y. 13 st, 76 tkl, 19 tfl, **1st Tm B12** LY. Ben Martin (6'4" 260 Jr) PS#166. 4 tkl, 2Y. Justin Jackson (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#446.

DE 99 Barry Turner Sr. 6-3 265 **PS#40.** 32 tkl, 11 tfl, 2Y. 11 st, 29 tkl, 5 tfl '07. 2 st, 3 tkl, Med RS LY. 96 Cameron Meredith (6'4" 260 rFr) **PS#59.** 47 William Yancy (6'4" 245 So) PS#114.

BUCK 42 Sean Fisher rFr. 6-6 230 **PS#47.** RS LY. Chris Williams **PS#21.** 35 Matt Holt (6'0" 200 So) PS#410. 1 st, 14 tkl true. 41 Thomas Grove (6'2" 225 Jr) 13 gm, 2 tkl LY.

MLB 51 WILL COMPTON rFR. 6-2 220 **PS#32.** 52 **Phillip Dillard** (6'1" 240 Sr) **PS#16.** 3 st, 52 tkl 3Y (Med RS '06). 5 st, 9 gm (inj) 38 tkl LY. Colton Koehler (6'1" 230 Sr) 1 st, 16 tkl LY.

WLB 40 Blake Lawrence Jr. 6-3 220 **PS#17.** 2 tkl true, 2 st, 10 gm, 21 tkl LY. 36 Mathew May (6'1" 210 So) 6 tkl rFr. #1 WLB spg '09. 45 Alonzo Whaley (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#159. Def STMVP.

CB 21 PRINCE AMUKAMARA JR. 6-1 200 PS#73. 3 st, 38 tkl, 3 pbu 2Y. 29 Dejon Gomes **PS#32JC.** 15 Alfonzo Dennard (5'10" 190 So) PS#162. 5 tkl as 1 of 3 true freshmen to play in '08.

CB S ANTHONY WEST JR. 6-0 205 PS#149. 6 tkl rFr. 11 st, 29 tkl, 11 pd LY. 14 Anthony Blue (5'10" 185 So) PS#149. 2 st, 18 tkl true. ACL LY. Lance Thorell (6'1" 195 So) 5 st, 24 tkl rFr.

SS 4 LARRY ASANTE SR. 6-1 215 **PS#32JC.** 10 st, 78 tkl '07. 12 st, 67 tkl, 5 pd, HM B12 2Y. 28 Eric Hagg (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#122. **10 st,** 39 tkl, 7 pbu LY. PJ Smith (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#121.

FS 33 MATT O'HANLON SR. 5-11 200 11 tkl, 2Y. 9 st, 52 tkl, 6 pd LY. 3 Rickey Thenarse (6'0" 205 Sr) **PS#49.** 37 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 24 tkl LY. 8 Austin Cassidy (6'1" 210 So) PS#169. 1 tkl rFr.

P 90 Alex Henery Jr. 6-2 175 PS#12. 41.7 avg as HS Sr. P/K in spg '09. 96 Brett Maher (6'0" 170 rFr) PS#51, 41.2 avg as HS Sr. 27 Jonathon Damkroger (6'1" 185 So) Walk-on.

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#35

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Florida Atlantic	A				
Sep. 12	Arkansas St	A				
Sep. 19	at Virginia Tech	G				
Sep. 26	Louisiana	A				
Oct. 3						
Oct. 8	at Missouri (Thur)	A				
Oct. 17	Texas Tech	A				
Oct. 24	Iowa St (HC)	A				
Oct. 31	at Baylor	A				
Nov. 7	Oklahoma	A				
Nov. 14	at Kansas	A				
Nov. 21	Kansas St	A				
Nov. 27	at Colorado (Fri)	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Taylor 5,860 '05-'06
2. Joe Ganz 5,125 '06-'08
3. Dave Humm 5,035 '72-'74

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Rozier 4,780 '81-'83
2. Ahman Green 3,880 '95-'97
3. Eric Crouch 3,434 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Rodgers 2,479 '70-'72
2. Nate Swift 2,476 '05-'08
3. Terrence Nunn 1,762 '04-'07

Last time NU lost a home opener was in '85, a 17-13 loss to Florida St (23-0 since). NU is 41-6 in the reg ssn vs non-conf foes since the B12 started in '96 (5 L's vs BCS tms).

Coming into 09, Nebraska is a perfect 6-0 vs current SBC schools (avg score 47-9). Including ASU, NU plays 3 tms from the SBC TY (FAU & Louisiana) & all are 1st time meetings.

LY VT lead 28-10 late 3Q before NU's late comeback fell short (fumb on VT44 w/:05 left). Nebraska is 10-4 all-time in the reg ssn vs current ACC members (0-1 vs the Hokies).

Every NC opp TY that NU faces was bowl eligible LY, which is the 1st time that has happened in program history. NU is 20-2 in the gm prior to their conf opener the L22Y.

Bonus: Coming into 2009, the Huskers have dropped 9 straight to ranked foes.
Bonus: Including '06's Big 12 Champ gm, NU is just 10-20 in their L/30 conf AG's.

In the L/2 gms vs MU, Nebraska has been outgained 1,068-666 & outscored 93-23. LY's setback to MU was just the Huskers 2nd loss in its L/35 conf openers ('02 vs ISU).

LY NU played keep away vs TT w/a 40:12-19:48 TOP edge (+50 yds & +13 FD), but lost in OT as their 2nd play was int. Nebraska has lost just 1 conf home opener S/'77 (31-1).

Huskers are 37-3 on HC S/'69, but have lost 3 in the L4Y (prior loss before '05 was in 1968). NU has dominated this series (85-16-2) & LY held ISU to 0 pts, 2 FD & 45 yds in the 1H.

During their B12 matchups, NU has dominated Baylor outgaining them by 320 ypg. Nebraska is 10-1 vs Baylor including 7-0 in B12 action with an avg score of 46-13.

The Sooners' 62 pts LY were the most ever allowed by the Huskers in the series. Bo Pelini was the co-DC & DB's coach under Stoops at Oklahoma in 2004.

The 76 pts that NU allowed in their L/visit to Lawrence was the most by an opp in school history. LY RB Helu had a career high 176 all-purp yds including 78 yds rush in the 4Q.

The L2Y, NU has posted ssn highs in pts (73 & 56) and yds (702 & 610) vs Kansas St. Including 4 straight wins, the Cornhuskers are 17-4 since 1988 in home finales.

After '07's loss to rival CU in Boulder, NU was eliminated from a bowl invite (just 2nd time in 39 yrs), but ironically NU returned the favor LY in Lincoln stopping CU from postssn play.

BO PELINI (Career 10–4)

2nd Year at Nebraska — Pelini's Bowl Record: 2-0

Pelini's records AT NEBRASKA

10-4	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
6-2	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
2-2	Away	2-1	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	2-1	Off A Bye
5-3	Vs Conference	2-2	Off A Loss

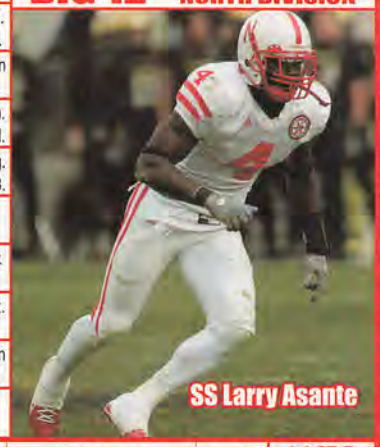
2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (20,24,2)
Lost: 23 (10,9,4)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,071 (#13)

BIG 12 – NORTH DIVISION


SS Larry Asante

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM 81,067 (#17)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	11-2	7-7	10-3	5-6	8-4	9-5	5-7	9-4	74-40
Home	6-0	8-0	6-2	6-1	4-2	5-2	6-1	4-3	6-2	51-13
Away	3-2	3-1	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	19-23
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	4-4
vs Conf	6-2	7-1	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-3	2-6	5-3	41-32
vs Non-Conf	4-0	4-1	4-2	5-0	2-1	4-0	3-2	3-1	4-1	33-8
ATS	5-7	7-6	6-7	8-5	4-6	6-5	7-5-1	3-9	7-6	53-56-1
Home Fav (Frank Solich 1998)	2-4	4-4	4-1	4-2	1-3	2-3	4-1	1-4	3-4	25-26
Home Dog (Bill Callahan)	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	5-4
Away Fav (Bo Pelini (bowl))	2-3	3-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1-1	0-1	2-0	14-11-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	1-1	5-11
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	4-4
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	5-3-1	2-6	4-4	36-36-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	1-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	17-20
Off SU Win	4-5	7-4	3-4	4-5	0-5	5-2	4-3-1	0-5	3-5	30-38-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	0-1	2-3	3-0	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-4	3-1	18-16

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Roy Helu	125	839	36	803	7	6.4
Marlon Lucky	125	550	33	517	7	4.1
Quentin Castille	106	505	38	467	6	4.4
Joe Ganz	92	417	159	258	5	2.8
Marcus Mendoza	15	110	7	103	1	6.9
Nate Swift	2	23	0	23	0	11.5
Patrick Witt	4	21	1	20	1	5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Joe Ganz	420	285	67.9	3568	25	11
Patrick Witt	8	6	75.0	48	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Nate Swift	63	941	14.9	10	67
Todd Peterson	62	786	12.7	4	36
Mike McNeill	32	442	13.8	6	53
Menelik Holt	30	355	11.8	1	25
Marlon Lucky	26	288	11.1	1	69
Roy Helu	25	266	10.6	0	27
Niles Paul	23	214	9.3	0	21
Dreu Young	9	140	15.6	1	55
Quentin Castille	9	109	12.1	0	31
Chris Brooks	2	27	13.5	1	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dan Titchener	42	1649	39.3	5	32.1(t)	1(t)	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Henery	56-57	8-8	3-4	6-6	1-3	18-21	57

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ndamkong Suh	76	7.5	11.5	3	2
Larry Asante	67	1	1	4	1
Pierre Allen	52	5	5	1	0
Matt O'Hanlon	52	0	2	5	1
Cody Glenn	51	0	6	4	0
Ty Steinkuhler	48	2.5	5.5	0	0
Zach Potter	47	5.5	10.5	7	2
Armando Murillo	44	0	2	9	1
Eric Hagg	39	1	4	7	0
Phillip Dillard	38	0.5	1.5	1	0
Tyler Wortman	36	0	5	1	1
Prince Amukamara	34	1	1	3	0
Anthony West	29	1	0	9	2
Rickey Thenarse	24	2	4	1	1
Lance Thorell	24	0	0	1	0
Blake Lawrence	21	0	0	1	1
Colton Koehler	16	0	1	0	0
Clayton Sievers	14	1	2	0	0
Matt Holt	14	0	0	0	0
Shukree Barfield	10	3	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nate Swift	23	296	12.9	1
Niles Paul	8	80	10.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Niles Paul	41	969	23.6	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Independence	-7	Mississippi	23-27
03	Alamo - #22	-3	Michigan St	17-3
05	Alamo	+10	Michigan - #20	32-28
06	Cotton - #22	+2	Auburn - #10	14-17
08	Gator	+2	Clemson	26-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Nebraska's All-Time Bowl Record 23–22

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5	35.4	451	170	4.5	281	68.1	12.7	21	-11	2008	5	28.5	350	116	3.6	233	57.7	12.3	35
6	33.4	468	144	4.2	324	61.5	14.0	18	-17	2007	5	37.9	477	232	5.2	245	57.7	12.6	13
8*	30.6	415	171	4.3	244	59.4	13.6	30	0	2006	7	18.3	332	117	3.7	215	53.4	18.1	31
5	24.7	320	96	2.7	224	53.8	13.0	38	-2	2005	5	21.0	332	124	3.2	208	51.1	15.8	50
6	25.0	363	176	4.7	187	48.4	14.5	16	-13	2004	6	27.1	372	104	2.9	268	56.7	13.7	25
5*	24.8	345	236	4.3	109	49.0	14.0	17	+23	2003	7	14.5	297	119	3.5	178	50.7	20.5	27
5	27.4	373	269	5.2	104	44.7	13.6	26	-3	2002	5	23.9	362	147	3.7	215	50.3	15.1	32

2008 STATS BY GAME

NU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
84,485	W Michigan	24	31-138	4.5	20-36	345	0	19	25-8	0.3	30-49	342	4	0
84,146	San Jose St	19	30-99	3.3	18-27	216	3	19	32-111	3.5	21-35	242	2	0
84,821	New Mexico St	28	44-330	7.5	18-24	223	0	19	32-114	3.6	19-39	225	3	+1
85,831	Virginia Tech	14	25-55	2.2	17-26	278	2	21	55-206	3.7	9-15	171	2	-2
85,372	Missouri	21	34-76	2.2	27-39	293	2	24	34-201	5.9	19-24	261	0	-2
53,449	at Texas Tech	29	35-114	3.3	37-45	357	2	16	23-137	6.0	20-25	284	0	-1
48,794	at Iowa St	29	41-220	5.4	27-37	328	2	11	25-105	4.2	16-29	113	2	-1
85,104	Baylor	26	37-161	4.4	32-46	336	2	16	33-216	6.5	9-20	134	3	-1
85,212	at Oklahoma	15	35-204	5.8	16-28	214	1	21	40-193	4.8	21-30	315	0	-3
85,486	Kansas	24	35-167	4.8	29-38	328	2	22	39-118	3.0	15-30	304	5	-2
48,444	at Kansas St	29	53-340	6.4	16-25	270	1	13	32-59	1.8	12-26	188	4	-1
85,319	Colorado	23	51-178	3.5	19-26	229	4	13	22-42	1.9	14-26	249	5	+2
67,282	† Clemson	14	35-125	3.6	19-36	236	0	14	26-4	0.2	17-37	206	5	-1
TOTALS		295	486-2207	4.5	295-433	3653	21	228	418-1514	3.6	222-385	3034	35	-11
AVERAGES		22.7	37-170	4.5	23-33	281	4.8%	17.5	32-116	3.6	17-30	233	9.1%	-0.8

2004 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	W Illinois	NL	56-17	
–	Southern Miss	-14'	17-21	
–	at Pittsburgh	-4'	24-17	
–	Kansas	-13	14-8	
–	at Texas Tech	+7	10-70	
–	Baylor	-23	59-27	
–	at Kansas St	+4'	21-45	
–	Missouri	+2'	24-3	
–	at Iowa St	-4	27-34	
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+30	3-30	
–	Colorado	-2'	20-26	

2005 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post- #24
–	Maine	NL	25-7	
–	Wake Forest	-6'	31-3	
–	Pittsburgh	-9	7-6	
–	Iowa St - #23	-3'	27-20	2OT
–	Texas Tech - #15	+4	31-34	
–	at Baylor	-2'	23-14	
–	at Missouri	-1'	24-41	
–	Oklahoma	-1'	24-31	
–	at Kansas	+1	15-40	
–	Kansas St	-6	27-25	
–	at Colorado	+16	30-3	

2006 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- #20 Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
#20	Louisiana Tech	-24	49-10	
#21	Nicholls St	NL	56-7	
#19	at USC - #4	+17'	10-28	
#23	Troy	-23'	56-0	
#21	Kansas	-22'	39-32	OT
#22	at Iowa St	-7	28-14	
#21	at Kansas St	-8'	21-3	
#17	Texas - #5	+5	20-22	
#20	at Oklahoma St	-5'	29-41	
–	Missouri	-4'	34-20	
–	at Texas A&M - #24	-1	28-27	
#23	Colorado	-14	37-14	
#19	† Oklahoma - #8	+3'	7-21	

2007 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- #20 Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
#20	Nevada	-21	52-10	
#16	at Wake Forest	-8'	20-17	
#14	USC - #1	+9'	31-49	
#24	Ball St	-23	41-40	
#25	Iowa St	-21'	35-17	
#25	at Missouri - #17	+6	6-41	
–	Oklahoma St	-4	14-45	
–	Texas A&M	-1'	14-36	
–	at Texas - #17	+20'	25-28	
–	at Kansas - #8	+20'	39-76	
–	Kansas St	+7'	73-31	
–	at Colorado	+3'	51-65	

2008 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	W Michigan	-14'	47-24	
–	San Jose St	-27	35-12	
–	New Mexico St	-25'	38-7	
–	Virginia Tech	-7	30-35	
–	Missouri - #4	+10'	17-52	
–	at Texas Tech - #7	+20'	31-37	OT
–	at Iowa St	-7'	35-7	
–	Baylor	-13	32-20	
–	at Oklahoma - #4	+21	28-62	
–	Kansas	-1'	45-35	
–	at Kansas St	-6	56-28	
–	Colorado	-18	40-31	

COLORADO BUFFALOES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Cody Hawkins (PS#38) became the first IA starting QB to be the HC's son since Rodney Bryant played for Ohio under Cleve Bryant in 1989-'90. Cody (generously listed at 5'11") was 59-0 as a starter in youth football and HS combined. In 2007 he threw for 3,015 (56.8%) with a 22-17 ratio (9-3 ratio final 5). The '08 season started out fine for Hawkins. In the first 3 he hit 70% with a 6-3 ratio throwing for 218 ypg. But over the final 9, he threw for just 138 ypg (51.3%, 11-7 ratio) playing with a banged up offensive unit. HC Dan Hawkins pulled the RS off of mobile option QB Tyler Hansen vs K-St. The Wildcats had prepared for pro-style QB's and Hansen's running ability took them by surprise and he led CU to 2 TD's on his first 3 poss, the only 2 TD's CU scored. Hansen hit just 7 of 14 for 71 and was the 10th true frosh QB to see action here since 1973. He started vs Missouri and while he hit 12 of 16, it was for just 72 yards (16-30 rush). Hansen hit 48% (but led in rushing w/ 86, 5.4) vs A&M and Hawkins came off the bench hitting 7 of 11 for 109. After Hansen hit just 4 of his 12 vs Iowa St, Hawkins came in to hit 20 of 29 and took almost every snap in the final 2. They add 4 true frosh and I look for improved numbers in '09.

RUNNING BACKS - Under former HC Gary Barnett the Buffs almost always had a 1,000 yard rusher and in '01 and '02 their 5,450 yards rushing by TB's led the NCAA. Hugh Charles led in '07 with 1,058 (5.3) while rFr Demetrius Sumler (PS#60) had 335 (3.4) and true frosh Brian Lockridge (5'7" 175) had 205 (5.1). Sumler and Lockridge were back and the team got the huge addition of PS#1 RB Darrell Scott. Unfortunately, Scott was hampered by injuries but still led vs Colo St with 54 (4.9) and EW with 39 (3.0). If you would've told me a true frosh RB for Colorado would be the star vs WV, I would have said, "I told you so." It surprised me that the true frosh turned out to be Rodney Stewart (PS#205) who rushed for 166 (5.9)! Stewart had 107 (5.1) vs Fla St and led with 77 (4.3) vs Kan and 141 (4.9) vs K-St. He was then lost for the year 2 weeks later vs A&M. Lockridge RS and Sumler rushed for 251 (4.0). This year the only loss is FB Maurice Cantrell. Not listed below are Kevin Moyd (5'7" 200 Sr), Cory Nabors (5'9" 190 Jr) and FB Matt Burgner (5'11" 230 Jr). After being injury plagued last year, I expect the Scott/Stewart duo to be one of the Big 12's top combos and begin to rival the production of the '01 and '02 units.

RECEIVERS - Scotty McKnight is a childhood friend of Cody Hawkins and as a rFr in '07 became the second frosh in CU history to lead in rec with 555 (11.8) while true frosh Josh Smith had 491, with an impressive 19.6 ypc. LY they did have to replace their #3 and #4 rec. Big things were expected from rFr Markques Simas (PS#20) but he was ineligible. RFr Jason Espinoza broke his collarbone in Nov. McKnight led again in '08 but with just 519 (11.3). Surprisingly, Smith dropped to 387 (13.3). Patrick Williams was #3 with 322 (10.7) while Cody Crawford had 269 (8.7). This year they lose Crawford (6 st). I look for Ryan Deehan (PS#19, 6 st true), to contend for the starting TE. Also, Simas could challenge McKnight for the #1 spot. With the top 2 back again, this is an improved group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Hawkins' first year ('06), he had to replace 2 starters but even in a poor 2-10 season, the ypc improved from 3.4 in '05 to 4.5 however the sacks rose to 31 (12.2%). CU had 3 starters back in '07 but five frosh made up the 2nd string. Two of those frosh, Kai Maiava and Ryan Miller (PS#1) started the last half (both 1st Tm AA Fr). It was the first time since 1991 the Buffs had 2 true frosh starters on the O-line. The unit dropped to 144 ypg (3.9) but trimmed the sacks to 17 (3.6%). Surprisingly, Maiava transferred to UCLA last year and the team also had to replace a 3Y st'r, its two-year starting LT and a backup (4 st). Miller was lost after 4 starts and RS. Max Tuioti-Mariner had just two starts (ACL). Three backups left over the summer so the only returning starter to make it to Oct was C Daniel Sanders. As you would expect, the numbers regressed to 125 ypg (3.4). This year they lose Sanders (12 st, 3Y st'r) but have 9 of the top 10 back including Miller and Tuioti-Mariner. This shapes up as Hawkins' best OL in his 4 years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Gary Barnett's final season in '05, the Buffs allowed the lowest ypc of his tenure (2.8). In '06 they had to replace 2 starters but added VHT ND transfer Brandon Nicolas. The Buffs yielded 3.3 ypc rush with 25 sacks. In '07 CU had to replace 2 starters and slipped again to 3.9 ypc. Last year they had to replace one starter but had 7 of their top 8 back. Surprisingly, CU allowed 166 ypg and the 4.4 ypc was its highest in over 20 years. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2nd Tm B12 DT George Hypolite (12 st, 45 tkl, 4 sk), DE Maurice Lucas (12 st, 43 tkl, 6 tfl), NT Nicolas (12 st, 32 tkl, 2 sk) and DE Jason Brace (1 st, 4 tkl). Interestingly Hypolite and Nicholas combined for 4,148 career plays at DT and the 6 players taking their place have just 365. They do add PS#6 Nick Kasa and soph Curtis Cunningham (PS#35). CU could easily be tougher vs the run but this unit is less experienced and my biggest question mark on the '09 squad.

LINEBACKERS - Just 2 of the top 6 were back in '07 but Jordon Dizon became the 4th CU LB to be a finalist for the Butkus Award and won the Big 12 Def POY. Last year they had to replace Dizon (#2DC) but had 5 of the top 6 back. They expected an immediate impact from PS#2 Jon Major but he RS (ACL). This year they lose LB Brad Jones (12 st, #5 tkl'r, #7DC GB) but have 5 of the top 6 back again and Major returns giving them PS#2 and PS#5 potential starters and this should be one of the Big 12's stronger LB corps. Not listed below are Guy Sergent (6'1" 215 rFr), Zackary Farley (6'1" 205 So), Josh Hartigan (6'1" 230 So) and Brandon Gouin (6'1" 220 So, PS#175QB).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buffs finished #94 in my pass D rankings in Hawkins' first year but had 3 starters back and added Idaho starting SS Daniel Dykes. They rose to #29 in '07. Last year CU had to replace a 1st Tm Big 12 CB (#2DC) and one backup. CB Benjamin Burney (13 st '07) RS so they had 3 starters returning but Cha'pelle Brown and DJ Dykes each broke their hands late in the season (but played). The Buffs slipped to #63. This year they lose CB Gardner McKay (10 st, 43 tkl, 7 pbu), FS Ryan Walters (11 st, 87 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu) and SS Dykes (9 st, 55 tkl, 1 int). Despite the loss of 3 starters, they return 5 who started last year and also get the return of Burney. While not an overwhelming group, they could actually move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Barnett put a big emphasis on this unit and CU almost always finished in the top 25 of my ST rankings incl #2 in '04 and #3 in '05. Hawkins' Boise St teams blocked a lot of punts and also finished in the upper half of my rankings each year. In his first year here ('06) CU did not block a punt (6 in '04 & '05) and despite the presence of outstanding K Mason Crosby, shockingly dropped to #74. In '07 they had to replace Crosby but still climbed to #25. Last year they had to replace their K, KR and PR. P Matthew DiLallo (PS#30) improved his avg to 40.5 (tm net 34.0). He split time with Tom Suazo (39.8 avg). Aric Goodman kicked the game winner vs WV but shockingly missed the next 8 and KO specialist Jameson Davis even att FG's in 2 gms despite a concussion. The two combined to hit 6 of 17 FG's (long 37). Davis had 15 TB on 46 KO. Josh Smith avg a solid 25.5 on KR and 10.4 on PR. They still dropped to #105. This year they only lose Suazo but can only improve on FG's so I will look for a pretty good jump in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Dan Hawkins enters his fourth year at CU. Previously he was the HC at Boise St from '01-'05. He guided BSU to its highest finish ever in the AP poll (until LY) and was ranked for three straight years earning WAC Coach of the Year twice with four straight WAC Titles. He was also the HC at Willamette from 1993-'97 with his team going 22-3 in his final two years there. Mark Helfrich was CU's OC over the past 3 ssns but left in early May accepting the same position at Oregon. Eric Kiesau takes over after spending time here under Hawkins as the WR cch and passing game coord. The DC is Ron Collins (4th yr) who was Boise's DC for four years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a stunning 3-8 season in 2000 (4 losses by 4 pts or less), I called Colorado a surprise National Title contender in my 2001 magazine. They finished the reg season 10-2 and #3 narrowly missing out on playing in the National Title game. In 2002, they won the Big 12 North again at 7-1. With just 9 starters back in '03 (fewest Big 12) CU slipped to 5-7. In '04 they won the North yet again and also won their bowl. CU finished 8-5 but was -58.3 ypg and -8.3 ppg in conf play! In '05, they were my pick to win the North and did so again. Coming into the year, Barnett said it didn't appear that they had any weaknesses. They were 7-2 with their only losses coming to #12 Miami and #2 Tex but then gave up two 66 yd TD returns (int & fmbl) vs Iowa St and lost. Embarrassing blowouts followed to both Neb and Texas (Big 12 Title gm). Barnett was let go before the bowl and DC Mike Hankwitz was interim HC for the 19-10 loss to Clemson. In '06 they had just 11 ret starters and did not catch many breaks. They played their first ever IAA foe in Mont St and stunningly lost. They played well vs ranked teams UGA and MO on the road but lost both. A 3OT home loss to Baylor increased the school's losing streak to 10 (longest in 117 yr). CU did dominate bowl bound TT but limped to a 2-10 finish. In '07 it was the 2nd year of Hawkins' system and they had 14 starters back. They managed to land a bowl bid at 6-6 (lost to Bama). Despite their 4-4 record, they were -55.4 ypg in Big 12 play (3rd worst). Last year Hawkins had 13 ret starters but drew Texas, WV and Fla St and had to play 3 of their North rivals on the road. I mentioned at the start that they would be an underdog in at least 7 and would need to pull some upsets. Remember, CU did upset #3 Okla in '07. After blasting rival Colo St in the opener, they had another narrow escape vs an FCS team getting a 27 yd IR TD in the final minutes for the 7 point win. They then upset #21 WV at home in OT and moved to 3-0. They were whipped by FSU on the road by 18 and then even with Texas looking ahead to Okla, the Horns beat them by 24. They trailed KU just 16-14 into the 4Q but lost by 16 to fall to 3-3. They appeared to turn their season around and surprisingly pulled the RS off true frosh Tyler Hansen getting past K-St in a narrow 14-13 win. Missouri was off 2 losses and dealt CU its first shutout since 1988, 58-0. CU had a 392-308 yd edge vs A&M but lost at Kyle Field. They hosted Iowa St and the Buffs trailed by 11 with 9:14 to go but got a TD with 1:30 left for a 28-24 lead, then stopped ISU on 4th & gl at the 1 w/:03 left. As large underdogs, they played competitively in their final 2, only losing to OSU by 13. Needing a win to get to a bowl, they led Nebraska 31-30 before giving up a 57 yd FG w/1:43 left and an IR TD in the final minute. CU was -97.4 ypg (3rd worst B12) and did have 2 net close wins. On the positive side they were -7 in TO's, return their top 7 rushers, top 2 QB's and top 2 rec but do have just 4 starters back on defense. Hawkins is on one of the hottest seats of all coaches this year but the Buffs make my list of Most Improved Teams which has me calling for their 1st winning season since 2005.

OFFENSE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

(JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 7 CODY HAWKINS JR. 5-11 190 **PS#38.** 13 st, 3015 (57%), 22-17 ratio rFr. 10 st, 1892 (57%), 17-10 LY. **9** Tyler Hansen (6'1" 200 So) PS#90. 2 st, 280 (52%), 1-4 true. Clark Evans **PS#36.**

RB 2 DARRELL SCOTT SO. 6-1 200 **PS#1.** 343 (3.9) true. **5** Rodney Stewart (5'7" 170 So) PS#205. 5 st (inj), 622 (4.7) true. Demetrius Sumler (5'10" 215 Jr) PS#60. 10 st, 586 (3.6) 3Y.

WR 1 JOSH SMITH JR. 6-0 190 5 st, 491 (19.6) true. 5 st, 387 (13.3), HM B12 LY. Andre Simmons is PS#145JC. **FB 41** Jake Behrens (6'0" 240 Sr) PS#69. 4 st, 33 (6.5) 2Y.

WR 6 Markques Simas So. 6-2 200 **PS#20.** Susp rFr. **37** Jason Espinoza (5'8" 175 So) PS#451. 2 gm (inj) rFr. Ryan Maxwell (5'9" 180 So) PS#193. Cameron Wright (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#98.

WR 21 SCOTTY McKNIGHT JR. 5-11 185 PS#165. 6 st, 555 (11.8) rFr. 9 st, 519 (11.3) L2Y. Terdema Ussery is PS#67. Jarrod Darden is PS#77. **86** Cameron Ham (6'1" 200 Jr). Inj LY.

TE 87 RIAR GEER SR. 6-4 250 PS#153. 17 st, 389 (10.2) 2Y. 8 st, 183 (14.1) LY. **34** Ryan Deehan (6'5" 240 So) PS#19. 6 st, 61 (12.2) true. Patrick Devenny (6'3" 240 Sr) PS#137.

C 64 Mike Iltis So. 6-3 275 PS#192. DNP rFr (ACL). **50** Keenan Stevens (6'2" 285 Jr). **74** Evan Eastburn (6'0" 285 Jr) **PS#95. LS 70** Justin Drescher (6'1" 230 Sr).

RG 73 RYAN MILLER SO. 6-8 310 **PS#1.** L/7 st, 10 gm true. 4 st, 258 pl, 30.5 kd, inj, Med RS LY. **72** Devin Head (6'4" 290 Sr) PS#121. 7 st 2Y. **10 st**, 38.5 kd, 0 sk all'd, 663 pl LY.

LG 66 BLAKE BEHRENS SO. 6-3 290 **PS#80.** 12 st, 769 pl, 39.5 kd, 3 sk all'd rFr. **55** Max Tuioti-Mariner (6'3" 300 rFr) **PS#29.** 2 st (ACL), 16.5 kd LY. ? '09. Shawn Daniels (6'3" 280 So) PS#105.

RT 77 BRYCE GIVENS rFR. 6-6 275 **PS#17.** **71** Matthew Bahr (6'4" 285 So) PS#294. 8 st, 16.5 kd, 0 sk all'd, 585 pl rFr. Ryan Dannewitz (6'6" 290 rFr) **PS#63.** David Clark (6'4" 310 So).

LT 78 NATE SOLDER JR. 6-9 300 PS#122. 4 st TE, 3 rec rFr. 12 st LT, 69 kd, 1 sk all'd, 843 pl LY. **78** Sione Tau (6'5" 325 So) PS#121. Ethan Adkins (6'4" 295 So) PS#108. 3 gm rFr.

K 13 ARIC GOODMAN JR. 5-10 185 **PS#10.** 10-16 FG, L/52 true at Wyoming. 5-14 FG, L/37 here LY. Zach Grossnickle is PS#33. **38** Jameson Davis (5'10" 195 So) PS#55. 1-3 FG, L/30 LY.

DE NA Nick Kasa Fr. 6-7 250 **PS#6.** **83** Conrad Obi (6'3" 265 So) PS#68. Scout Tm POY '07. 5 gm, 1 tkl rFr. **62** David Goldberg (6'1" 255 So). Walked on at Penn St '06. Trans '07.

DT 97 Taj Kaynor Sr. 6-5 265 PS#174. 4 tkl 3Y. **50** Curtis Cunningham (6'1" 275 So) **PS#35.** 12 gm, 9 tkl true. **69** Eric Lawson (6'3" 250 Jr) PS#153. 1 tkl LY. Tyler Sale (6'3" 270 Sr).

NT 98 Eugene Goree So. 6-1 295 PS#181. 10 gms (OL and DL), 3 tkl rFr. **89** Will Pericak (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#81. Nate Bonsu is PS#201. **68** Joe Silipo (6'2" 250 Jr) PS#263.

DE 90 Marquez Herrod Jr. 6-2 265 PS#155. 6 tkl rFr. 3 st, 14 tkl LY. **96** Lagrone Shields (6'3" 270 So) PS#252. 1 tkl rFr. Kevin Cooney (6'6" 230 So). Tony Poremba (6'1" 230 So).

WLB 47 SHAUN MOHLER SR. 6-3 220 **PS#5JC.** 9 st, 97 tkl. 4 tfl. HM B12 LY. **51** Douglas Rippy (6'1" 230 rFr) PS#101. Bryan Stengel (6'2" 215 Sr). 13 tkl 3Y. Tyler Ahles (6'2" 240 So) PS#320.

MLB 45 JEFF SMART SR. 6-0 220 PS#422. 10 st, 87 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 118 tkl, **2nd Tm B12** LY. **54** Marcus Burton (6'0" 260 Sr) PS#72. 1 st, 15 tkl 3Y. Derrick Webb is PS#83.

SLB 31 Jon Major rFr. 6-2 225 **PS#2.** **59** BJ Beatty (6'2" 220 Jr) PS#234. 19 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. **10** Michael Sipili (6'1" 240 Jr) PS#366. 2 st, 31 tkl true. Susp '07. 3 st, 19 tkl LY.

CB 29 CHA'PELLE BROWN SR. 5-7 170 12 st, 79 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 84 tkl, 12 pd, HM B12 LY. Jalil Brown (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#357. 6 st, 55 tkl 2Y. Jonathan Hawkins (5'11" 190 So) PS#300.

CB 3 JIMMY SMITH JR. 6-2 200 PS#166. 4 tkl, 3 pd rFr. 3 st, 39 tkl, 5 pbu last year. **Benjamin Burney** (5'11" 190 Sr). 15 st, 86 tkl 3Y. RS LY (surg). Anthony Wright (6'0" 190 So) PS#113.

SS 12 Patrick Mahnke So. 6-1 205 PS#191. 1 st, 12 gm, 15 tkl true. Steven Hicks (5'10" 180 rFr) PS#97. Vince Ewing (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#256. Matt Meyer (5'9" 190 So). Bret Smith (5'11" 190 Jr).

FS 46 Anthony Perkins So. 5-10 200 PS#65. 4 st, 40 tkl rFr. **26** Ray Polk (6'1" 190 rFr) **PS#36.** Travis Sandersfeld (6'0" 205 So) 3 gm rFr. Arthur Jaffee (5'11" 195 So) PS#466.

P 14 MATTHEW DiLALLO SR. 6-1 200 PS#30. 47 punts (43.7), 38.5 net rFr. 64 punts (39.8), 34.9 net '07. 41 punts (40.5), 34.0 tm net, lost job late in yr LY. Zach Grossnickle is PS#33.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Nick Kasa 6-7 250 PS#6
QB	Clark Evans 6-5 230 PS#36
OL	Jack Harris 6-6 270 PS#55
DB	Parker Orms 5-11 180 PS#66
DL	Edward Nuckols 6-3 295 PS#88
WR	Terdema Ussery 6-4 205 PS#67
WR	Jarrod Darden 6-5 210 PS#77
LB	Derrick Webb 6-0 230 PS#83
WR	Andre Simmons 6-3 210 PS#145JC
LB	Liloa Nobriga 6-3 235 PS#158
DL	Nate Bonsu 6-2 280 PS#201
OL	Gus Handler 6-4 280 PS#216
QB	Josh Moten 6-0 190 PS#123
QB	Jerry Slota 6-2 210 PS#125
DL	Joe Silipo 6-2 250 PS#263
DL	Forrest West 6-2 230 PS#284
TE	DaVaughn Thornton 6-5 220 PS#80
K	Zach Grossnickle 6-3 180 PS#33
DL	Nick O'Neill 6-3 225 PS#417
DB	Deji Olatoye 6-2 180 PS#458
OL	Shaun Simon 6-2 305 PS#540
QB	Seth Lobato 6-6 200 PS#352
OL	David Bakhtiari 6-4 270 PS#709
LB	Zackary Farley 6-1 205 PS#1805JC
WR	Kyle Cefalo 5-10 165 PS#1805JC

COLORADO BUFFALOES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#46

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	Colorado St	G						The last 7 mtgs have been decided by a total of 46 pts (LY CU won by 21 pts). Buffaloes are 17-4 since '88 in home openers but have dropped 2 of the last 3.
Sep. 11	at Toledo (Fri)	A						CU is 8-3 after playing CSU with the avg win by 19 ppg. Colorado has dropped 4 straight non-conf road gms by 15 ppg. This is CU's 1st non-conf Friday gm S/'75.
Sep. 19	Wyoming	G						CU is 23-2-1 all-time vs WY outscoring them on avg by 20 ppg. The Buffs are 7-1 at home vs non-BCS teams winning by 22 ppg. HC Hawkins was 2-0 vs WY while at Boise St.
Sep. 26								
Oct. 1	at West Virginia (Thur)	A						LY was the Buffs 42nd win over a ranked opp S/'89 (8th most in the Nation during this period). RB Stewart rushed for the 3rd most yds (166, 5.9) in a gm by a Fr LY vs WV in CU history.
Oct. 10	at Texas	A						CU has dropped 4 straight to UT (avg loss by 35 ppg) & in '05 lost 70-3, which was the 3rd worst defeat in school history ('46 L 76-0 to UT & 1890 L 103-0 to Colo Mines, 1st ssn).
Oct. 17	Kansas	G						The Buffaloes are 21-11 (66%) when hosting B12 North rivals (15-5 since 2001). This will be the schools' 69th meeting & Colorado has never dropped 4 straight to KU.
Oct. 24	at Kansas St	A						Coming into '09, CU is 2-12 their L/14 B12 RG's including the '05 title gm losing by an avg of 22 ppg. LY Colorado had season highs in RA & RY (57-247) as Stewart had 141 (4.9).
Oct. 31	Missouri (HC)	G						CU was shutout LY which snapped a 242 gm scoring streak (3rd longest active). CU was held to 196 yds in 2007 & 199 yds LY vs MU, both marking ssn lows. Buffs are 61-28-5 (69%) all-time on HC.
Nov. 7	Texas A&M	G						HT has won 4 straight in this series by 10 ppg. Only the schools' 9th all-time meeting. The Buffaloes are 4-9 in Nov & have never had a winning month the L/4 seasons.
Nov. 14	at Iowa St	G						Colorado has dominated this series going 48-14-1 all-time including 6 of the L/8. CU gained a ssn high 422 yds LY vs ISU (only 400+ gm). CU is 0-5 in Nov AG's since '05.
Nov. 19	at Oklahoma St (Thur)	A						Ninth time in the B12 that CU will play in B2B conf RG going 0-3-5 (being swept 3x's & 5 splits). Winning tm in this series has topped 30+ pts in 13 of the L/17 gms.
Nov. 27	Nebraska (Fri)	G						The winner of this game, decided the Big 8 Champ in the L7Y of it's existence. HT has won the L3Y & in the L2Y the loser has been eliminated from a bowl berth.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joel Klatt 7,658 '02-'05
2. Kordell Stewart 7,027 '91-'94
3. Koy Detmer 5,782 '92-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Eric Bieniemy 4,236 '87-'90
2. Rashaan Salaam 3,275 '92-'94
3. Charlie Davis 3,172 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Michael Westbrook 2,831 '91-'94
2. Rae Carruth 2,733 '92-'96
3. Charles E. Johnson 2,558 '90-'93

DAN HAWKINS (Career 66-35) (NAIA 39-12-1)
4th Year at Colorado Bowls: 2-3 Boise St '01-'05

Hawkins AT COLORADO/OVERALL

13-24 / 66-35	SU	1-3 / 2-4	Vs Top 10
9-9 / 40-11	Home	2-11 / 4-16	Vs Top 25
2-12 / 23-20	Away	1-6 / 3-13	Vs BCS Tms
2-3 / 3-4	Neutral	2-3 / 8-5	Off A Bye
8-16 / 45-19	Vs Conf	7-14 / 14-17	Off A Loss

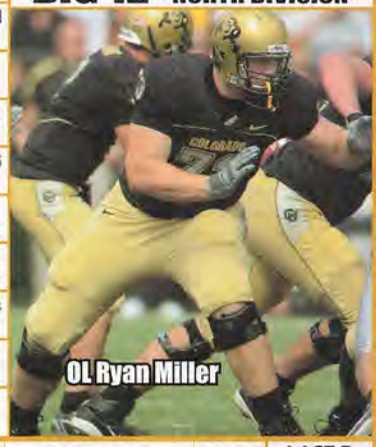
2008 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (25,25,4)
Lost: 16 (6,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,476 (#44)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



STADIUM: FOLSOM FIELD (53,750) (#54)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	10-3	9-5	5-7	8-5	7-6	2-10	6-7	5-7	55-58
Home	1-4	5-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	5-1	2-4	3-3	4-2	32-21
Away	2-3	3-1	4-1	1-4	3-2	2-3	0-5	2-3	0-4	17-26
Neutral	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	6-11
vs Conf	3-5	8-1	7-2	3-5	4-5	5-4	2-6	4-4	2-6	38-38
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	2-3	2-2	4-0	2-2	0-4	2-3	3-1	17-20
ATS	5-6	8-5	8-6	5-7	7-6	6-7	4-7	6-7	4-7	53-58
Home Fav (Gary Barnett 1999)	1-3	3-2	3-2	0-3	1-2	4-2 (Mac Hokwad Bowl)	1-2	2-0	0-2	15-18
Home Dog (Dan Hawkins)	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-3	2-1	9-9
Away Favorite	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	8-6
Away Dog	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	2-3	1-2	1-3	13-15
Neutral	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	8-10
vs Conf	4-4	6-3	7-2	4-4	4-5	4-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	38-38
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	1-4	1-3	3-1	2-2	1-2	2-3	2-1	15-20
Off SU Win	1-2	7-3	6-3	1-4	5-2	3-4	0-2	2-4	2-2	27-26
Off SU Loss	4-3	1-1	2-2	3-3	2-3	3-2	4-5	3-3	1-5	23-27

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Fiesta - #3	-3	Oregon - #2	16-38
02	Alamo - #14	-7	Wisconsin (OT)	28-31
04	Houston	-4	UTEP	33-28
05	Champs Sports	+10'	Clemson - #23	10-19
07	Independence	+3'	Alabama	24-30

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Colorado's All-Time Bowl Record
12–16

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rodney Stewart	132	669	47	622	2	4.7
Darrell Scott	87	364	21	343	1	3.9
Tyler Hansen	63	322	61	261	0	4.1
Demetrius Sumler	63	266	15	251	4	4.0
Josh Smith	12	60	28	32	0	2.7
Cody Hawkins	57	150	173	-23	3	-0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cody Hawkins	320	183	57.2	1892	17	10
Tyler Hansen	65	34	52.3	280	1	4
Matt Ballenger	12	8	66.7	118	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Scotty McKnight	46	519	11.3	5	37
Josh Smith	29	387	13.3	3	44
Patrick Williams	30	322	10.7	2	36
Cody Crawford	31	269	8.7	2	19
Riar Geer	13	183	14.1	2	68
Demetrius Sumler	18	167	9.3	0	40
Patrick Devenny	14	116	8.3	2	14
Darrell Scott	9	105	11.7	0	38
Jake Behrens	12	75	6.3	2	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Matt DiLallo	41	1660	40.5	5	34.0(t)	1	12
Tom Suazo	22	875	39.8	3	–	0	5

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Aric Goodman	30-31	2-3	3-5	0-5	0-1	5-14	37

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeff Smart	118	1	1	4	0
Shaun Mohler	97	0	4	0	2
Ryan Walters	87	2	1	7	2
Cha'pelle Brown	84	1	5	10	2
Brad Jones	78	7	7	1	0
DJ Dykes	55	1	1	4	1
Jalil Brown	52	0	3	4	1
George Hypolite	45	4	3	0	0
Maurice Lucas	43	1	5	1	0
Gardner McKay	43	0	5	7	0
Anthony Perkins	40	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Smith	39	0	1	5	0
Brandon Nicolas	32	2	5	1	0
Michael Sipili	19	0	0	1	0
BJ Beatty	18	1	3	2	0
Patrick Mahnke	15	1	0	2	0
Marquez Herrod	14	4	0	0	0
Bryan Stengel	13	0	0	1	0
Curtis Cunningham	9	0	2	2	1
Marcus Burton	8	0	0	0	0
Jason Brace	4	0.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Smith	28	292	10.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Smith	50	1276	25.5	1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	20.2	319	125	3.4	194	56.1	15.8	30	-7	2008	8	29.3	382	166	4.4	215	64.5	13.0	24
8*	27.3	378	144	3.9	234	56.1	13.9	17	-4	2007	6	29.5	389	128	3.9	261	57.5	13.2	20
5	16.3	292	173	4.5	119	46.9	17.8	31	+8	2006	6	22.3	341	112	3.3	229	66.9	15.3	25
7*	23.5	333	110	3.4	223	58.5	14.2	20	+2	2005	9	23.6	349	101	2.8	248	58.1	14.8	27
7*	23.4	340	125	3.6	215	59.0	14.5	23	+1	2004	5	25.5	421	161	3.9	260	58.0	16.5	33
3	26.6	373	94	2.6	279	62.6	14.0	39	-6	2003	6	33.2	432	151	4.0	281	59.4	13.0	19
7*	28.4	375	233	5.0	142	51.6	13.2	20	+7	2002	8	23.2	366	170	4.3	196	56.1	15.8	32

2008 STATS BY GAME

CU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
69,619	† Colorado St	19	36-153	4.3	20-29	214	0	18	26-71	2.7	27-38	187	5	0
46,417	E Washington	17	33-90	2.7	28-39	261	2	18	22-47	2.1	32-51	303	1	+1
51,883	West Virginia	24	45-187	4.2	22-33	179	2	16	52-311	6.0	10-15	43	0	-1
46,716	† Florida St	22	37-124	3.4	17-36	154	4	21	46-259	5.6	10-22	119	0	0
53,927	Texas	15	28-49	1.8	17-38	217	3	25	46-169	3.7	23-30	262	4	0
49,566	at Kansas	16	36-86	2.3	13-31	147	3	22	40-151	3.8	27-34	256	1	-2
52,099	Kansas St	24	57-247	4.3	13-25	106	2	15	23-112	4.9	20-41	237	1	0
68,349	at Missouri	14	35-41	1.2	21-34	158	5	25	33-189	5.7	31-40	302	2	0
78,121	at Texas A&M	22	43-194	4.5	18-34	198	1	20	33-94	2.8	15-31	214	5	-2
46,440	Iowa St	21	32-148	4.6	24-41	274	1	22	44-188	4.3	16-29	215	1	-1
46,092	Oklahoma St	19	35-133	3.8	19-38	171	2	24	40-226	5.7	15-23	217	0	0
85,319	at Nebraska	13	22-42	1.9	14-26	249	5	23	51-178	3.5	19-26	229	4	-2
TOTALS		226	439-1494	3.4	226-404	2328	30	249	456-1995	4.4	245-380	2584	24	-7
AVERAGES		18.8	37-125	3.4	19-34	194	7.4%	20.8	38-166	4.4	20-32	215	6.3%	-0.6

2004 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Colorado St	-4	27-24
–	at Washington St	+3	20-12
–	North Texas	-20'	52-21
–	at Missouri	+7	9-17
–	Oklahoma St - #22	+6'	14-42
–	Iowa St	-10'	19-14
–	at Texas A&M - #17	+19'	26-29 OT
–	Texas - #8	+14	7-31
–	at Kansas	+2'	30-21
–	Kansas St	+2'	38-31
–	at Nebraska	+2'	26-20
–	† Oklahoma - #2	+22	3-42

2005 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Colorado St	-7	31-28
–	New Mexico St	-24	39-0
–	at Miami, Fl - #12	+14	3-23
–	at Oklahoma St	-3	34-0
–	Texas A&M	-3	41-20
#24	at Texas - #2	+17	17-42
–	Kansas	-16	44-13
–	at Kansas St	-7'	23-20
#25	Missouri	-12	41-12
#22	at Iowa St	-1'	16-30
–	Nebraska	-16	3-30
–	† Texas - #2	+26'	3-70

2006 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Montana St	NL	10-19
–	† Colorado St	+2	10-14
–	Arizona St - #22	+11'	3-21
–	at Georgia - #9	+27	13-14
–	at Missouri - #25	+16	13-28
–	Baylor	-5'	31-34 (OT)
–	Texas Tech	+6'	30-6
–	at Oklahoma - #20	+14	3-24
–	at Kansas	+2	15-20
–	Kansas St	-3'	21-34
–	Iowa St	-8'	33-16
–	at Nebraska - #23	+14	14-37

2007 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Colorado St	-2'	31-28 OT
–	at Arizona St	+15	14-33
–	Florida St	+4'	6-16
–	Miami, Oh	-12'	42-0
–	Oklahoma - #3	+23	27-24
–	at Baylor	-9	43-23
–	at Kansas St	+4'	20-47
–	Kansas - #15	+3'	14-19
–	at Texas Tech	+13'	31-26
–	Missouri - #9	+3'	10-55
–	at Iowa St	-3'	28-31
–	Nebraska	-3'	65-51

2008 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Colorado St	-11	38-17
–	E Washington	-21	31-24
–	West Virginia - #21	+3	17-14 OT
–	† Florida St	+5'	21-39
–	Texas - #5	+12	14-38
–	at Kansas - #16	+14	14-30
–	Kansas St	-3'	14-13
–	at Missouri - #16	+24	0-58
–	at Texas A&M	+4	17-24
–	Iowa St	-9'	28-24
–	Oklahoma St - #11	+17'	17-30
–	at Nebraska	+18	31-40

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - K-St had just 3 scholarship QB's heading into '06 and two of them were true frosh Josh Freeman (PS#10) and Carson Coffman (PS#76). Dylan Meier (6 st '04) started the first 5 in '06 before Freeman became the first K-St frosh to start at QB since 1976 (Duane Howard). In Freeman's first 4 starts he hit 41% with an 0-8 ratio (tm 4 TD on 53 poss). Over the final 5 he hit 62% with a 6-7 ratio. In '07 Freeman bulked up to 265 (+27 lb) and did not pass the fall conditioning test. He got off to a slow start and had a 4-7 ratio after 5 gms giving him, at that point, a career 10-22 ratio. Freeman finished strong with 404 vs Okla St and became the first player in school history to top 3,000 passing (3,353, 63.3%, 18-11 ratio). Coffman played in 4 (5 att). Freeman, who is 6'6" with a cannon for an arm, did not have the type of '08 that was expected. While he improved his ratio (20-8), his other numbers fell slightly to 2,945 (58.6%). He threw for a career high 478 vs Okla and broke Lynn Dickey's record for career passing yards but when facing Kansas he had a 1-9 ratio. Freeman left early for the NFL draft (#1DC TB). Coffman played in 6 throwing for 282 (61%) with a 1-2 ratio. Also in the mix are Joseph Kassanavoid (PS#55), Grant Gregory (USF transfer, may be elig immediately), Collin Klein (PS#82), Trey Scott (6'2" 205 So), Milton McPeek (6'2" 219 rFr, PS#284) and this year's true frosh. I think Daniel Thomas (PS#25JC) has a shot at replacing Freeman, as he is mobile which HC Bill Snyder covets in a QB. Despite replacing a 3 year starter who now plays in the NFL, K-St's new QB's could come close to 2008's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In '07 James Johnson (PS#6JC) became K-St's first 1,000 yard rusher (1,106, 6.4) since 2004 (Darren Sproles). Leon Patton (PS#159), who set a K-St frosh record with 609 (5.6) in '06 and was #2 in '07 (390, 4.7), was lost over the summer. K-St entered '08 with zero FBS snaps at RB. Keithen Valentine had 65 (5.0) vs N Tex but had just 64 more (8 gm). To add some spark, former HC Ron Prince moved WR Lamark Brown to RB in Wk 4 and he rushed for 137 (4.7). Brown was inj'd and true frosh Logan Dold (PS#83) got his first start and rushed for 115 (5.5) vs A&M. Dold had 47 (3.6) vs Colo and 46 (3.5) vs Okla (Brown missed both). After Brown ret'd, he led the RB's each of the last 4 and finished with 412 (3.5) while Dold added 333 (4.1). This year Brown moves back to WR and Dustin Woods, (63, 3.3) departs. Dold did practice at S in spring and may do so in summer. Battling for time will be Dee Bell, ex-FB Jarell Childs, Frank Delarue (5'8" 200 So, PS#259) and Rodney Kenner (5'10" 208 So). Even with the position changes this unit is more experienced and will be more productive.

RECEIVERS - Last year K-St had to replace Jordy Nelson (4.36 spd) who led in rec the previous 3 years and blew away the school record for rec in a season (75, Darnell McDonald '98) finishing with 122 for 1,606 (13.2) in '07. Nelson was a #2DC and they also had to replace their #4 man. The top two returnees were Deon Murphy, who had 605 (10.6) in '07 and TE Jeron Mastrud (316, 10.5). K-St's fastest player ever was Frank Murphy in 1998 (4.22 spd) but JUCO Brandon Banks was close (4.28). Banks led with 1,049 (15.7) in '08 while Murphy had 555 (15.0) and Mastrud had 435 (11.4). Aubrey Quarles (PS#74JC) had 407 (12.0) and Ernie Pierce (PS#123JC) added 424 (15.7). This year they lose Murphy (11 st), Pierce (8 st) and TE's Brett Alstatt (6 rec, 4 st) and Darrin Seiwert (1 rec) but welcome back Brown. Not listed below are Chase Mejia (5'10" 170 Jr), Russell Simons (6'1" 206 So), Cameronn Morrison (5'11" 204 Sr), Cole Bachamp (6'0" 176 So) and Bobby Hauver (6'3" 180 rFr). With 4 of the top 6 returning, this group looks stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year K-St had 8 back with starting exp and added some JUCO's. They used four diff starters at LT, 3 at LG, 2 at C, 3 at RG and 2 at RT. K-St started the same 5 on the OL in B2B weeks just 3 times and avg 133 ypg (3.9) with 15 sacks (3.5%). This year they lose C Jordan Bedore (9 st, 3Y st'r), Penisini "Ben" Liu (4 st), RG Gerard Spexarth (7 st), OT Edward Prince (5 st) and LT Alesana Alesana (4 st). K-St has 5 who comb for 31 starts in '08 plus C Trevor Viers (7 st '07) and while about equal to '08 in terms of experience, Snyder can only field a more stable unit that should increase its production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Snyder the Wildcats had an annual JC infusion at this position which was usually a top-notch group. They did not allow over 3.2 ypc rush in a 7 year stretch and yielded just 2.0 in '02. From '04 to '07 K-St yielded 4.1, 3.5, 4.1 and 3.7 ypc despite the presence of DE Ian Campbell (1st Tm B12 '06 & '07). Last year they had to replace 4 players (comb 27 st, 99 tkl). With basically 1 starter back (Campbell) the unit allowed 218 ypg (5.2), its worst totals since 1990 (230, 5.0). This year they lose 2nd Tm Big 12 Campbell (47 tkl, 4.5 sk), DT Brandon Balkcom (5 st, 23 tkl) and DT Vlad Faustin (1 st, 12 tkl). They technically have 3 starters back and add transfer Jeffrey Fitzgerald (25 st at Virginia), PS#8JC Grant Valentine (GS) and PS#209JC Kadero Terrell. Rising soph star Brandon Harold now moves back to his more natural DE spot (DT LY) with the addition of Fitzgerald. This is a deeper, more talented D-line that can only improve upon '08's poor stats.

LINEBACKERS - Last year K-St had to replace its #2 tackler, 3 backups and 1 starter, who moved to DE, so they had just 1 starter back. This year they lose Reggie Walker (7 st, 46 tkl, 2 sk), Olu Hall (6 st, 22 tkl, 3 tfl), Antwon Moore (3 st, 14 tkl) and Chris Bamberger (1 st, 2 tkl) but I list them returning 2 starters as they have back their #2 and #4 tackler and lose #10, #16. Last year's D was nothing to write home about allowing 35.8 ppg (worst S/'88, 40.7). Not listed in the PSL below are Ben Kall (5'11" 222 rFr) and Aaron King (6'0" 200 So). K-St moved to a 4-2-5 in the spring and I include the Rover/Safety here and this unit is improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Snyder always used a deep rotation in the secondary that allowed them to offset large graduation losses. The Cats had 4 consec finishes in the Top 10 in my pass D rankings but then slipped to #19, #61 and #55 in his last 3 years ('03-'05). The '05 unit had 4 brand-new starters so Prince only had to replace one starter in '06 (finished #54). In '07 K-St had 3 starters ret and had 10 int in a 3 game stretch, their best since 1987, but slipped to #73. Last year they had to replace 4 players (comb 27 st). Prince brought in a lot of JUCO's but the three that made the 2 deep combined for just 11 starts. FS Chris Carney (9 st '07) lost his spot to true frosh Tysyn Hartman (PS#82QB). The other starter, SS Gary Chandler, had just 2 starts (susp). K-St moved up one spot from the previous ssn to #72. This yr they lose CB Ray Cheatam (8 st, 49 tkl), Blair Irvin (7 st, 34 tkl), SS Chandler (2 st, 11 tkl), Rashad Harrell (1 st, 4 tkl) and CB Cedric Wilson (17 tkl). Adding depth is Antonio Felder (6'2" 253 Jr, PS#212JC) and RB Dold may see action. Not only do 5 return who started last year but 3 had 8+ starts in '08. I'll call for the Wildcats to have their best finish in my pass D rankings since '03.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prince did an exceptional job in this area as they finished #1 in my ST rankings in his first year ('06), #3 in '07 and #7 last year with 4 blk'd punts for TD's. LY they had to replace their P (38.9 net '07) with DJ Fulhage (38.1) and George Pierson (40.5) splitting the duties (32.2 net). Brooks Rossman had 22 TB (#9 in the FBS) on 69 KO and after hitting 22 of 28 FG's (long 52) in '07, hit 9 of 12 (long 53). Deon Murphy had his PR avg drop from 17.5 in '07 to 10.1 and new KR's Aubrey Quarles (21.0) and Brandon Banks (27.7) did well. This yr they lose Rossman and Murphy but with an expected improvement in net punting, K-St should still be strong.

COACHES - Bill Snyder accomplished the greatest rebuilding job in college football history taking over a K-St team that had gone 0-21-1 the 2 prev years and had the NCAA's worst combined record in history and guided them to bowls in 11 straight years. They were even a Nat'l Title contender in 5 diff seasons. When Snyder opted to step aside after '05, he had more than triple the wins of the #2 coach (Mike Faheam w/39) in K-St history and his 136 were 2 more than all the previous K-St coaches combined since 1940! The stadium was renamed Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The Legend now returns home and will turn 70 in October. He has co-DC's in Chris Cosh who was the DC at MD (3Y) and was the LB coach for Snyder in '04 and '05 and Vic Koenning who was the WY HC from '00-'02 and has been the DC at Clem the last 4 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From '97-'03 Bill Snyder had 11 wins in 6 out of 7 seasons but in his final 2 years K-St slumped to 4-7 and 5-6 and he left to spend time with his family. Ron Prince was hired as HC in '06 and change was all around. Most of Snyder's asst either left or were booted out and many of the old players were shown the door. They even shifted from the read option to a more pass-based attack. K-St did get to a bowl in Prince's first year going 7-5 (upset #4 Texas) before being wiped out by Rutgers in the bowl. They benefitted from 3 net close wins. In '07 with QB Freeman and 14 ret starters, K-St opened 5-3 and at one point was ranked #24 but not only lost their last 4, the 198 pts allowed in those were the most a K-St team had ever allowed in a 4 game stretch. That is amazing considering the Wildcats were practically synonymous with bad football until Snyder arrived in Manhattan. Last year K-St had just 12 ret starters and had a large JUCO infusion (19) reminiscent of the Snyder era. Prior to the year I felt Coach Prince was on the hot seat but in early Aug they amazingly gave him a new 5 year contract. K-St beat its first 2 opp 114-16 but then were whipped by L'ville on a Thurs. After getting past Louisiana, TT rolled up 626 yards in a 30 pt K-St loss. K-St still appeared poised for a winning season by knocking off A&M on the road. The next week they were surprised when Colo switched to a true frosh, running QB who guided CU to 2 TD's on his first 3 drives, CU's only TD's on the day in K-St's 1 pt loss. It was 28-28 with 8:00 left in the half but Okla exploded leading 55-28 and rolled. K-St was once again pummelled by rival Kansas and it was announced that Prince had been fired. The next week Missouri led 24-0 in an easy win then Neb had a 610-247 yd edge in a 56-28 victory. In Prince's FHG K-St played well and led 35-17 (ISU TD last play) but once again over the final 5 K-St allowed an avg of 47.4 ppg. After being -18 and -16.8 ypg in Prince's first 2 years in B12 play, they were -150.9 in '08 (B12 worst). Since their Big 12 Title in '03, K-St is just 13-27 in the conf. Prince's teams were just 3-12 in AG's and he finished 0-9 vs Big 12 North rivals Kan, Mizzou and Neb. They go back to legend Bill Snyder this year but 12 players who were expected to contribute in '09 have left. K-St still has 14 ret starters, was -7 in TO's and has just 3 true Big 12 AG's playing just one North foe on the road. K-St makes my list of MIT's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Grant Valentine 6-3 240 PS#8JC '08
QB	Daniel Thomas 6-2 227 PS#25JC '08
DL	Jeffrey Fitzgerald 6-4 280 PS#41
DB	Troy Butler 6-1 190 PS#92JC
RB	Timothy Flanders 5-9 191 PS#87
LB	Kadero Terrell 6-2 235 PS#209JC
DB	Emmanuel Lamur 6-4 214 PS#214JC
DB	Joseph Bonugli 6-0 192 PS#189
WR	Tramaine Thompson 5-8 165 PS#157
OL	Keenan Taylor 6-5 275 PS#220
DB	Thomas Ferguson 6-1 205 PS#224
QB	Angelo Pease 5-11 205 PS#128
K	Ryan Doerr 6-3 185 PS#28
RB	John Hubert 5-9 190 PS#209
RB	Jay Hanley 6-1 235 PS#230 '08
LB	Clarence Bumpas 6-2 218 PS#221
TE	Zach Trujillo 6-4 230 PS#79
DB	Torell Miller 6-3 200 PS#358
TE	Andre McDonald 6-8 270 PS#94
DB	Carlton Callender 6-1 186 PS#399
OL	William Cooper 6-5 260 PS#336 '08
OL	William Lawson 6-8 290 PS#416
OL	Tomasi Mariner 6-4 290 PS#422
OL	Cornelius Lucas 6-8 275 PS#522
LB	Jarrett Wright 6-1 225 PS#814JC
DL	Meshak Williams 6-4 225 PS#518
WR	Marcus Kennard 6-5 199 PS#590
DB	Courtney Thompson 6-0 180 PS#796
QB	Ty Zimmerman 6-2 200 PS#662
K	Anthony Cantele 5-11 175 PS#280
TE	Travis Tannahill 6-4 240 PS#431
TE	Braden Wilson 6-4 245 PS#1562DL
WR	Adam Repass-Orduna 5-7 165 PS#1565
LB	Blake Slaughter 6-0 219 PS#1667
WR	Chase Mejia 5-10 170 PS#1805
DB	Luke Clements 6-3 190 PS#1875
DB	Ian Peters 5-11 177 PS#1875

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

QB 14 Daniel Thomas Jr. 6-2 227 **PS#25JC. 14** Carson Coffman (6'3" 212 Jr) PS#76. 304 (61%) 2Y. **10** Joseph Kassanavoid (6'3" 239 rFr) PS#55. Collin Klein (6'5" 227 rFr) PS#82.

RB 28 Logan Dold So. 6-0 207 PS#83. 3 st, 333 (4.1) true. **25** Keithen Valentine (5'8" 193 Sr). Former JC walk-on. 3 st, 129 (3.8) LY. **34** Dee Bell (5'8" 177 So) PS#60. 1 gm rFr.

WR 7 LAMARK BROWN JR. 6-3 225 **PS#36.** 1 st true. 7 st (6 RB), 412 rush (3.5) LY.

FB 26 Jarell Childs (6'1" 220 rFr) PS#103. Also TB in spg. **44** Jay Hanley (6'1" 235 rFr) PS#230.

WR 89 Aubrey Quarles Sr. 5-11 195 **PS#74JC.** 4 st, 12 gm, 407 (12.0) here last year. **81** Attrail Snipes (6'1" 180 Sr) PS#110JC. 1 rec LY. **84** Matt Wykes (6'2" 209 Sr) PS#428JC. 3 rec LY.

WR 83 BRANDON BANKS SR. 5-7 150 PS#120JC. 8 st, 1049 (15.7), **B12 Newcomer of Yr** LY. **82** Adrian Hilburn (6'1" 195 Jr) PS#186JC. RS LY. **88** Brice Vignery (6'1" 204 Sr).

TE 85 JERON MASTRUD SR. 6-6 253 PS#174. 9 st, 235 (13.8) true. 9 st, 316 (10.5) '07, 12 st, 435 (11.4) LY. **41** Jayson Cuba (6'2" 240 So) PS#80. 4 gm true. **47** Gabe Gantz (6'6" 252 Jr).

C 74 WADE WEIBERT JR. 6-4 287 **PS#13JC.** RS LY. **59 Zach Kendall** (6'3" 287 Jr) PS#118. 5 st (3 C, 2 LG), 8 gm LY. **LS** Corey Adams (6'4" 242 Jr) PS#311. 24 gm 2Y.

RG 77 Colten Freeze So. 6-5 287 PS#123. 3 st as rFr. **67** Kenneth Mayfield (6'4" 311 Jr) PS#194. 9 gm LY. Ethan Douglas (6'6" 308 rFr) PS#300. Nick Ward (6'1" 280 So).

LG 76 BROCK UNRUH SR. 6-6 288 PS#99. 9 st, 20 gm 2Y. 8 st (7 LG, 1 LT) 12 gm LY. **66** Eric Benoit (6'4" 286 Sr) PS#424JC. 3 st, 8 gm LY. Aaron Jackson (6'2" 310 rFr) PS#440.

RT 75 Clyde Aufner So. 6-7 288 **PS#71.** 3 gm as rFr. **54** Trevor Viers (6'5" 284 Jr) PS#455. 7 st, 10 gm 2Y. RS LY. **72** Kaleb Drinkgern (6'7" 270 So) PS#180. 2 gm as rFr.

LT 64 NICK STRINGER SR. 6-6 271 PS#147. 11 st 2Y. 12 st, **HM B12** LY. **70** Zach Hanson (6'8" 320 So) PS#508JC. RS LY. Keenan Taylor PS#220. William Lawson PS#416.

K 19 Josh Cherry Jr. 6-1 183 **PS#4.** 21 KO 2Y. **9** Ryan Doerr PS#28. Sat out after **trans from SC. 6** Brandon Klimek (5'11" 168 rFr). **18** Anthony Cantele PS#280.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

DE 99 BRANDON HAROLD SO. 6-6 264 PS#84. 10 st, 45 tkl, 10.5 tfl, **1st Tm FR AA** true. **96** Payton Kirk (6'6" 245 So) PS#130. 1 tkl, 6 gm, blk'd xp rFr. Meshak Williams is PS#518.

DT 95 Jeffrey Fitzgerald Sr. 6-4 280 **PS#41.** 25 st, 137 tkl, 23.5 tfl 2Y at **UVA.** Trans LY. Raphael Guidry (6'4" 267 So) PS#201. 12 tkl rFr, **52** Xzavier Stewart (6'1" 316 Jr). 1 st, 7 tkl 2Y.

DT 77 DANIEL CALVIN SR. 6-3 310 **PS#52JC.** 5 st, 12 gm, 14 tkl here LY. **93** Gabriel Crews (6'1" 310 Jr) PS#220. 8 tkl 2Y. **97** Chidubama Abana (6'7" 295 Sr) PS#328JC. 8 tkl '07. RS LY.

DE 90 ERIC CHILDS SR. 6-3 238 PS#112. 1 st, 17 tkl rFr. 9 st, 36 tkl '07. 11 st, 52 tkl. **HM B12** LY. **57 Grant Valentine** (6'3" 240 Jr) **PS#8JC.** IFS. **54** Dustin Sobieraj (6'3" 255 So).

SLB 47 ALEX HREBEC SO. 5-11 238 6 st, 68 tkl rFr. **51 Ulla Pomele** (6'1" 228 Sr) **PS#54JC.** 8 st, 58 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **45** Kevin Rohleder (6'0" 217 Jr) PS#98. Jack Reed (6'1" 227 Sr).

MLB 39 JOHN HOULIK SR. 5-11 219 5 st, 76 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 29 tkl LY. **50 Hansen Sekona** (6'0" 230 Sr) **PS#76JC.** 3 st, 23 tkl LY. Josh Berard (6'2" 220 Jr). Brian Hertzog (5'11" 211 So).

ROV 25 Craig Boswell Sr. 6-1 186 JUCO. 2 gm on special teams here LY. **24** Dahrnaz Tigner (6'2" 223 Jr) PS#277. 9 gms, 2 tackles in 2 yrs. **28** Jase Hartenbower (6'0" 183 rFr).

CB 3 Billy McClellan Sr. 5-8 170 PS#218JC. 1 st, 10 gm, 13 tkl LY. **21** Troy Butler (6'1" 190 Jr) **PS#92JC.** IFS. Rec by 3 P10 schls. **32** Roman Fields (5'10" 197 rFr) PS#419.

CB 4 JOSHUA MOORE JR. 5-11 184 PS#271. 5 st, 35 tkl, 6 pd true. 12 st, 76 tkl, 15 pd, **HM B12** LY. **29** Otis Johnson (5'10" 175 Sr) PS#334. 14 tkl 3Y. **8** Stephen Harrison (5'11" 181 Jr).

SS 20 COURTNEY HERNDON SR. 6-0 211 PS#195. 3 st, 18 gm, 29 tkl 2Y. 10 st, 61 tkl LY. Emmanuel Lamur PS#214JC. **13** Adrian Stryker (6'1" 206 Sr) PS#448. 7 gm, 5 tkl, 1 blk'd P LY.

FS 2 TYSYN HARTMAN SO. 6-3 207 PS#82. From QB to FS, 13 rush yd, L/8 st FS, 12 gm, 49 tkl true. Chris Carney (6'1" 190 Sr) PS#113. 5 tkl true. 9 st, 64 tkl, 6 pd, HM B12 '07. 4 st, 53 tkl LY.

P 9 Ryan Doerr rFr. 6-3 185 PS#28. **4** DJ Fulhage (5'9" 180 Jr) PS#352. On sqd as rFr. 33 punts (38.1), tm net 32.2 LY. **17** George Pierson (6'0" 201 Sr) PS#219JC. 10 punts (40.5) LY.

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#63

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Massachusetts	A					
Sep. 12	at Louisiana	A					
Sep. 19	at UCLA	G					
Sep. 26	Tennessee Tech	A					
Oct. 3	† Iowa St *(Kansas City)*	G					
Oct. 10	at Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 17	Texas A&M	A					
Oct. 24	Colorado (HC)	A					
Oct. 31	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 7	Kansas	A					
Nov. 14	Missouri	A					
Nov. 21	at Nebraska	A					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Josh Freeman 8,078 '06-'08
2. Lynn Dickey 6,208 '68-'70
3. Chad May 5,253 '93-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren Sproles 4,979 '01-'04
2. Ell Roberson 2,818 '00-'03
3. Eric Hickson 2,537 '94-95, '97-'98

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kevin Lockett 3,032 '93-'96
2. Jordy Nelson 2,822 '05-'07
3. Michael Smith 2,457 '88-'91

The Wildcats have won 19 straight home openers by an avg of 37-10.
The Minutemen went 7-5 last yr in the CAA including a 56-14 loss to Texas Tech.

The Wildlcats are 14-1 all-time vs current SBC schools (only loss in '85 vs NT).
Last yr KSU led 42-37 with 3:15 left & successfully faked a punt to keep the ball.

KSU is 7-14-1 vs current Pac-10 tms (L/gm in '03), but this is their 1st meeting with UCLA.
This will only be the 6th trip to CA for KSU as they are 1-3-1 being outscored 112-52.

Coming into '09, KSU is 34-3 in Manhattan vs non-conference opp's since 1996.
The Golden Eagles were 3-9 last yr including losses to Louisville & W Michigan.

Kansas St is 12-3 vs Iowa St since 1994 winning by an average of 27 ppg.
Last year in HC Prince's final game the Wildcats led 35-17 into the 4Q.

Kansas St is 3-7 all-time vs Texas Tech with their last win in 2000 (0-4 since).
Coming into 09, the Wildcats are 4-16 the L5Y in B12 AG's being outscored by an avg of 11 ppg.

Kansas St allowed 544 yds LY to Texas A&M despite being up 44-23 late 4Q.
KSU is just 6-6 in B12 HG's allowing 35 ppg since Snyder ended his 1st stint in '05.

Wildcats are 16-3 S/'90 on HC. LY the Buffs surprised the Cats pulling the RS off QB Hansen. KSU is just 19-44-1 all-time vs Colorado, but have won 2 of the L/3.

1st gm between these old Big 8 rivals was in 1908 as they played every yr from 1919-'97. KSU is just 8-61-1 S/'35 vs OU & 6 of those wins were under Bill Snyder.

107th meeting as KU leds 65-36-5, but KSU hasn't lost 4 straight yrs since '74-'77.
Kansas St has an amazing 25-4 (86%) mark since 1990 in November home gms.

KSU is 14-4 since 1991 vs Mizzou, but have lost the L/3 & were just 17-54-5 prior.
The Wildcats are 16-3 since '90 in Manhattan finales with the avg win by 17 ppg.

These schools have played every yr S/'22 & KSU has just 5 wins S/'69 (all under Snyder).
The visitor has lost 9 of L/12. NU amassed 600+ yds LY (3rd time KSU allowed 600+).

BILL SNYDER (Career 136-68-1)

18th Year at Kansas St ('89-'05) Snyder's Bowl Record: 6-5

Snyder's records AT KANSAS ST

136-68-1	Straight Up	3-23	Vs Top 10
89-21-1	Home	15-29-1	Vs Top 25
38-39	Away	10-6	Vs BCS Teams
9-8	Neutral	16-11	Off A Bye
75-55-1	Vs Conference	29-28-1	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (20,25,4)
Lost: 28 (13,13,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,190 (#52)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

CB Joshua Moore

STADIUM: BILL SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM (50,000) (#61)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-3	6-6	11-2	11-4	4-7	5-6	7-6	5-7	5-7	65-48
Home	6-1	4-2	7-1	7-1	3-4	4-2	6-2	4-2	4-3	45-18
Away	3-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	1-4	1-3	1-5	1-4	15-26
Neutral	2-1	0-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	5-4
vs Conf	6-3	3-5	6-2	7-2	2-6	2-6	4-4	3-5	2-6	35-39
vs Non-Conf	5-0	3-1	5-0	4-2	2-1	3-0	3-2	2-2	3-1	30-9
ATS (Bill Snyder 1989)	7-6-1	8-4	8-3	6-7	3-7	6-5	6-6 (Ron Prince)	6-5	4-7	54-50-1
Home Fav	3-3	4-2	5-1	2-4	1-4	3-1	3-0	3-1	1-2	25-18
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-2	0-1	0-3 (Bill Snyder)	6-6
Away Fav	2-2	2-1	3-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-1	10-13
Away Dog	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-3	1-2	3-0	2-1	11-7
Neutral	1-1-1	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-6-1
vs Conf	4-4-1	5-3	6-2	6-3	3-5	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	40-33-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-1	2-1	0-4	0-2	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	14-17
Off SU Win	5-4-1	5-1	6-3	4-5	0-4	1-3	4-3	2-2	1-2	28-27-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-3	2-0	2-1	3-3	5-1	2-3	3-3	2-5	23-20

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Cotton - #11	-3'	Tennessee - #21	35-21
01	Insight.com	-6	Syracuse - #18	3-26
02	Holiday - #6	-18'	Arizona St	34-27
03	Fiesta - #8	-7	Ohio St - #7	28-35
06	Texas	+8'	Rutgers - #16	10-37

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kansas St's All-Time Bowl Record 6-7

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	34.9	402	133	3.9	270	58.8	11.5	16	-7	2008	5	35.8	479	218	5.2	261	60.6	13.4	20
7*	35.2	418	133	4.5	285	63.1	11.9	17	+4	2007	7	30.8	401	142	3.7	259	59.9	13.0	30
8*	22.8	315	115	4.0	200	51.6	13.8	28	-4	2006	8	23.8	346	149	4.1	197	58.3	14.5	40
4	26.3	340	138	3.5	201	51.6	12.9	26	-6	2005	3	27.7	359	129	3.5	231	55.6	13.0	21
6	29.6	364	186	4.3	178	56.1	12.3	17	-6	2004	4	30.6	350	148	4.1	201	53.7	11.4	21
7*	36.6	441	229	5.0	212	52.3	12.0	19	-1	2003	5	16.3	283	108	3.0	175	50.1	17.4	51
4*	44.8	423	264	5.2	159	53.8	9.4	22	+9	2002	7	11.8	249	70	2.0	179	45.7	21.0	36

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lamark Brown	118	458	46	412	5	3.5
Josh Freeman	107	538	134	404	14	3.8
Logan Dold	82	336	3	333	3	4.1
Keithen Valentine	34	140	11	129	1	3.8
Brandon Banks	7	126	0	126	1	18.0
Justin Woods	19	68	5	63	1	3.3
Carson Coffman	15	68	8	60	1	4.0
Deon Murphy	6	58	6	52	0	8.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Josh Freeman	382	224	58.6	2945	20	8
Carson Coffman	41	25	61.0	282	1	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brandon Banks	67	1049	15.7	9	77	
Deon Murphy	37	555	15.0	6	70	
Jeron Mastrud	38	435	11.4	2	52	
Ernie Pierce	27	424	15.7	3	63	
Aubrey Quarles	34	407	12.0	1	36	
Lamark Brown	24	178	7.4	1	18	
Logan Dold	7	50	7.1	0	12	
Brett Alstatt	6	41	6.8	0	9	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
DJ Fulhage	33	1256	38.1	8	32.2(t)	1	6
George Pierson	10	405	40.5	3	-	0	2
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brooks Rossman	54-55	3-3	1-1	4-7	1-1	9-12	53

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Joshua Moore	76	0.5	4.5	12	3
Alex Hrebec	68	2.5	1.5	2	1
Courtney Herndon	61	1.5	3	4	2
Ulla Pomele	58	1	6.5	2	0
Chris Carney	53	0	1.5	5	0
Eric Childs	52	2.5	4	2	0
Ray Cheatham	49	0	0	1	1
Tysyn Hartman	49	0	0	0	0
Ian Campbell	47	4.5	3.5	3	0
Reggie Walker	46	2	3	2	0
Brandon Harold	45	3	7.5	1	0
Blair Irvin	34	0	1.5	3	1
John Houlik	29	0	0	2	0
Hansen Sekona	23	0	3.5	0	0
Brandon Balkcom	23	0	1	1	1
Olu Hall	22	1	2	2	0
Cedric Wilson	17	0	1	2	1
Antwon Moore	14	0	1	0	0
Daniel Calvin	14	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Deon Murphy	28	283	10.1	1	
Brandon Banks	5	58	11.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Aubrey Quarles	26	547	21.0	0	
Brandon Banks	18	498	27.7	1	

2008 STATS BY GAME

KSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
45,150	North Texas	26	36-165	4.6	27-42	306	0	12	26-105	4.0	16-29	100	2	-2
45,241	Montana St	23	43-177	4.1	17-23	304	0	15	36-83	2.3	17-35	108	0	+4
42,208	at Louisville	14	12-30	2.5	22-42	313	0	31	55-303	5.5	22-33	274	2	-3
45,558	Louisiana	30	45-198	4.4	21-28	272	0	27	51-335	6.6	16-29	174	4	-1
43,614	Texas Tech	18	36-113	3.1	15-31	183	1	33	30-136	4.5	42-60	490	0	-1
78,669	at Texas A&M	30	47-215	4.6	21-26	234	2	25	33-125	3.8	29-41	419	4	0
52,099	at Colorado	15	23-112	4.9	20-41	237	1	24	57-247	4.3	13-25	106	2	0
47,054	Oklahoma	23	32-64	2.0	30-52	486	3	23	45-273	6.1	13-32	255	0	-4
52,230	at Kansas	19	32-91	2.8	26-41	264	3	26	41-280	6.8	15-25	189	1	-4
68,349	at Missouri	17	33-194	5.9	22-42	169	1	27	39-221	5.7	26-40	290	1	0
48,444	Nebraska	13	32-59	1.8	12-26	188	4	29	53-340	6.4	16-25	270	1	+1
41,266	Iowa St	22	37-172	4.6	17-31	279	1	30	36-164	4.6	32-50	462	3	+3
TOTALS		250	408-1590	3.9	250-425	3235	16	302	502-2612	5.2	257-424	3137	20	-7
AVERAGES		20.8	34-133	3.9	21-35	270	3.8%	25.2	42-218	5.2	21-35	261	4.7%	-0.6

KSU Pre #12 2004 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
#12	WKU	NL	27-13	
#13	Fresno St	-12'	21-45	
-	Louisiana	-31	40-20	
-	at Texas A&M	+4	30-42	
-	at Kansas	-3'	28-31	
-	Oklahoma - #2	+20	21-31	
-	Nebraska	-4'	45-21	
-	Texas Tech	-2'	25-35	
-	at Missouri	+4	35-24	
-	at Colorado	-2'	31-38	
-	Iowa St	-11	23-37	

KSU Pre- 2005 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	FIU	-33	35-21	
-	at Marshall	-9	21-19	
-	North Texas	-24'	54-7	
-	at Oklahoma	+6'	21-43	
-	Kansas	-5	12-3	
-	at Texas Tech - #13	+15'	20-59	
-	Texas A&M	+6	28-30	
-	Colorado	+7'	20-23	
-	at Iowa St	+8	17-45	
-	at Nebraska	+6	25-27	
-	Missouri	-3	36-28	

KSU Pre- 2006 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	Illinois St	NL	24-23	
-	Florida Atlantic	-20'	45-0	
-	Marshall	-9'	23-7	
-	Louisville - #8	+14	6-24	
-	at Baylor	-1'	3-17	
-	Oklahoma St	+3	31-27	
-	Nebraska - #21	+8'	3-21	
-	at Missouri - #24	+14'	21-41	
-	Iowa St	-4	31-10	
-	at Colorado	+3'	34-21	
-	Texas - #4	+16	45-42	
-	at Kansas	+2'	20-39	

KSU Pre- 2007 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Auburn - #18	+13'	13-23	
-	San Jose St	-19	34-14	
-	Missouri St	NL	61-10	
-	at Texas - #7	+14'	41-21	
#24	Kansas	-3'	24-30	
-	Colorado	-4'	47-20	
#25	at Oklahoma St	+2'	39-41	
-	Baylor	-26	51-13	
-	at Iowa St	-15'	20-31	
-	at Nebraska	-7'	31-73	
-	Missouri - #6	+7	32-49	
-	at Fresno St	-1	29-45	

KSU Pre- 2008 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	North Texas	-26	45-6	
-	Montana St	-26'	69-10	
-	at Louisville	-4'	29-38	
-	Louisiana	-20'	45-37	
-	Texas Tech - #7	+7	28-58	
-	at Texas A&M	-3	44-30	
-	at Colorado	+3'	13-14	
-	Oklahoma - #4	+18'	35-58	
-	at Kansas	+8	21-52	
-	at Missouri - #13	+27	24-41	
-	Nebraska	+6	28-56	
-	Iowa St	-9'	38-30	

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS

QB Todd Reesing

In HC Mark Mangino's first 5 years, he used 9 different QB's and only once in that span did they top 55.9%. In '06, rFr Kerry Meier (PS#34) was the clear-cut starter but was inj and missed 3. Adam Barmann hit 54.7% with a 3-6 ratio which prompted Mangino to take the RS off of Todd Reesing (PS#95) in the 9th game (24 pass). Meier had 8 starts and threw for 1,193 (56.5%) with a 13-10 ratio. He is bigger, faster and has the stronger arm but Reesing beat him out in the fall of '07 and provided some much needed stability to the position. Reesing threw for 3,486 (61.9%) with a 33-7 ratio. He began his career 11-0 as the starting QB and threw for 349 vs #3 Missouri in KU's first loss. Meier moved to WR but did hit 25-29 for 275 as the backup. Last year Reesing set a school record by completing 66.5% throwing for 3,888 with an outstanding 32-13 ratio. He is already the school's career passing leader, owns more than 30 school records and is 20-6 as a starter. Meier did not play a single down at QB in '08 (yds came from WR spot) but remains a backup. Kale Pick (PS#51) was the scout team Off POY and they add true frosh Jordan Webb (PS#40, in spg) and transfer Chase Knighton (6'1" 195 So). Reesing is one of the premiere QB's in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - Jon Cornish had a great year in '06 rushing for 1,457 (5.8). The #2 RB that year was true frosh Jake Sharp (PS#29) who had 129 (6.1). Brandon McAnderson (235 lb) added 122 (3.9). In '07 they had to replace Cornish. Sharp had three 100 yard games in the first 6 but McAnderson took over after and led with 1,125 (5.9) while Sharp added 821 (5.6) and Angus Quigley had 98 (5.8). Last year they had to replace McAnderson but signed Jocques Crawford (NJCAA Off POY). Crawford has McAnderson's size with 4.6 speed but he struggled in the move to the FBS and finished with 232 (3.7). Quigley got 2 starts and had 309 (5.2). There was midseason talk about how Sharp would not be the feature back due to his size but he became the first KU back in '08 to top 100 (118 vs Colo, the only RB to touch the ball) yds. Sharp avg 8.6 ypc vs Okla but was replaced in the 3Q. He had 181 rush and 76 rec vs K-St but had just 123 yd in the final 3 although he received all but 12 of the RB snaps. They move Quigley to LB but I expect a bigger impact from Crawford (susp spg) and not listed below are TB Rell Lewis (5'10" 201 So, PS#179), FB Tyler Hunt (6'2" 235 rFr) and true frosh including Deshaun Sands (PS#164) who was IFS.

RECEIVERS - In '07, KU had to replace its #1 rec but had everyone else back and Marcus Henry broke the 1,000 yard barrier (1,014,18.8). Last year they had to replace Henry (#6 DC) and TE Derek Fine (#4 DC) and the top two returnees were Dexton Fields who had 834 (13.2) and Dezmon Briscoe (496, 11.5). Meier was #5 with 274 (10.5). Meier and Briscoe had huge seasons in '08, as they were the only WR combo in the country to both top 90 rec with both having over 1,000 yds. It was said in Aug that Johnathan Wilson was likely to be KU's biggest surprise and he finished #3 (573, 13.3). KU operated mostly in a 4-WR set so the TE's started just 3 games (8 rec). This year they lose WR's Fields (10 st, 20 rec), Raymond Brown (1 st, 5 rec), Marcus Herford (1 rec) and Gary Green (0 rec). Not listed below are WR's Patrick Schilling (6'1" 175 Fr), Reece Petty (6'2" 195 Jr) and Willie O'Quinn (6'0" 190 So). This is KU's most experienced rec corps in quite some time and figures to be one of the nation's finest.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Mangino had just 2 starters back in '04 and they opened holes for just 94 ypg (2.7), their worst total S/'86. The next time he had 2 starters back was '06 and KU improved to 177 ypg rush (4.8), its best S/'95 with 26 sacks allowed (5.5%). Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm AA LT and a 4 year starting RT. While they had 3 starters back, their 46 career starts were tied for #90 in the FBS. They only opened holes for 127 ypg rush (3.7) while allowing 31 sacks (6.2%). This year they lose C Ryan Cantrell (HM B12, 13 st, 2Y st'r), RG Chet Hartley (13 st, 2Y st'r), LG Adrian Mayes (HM Big 12, 13 st, 2Y st'r) and RT Matt Darton (1 st). Mangino said Jeff Spikes may be one of the most talented OL's he's had at KU (13 st rFr). Jeremiah Hatch is moving from LT to C. KU has just 2 starters back and even fewer career starts (26, #115 FBS) than the '08 unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Mangino's first season ('02) the D allowed 5.8 ypc rush but they improved to 4.9 and 3.3 the next two years. In '05 KU had its best rush D ever allowing a paltry 83 ypg (2.4). In '06 they had to replace a 1st Tm B12 DE and 2 other starters but allowed just 109 ypg (3.5). In '07 KU had to replace 2 starters but had its top DL, DT James McClinton, returning. KU improved allowing 95 ypg (3.1). Last year they had to replace McClinton but had 6 of their top 8 back. KU slipped to allowing 123 ypg rush (3.9), its highest total S/'03 and the team recorded just 28 sacks. Mangino said they were not very disruptive until LB James Holt moved to a standup DE spot and he led in sks (10). One of the 3 returning starters, DE John Larson had just 3 starts (6 tkl). This year they lose DE Russell Brorsen (13 st, 30 tkl, 2 int, 4 tfl), Larson and DE Justin Pessetto (2 tkl). Four return who started 7+ last year (one w/3) and they add in PS#38JC DE Quintin Woods. While the stats may not improve much with a weaker LB corps, KU will be tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - In '06, KU had to replace all 3 starters and a backup who led the team in sacks. That version was bigger and a little more athletic than '05's led by MLB Mike Rivera. In '07 the entire 2 deep from the 2H of '06 ret'd. Rivera swapped places with OLB Joe Mortensen (1st Tm Big 12 MLB). Rivera and Holt were both HM B12 and all 3 started all 13. Last year the group ret'd intact and they finished #1, #3 and #4 in tackles. Holt played some at DE. This year the losses (103 car st) are heavy. Gone are 2nd Tm B12 LB/DE Holt (13 st, 105 tkl, 10 sk, 9.5 tfl), Mortensen (13 st, 90 tkl, 8 tfl) and Rivera (11 st, 93 tkl, 8 tfl). Arist Wright has 77 tackles and 6 career starts and they add RB's Quigley and Steven Foster. Mangino estimated they used 5 DB's 80% of the time last year and that should continue this year. This unit goes from one of the most experienced LB's corps in the country to one of the least.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '05 KU had 7 back with starting experience and true frosh Aqib Talib started the last 9 and the unit finished #39. In '06 they had 2.5 starters back but slid to #51. In '07 KU had to replace 1 starter but returned its star Talib and moved to #11. Last year they had to replace Talib (#1DC) and 2 backups. Despite being more experienced, I called for a drop in the rankings with a loss of their star and they fell to #43. This year they lose CB Kendrick Harper (6 st, 36 tkl, 1 int) and SS Patrick Resby (11 tkl). Mangino shuffled the secondary but the 4 who started the final 6 all return. The star of this group is 1st Tm B12 FS Darrell Stuckey. Not listed below are Brandon Hawks (5'9" 178 rFr), Ryan Murphy (5'10" 176 So, PS#158) and Taylor Lee (6'1" 186 rFr). They add PS#40JC Calvin Rubles so this unit looks stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - KU finished #38, #29 and #47 from 2004-'06 but surprisingly during a highly successful 2007, they dropped to #92. Last year they had to replace their K and P and finished #90. One of the highlights came when Daymond Patterson had a 75 yd PR TD vs FIU but top KR Marcus Herford avg just 15.4. P Alonso Rojas had a net of 33.9 while K Jacob Branstetter hit 9 of 12 FG's (long 34). This year the only loss is Herford and KU should only improve.

COACHES - Mark Mangino enters his 8th season after being the OC at Okla from '99-'01 and an asst at K-St for 8 years prior. In '07 he won the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award and 8 other Nat'l Coach of the Year awards. Former KU OL/run-game coord ('03-'04) Ed Warinner returned as the OC in '07 after spending 2Y at Illinois. LY KU had to replace outstanding DC Bill Young. Clint Bowen (8Y on staff) is on his 3rd year as DC (or Co-DC). Joining as Co-DC is Bill Miller who has been a DC at WM, Ariz St, Mich St, Miami, Okla St, and was the L'ville LB coach last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to '07, KU had never finished in the upper half of the Big 12 North. In fact, its best conf record since the B12's inception (1996) was 3-5 and they were 23-65 in 11 years. In '02, Mangino inherited a team returning the league's fewest starters (8) that was -219.5 ypg in conf play in '01. I called for a winless B12 season and KU was 0-8 in '02 (-31.9 ppg). Mangino weeded out a lot of bad apples and 31 underclassmen from the '02 spring roster had left by the start of '03. Bolstered by a heavy JC infusion, KU went to its first bowl S/'95 finishing 6-7 in '03. They were a veteran team (15 ret st) in '04, but I pegged them for last in the North due to a tough schedule (8 foes in '03 bowls). They finished 4-7. Mangino had his best team yet in '05 but they were picked by the media to finish 6th in the North. KU drew another tough schedule with the top 3 South teams (TX, TT and Okla). In my magazine I broke their season down into 3 parts calling for a 3-0 start, an 0-4 middle and a strong finish and that is what happened. The D allowed just 303 ypg which was the key to KU's first winning season S/'95 despite finishing -8 in TO's. They destroyed Houston in the bowl with a season-high 538 yds. In '06 KU had just 3 starters back on D and suffered 4 net close losses and could have finished 10-2. KU led in the 2H in 5 of its defeats and finished 6-6 (no bowl). In '07 KU avoided TX, Okla and TT and had a dream year. They went 7-0 at home and improved the home record to 18-2 from '05-'07. KU opened 11-0 and were a shocking #2 when they played #3 Missouri at Arrowhead which marked the biggest meeting ever in the oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi. They lost but only dropped to #8 and were picked for the Orange Bowl over that same Tiger squad. It was KU's first Orange Bowl S/'69. No Kansas team had ever won 12 games but they did it by knocking off VT and finished #7. Last year I pointed out that KU caught a lot of breaks in '07 as they were +21 in TO's and had just 3 starts lost to injury. They also added Okla, TX and TT back on the schedule. I didn't make KU fans happy when I had the only publication that had them finishing 3rd in the North and the ONLY preseason source that did not have them ranked in my Top 25. Of the 14 sources listed in the preseason by stassen.com, none had KU lower than #20 heading into '08 and 7 had them in their Top 15. Despite their lofty preseason ranking #14 I said they would lose 4 or 5 games. KU opened up 2-0 but lost at USF in a Fri night thriller. After beating a FCS foe, they trailed Iowa St 20-0 at half, rallying for a 35-33 win. KU thrashed Colo to move to 5-1 and was #16 but was whipped by two Top 10 teams. After thrashing rival K-St, they lost by 10 to Neb and then by 28 to #4 TX. KU caught a break as rival Missouri had the Big 12 Title game and a shot at a BCS bowl on deck and clearly looked past the Jayhawks who pulled the upset 40-37. KU dominated Minn in the bowl to finish 8-5. Despite a 4-4 record in the B12 they were -36.7 ypg (6th worst). KU has had at least 6 wins for 4 straight years for the first time S/1903-'06. Their 20 wins in 2 years is a school record and they got to their first ever B2B bowls. Their 305.6 ypg pass was a school record as well. Kansas has the best offense and by far the best QB in the Big 12 North but did allow 447.1 ypg in Big 12 play last year and loses 3 of their top 4 tacklers. They do have just 3 Big 12 HG's and draw OU, Texas and TT out of the South but the Jayhawks should get to their 3rd straight bowl and this year's squad is superior to the 2008 version.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — **DEFENSE**

QB 5 TODD REESING SR. 5-11 200 PS#95. 2nd Tm B12 '07. 20-6 as a st'r 3Y. 7,578 (64%) **68-23 ratio**, 527 rush. **19** Kale Pick (6'2" 200 rFr). **2** Jordan Webb is PS#40.

RB 1 JAKE SHARP SR. 5-10 195 **PS#29.** 1 st, 950 (5.6) 2Y. 10 st '08, 860 (4.6). 25 rec. HM Big 12. **3** Jocques Crawford (6'1" 230 Sr) **PS#41JC.** 13 gm, 232 (3.7) '08. ? '09.

WR 10 KERRY MEIER SR. 6-3 220 PS#34. 8 st QB '06, 1193 pass. QB/WR '07, 5 st, 274 (10.5), 275 pass. 12 st WR LY, 1,045 yd (10.8) **FB 49 Drew Dudley** (6'2" 232 Jr) PS#120.

WR 80 DEZMON BRISCOE JR. 6-3 200 11 st '07, 496 (11.5). 12 st '08, **2ndTm B12, 1407 (15.3).** **9** Raimond Pendleton (5'11" 192 Sr) PS#270. 1 st, 8 rec 2Y. AJ Steward (6'4" 229 So).

WR 81 JOHNATHAN WILSON JR. 6-3 189 12 st LY, 573 (13.3). Tertavian Ingram (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#59. Roderick Harris (6'2" 200 Jr) PS#206JC. Isiah Barfield (6'0" 184 So) 2 st CB, 10 tkl LY.

TE 86 Tim Biere So. 6-4 246 PS#46. 2 st true, 65 (10.8). **87** Bradley Dedeaux (6'3" 252 Jr) PS#27 1 st, 20 (6.7) 2Y. Nick Plato (6'6" 242 rFr) PS#31. Ted McNulty (6'5" 226 So).

C 77 JEREMIAH HATCH SO. 6-3 311 PS#260. 12 st rFr @ OT, 13 gm. **76** Brad Thorson (6'3" 290 Jr) **Wisconsin transfer. LS 56** Kayl Anderson (6'2" 250 Sr) 38 gm at LS 3Y, 3L.

RG 71 John Williams rFr. 6-4 338 PS#117. **68** Carl Wilson (6'4" 292 Jr) PS#462. 1 letter. **62** Alex Smith (5'11" 281 Jr). **65** Michael Martinovich (6'4" 251 So). Air Force trans.

LG 59 Sal Capra Jr. 6-3 292 PS#130.5 gm rFr. 13 gm LY. **69** Trevor Marrongelli (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#159. **64** JD Hill (6'4" 285 rFr). **73** Joe Semple (6'3" 295 rFr) PS#270.

RT 74 JEFF SPIKES SO. 6-6 314 PS#278. 2 gm rFr. 13 st LY (4LT, 9RT). **67** Ben Lueken (6'6" 300 So) PS#164. 9 gm true. Car accident in spg. Gavin Howard is PS#123.

LT 83 Tanner Hawkinson rFr. 6-6 260 PS#28TE. TE/DL in '08 as RS. **63** Ian Wolfe (6'5" 295 Jr) PS#137. 1 st RT as rFr. 6 gm. DNL LY. **60** Jose Rodriguez (6'6" 293 Sr) PS#200. 2 gm LY.

K 14 JACOB BRANSTETTER JR. 5-10 182 PS#87. 9 of 12 FG's LY, long of 34. 9 TB on 68 KO. **33** Grady Fowler (5'9" 186 Jr) PS#361JC. 8 of 12 FG L/41 JC '07. John Millsap (5'10" 150 rFr).

DE 91 JAKE LAPTAD JR. 6-4 258 PS#249. 3 sk true. 7 st last year. 38 tkl, 7 sk, HM B12. **84** Jeff Wheeler (6'7" 260 Sr) 3 st 3Y, 25 tkl, 4.5 sk. **96** Dustin Spears (6'5" 242 Sr) Scout Tm POY LY.

DT 94 CALEB BLAKESLEY SR. 6-5 292 PS#143. 13 st '07, 13 tkl. 10 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 tfl. HM B12. **97** Richard Johnson (6'2" 280 So) PS#213. 8 st, 14 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. Duane Zlatnik (6'4" 303 rFr).

DT 99 JAMAL GREENE JR. 6-4 303 PS#192. 7 tkl rFr. 8 st LY, 21 tkl, 7 tfl. **93** Darius Parish (6'4" 341 So) PS#139. 8 tkl true. **Travis Stephens PS#48JC. 92** Patrick Dorsey (6'0" 275 So) PS#175.

DE NA Quintin Woods Jr. 6-5 230 **PS#38JC.** 80 tkl, 8 sk JC LY. **47** Maxwell Onyegbule (6'5" 257 Sr) PS#224. 30 tkl 3Y, 5 sk, 2 tfl, 1 int. **95** DJ Marshall (6'4" 230 rFr) PS#101.

OLB 51 Dakota Lewis Jr. 6-1 209 PS#176. 25 tkl 2Y. **58** Jake Schermer (6'2" 222 Sr). **45** Justin Springer (6'4" 242 Jr) 38 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. **38** Josh Richardson (6'4" 220 rFr).

MLB 41 Arist Wright Sr. 6-0 226 6 st 3Y, 77 tkl, 1 sk, 3.5 tfl. Huldon Tharp PS#89. Julian Jones PS#210. Chea Peterman (6'2" 220 So) PS#263. **61** Jordan Fee (5'11" 200 rFr).

OLB 22 Angus Quigley Sr. 6-2 226 2 st, 407 yd at RB L2Y. **31** Steven Foster (6'2" 241 So) PS#125. **52** Steven Johnson (6'2" 225 So) 1 tkl true. **53** Chris Heinz (6'3" 210 So).

CB 28 DAYMOND PATTERSON SO. 5-9 175 PS#125. 2 st WR true, 14 rec, last 5 st CB, 21 tkl, 2 pbu. **17 Calvin Rubles PS#40JC.** IFS. **30** Anthony Davis (6'0" 192 So) PS#157. 6 tkl as rFr.

CB 46 JUSTIN THORNTON SR. 6-1 213 PS#115. 8 st '06-'07. 92 tkl, 6 int, 13 pbu. 12 st LY, 63 tkl, 12 pd. **35** Corrigan Powell (5'10" 171 So) PS#167. 1 st true, 14 tkl. Greg Brown (5'11" 177 rFr) PS#75.

SS 25 DARRELL STUCKEY SR. 6-1 205 PS#215, 4 st, 32 tkl rFr. 13 st '07, 72 tkl, 8 pd. **1st Tm B12** in '08, 13 st, 98 tkl, 5 int, 7 pbu. **44** Olaitan Oguntodu (6'0" 220 Jr) PS#69. 5 tkl 3Y.

FS 26 PHILLIP STROZIER JR. 6-0 200 PS#64. 5 tkl rFr. 6 st LY. 36 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. **Chris Harris** (6'0" 185 Jr) **10 st true**, 65 tkl, 6 pd. **7 st LY**, 59 tkl. Lubbock Smith (5'11" 192 rFr) PS#187.

P 18 ALONSO ROJAS JR. 6-3 220 PS#43. Avg 46.0 in HS. 56 punts in '06 at Bowling Green, 35.6 avg, L/62. Transferred in '07. 58 punts LY, 40.7 avg, 33.9 net, 2-2 FG, L/47.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DE	Quintin Woods 6-5 230 PS#38JC
CB	Calvin Rubles 6-3 200 PS#40JC
DT	Travis Stephens 6-3 262 PS#48JC
QB	Jordan Webb 6-1 210 PS#40
WR	Bradley McDougald 6-2 195 PS#52
RB	Toben Opurum 6-2 235 PS#76
DL	Tyrone Sellers, Jr 6-3 220 PS#95
DL	Kevin Young 6-4 235 PS#102
DL	Randall Dent, Jr 6-4 278 PS#109
LB	Huldon Tharp 6-0 215 PS#89
DB	Prinz Kande 6-0 190 PS#116
DB	Dexter Linton 6-0 190 PS#117
OL	Gavin Howard 6-6 295 PS#123
DB	Darian Kelly 6-0 195 PS#143
OL	Riley Spencer 6-7 290 PS#152
QB	Christian Matthews 6-2 194 PS#78
LB	Jon Watts 6-3 225 PS#230JC
DB	Tyler Patmon 5-10 170 PS#208
WR	Chris Omigie 6-4 200 PS#163
RB	Deshaun Sands 5-9 182 PS#164
DB	DJ Beshears 5-9 175 PS#235
WR	Erick McGriff 6-4 205 PS#180
LB	Julian Jones 6-2 244 PS#210
LB	Jacoby Thomas 6-2 212 PS#215
OL	Tom Mabry 6-5 280 PS#309

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#26

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Northern Colorado	A				
Sep. 12	at UTEP	A				
Sep. 19	Duke	A				
Sep. 26	Southern Miss	A				
Oct. 3						
Oct. 10	Iowa St (HC)	A				
Oct. 17	at Colorado	G				
Oct. 24	Oklahoma	A				
Oct. 31	at Texas Tech	A				
Nov. 7	at Kansas St	A				
Nov. 14	Nebraska	A				
Nov. 21	at Texas	A				
Nov. 28	† Missouri *(Kansas City)*	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Todd Reesing 7,578 '06-Present
2. Frank Seurer 6,410 '80-'83
3. Kelly Donohoe 5,382 '86-'89

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. June Henley 3,841 '93-'96
2. Tony Sands 3,788 '88-'91
3. Laverne Smith 3,074 '73-'76

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Willie Vaughn 2,266 '85-'88
2. Mark Simmons 2,161 '02-'05
3. Richard Estell 1,997 '82-'85

The Jayhawks are 16-2 in their home opener with 5 straight wins. The Bears went 1-10 last year playing in the Big Sky including a 42-10 loss to Purdue.

Kansas is 2-10 the last 12 yrs in their 1st away game of the season. All 4 of Kansas' non-conference games this year are first time meetings.

Coming into '09, KU is 20-6 in the reg ssn under Mangino vs NC opp's (avg W by 19 ppg). KU is just 3-16 all-time vs current ACC members, but 1-1 under Mangino.

Eagles HC Fedora served as the OC for 3 ssns (2005-'07) at Ok St (1-1 vs KU). The Jayhawks are 6-2 since '03 before a bye (reg ssn) with the avg score 32-23.

The HT has won 5 of the last 7 meetings, only losses were at Ames in '06 & LY. Kansas is 14-5 on Homecoming since 1990 with the avg score KU-28-22.

HT has won 9 out of the L/12 gms in this Big 12 North rival. 3Y ago in his debut QB Reesing was 7-11 (64%) w/196 total yds & 3 TD (2 pass & 1 rush) vs CU.

LY WR Dezmon Briscoe set the KU record for rec yds in a gm w/269 (22.4) vs OU. Mangino was an asst cch under Stoops at OU (1999-'01) prior to taking over at KU.

Last time in Lubbock ('05), KU was down 20-0 & had just 87 yds at the half. Coming into '09, Kansas is 7-22 in their last 29 true Big 12 road games (5-2 L2Y).

Last year RB Sharp had a career by 181 yds (8.6) & 4 TD's in the blowout win. Mangino's 1st FBS cching assignment was at KSU from 1991-'98, attending 6 bowls.

This is the 2nd longest uninterrupted series with its 104th straight meeting (since 1906). Kansas is 8-4 S/'97 in Memorial Stadium finales (avg W by 15 ppg & avg L by 26 ppg).

Jayhawks last win vs the Horns was in 1938, 0-7 in Big 12 play w/an avg loss of 30 ppg. KU was held to ssn lows in pts (7) & yds (305) LY vs UT (7 pts were lowest output S/'05).

Series began in 1891 & is the 2nd most played nationally (longest west of Miss, 117 gms). LY there were 4 lead changes in the final 7:00 as KU won on a 26 yd TD pas with :27 left.

MARK MANGINO (Career 45-41)
8th Year at Kansas
Mangino's Bowl Record: 3-1

Mangino's records AT KANSAS

45-41	Straight Up	1-7	Vs Top 10
32-14	Home	4-13	Vs Top 25
9-24	Away	3-4	Vs BCS Teams
4-3	Neutral	8-4	Off A Bye
22-34	Vs Conference	15-23	Off A Loss

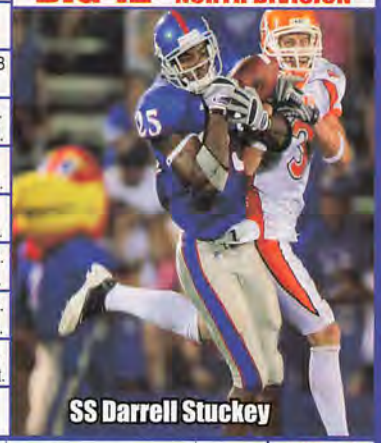
2008 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (18,21,3)
Lost: 18 (9,9,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,907 (#41)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


SS Darrell Stuckey

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,071) (#58)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	2-10	6-7	4-7	7-5	6-6	12-1	8-5	52-56
Home	3-3	2-5	1-5	5-2	3-3	6-0	5-2	7-0	5-2	37-22
Away	1-4	1-3	1-5	1-4	1-4	0-4	1-4	4-0	1-3	11-31
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	4-3
vs Conf	2-6	1-7	0-8	3-5	2-6	3-5	3-5	7-1	4-4	25-47
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-2	3-2	2-1	4-0	3-1	5-0	4-1	27-9
ATS	3-7	3-7	3-8	5-7	7-4	6-5	6-5	11-1	7-5	51-49
Home Fav	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	3-2	6-0	3-2	18-10
Home Dog	1-2	0-4	0-5	2-2	3-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	8-15
Away Favorite	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	3-0	0-1	5-3
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-3	2-2	1-0	2-1	16-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	4-3
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	1-7	3-5	5-3	4-4	5-3	7-1	4-4	34-38
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	4-0	3-1	17-11
Off SU Win	2-1	0-2	1-1	3-2	1-2	4-1	3-3	9-1	5-2	28-15
Off SU Loss	1-5	3-5	2-6	2-4	5-2	2-3	3-2	1-0	2-2	21-29

Terry Allen 1997 | Mark Mangino

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Aloha	#11	+5	UCLA	51-30
03	Tangerine		+12	NC State	26-56
05	Fort Worth		-3	Houston	42-13
07	Orange	#8	+3'	Virginia Tech	#5 24-21
08	Insight		-8	Minnesota	42-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kansas' All-Time Bowl Record 6-6

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	33.4	432	127	3.7	306	66.6	13.0	31	+4	2008	9	28.8	397	123	3.9	274	61.0	13.8	28
6*	42.8	480	189	4.8	291	63.4	11.2	26	+21	2007	8	16.4	318	95	3.1	223	57.4	19.4	26
7	29.0	375	177	4.8	198	55.9	12.9	26	-5	2006	3	25.5	378	109	3.5	269	52.8	14.8	31
6*	22.4	330	134	3.8	196	53.3	14.7	23	-8	2005	7	22.0	303	83	2.4	220	56.7	13.8	30
7	23.8	314	94	2.7	220	55.7	13.2	21	+4	2004	8	21.4	346	118	3.3	228	53.9	16.2	25
5*	29.5	422	166	4.4	256	61.6	14.3	19	-7	2003	6	30.5	413	195	4.9	218	62.1	13.5	23
4	20.7	317	126	3.2	191	46.5	15.3	33	-9	2002	4	42.3	472	256	5.8	216	55.3	11.2	23

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jake Sharp	186	888	28	860	12	4.6
Angus Quigley	59	312	3	309	3	5.2
Jocques Crawford	62	262	30	232	4	3.7
Todd Reesing	126	489	265	224	4	1.8
Dezmon Briscoe	2	18	0	18	0	9.0
Tyler Lawrence	2	17	0	17	0	8.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Todd Reesing	495	329	66.5	3888	32	13
Kerry Meier	3	3	100.0	74	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dezmon Briscoe	92	1407	15.3	15	69
Kerry Meier	97	1045	10.8	8	68
Johnathan Wilson	43	573	13.3	3	56
Jake Sharp	25	283	11.3	1	67
Dexton Fields	20	214	10.7	3	50
Daymond Patterson	14	154	11.0	2	44
Angus Quigley	17	82	4.8	1	14
Tim Biere	6	65	10.8	0	23
Jocques Crawford	6	46	7.7	0	29
Marcus Herford	1	31	31.0	0	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Alonso Rojas	58	2358	40.7	5	33.9	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jacob Branstetter	51-52	6-6	3-5	0-1	0-0	9-12	34
Alonso Rojas	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
James Holt	105	10	9.5	1	1
Darrell Stuckey	98	0	4.5	7	5
Mike Rivera	93	2	6	4	0
Joe Mortensen	90	2	6	4	0
Justin Thornton	63	0	1	11	1
Chris Harris	59	1	1.5	2	1
Jake Laptad	38	7	1.5	4	0
Phillip Strozier	36	0	0.5	2	2
Kendrick Harper	36	0	0.5	6	1
Arist Wright	33	0	2	0	0
Russell Brorsen	30	1	3	3	2
Caleb Blakesley	22	0.5	3.5	2	0
Jamal Greene	21	2	5	1	0
Daymond Patterson	21	0	0	2	0
Max Onyegbule	17	1.5	0.5	0	1
Justin Springer	15	0.5	2	0	0
Richard Johnson Jr	14	0.5	2	1	0
Corrigan Powell	14	0	0	0	0
Drew Dudley	12	0	0	0	0
Dakota Lewis	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Daymond Patterson	22	243	11.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Herford	28	430	15.4	0
Dezmon Briscoe	8	219	27.4	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

KU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
52,112	FIU	25	36 - 128	3.6	37 - 52	256	1	9	26 - 66	2.5	10 - 29	73	3	+1
48,621	Louisiana Tech	23	33 - 126	3.8	32 - 38	412	1	12	27 - 148	5.5	12 - 33	119	1	+1
58,755	at USF	22	21 - 61	2.9	34 - 51	381	2	25	29 - 120	4.1	32 - 45	338	2	-1
51,767	Sam Houston St	29	48 - 161	3.4	24 - 39	367	1	19	16 - 45	2.8	26 - 46	340	3	+2
47,847	at Iowa St	19	39 - 117	3.0	18 - 26	319	3	20	31 - 97	3.1	27 - 46	268	3	-2
49,566	Colorado	22	40 - 151	3.8	27 - 34	256	1	16	37 - 86	2.3	13 - 31	147	3	+2
85,241	at Oklahoma	26	30 - 134	4.5	25 - 42	357	5	36	44 - 206	4.7	36 - 53	468	0	-2
50,125	Texas Tech	19	33 - 161	2.0	16 - 26	154	2	29	29 - 138	4.8	38 - 48	418	2	-4
52,230	Kansas St	26	41 - 280	6.8	15 - 25	189	1	19	32 - 91	2.8	26 - 41	264	3	+4
85,486	at Nebraska	22	39 - 118	3.0	15 - 30	304	5	24	35 - 167	4.8	29 - 38	328	2	+3
51,930	Texas	18	24 - 47	2.0	25 - 50	258	4	25	37 - 166	4.5	24 - 34	255	1	-1
79,123	† Missouri	24	32 - 63	2.0	37 - 51	375	2	23	26 - 190	7.3	25 - 42	288	2	+1
49,103	† Minnesota	26	29 - 101	3.5	28 - 36	345	3	20	38 - 80	2.1	20 - 35	251	3	0
TOTALS		301	445 - 1648	3.7	333 - 500	3973	31	277	406 - 1600	3.9	318 - 521	3557	28	+4
AVERAGES		23.2	34 - 127	3.7	26 - 38	306	6.2%	21.3	31 - 123	3.9	24 - 40	274	5.4%	0.3

2004 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tulsa	-4	21-3
–	Toledo	-3	63-14
–	at Northwestern	+2'	17-20
–	Texas Tech	+6	30-31
–	at Nebraska	+13	8-14
–	Kansas St	+3'	31-28
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+27	10-41
–	at Iowa St	-4	7-13
–	Colorado	-2'	21-30
–	Texas - #6	+22	23-27
–	at Missouri	+11	31-14

2005 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida Atlantic	-24	30-19
–	Appalachian St	NL	36-8
–	Louisiana Tech	-14'	34-14
–	at Texas Tech - #16	+18'	17-30
–	at Kansas St	+5	3-12
–	† Oklahoma	+6'	3-19
–	at Colorado	+16	13-44
–	Missouri	+5	13-3
–	Nebraska	-1	40-15
–	at Texas - #2	+32'	14-66
–	Iowa St	+3'	24-21 OT

2006 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern St	NL	49-18
–	ULM	-23'	21-19
–	at Toledo	+4'	31-37 2OT
–	USF	-3'	13-7
–	at Nebraska - #21	+22'	32-39 OT
–	Texas A&M	+1	18-21
–	Oklahoma St	-2'	32-42
–	at Baylor	+3	35-36
–	Colorado	-2	20-15
–	at Iowa St	-2	41-10
–	Kansas St	-2'	39-20
–	at Missouri	+7	17-42

2007 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
–	C Michigan	-7'	52-7
–	SE Louisiana	NL	62-0
–	Toledo	-25'	45-13
–	Florida Int'l	-33	55-3
–	at Kansas St - #24	+3'	30-24
#20	Baylor	-26'	58-10
#15	at Colorado	-3'	19-14
#12	at Texas A&M	-3	19-11
#8	Nebraska	-20'	76-39
#5	at Oklahoma St	-6	43-28
#4	Iowa St	-27'	45-7
#2	† Missouri - #3	-1'	28-36

2008 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre #14 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#14	FIU	-35'	40-10
#14	Louisiana Tech	-21	29-0
#13	at USF - #19	+3'	34-37
#19	Sam Houston St	-41	38-14
#16	at Iowa St	-11	35-33
#16	Colorado	-14	30-14
#16	at Oklahoma - #4	+19'	31-45
#19	Texas Tech - #8	-1	21-63
–	Kansas St	-8	52-21
–	at Nebraska	+1'	35-45
–	Texas - #4	+13'	7-35
–	† Missouri - #12	+15'	40-37

MISSOURI TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Brad Smith set 69 Big 12, school and NCAA records in his career and became the first player in NCAA history to have over 8,000 yards passing and 4,000 rushing. He left (#4DC) as the school record holder for yards passing, rushing and total offense. In 2005 true frosh Chase Daniel (PS#7), who ran the spread offense in HS, surprisingly beat out rFr Chase Patton (PS#12) for the #2 spot. Daniel showed a glimpse of the future in a comeback win over Iowa St when he led two 4Q scoring drives of 73 and 87 yds. Daniel began the '06 season by setting a Missouri record with 5 TD passes vs Murray St. For the season, he threw for 3,527 (63.5%) with a 28-10 ratio (379 rush yd), while shattering Terry McMillan's school record of 18 TD passes in a season (1969). In '07 Daniel became the first ever Heisman finalist for Missouri setting MU records in passing and total offense. He was the first Tiger to be named the Big 12 Off POY throwing for 4,306 (68.2%) with a 33-11 ratio (253 rush). Last year Daniel was a preseason Heisman favorite and had even better numbers throwing for 4,335 (72.9%) and a 39-18 ratio (281 rush). Patton played in 8 (196 yds) and true frosh Blaine Gabbert (PS#10) played in 5 hitting 5 of 13 for 43 yards. Unlike Daniel, Gabbert did not play in the same offense in HS and only played 4 games his senior season so he does not have the same experience level that Daniel did as a first time soph starter. This year they lose both Daniel (topped Smith's passing yds record by 3,716) and Patton and adding depth will be Luther Roweton (6'1" 195 rFr). True frosh Blaine Dalton (PS#30) was susp indef in early May but if he gets his legal issues resolved he and fellow true frosh Ashton Glaser (PS#81) will contend for the starting job. This group goes from one of the top in the country to 13 career passes.

RUNNING BACKS - Tony Temple (PS#4) led in rushing for 3 straight years with B2B 1,000 yard seasons in 2006 and '07. Last year the leading returning rusher was Jimmy Jackson (PS#99) who had 331 (4.9) in '07 with Derrick Washington (PS#26) having 184 (5.1). I projected Washington as the starter and he bulked up from 202 to 220 to handle the feature role becoming the 3rd straight 1,000 yard rusher finishing with 1,036 (5.9), Jackson was the #2 RB with 247 (4.2) and De'Vion Moore was the #3 RB with 231 (5.6). This year they lose Jackson but adding depth are Shawn Scott (5'9" 180 Sr, 22 yd), converted DB Gilbert Moye (PS#37QB) and true Kendial Lawrence (PS#57). This unit is more experienced than '08.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, the team's top 2 rec were both TE's in Martin Rucker and Chase Coffman (PS#14). They both ret'd in '06 and Coffman was #2 with 638 (11.0) and Rucker #3 with 511 (9.6). True frosh Jeremy Maclin (PS#28) tore his ACL. William Franklin surprisingly led with 829 (17.3) despite missing the final 2. In '07 all of those players ret'd but the most impressive player was Danario Alexander who missed the 1st 3 (wrist) but had 417 (11.3) before tearing his ACL. Maclin, however, set the NCAA frosh single season all-purp yard record with 2,776 yards. Last year they had to replace Franklin and Rucker (both #4DC's) and opted to play two true frosh TE's and two true frosh WR's. Maclin led with 1,260 (12.4), Coffman was #2 with 987 (11.0) and Saunders #3 with 833 (11.6). Jared Perry (PS#137) was #4 with 567 (13.8) and off his ACL inj Alexander (re-tore ACL) had just 329 (12.7). This year they lose Mackey Award winner Coffman (12 st, #3DC CIN), Saunders (14 st), Earl Goldsmith (5 rec) and Maclin (14 st, #1DC PHI). Naturally this group is weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07 they had to replace a pair of 2 year starters but did have 4 players who started 7 or more returning. The veteran unit opened holes for 176 ypg rush (4.7) allowing just 21 sacks (3.6%). Last year they had to replace Big 12 OL of the Year C Adam Spieker and a 2nd Tm B12 LT plus 3 backups. Despite having to replace the 2 critical positions (C and LT), the ypc rush improved to 5.2 and the sacks dropped to 16 (2.8%).

This year they lose LG Ryan Madison (14 st, 3Y st'r) and 2x HM Big 12 RT Colin Brown (14 st, #5DC KC). The replacements include VHT So Dan Hoch (PS#15). While this year's line has 3 starters back just like '08, they have the C and LT returning and do not lose any 1st or 2nd Tm Big 12 players.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Missouri had to replace 4 players who combined for 28 starts but surprisingly improved to allowing 122 ypg (3.6) which was their best since 1983. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm Big 12 DT and a backup and while 3 starters ret'd, the 4 backups were all rFr to start the season. The Tigers improved again allowing just 3.4 ypc (Pinkel era best). This year they lose 1st Tm Big 12 DT Ziggy Hood (14 st, 62 tkl, 5 sk, #1DC PIT), 2nd Tm Big 12 DT Stryker Sulak (14 st, 55 tkl, 10.5 sk, #6DC OAK) and DE Tommy Chavis (13 st, 44 tkl, 3 sk). Pinkel called his DE's the most talented group he's had here and the unit has potential but is clearly less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Tigers had their most veteran LB corps in years with all 3 starters back and Van Alexander (PS#29, 8 st '07) was a backup. MU has not had a 1st Tm AA LB in 118 years of football but nearly got one last year when Sean Weatherspoon earned my 2nd Tm AA honors. This year they lose their #2 tackler in Brock Christopher (14 st, 105 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu), Michael Keck (PS#7DL, 2 tkl), Alexander (7 tkl, 8 gm) and Steve Redmond (1 tkl). Adding depth are Tyler Crane (6'3" 235 So, PS#276DL), Joe Plevel (6'0" 215 rFr) and Caleb Freeman (6'2" 225 rFr). They add in JUCO Josh Tatum (PS#8, IFS) so this group looks just as strong as the 2008 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Missouri had been making steady climbs in my pass D rankings moving from #63 in '05 to #46 and #37. Last year they basically had 3 starters back in Carl Gettis (10 st true), SS Justin Garrett (PS#75JC) who had 9 starts in '07 and 2nd Tm AA FS William Moore who topped Roger Wehrli's 1968 school record for int in a season with 8. Moore did miss two with injury but it was surprising that the Tigers plummeted to #90. This year they lose FS Moore (1st Tm B12, 11 st, 86 tkl, 6 pbu, 1 int, #2DC ATL), HM B12's SS Justin Garrett (14 st, 89 tkl, 6 pbu), CB Castine Bridges (12 st, 69 tkl, 7 pbu, 1 int), CB's Tremane Vaughns (2 st, 49 tkl, 3 pbu) and Mack Breed (1 tkl). They add in ND transfer Munir Prince (PS#21RB) and VHT JC's Jarrell Harrison (PS#26, IFS) and Jasper Simmons (PS#34). They should improve upon 2008's poor finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Going into '07 Missouri had the longest streak in the NCAA without a KR TD (1982), but exciting rFr Jeremy Maclin got a 99 yarder vs K-St. Maclin also became the first Missouri player in 32 years to have 2 PR TD's in a season. The Tigers have finished as high as #17 ('02) in my ST rankings under Pinkel but were just #65, #104, #59 and #79 the four years prior to '07. It's surprising that even with Maclin they only finished #73. P Adam Crossett's 31.5 net was their lowest since '03. Jeff Wolfert did connect on 21 of 25 FG's (long 48) but the team allowed 3 blk'd punts. Last year I called for them to have their best ST finish since '02 and that they did at #39. Maclin avg 11.7 on PR and 24.0 on KR. JUCO Jake Harry took over at P avg 40.7 with Wolfert avg 42.4. The team's net rose to 37.7. For the first time under Pinkel, Missouri allowed a KR TD (Buffalo). Wolfert hit 20 of 27 FG's (long 51) and had 15 TB on 103 KO's. This year they lose Wolfert who Pinkel called "one of the best K's in the history of college football" as well as Maclin and will drop back down in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Since Gary Pinkel arrived 9 years ago, the staff had remained intact. Pinkel came over from Toledo where he was highly successful (73-37-3 in 10 yrs) and is now 59-41 in his 8 years here. His OC Dave Christensen was his OC at Toledo for 4 years but Christensen took the Wyoming HC job. The new OC is David Yost (QB cch 8Y). DC Matt Eberflus was the DC here for 8 years and leaves for the CLE Browns. The new DC is Dave Steckel (LB cch 8Y).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Pinkel had two losing seasons in his first two years here but has guided the team to bowls in five of the last six. In 2004 they were the preseason favorite to win the Big 12 North and were ranked #18, the highest (preseason) ranking since 1980. They had dreams of their first league crown since 1969. They stunningly blew big leads vs Troy, Okla St and K-St and finished just 5-6. In 2005, Brad Smith led them to an Independence Bowl win (7-5). Chase Daniel took over as the starting QB in 2006 and set numerous school records. They beat K-St for the first time since 1992 and their 7-1 start was the best since 1973 but a tough schedule at the end had them finish just 8-5. In '07 I was one of the few to pick Missouri in the Big 12 North. Missouri had not compiled a better league record than 4-4 nor had they entered the final week with a chance to win the North since 1998. The Tigers rolled to a 12-2 record with their only reg season loss to Okla. They rose to #1 after beating #2 Kansas to win the Big 12 North but then lost to the Sooners (2nd time in '07) in the B12 Title game. Missouri was not invited to a BCS bowl and steam rolled Ark 38-7 in the Cotton Bowl. That Missouri squad was +13 in TO's and only had 8 starts lost to injury. They were +135 ypg (best B12). Last year Missouri was the preseason favorite to win the Big 12 North and looked like a Nat'l Title contender. They led Illinois 31-13 at the half in their 10 point win then blew out their next 4 foes including a 2nd straight romp over Neb. It was their first win in Lincoln since 1978 and they dealt the Huskers their worst home loss in 53 years, 52-17. Missouri moved to #3 but was upset by #17 Okla St at home and the next week, buried by Texas (trailed 35-0). They took out their frustrations on Colo 58-0 but then needed a 34 yd FG with 2:31 left to get past Baylor. They led K-St 41-10 in their rout and clinched the Big 12 Title game with a 52-20 win over Iowa St. Playing Kansas in Arrowhead, the same place they would play Okla the next week, MU was flat and lost by 3. They were then pounded by #4 Okla 62-21. Missouri was basically outplayed in the bowl by NW but managed to win it in OT. The Tigers actually tied Neb for 1st in the B12 North but their +60.9 ypg was just 5th best and after finishing #4 in '07, they were #19 in the final '08 poll. Missouri did only have 8 starts lost to inj and this year suffer some massive losses like QB Daniel, WR Maclin and SEVEN All-Big 12 defenders. This looks like a rebuilding year and I will call for their first losing season since 2004.

OFFENSE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

(JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 17 Blaine Gabbert So. 6-5 235 **PS#10.** 5 gm, 43 pass, 22 rush true. 7 Blaine Dalton **PS#30.** IFS but ?. 12 Jimmy Costello (6'3" 225 So). 1 gm LY. Ashton Glaser PS#81.

RB 24 DERRICK WASHINGTON JR. 5-11 225 **PS#26.** 184 (5.1) true. 14 st, 1036 (5.9), **2nd Tm B12.** 28 De'Vion Moore (5'9" 200 So) PS#295. 231 (5.6) rFr. 18 Gilbert Moye (6'2" 215 So) **PS#37.** 1 st rFr.

WR 6 Wes Kemp So. 6-4 225 **PS#31.** 7 gms, 1 rec as true. 29 Jerrell Jackson (6'1" 190 So) PS#320. 13 gm, 98 (10.9) true. 2 La'Roderick Thomas (6'0" 200 Jr). 3 gm 2Y.

WR 11 Danario Alexander Sr. 6-5 210 2 st, 668 (12.8) 2Y. 1 st, 329 (12.7) LY. 5 Rolandis Woodland (6'3" 195 rFr) PS#207. Jaleel Clark **PS#49.** Forrest Shock (6'1" 210 Jr) PS#248.

WR 4 JARED PERRY SR. 6-1 180 PS#137. 2 st, 581 (11.6) 2Y. 14 st, 567 (13.8) LY. 3 Gahn McGaffie (5'10" 185 rFr) PS#168. 16 Brandon Gerau (6'0" 175 So). 4 gm rFr.

TE 87 Andrew Jones So. 6-5 245 **PS#7.** 1 st, 13 gm, 146 (7.3) as true. Sheldon Richardson is **PS#1.** 82 Michael Egnew (6'6" 215 So) PS#210. 13 gm, 22 (5.5) as true.

C 62 TIM BARNES JR. 6-4 305 7 gm rFr. 14 st, HM B12 LY. 67 JT Beasley (6'4" 295 So) 5 gm rFr. LS Beau Brinkley (6'4" 230 So) 13 gm LY. Jon Gissinger (6'3" 250 Sr) PS#101. 41 gm 3Y.

RG 75 KURTIS GREGORY SR. 6-5 305 PS#113. 13 gm rFr. 14 st, HM B12 '07. 14 st, **2nd Tm B12** LY. 53 Travis Ruth (6'3" 305 rFr) PS#116. Taylor Davis (6'4" 295 rFr) PS#229. +50 lbs L2Y.

LG 71 Jayson Palmgren So. 6-2 305 **PS#50.** 10 gm rFr. 66 Austin Wuebbels (6'4" 300 So) 10 gm rFr. +40 lb L3Y. 63 Ryan Schleusner (6'3" 290 Jr). 1 gm LY. Added 40 lbs L2Y.

RT 77 Dan Hoch So. 6-7 315 **PS#15.** 11 gm true. +40 lbs since enrolling. 55 Daniel Jenkins (6'4" 305 rFr) PS#223. Kirk Lakebrink (6'6" 320 Jr). John Birdwell (6'3" 260 rFr).

LT 72 ELVIS FISHER SO. 6-5 300 14 st, **1st Tm Frosh AA** rFr. 65 Mike Prince (6'3" 300 Jr) PS#219. 1 gm rFr. 4 gm LY. 69 Brendan Donaldson (6'2" 295 So) PS#367.

K 91 Tanner Mills Sr. 6-2 200 PS#86. Soccer at Columbia Coll '05/'06. Walk-on '07. 3 KO (67.7) LY. 47 Trey Barrow (6'1" 185 So) PS#85. Joe Schrick (5'9" 155 Fr) PS#167.

DE 3 Jacquies Smith So. 6-4 240 PS#135. 1 st, 14 gm, 46 tkl true. 85 Aldon Smith (6'5" 245 rFr) PS#158. Marcus Malbrough (6'5" 245 rFr) PS#473. Brad Madison (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#134.

DT 97 Terrell Resonno So. 6-6 295 PS#173. 14 gm, 13 tkl rFr. Andy Maples (6'4" 305 Sr) **PS#84JC.** Inj LY. Bart Coslet (6'5" 260 Jr) PS#28TE. 2 tkl 2Y. 91 Jimmy Burge (6'2" 285 rFr) PS#170.

NT 60 JARON BASTON SR. 6-1 305 PS#135. 13 gm, 14 tkl rFr. 14 gm, 13 tkl '07. 14 st, 49 tkl, 8 tfl, HM B12 LY. 90 Dominique Hamilton (6'6" 290 So) PS#124. 13 gm, 18 tkl rFr.

DE 2 Brian Coulter Sr. 6-4 255 **PS#20JC.** Orig signed w/**Fla St.** 12 gm, 29 tkl, 6.5 tfl here LY. 85 Chris Earnhardt (6'5" 255 So) PS#96. 17 tkl rFr. George White (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#180.

WLB 42 SEAN WEATHERSPOON SR. 6-2 245 PS#223. 17 tkl true. 14 st, 130 tkl, 1st Tm B12 '07. 14 st, **155 tkl** (#1 NCAA), 18.5 tfl, 10 pd, **2nd Tm AA** LY. 46 Andrew Wilson is PS#72. In spg.

MLB 33 LUKE LAMBERT JR. 6-3 235 **PS#52.** 14 gm, 32 tkl true. 9 st, 58 tkl LY. 22 Will Ebner (6'1" 230 So) PS#159. 14 gm, 21 tkl true. 54 Cornell Ellis (6'0" 230 rFr) PS#367.

SLB 5 Josh Tatum Jr. 6-1 235 **PS#8.** In spg. 5 Andrew Gachkar (6'3" 230 Jr) PS#176. 16 tkl true. 28 tkl LY. 35 Jeff Gettys (6'3" 235 Jr). 6 tkl 2Y. Marlon Galbreath (6'2" 220 Jr).

CB 18 CARL GETTIS JR. 5-11 200 10 st, 49 tkl, HM B12 as true. 14 st, 78 tkl, 5 pd LY. 7 Munir Prince (5'10" 185 Jr) **PS#21. ND trans, 4.34 spd.** Robert Steeples (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#70.

CB 28 Kevin Rutland Jr. 6-0 195 PS#283. 4 tkl rFr. 1 st, 14 gm, 25 tkl, 6 pd LY. 31 Trey Hobson (5'11" 190 So) PS#170. 12 gm, 16 tkl rFr. TJ Moe **PS#49.** Kip Edwards (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#112.

SS 4 Hardy Ricks Sr. 6-0 200 PS#250. 12 st, 61 tkl 2Y. 14 gm, 39 tkl LY. 11 Jarrell Harrison is **PS#26JC.** IFS. Zaviar Gooden (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#148. Ryan Evans (5'10" 185 So).

FS 13 Kenji Jackson So. 5-10 195 PS#132. 4 st, 13 gm, 62 tkl, 3 pd true. 15 Del Howard (5'11" 200 Sr) PS#159. 5 st, 82 tkl 3Y. Jasper Simmons **PS#34JC.** 43 Tony Buhr (5'11" 180 So).

P 38 JAKE HARRY SR. 6-1 195 PS#381JC. Walk-on **Oreg St** '05. RS here '07. 26 punts (40.7), tm net 37.7 LY. 95 Grant Ressel (6'1" 190 So). 1 punt (43.0) rFr. Matt Grabner (6'3" 195 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

TE	Sheldon Richardson 6-4 275 PS#1
LB	Josh Tatum 6-1 235 PS#8 '06
DB	Jarrell Harrison 6-2 210 PS#26JC
DB	Jasper Simmons 6-1 205 PS#34JC
QB	Blaine Dalton 6-1 190 PS#30
DB	TJ Moe 6-0 190 PS#49
RB	Kendial Lawrence 5-9 185 PS#57
WR	Jaleel Clark 6-5 210 PS#49
OL	Chris Freeman 6-8 350 PS#70
DL	Brayden Burnett 6-3 240 PS#86
OL	Jack Meiners 6-6 305 PS#73
LB	Andrew Wilson 6-4 230 PS#72
WR	Kerwin Stricker 6-2 195 PS#79
LB	Adam Burton 6-2 235 PS#110
TE	Alex Sanders 6-5 220 PS#41
QB	Ashton Glaser 6-2 210 PS#81
OL	Justin Britt 6-6 270 PS#199
DL	Marvin Foster 6-2 265 PS#295
DB	Donovan Bonner 6-2 230 PS#336
LB	Tavon Bolden 6-2 210 PS#268
DL	Michael Sam 6-3 230 PS#344
DL	Ty Phillips 6-3 250 PS#395
OL	Mark Hill 6-6 260 PS#453
WR	L'Damian Washington 6-4 180 PS#585
DB	Matt White 6-0 180 PS#795
K	Joe Schrick 5-9 155 PS#167
QB	Owen Lenander 6-3 210 PS#302 '08

MISSOURI TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#31

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	† Illinois *(St Louis)*	A					
Sep. 12	Bowling Green	A					
Sep. 19	Furman	A					
Sep. 25	at Nevada *(Fri)*	A					
Oct. 3							
Oct. 8	Nebraska *(Thur)*	A					
Oct. 17	at Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 24	Texas (HC)	A					
Oct. 31	at Colorado	G					
Nov. 7	Baylor	A					
Nov. 14	at Kansas St	A					
Nov. 21	Iowa St	A					
Nov. 28	† Kansas *(Kansas City)*	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chase Daniel 12,515 '05-'08
2. Brad Smith 8,799 '02-'05
3. Jeff Handy 6,959 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Brad Smith 4,289 '02-'05
2. Zack Abron 3,198 '00-'03
3. Brock Olivo 3,026 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Justin Gage 2,704 '99-'02
2. Chase Coffman 2,659 '05-'08
3. Jeremy Maclin 2,315 '07-'08

Missouri has now won 7 straight season openers with an avg score of 41-22. This is the 23rd all-time meeting (MU 4 straight wins) & 5th straight game in St Louis.

Missouri is 10-2 their L/12 home openers outscoring opponents by an avg of 25 ppg. Pinkel has many MAC ties as a KSU grad, BG WR's coach & Toledo HC ('91-'00).

Coming into '09, Missouri is 16-1 at home S/'02 vs NC tms winning by 30 ppg. First meeting. The Paladins were 7-5 LY including a 24-7 loss to Virginia Tech.

Mizzou is 7-0-1 all-time vs current WAC tms. LY was the schools 1st ever meeting, but Pinkel is 3-0 vs HC Ault. MU's 69 pts LY tied a school rec (69 pts vs KU in 1969).

Bonus: Mizzou is 12-2 their L/14 Big 12 home gms with the avg score MU 36-19. Bonus: MU is 19-36 in B12 AG's & LY won more than 2 in 1 ssn for just the 3rd time.

Last year's 52 pts the Tigers hung on the Huskers was the most since 54 in 1943. Last time here was the only time S/'68 Nebraska has been held to 6 pts or under at home.

Last year there were 6 lead changes but Daniel tossed 3 ints in the loss. Tigers are 8-4 S/'91 vs the Cowboys & the 4 losses were by a combined 14 pts.

MU was 1-6 on 3rd D (UT 7-7) at HT as UT lead 35-3 with a 352-101 yd edge LY. Missouri is 7-20 vs ranked schools under Pinkel, but 6 wins came in the L2Y.

The 58 pt victory LY for MU was its largest margin ever in a conference game. These tms have ply'd every yr S/'46 & Mizzou last beat CU 4 yrs in a row from '81-'84.

Up 14-0 LY, MU was int in the EZ & BU charged back, but MU won on a late FG. Missouri is 7-0 vs Baylor in Big 12 play averaging 39 ppg & 253 rush ypg (4.9).

The Tigers had lost 13 straight to the Wildcats prior to a 20 pt W in '06 (3-0 since). MU holds a 58-31-5 edge over KSU, the 58 wins is tied w/ISU for most vs an opp.

Swirling winds & temps in the high 20's had little effect on MU LY as they led 31-7 at HT (261-162 yd edge). Mizzou is 9-5 in home finales L14Y (4 straight wins by DD's).

Missouri DN fare well at Arrowhead in KC LY going 0-2 & being outscored 102-58. Last year MU scored with 1:50 left but allowed a 67/9pl TD drive in the loss.

Originating in 1935, the MU/KU Brass Drum is awarded to the winner in this rivalry.

GARY PINKEL (Career 132-78-3)

9th Year at Missouri (Bowls: 4-2, Titles: '01-'03)

Pinkel AT MISSOURI/OVERALL

59-41 / 132-78-3	SU	2-11 / 2-13	Vs Top 10
36-14 / 80-27-2	Home	7-20 / 7-23	Vs Top 25
14-22 / 42-46-1	Away	9-3 / 11-10	Vs BCS Tms
9-5 / 10-5	Neutral	8-9 / 18-12	Off A Bye
32-34 / 82-62	Vs Conf	23-14 / 46-25	Off A Loss

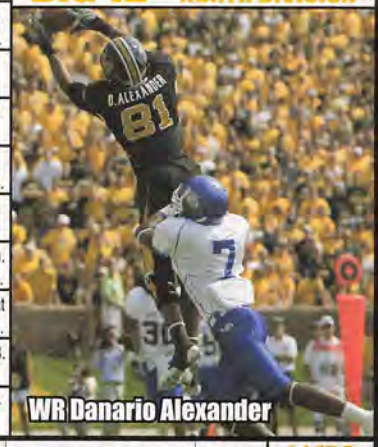
2008 RECORD: (10–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (15,18,1)
Lost: 20 (9,10,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,520 (#26)

BIG 12 – NORTH DIVISION


WR Danario Alexander

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STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (68,349) (#31)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	5-7	8-5	5-6	7-5	8-5	12-2	10-4	62-49
Home	2-4	2-4	3-3	6-0	3-3	4-2	6-1	6-0	5-1	37-18
Away	1-4	2-3	1-4	1-4	2-3	1-3	2-3	3-1	3-1	16-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	3-1	2-2	9-5
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	7-2	5-4	34-40
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	3-1	4-1	2-1	3-1	4-1	5-0	5-0	28-9
ATS	5-5	4-6	7-5	8-4	4-6-1	6-6	6-6	10-3	5-8	55-49-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-4	2-2	4-2	3-2	2-3	20-16
Home Dog	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-6
Away Favorite	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-2-1	1-1	0-3	3-0	2-1	8-10-1
Away Dog	1-3	2-3	2-2	2-0	2-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	11-12
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-3	9-5
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-3	3-6	36-37-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	4-0	2-2	19-12
Off SU Win	1-2	1-3	3-2	3-4	2-1-1	1-5	4-4	7-3	3-5	25-29-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-2	3-3	4-0	2-4	4-1	2-2	2-0	1-3	25-18

Sagarin Rating | Gary Pinkel

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Independence	+2'	Arkansas	14-27
05	Independence	+4	South Carolina	38-31
06	Sun	+3'	Oregon St - #24	38-39
07	Cotton - #7	-3	Arkansas - #25	38-7
08	Alamo - #25	-12	Northwestern - #22 (OT)	30-23

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Missouri's All-Time Bowl Record 12–14

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	42.2	484	154	5.2	330	71.5	11.5	16	-4	2008	8	27.2	412	125	3.4	287	64.2	15.1	33
9*	39.9	490	176	4.7	314	67.7	12.3	21	+13	2007	5	23.3	379	122	3.6	257	62.0	16.3	30
8	30.1	425	149	4.3	276	62.6	14.2	19	+2	2006	7	19.5	321	135	3.8	186	57.8	16.4	36
6*	30.8	430	205	4.8	225	59.1	14.0	16	-1	2005	4	29.2	368	151	3.8	217	56.6	12.6	30
4*	23.3	373	165	4.0	208	52.3	16.0	21	+5	2004	9	19.5	301	152	3.9	149	53.4	15.4	25
9*	30.7	403	237	5.6	166	60.0	13.1	19	+11	2003	6	22.1	381	167	3.9	214	63.0	17.3	26
6*	30.0	387	184	4.5	203	53.7	12.9	21	+12	2002	7	29.3	451	168	3.9	283	59.4	15.4	23

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derrick Washington	177	1078	42	1036	17	5.9
Jeremy Maclin	40	306	13	293	2	7.3
Chase Daniel	69	384	103	281	1	4.1
Jimmy Jackson	59	275	28	247	6	4.2
De'Vion Moore	41	251	20	231	1	5.6
Blaine Gabbert	6	37	15	22	0	3.7
Chase Patton	5	19	10	9	1	1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chase Daniel	528	385	72.9	4335	39	18
Chase Patton	18	12	66.7	196	1	0
Blaine Gabbert	13	5	38.5	43	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jeremy Maclin	102	1260	12.4	13	80	
Chase Coffman	90	987	11.0	10	48	
Tommy Saunders	72	833	11.6	7	69	
Jared Perry	41	567	13.8	4	38	
Danario Alexander	26	329	12.7	5	39	
Derrick Washington	29	277	9.6	2	28	
Andrew Jones	20	146	7.3	0	15	
Jerrell Jackson	9	98	10.9	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jake Harry	26	1057	40.7	5	37.7(t)	0	10
Jeff Wolfert	7	297	42.4	0	–	0	3
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jeff Wolfert	73-73	6-6	6-7	7-9	1-5	20-27	51

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Sean Weatherspoon	155	5	13.5	7	3
Brock Christopher	105	1	6.5	6	3
Justin Garrett	89	0	1.5	6	0
William Moore	86	1	5.5	6	1
Carl Gettis	78	0	4	4	1
Castine Bridges	69	0.5	4	7	1
Kenji Jackson	62	0	0	1	2
Ziggy Hood	62	5	2	2	0
Luke Lambert	58	1	2.5	1	0
Stryker Sulak	55	10.5	5	6	0
Tremane Vaughns	49	1	1.5	3	0
Jaron Baston	49	1	7	1	1
Jacquies Smith	46	1	2	2	0
Tommy Chavis	44	3	3	2	0
Del Howard	41	0	0	1	0
Hardy Ricks	39	0	1.5	0	0
Brian Coulter	29	3	3.5	2	0
Andrew Gachkar	28	0	1	1	0
Kevin Rutland	25	0	0	5	1
Will Ebner	21	0	3	0	0
Dominique Hamilton	18	0	0.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jeremy Maclin	23	270	11.7	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jeremy Maclin	42	1010	24.0	1	

2008 STATS BY GAME

MU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
66,441	† Illinois	28	37-226	6.1	26-45	323	1	24	35-81	2.3	26-42	451	5	0
62,305	SE Missouri	31	36-256	7.1	26-33	336	1	21	28-84	3.0	26-53	250	1	+2
54,202	Nevada	25	29-132	4.6	27-36	519	0	22	44-182	4.1	21-40	180	1	+1
65,566	Buffalo	29	29-151	5.2	36-45	439	0	18	35-49	1.4	22-40	237	4	-1
85,372	at Nebraska	24	34-201	5.9	19-24	261	0	21	34-76	2.2	27-39	293	2	+2
68,349	Oklahoma St	28	18-64	3.6	39-52	390	2	23	44-187	4.3	19-28	215	2	0
98,383	at Texas	24	19-30	1.6	31-41	318	2	32	40-203	5.1	30-33	388	1	-1
68,349	Colorado	25	33-189	5.7	31-40	302	2	14	35-41	1.2	21-34	158	5	0
35,142	at Baylor	29	34-153	4.5	31-39	337	1	26	44-155	3.5	26-35	283	4	-1
68,349	Kansas St	27	39-221	5.7	26-40	290	1	17	33-194	5.9	22-42	169	1	0
46,013	at Iowa St	24	25-169	6.8	32-40	328	1	25	23-118	5.1	36-54	326	0	0
79,123	† Kansas	23	26-190	7.3	25-42	288	2	24	32-63	2.0	37-51	375	2	-1
71,004	† Oklahoma	20	28-60	2.1	28-44	294	2	39	43-243	5.7	34-49	384	0	-3
55,986	† Northwestern	21	30-111	3.7	27-44	200	1	21	40-72	1.8	27-43	304	5	-2
TOTALS		358	417-2153	5.2	404-565	4625	16	327	510-1748	3.4	374-583	4013	33	-4
AVERAGES		25.6	30-154	5.2	29-40	330	2.8%	23.4	36-125	3.4	27-42	287	5.7%	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

MU Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
#18	Arkansas St	-32'	52-20	#19
#19	at Troy	-11'	14-24	–
–	Ball St	-25'	48-0	–
–	Colorado	-7	17-9	–
–	at Baylor	-20	30-10	–
–	at Texas - #3	+13'	20-28	–
–	Oklahoma St - #22	-3	17-20	–
–	at Nebraska	-2'	3-24	–
–	Kansas St	-4	24-35	–
–	Kansas	-11	14-31	–
–	at Iowa St	+4'	17-14 (OT)	–

2005 RESULTS

MU Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	† Arkansas St	-24'	44-17	–
–	New Mexico	-10'	35-45	–
–	Troy	-20	52-21	–
–	Texas - #2	+14'	20-51	#25
–	at Oklahoma St	-4	38-31	#23
–	Iowa St	-6'	27-24 (OT)	#19
–	Nebraska	+1'	41-24	#24
–	at Kansas	-5	3-13	#23
–	at Colorado - #25	+12	12-41	–
–	Baylor	-8'	31-16	–
–	at Kansas St	+3	28-36	–

2006 RESULTS

MU Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	Murray St	NL	47-7	–
–	Mississippi	-10	34-7	–
–	at New Mexico	-14	27-17	–
–	Ohio	-22	31-6	#25
#25	Colorado	-16	28-13	#23
#23	at Texas Tech	+5	38-21	#19
#19	at Texas A&M	-1'	19-25	#24
#24	Kansas St	-14'	41-21	#23
#23	Oklahoma - #19	-1'	10-26	–
–	at Nebraska	+4'	20-34	–
–	at Iowa St	-13'	16-21	–
–	Kansas	-7	42-17	–

2007 RESULTS

MU Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	† Illinois	-4'	40-34	–
–	at Mississippi	-6	38-25	–
–	W Michigan	-20'	52-24	–
#25	Illinois St	NL	38-17	#17
#17	Nebraska - #25	-6	41-6	#11
#11	at Oklahoma - #6	+12	31-41	#16
#16	Texas Tech - #22	-3	41-10	#13
#13	Iowa St	-28'	42-28	#9
#9	at Colorado	-3	55-10	#7
#7	Texas A&M	-19'	40-26	#6
#6	at Kansas St	-7	49-32	#3
#3	† Kansas - #2	+1'	36-28	#1
#1	† Oklahoma - #9	+3	17-38	–

2008 RESULTS

MU Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
#6	† Illinois - #20	-9	52-42	#6
#6	SE Missouri	-52	52-3	#6
#6	Nevada	-26'	69-17	#5
#5	Buffalo	-32'	42-21	#4
#4	at Nebraska	-10'	52-17	#3
#3	Oklahoma St - #17	-14	23-28	#11
#11	at Texas - #1	+4	31-56	#16
#16	Colorado	-24	58-0	#14
#14	at Baylor	-21	31-28	#13
#13	Kansas St	-27	41-24	#12
#12	at Iowa St	-26'	52-20	#12
#12	† Kansas	-15'	37-40	#19
#19	† Oklahoma - #4	+16'	21-62	–

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IOWA ST CYCLONES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Bret Meyer started 48 consec games and left as Iowa St's all-time career leading passer after 2007, a season in which he threw for 2,151 (61%) with a 9-13 ratio. Austen Arnaud (PS#26) guided the team to 10 points in just 3 poss vs K-St in '07. He hit 20 of 37 for 267 in '07 (23 passes L/2 gm). Last year Arnaud battled Phillip Bates (PS#30). Arnaud was named the starting QB 4 days before the opener but former HC Chizik alternated the two. Bates DNP vs Kan and opted to transfer to Ohio. Arnaud struggled the first couple of games after Bates' departure but Chizik had no real backup as he wanted to RS both true frosh, Jerome Tiller (PS#54) and Brett Bueker (PS#292). Arnaud hurt his shoulder prior to Neb, where he threw for just 113, but said he was close to 100% and threw for 371 vs A&M. Arnaud threw for 240 vs Okla St and 215 vs Colo before exploding in the final 2 with 326 vs Missouri (schl rec 36 comp) and a schl rec 440 vs K-St (old record Todd Bandhauer 437 in '98 vs Texas). Arnaud threw for 2,792 (61.6%) with a 15-10 ratio and was the #2 rusher (401, 3.7). If Arnaud continues to show the improvement he showed over the 2H of '08 and adapts quickly to new OC Tom Herman's system, he could become yet another elite Big 12 QB.

RUNNING BACKS - Former HC Dan McCarney did a great job developing RB's. They had a 1,000 yard rusher in each of his first 7 years and actually led the Big 12 in rushing four times. That was remarkable given the presence of Neb's outstanding rush attacks. Since 2001 the team has had just one 1,000 yard rusher. In '07 Alexander Robinson (PS#113) led with 465 (3.9) while JJ Bass (PS#39JC) was #2 with 462 (3.8) and Jason Scales (PS#42) was #3 with 333 (only 7 gm, inj). All 3 ret'd last year so improvement was expected. Bass was susp most of the offseason. After a few games, Chizik bemoaned the fact that the team was not running the ball well out of the TB spot. Robinson rushed for 74 vs SDSt but missed Kent St. He did provide the team's only 100 yard effort gaining 101 vs Colo and led with 703 (4.6) avg 79 ypg over the last 6. Scales was #2 but with just 185 (3.1) while Bass added 130 (3.1). This year they lose both Bass and Scales along with Jason Harris (78, 9.8). They do have their top guy back and add Florida transfer Bo Williams (PS#33) who I expect to start. I look for improved numbers from the Iowa St RB's.

RECEIVERS - Todd Blythe was 1st Tm Big 12 in '05 and after being injured in '06, led the team with 779 (15.0) in '07. Marquis Hamilton (PS#87) had 534 (11.9) and RJ Sumrall added 434 (8.0). Last year they had to replace Blythe as well as their starting TE. Proj starting WR Wallace Franklin RS. Sumrall greatly improved his ypc and led with 750 (13.2) but surprisingly Hamilton saw his numbers drop to 301 (11.6). TE Derrick Catlett had 230 (11.5), Houston Jones (PS#75QB) had 384 (12.0) and true frosh Darius Darks was the 3rd Iowa St frosh to have a 100+ yard game (Blythe in '04 and Jim Knuth in '79) and set the school's frosh record with 49 rec (477, 9.7). This year they lose Sumrall (12 st) and Euseph Messiah (1 rec). Not listed below are WR's Andrew Mitchell (6'2" 216 So), Patrick Mulchay (6'6" 187 rFr), Justin Lillie (6'5" 233 Sr), Jake Williams (6'2" 198 Jr) and TE's Kurt Hammerschmidt (6'6" 249 rFr), Patrick Neal (6'1" 229 So), and Vince Ewald (6'6" 227 So). Despite losing their top guy for a 2nd straight year, the group is a little more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Iowa St led the Big 12 in rushing 4 times in McCarney's tenure. Surprisingly in his final four years, the top ypc rushing was just 3.2 and even with 4 seniors starting all 12 in '06 they had their lowest ypg (102) since 1997 (93 ypg in '03) while yielding 38 sacks (10.1%). In Chizik's first year they had to replace a pair of 2 year and 4 year starters and lost 8 of their top 10. Despite having to learn a new system, they actually improved to 124 ypg (3.1) while allowing just 17 sacks (4.0%). Last year they had to replace two players (comb 12 st) but their 80% starts returning were #20 in the FBS. Starting C Brandon Johnson (12 st '07) moved to RT and had just 1 start and starting RG Ben Lamaak missed the final 3 (inj). The Cyclones managed to improve to 138 ypg (4.1) with 4.3% sacks (19) thanks in part to having a mobile QB in Arnaud (#2 rusher). This year they lose OT Doug Dedrick (12 st, 2Y st'r), C Mike Knapp (5 st), OG Joe Blaes (1 gm), Johnson and OG Nick Slobidsky (12 gm) but have 6 back who started 4+ last year. This year they have 70% starts returning and while learning a new system, they will probably have more stability and the unit avg 332 lb (#1 FBS).

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cyclones had a deep, veteran D-line in '05, allowing 103 ypg rush (3.0) which was their lowest total of the modern era. In '06 they were very inexperienced and while they allowed a respectable 154 ypg rush, the ypc increased to 4.6 and the team had 24 sacks. In '07 they had to replace two starters including ISU's career sack leader, Shawn Moorehead. ISU trimmed the ypc to 4.0 but had just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace both starting DT's (#6DC) and they allowed 176 ypg (4.8) with just 17 sacks. This year they lose HM Big 12 DE Kurtis Taylor (12 st, 37 tkl, 5 sk, 1 int), DT Michael Tate (11 st, 24 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Travis Ferguson (10 tkl), DE Nick Frere (3 tkl, 1 sk) and DT Chris Weir (7 tkl). Even with 5 of the top 10 gone, Christopher Lyle who led the DL's in both sacks (tied) and tackles takes over one DE spot and they can only improve upon '08's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cyclones had to replace their #1 and #2 tacklers (#5DC). This year they lose Michael Bibbs (4 st, 48 tkl, 2.5 tfl), Cameron Bell (6 st, 19 tkl) and Ernest Ferguson (22 tkl). Not listed in the PSL below are AJ Matthews (6'3" 197 So, PS#198), Frank Weymiller (6'1" 211 rFr), and Preston Kaufman (5'10" 231 Jr). They do return their #2 and #3 tacklers while also adding late signee Matt Taufoou (JCAA LY) who TN DC Kiffen told would play right away. While not an overwhelming unit, it does look stronger than '08's version.

LB Jesse Smith

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cyclones have had respectable finishes in my pass D rankings at #44 in '04 and #32 in '05. They had just one starter back in '06 and dropped to #118 allowing 72.5% with a 26-6 ratio. In 2007 they had 2 starters ret and added in JC CB Allen Bell (4.38 spd) but they still were #108. Last year they appeared to have all four starters ret but S Chris Brown (7 st '07) tore his ACL (2 st). Surprisingly, Bell lost his starting spot (13 st). ISU finished dead last in the FBS at #119 allowing 67.4% with a 31-11 ratio. This year they lose Brown, SS Brandon Hunley (10 st, 45 tkl, 4 pbu), CB Chris Singleton (8 st, 31 tkl, 2 pbu) and Steve Johnson (13 tkl). Eight return with starting experience. I was wrong last year saying they should make a good sized jump in my pass D rankings but with their experience and the move to a Cover 2 defense they cannot get any worse, right?

SPECIAL TEAMS - The winds at Jack Trice Stadium can be tough on kickers. In McCarney's final 2 years ISU finished #45 and #63 in my ST rankings. Chizik had almost everyone back in '07 but surprisingly they dropped to #115. Last year they had to replace their K and Grant Mahoney (PS#33) had a fantastic true frosh season hitting 17-25 (long 48). P Mike Brandtner had a 35.6 net. Leonard Johnson set an NCAA (single gm) record with 319 KR yards vs OSU. As you would expect, ISU improved to #40 and this year the unit returns intact and should be one of the Big 12's best.

COACHES - In 2007 Iowa St got rid of its all-time career win leader in Dan McCarney, who was the Big 12 Coach of the Year in 2004, and brought in Gene Chizik. It was a pretty surprising '09 offseason as Chizik, after a 5-19 record in 2 years in Ames, left for Auburn in what turned out to be a trade of sorts as Auburn's DC Paul Rhoads came to Iowa St as the new HC. Rhoads, who signed a 5 year, $5.75 mill deal, was the DC at Pitt from 2000-'07. His Pitt D was #5 in the FBS in '07 and his Auburn D last year was #29. Rhoads brings in OC Tom Herman who was very successful as the OC at Rice the last 2 years and was the OC at Texas St in '05 and '06. He made another excellent hire in DC Wally Burnham who was USF's DC the last 8 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going 13-42 in his first 5 years, Dan McCarney went on a streak of 25-15 in his next 40 including 2-0 to open 2003. ISU was ranked as high as #9 in '02 when they were 6-1 before plummeting to a 3-15 stretch. The '03 team was injury-plagued and dropped their last 10 being an amazing -261.7 ypg and -34 ppg (Big 12 worst). In 2004 I picked them to finish ahead of Nebraska in the Big 12 North despite NU finishing 10-3 in 2003. ISU did not disappoint me. They very nearly took home the undisputed Big 12 North Title (missed FG vs MO in the OT loss). In '05, they made it to their 5th bowl in 6 years. They knocked off #8 Iowa at home but suffered 3 net close losses. They also stunned A&M 42-14 in College Station. That team benefited from +14 in TO's. In '06 they had a young defense (4 st'rs back) and also took on the toughest schedule of the Big 12 North teams (Okla, TX and TT). The Cyclones got off to a 3-2 start but finished just 4-8. That team actually benefited from 4 net close wins and was -113.1 ypg in league play (2nd worst). In Gene Chizik's first year ISU only had 11 ret starters (2nd lowest B12) and I called for their 3rd losing year in the last 8. ISU went just 3-9 but upset Iowa 15-13 on a 28 yd FG with :01 left, stunned K-St at home and then trailing Colo 21-0, rallied for a 31-28 win. They were -117.9 ypg in the Big 12 (2nd worst). That ISU squad had just 4 starts lost due to injury. Last year they had 14 ret starters but lost 25 lettermen (48%), which was one of the highest % in the NCAA so there were actually some factors pointing to a weaker record. After they beat an FCS team, they got a blk'd punt and 2 FR that resulted in scores and beat Kent St (outgained 410-374). They outgained Iowa 325-240 in their 12 point loss and the next week trailed UNLV 21-0, rallied for OT but lost by 3. The next game ISU led 20-0 at the half vs #16 Kansas but lost by 2. In what was perceived as a winnable game on the road, they were pounded by Baylor 38-10 and vs the Big 12 South's weakest team, Texas A&M, they lost by 14 at home. They did lead Colo 24-13 and was at the CU1 with :03 left but lost by 4. After a blowout loss to Missouri, they outgained K-St in a game not as close as the 38-30 score. ISU has a 17 game road losing streak and finished 2008 with 10 straight losses and its first winless Big 12 campaign since '03. Its first 3 losses in '08 were by 6 ppg but the last 7 by 22 ppg and Chizik burned 11 RS in '08. Despite its 0-8 record, ISU was -91.4 ypg "only" 4th worst. They do have 15 ret starters (4th most B12), their most since 1999 (4-7). ISU had 3 net close losses (pg 299) so Rhoads steps into a positive situation and even though they have just 3 Big 12 HG's, they should top LY's 2 win total but will likely suffer their 4th straight losing year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 4 AUSTEN ARNAUD JR. 6-3 220 **PS#26.** 6 gm rFr, 267 (54.1%). 12 st LY, 2792 (61.6%), 15-10 ratio, 401 rush. **11** Jerome Tiller (6'4" 185 rFr) PS#54. **8** Brett Bueker (6'4" 213 rFr).

RB 35 BO WILLIAMS SO. 6-0 217 **PS#33. Fla trans. 33 Alexander Robinson** (5'10" 184 Jr) PS#113. 11 st LY, 703 (4.6), 17 rec (9.4). **23** Jeremiah Schwartz (5'11" 238 rFr) PS#106.

WR 6 DARIUS DARKS SO. 6-1 175 PS#197. 5 st true, 477 (9.7). **17** Joel Zitek (6'2" 199 Sr). Joshua Bellamy **PS#57JC. FB** Taylor Mansfield (6'1" 258 Jr). Brian Ekwelundu (5'11" 233 Sr).

WR 82 Marquis Hamilton Sr. 6-4 228 PS#87. 13 st 3Y, 36 gm, 903 (11.7). **2** Sedrick Johnson (6'4" 199 So) PS#83. 12 gm true, 188 (10.4). Wallace Franklin (6'3" 169 Sr). PS#178JC.

WR 15 HOUSTON JONES SR. 6-1 193 PS#75. 10 st L2Y, 390 (11.8). **20** Jason Carlson (6'0" 205 So) PS#152JC. Darius Reynolds **PS#74JC. 10** Lonzie Range (6'3" 183 rFr) PS#178.

TE 84 DERRICK CATLETT SR. 6-4 252 PS#45. 8 st FB '07, 21 rec (5.3). 8 st TE LY, 230 (11.5). **88** Collin Franklin (6'6" 248 Jr) 5 st TE LY, 258 (17.2). **87** Carter Bykowski (6'8" 249 So).

C 77 ALEX ALVAREZ JR. 6-2 294 PS#410JC. 7 st LY C, 10 gm LY. **64** Ethan Tuttee (6'4" 294 Fr) PS#216. **LS** Dakota Zimmerman (6'0" 223 So). Zac Tucker (6'5" 196 rFr). David Wonders.

RG 63 BEN LAMAAK JR. 6-5 320 PS#54. Tried at every OL spot in spg of '09. 12 st rFr RT. 8 st LY (inj) RG/RT. **71** Trey Baysinger (6'6" 317 So). Sean Smith (6'4" 286 Jr).

LG 73 REGGIE STEPHENS SR. 6-4 338 PS#145. 4 st rFr RG. 12 st LG '07. 12 st LY (5RG, 7LG) HM B12. **70** Drew Davis (6'9" 339 rFr) PS#463DL. **76** Zach Spears (6'6" 306 So) JC LY.

RT 51 SCOTT HAUGHTON SO. 6-4 355 PS#314. 4 st true (3 RT, 1LG), 11 gm. **72** Kelechi Osemele (6'5" 338 So) PS#323. 5 st rFr (4RG, 1RT). **78** Joseph Klerekoper (6'5" 305 So) PS#485.

LT 75 Hayworth Hicks Jr. 6-3 354 PS#498JC. All conf JC '07. 12 gm LY as bkup. **67** Matt Hulbert (6'7" 299 Jr) **PS#73.** 11 gm rFr, 6 st LY. **79** Brayden Burris (6'6" 272 rFr) PS#170.

K 21 GRANT MAHONEY SO. 6-1 154 PS#33. 17-25 FG, L/48 as true. **25** Zach Guyer (6'4" 173 So) PS#21. **27** Michael Romey (6'6" 180 So) PS#84. **16** Daniel Kuehl (6'0" 178 Jr).

DE 29 RASHAWN PARKER SR. 6-0 260 PS#107. 29 st 3Y, 34 gm, 73 tkl, 11 tfl, HM Big 12 LY. **38** Roosevelt Maggitt (6'2" 237 rFr) PS#368. Aaron Moore is PS#260. **99** Chase Hurtig (6'3" 270 Jr).

DT 97 Stephen Ruempolhamer So. 6-3 290 PS#464. 1 st true, 9 gm, 8 tkl. **96** Austin Alburtis (6'2" 267 Jr) PS#256. 11 gm LY, 8 tkl, 1 int. **66** Kyle Slifka (6'2" 264 Jr) PS#291. Taylor Martin is PS#317JC.

NG 62 NATE FRERE SR. 6-1 283 PS#129. 3 st, 17 gm '06-07. 12 st LY, 26 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **98** Jerrod Black (6'0" 284 So) PS#232. 4 gm LY, 2 tkl. **85** Bailey Johnson (6'3" 272 Jr) 11 gm, 9 tkl '07.

DE 55 Christopher Lyle Sr. 6-4 252 PS#389JC. 24 gm 2Y, 47 tkl, 9 tfl. **94** Jake McDonough (6'6" 259 rFr) PS#87. **90** Cleyon Laing (6'3" 268 rFr) PS#464. **68** Tadd Bergan (6'3" 247 rFr).

SLB NA Matt Taufoou Jr. 6-1 235 PS#206JC. 81 tkl, 4.5 sk, CA AA JC LY. **16** Josh Raven (5'11" 230 Sr) PS#302. 2 st 2Y, 17 gm, 43 tkl. Jake Knott PS#134. **26** Seth Moser (6'2" 213 So) PS#425.

MLB 54 JESSE SMITH SR. 6-0 231 PS#365. 12 st '06-07, 23 gm, 86 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 12 st LY, HM Big 12, 84 tkl, 5 tfl, 6 pbu. **24** Derec Schmidgall (6'2" 230 Sr) PS#309. 26 gm 3Y, 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl.

WLB 43 FRED GARRIN SR. 6-2 230 PS#205. 18 gm, 1st 2Y, 22 tkl. 12 st LY, 63 tkl, 6 tfl, 3 pbu, 2 int. **44** Kevin Hamlin (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#372. **31** Justin Rumple (6'3" 212 Jr) PS#510. 6 gm 2Y.

CB 7 Kennard Banks Sr. 5-10 189 **PS#42JC.** 7 st true, 58 tkl, **13 pbu** at W Mich. JC. 2 st LY, 18 tkl. **22** Ter'ran Benton (6'1" 196 So) PS#145. 5 st true, 24 tkl. **12** Allen Bell (6'1" 192 Sr) PS#105JC.

CB 23 LEONARD JOHNSON SO. 5-10 189 PS#118. 5 st true, HM Big 12, 12 gm, 47 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 int, 26.4 KR. **9** Devin McDowell (5'9" 177 Jr) PS#174. 12 gm rFr, 16 tkl. 4 st LY, 16 tkl, 1 tfl, 1 int.

SS 5 David Sims Jr. 5-10 212 **PS#39JC.** Signed w/Okla LY. **3** Zac Sandvig (5'10" 190 Jr) PS#99. 1 st, 17 gm 2Y, 21 tkl. Judah Linder (5'11" 193 rFr). Kyle Walker (6'5" 168 Sr).

FS 2 JAMES SMITH SR. 5-9 191 PS#390. 12 st '07, 79 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 3 pbu, 2 int. 11 st LY, HM B12, 85 tkl. **15** Dustin Land (6'0" 201 rFr) PS#120. **37** Michael O'Connell (6'0" 201 Jr) PS#241WR.

P 13 MIKE BRANDTNER SR. 6-1 211 PS#73. 56 P as rFr, 41.2 avg, 35.6 net. 69 P '07, 39.4 avg, 34.7 net. 51 P LY, HM B12, 41.6 avg, 35.6 net. **14** Chad Powell (5'11" 194 rFr) PS#78.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	David Sims 5-10 212 PS#39JC '08
WR	Joshua Bellamy 6-1 200 PS#57JC
WR	Darius Reynolds 6-3 190 PS#74JC
RB	Beau Blankenship 5-8 205 PS#85
OL	Kyle Lichtenberg 6-6 250 PS#117
LB	Jake Knott 6-3 227 PS#134
LB	Matt Taufoou 6-1 235 PS#206JC
LB	AJ Klein 6-2 225 PS#142
RB	James White 5-8 166 PS#133
WR	Josh Lenz 6-0 180 PS#129
LB	Princeton Jackson 6-1 210 PS#160
WR	Donnie Jennert 6-6 195 PS#158
DL	Taylor Martin 6-3 265 PS#317JC
DB	Jeremy Reeves 5-8 168 PS#247
OL	Ethan Tuttee 6-4 294 PS#216 '08
DL	Aaron Moore 6-5 255 PS#260
DB	Deon Broomfield 6-0 175 PS#288
DB	Jacques Washington 6-1 185 PS#289
WR	Keith Blanton 6-0 190 PS#246
DB	Jansen Watson 5-10 180 PS#346
LB	Willie Scott 6-3 218 PS#323
QB	James Capello 6-1 190 PS#224
DL	Walter Woods 6-0 275 PS#436
OL	Zack Spears 6-6 306 PS#788JC
QB	Brandon Mims 6-1 180 PS#416

IOWA ST CYCLONES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#61

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ISU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 3	N Dakota St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 12	Iowa	G					
Sep. 19	at Kent St	A					
Sep. 26	Army	G					
Oct. 3	† Kansas St (Kansas City)	G					
Oct. 10	at Kansas	A					
Oct. 17	Baylor (HC)	G					
Oct. 24	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 31	at Texas A&M	G					
Nov. 7	Oklahoma St	G					
Nov. 14	Colorado	G					
Nov. 21	at Missouri	A					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bret Meyer 9,499 '04-'07
2. Alex Espinoza 5,307 '84-'86
3. Seneca Wallace 5,289 '01-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Troy Davis 4,382 '94-'96
2. Darren Davis 3,763 '96-'99
3. Dexter Green 3,437 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Todd Blythe 3,096 '04-'07
2. Lane Danielsen 2,690 '00-'03
3. Tracy Henderson 2,048 '82-'84

Iowa St is 16-5 in home openers S/'88 (9-1 the L10Y). The NDSU Bison finished 6-5 LY & in the L3Y they have played 5 FBS schools going 3-2 (2 losses by 4 ttl pts!).

Cyclones have won 7 of L/11. Only 3 of the L/15 gms have been decided by less than 7 pts. ISU held Iowa to 240 yds LY as it was tied at 3 after 3Q's before a PR TD made it a 14 pt margin.

Iowa St has dropped 17 straight away games & are just 5-32 since 2002. ISU is 21-4 vs current MAC tms & 5-1 vs Kent St outscoring them by an avg 17 ppg.

#22 ISU beat Army 28-21 in '05, but trailed 14-7 at HT & was outgained 365-229. Coming into '09, ISU is 16-3 at home vs non-BCS schools but just 2-2 the last 4.

The HT had won 4 straight but this is in Kansas City. LY vs KSU, QB Arnaud passed for a ISU record 440 yds as ISU rolled up 626 yds of offense (3rd best ever vs a conf opp).

The visitor is 4-9 in Big 12 play. Cyclones have dropped 13 straight Big 12 road gms w/ the avg loss by 20 ppg. ISU led KU 20-0 at HT LY holding the Jayhawks to 91 yds.

Cyclones are 3-8 in their L/11 Homecoming gms (36-53-6 all-time). This will be just the 9th meeting (all after '88) & the avg margin of victory has been 18 ppg.

Last trip to Lincoln, ISU ran a school rec 102 plays, led 10-0, had a 415-369 yd & 28-17 FD edge. Iowa St trails this rivalry 16-85-2 including 4 straight losses.

ISU is 1-8 all-time vs A&M, but did pick up the win their L/trip to College Station in '05 (ironically last road win heading into '09). ISU's 35 pts scored LY was the most in B12 play S/'05.

L. Johnson's 319 KR yds LY vs OSU broke the NCAA (FBS) rec & was 7 yds short of breaking the NCAA All-Div rec. ISU is 8-16 since 2002 in November games.

Last time hosting CU, ISU matched their biggest comeback win in school history as they were down 21-0 at HT before scoring 31 unanswered pts. The HT has won 6 of the L/7 gms.

LY vs Mizzou QB Arnaud set an ISU opp single-gm comp record hitting 36 of 54 passes. Cyclones have dropped 5 of 6 vs the Tigers winning by 5 pts w/the avg loss by 18 ppg.

PAUL RHOADS (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Iowa St — Rhoads' Bowl Record: 0-0

Rhoads' records AT IOWA ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

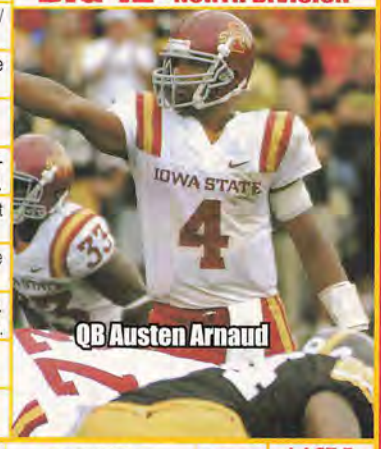
2008 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (26,21,3)
Lost: 22 (11,11,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,429 (#49)

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (55,000) (#49)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-5	7-7	2-10	7-5	7-5	4-8	3-9	2-10	48-62
Home	4-2	4-2	6-1	2-5	4-2	5-1	4-3	3-4	2-4	34-24
Away	4-1	3-2	1-5	0-5	2-3	2-3	0-5	0-5	0-6	12-35
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	4-4	0-8	4-4	4-4	1-7	2-6	0-8	24-48
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-1	3-3	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	24-14
ATS	8-4	8-3	7-6	1-10	7-4	6-4-1	3-8	6-5	5-6	51-50-1
Home Fav	3-1	2-0	4-2	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	14-9
Home Dog	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-5	2-1	2-0	1-3	4-1	1-2	11-16
Away Favorite	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	5-4
Away Dog	1-1	2-1	2-4	0-5	3-1	2-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	17-21
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0-1
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	4-4	0-8	4-4	5-3	2-6	5-3	3-5	33-39
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	3-2	1-2	3-0	1-1-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	18-11-1
Off SU Win	5-3	6-1	4-2	1-1	4-2	4-3	1-2	1-2	2-0	28-16
Off SU Loss	3-0	2-2	2-4	0-9	3-2	2-1-1	2-5	5-2	3-6	22-31-1

Dan McCarney 1995 — Gene Chizik — Paul Rhoads

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Insight.com	+2	Pittsburgh	37-29
01	Independence	+6	Alabama	13-14
02	Humanitarian	+12	Boise St - #18	16-34
04	Independence	+1	Miami, Oh	17-13
05	Houston	+3	TCU - #14	24-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Iowa St's All-Time Bowl Record 2-7

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	25.3	387	138	4.1	248	59.6	15.3	19	+4	2008	7	35.8	453	176	4.8	277	67.4	12.6	17
4*	18.2	327	124	3.1	203	60.0	18.0	17	-7	2007	7	31.8	390	136	4.0	254	69.7	12.3	20
10*	18.8	318	102	3.0	216	56.3	16.9	38	-5	2006	4	30.8	392	154	4.6	239	72.5	12.8	24
7*	28.3	350	111	2.7	240	61.7	12.4	39	+14	2005	7	19.2	345	103	3.0	242	57.4	18.0	27
7*	20.5	329	142	3.2	187	49.6	16.1	34	+10	2004	5	21.6	329	139	3.5	190	54.5	15.3	24
8	14.4	298	121	3.2	177	45.5	20.6	32	-6	2003	6	36.4	443	217	5.0	226	66.8	12.2	14
5*	28.9	381	145	3.7	236	55.1	13.2	19	-1	2002	7	28.3	359	175	4.2	184	56.8	12.7	31

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alexander Robinson	153	734	31	703	6	4.6
Austen Arnaud	109	511	110	401	5	3.7
Jason Scales	60	199	14	185	5	3.1
Phillip Bates	24	192	26	166	0	6.9
JJ Bass	42	151	21	130	1	3.1
Jason Harris	8	79	1	78	1	9.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Austen Arnaud	401	247	61.6	2792	15	10
Phillip Bates	24	11	45.8	137	2	1
Mike Brandtner	1	1	100.0	22	0	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
RJ Sumrall		57	750	13.2	7	49
Darius Darks		49	477	9.7	1	54
Houston Jones		32	384	12.0	0	27
Marquis Hamilton		26	301	11.6	3	37
Collin Franklin		15	258	17.2	2	53
Derrick Catlett		20	230	11.5	0	33
Sedrick Johnson		18	188	10.4	3	24
Alexander Robinson		17	160	9.4	0	30
Joel Zitek		7	68	9.7	0	19
Jason Scales		8	58	7.2	0	18
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mike Brandtner	51	2124	41.6	15	35.6	0	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Grant Mahoney	33-33	2-3	10-13	5-8	0-1	17-25	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
James Smith	85	0	1	2	0
Jesse Smith	84	0	5	6	0
Fred Garrin	63	1	5	3	2
Michael Bibbs	48	1	1.5	0	2
Leonard Johnson	47	0	1	4	2
Brandon Hunley	45	0	0.5	4	0
Christopher Lyle	38	5	3	1	0
Kurtis Taylor	37	5	6	0	1
Chris Singleton	31	0	3.5	2	0
Nate Frere	26	3	3.5	2	0
Ter'ran Benton	24	0	2	1	0
Michael Tate	24	0	4	0	0
Ernest Ferguson	22	0	1	0	0
Josh Raven	22	0	0.5	0	0
Rashawn Parker	21	1	0	1	0
Michael O'Connell	21	0	0	0	0
Zac Sandvig	19	0	0	0	0
Cameron Bell	19	0	0	0	0
Kennard Banks	18	0	1	2	0
Devin McDowell	16	0	1	1	1
Chris Brown	14	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Michael O'Connell	9	77	8.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Leonard Johnson	41	1081	26.4	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

ISU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
46,617	S Dakota St	20	42-229	5.5	13-19	159	0	18	25-180	7.2	23-37	170	1	+3
49,805	Kent St	14	45-160	3.6	15-21	214	2	20	43-243	5.7	11-24	167	2	+3
70,585	at Iowa	18	27-73	2.7	24-40	252	1	11	33-118	3.6	9-19	122	1	-1
25,567	at UNLV	14	35-151	4.3	13-28	155	1	24	42-209	5.0	16-22	245	1	+1
47,847	Kansas	20	31-97	3.1	27-46	268	3	19	39-117	3.0	18-26	319	3	+2
30,548	at Baylor	16	18-81	4.5	21-41	176	0	27	50-147	2.9	22-26	288	3	-1
48,794	Nebraska	11	25-105	4.2	16-29	113	2	29	41-220	5.4	27-37	328	2	+1
45,495	Texas A&M	34	39-173	4.4	28-46	401	4	27	35-128	3.7	31-39	381	1	-1
46,718	at Oklahoma St	17	38-122	3.2	20-35	240	2	28	36-263	7.3	20-29	419	0	-1
46,440	at Colorado	22	44-188	4.3	16-29	215	1	21	32-148	4.6	24-41	274	1	+1
46,013	Missouri	25	23-118	5.1	36-54	326	0	24	25-169	6.8	32-40	328	1	0
41,266	at Kansas St	30	36-164	4.6	32-50	462	3	22	37-172	4.6	17-31	279	1	-3
TOTALS		241	403-1661	4.1	261-438	2981	19	270	438-2114	4.8	250-371	3320	17	+4
AVERAGES		20.1	34-138	4.1	22-37	248	4.3%	22.5	37-176	4.8	21-31	277	4.6%	0.3

2004 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	N Iowa	NL	23-0
–	at Iowa - #16	+22	10-17
–	N Illinois	-3'	48-41
–	at Oklahoma St - #25	+17	7-36
–	Texas A&M	+7	3-34
–	at Colorado	+10'	14-19
–	at Baylor	-7'	26-25
–	Kansas	+4	13-7
–	Nebraska	+4	34-27
–	at Kansas St	+11	37-23
–	Missouri	-4'	14-17 OT

2005 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Illinois St	NL	32-21
–	Iowa - #8	+9	23-3
#22	at Army	-17	28-21
#23	at Nebraska	+3'	20-27 2OT
–	Baylor	-8	13-23
–	at Missouri	+6'	24-27 OT
–	Oklahoma St	-14	37-10
–	at Texas A&M	+11'	42-14
–	Kansas St	-8	45-17
–	Colorado - #22	+1'	30-16
–	at Kansas	-3'	21-24 OT

2006 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Toledo	-8'	45-43 3OT
–	UNLV	-13'	16-10
–	at Iowa - #16	+14	17-27
–	at Texas - #7	+24'	14-37
–	N Iowa	NL	28-27
–	Nebraska - #22	+7	14-28
–	at Oklahoma - #23	+19'	9-34
–	Texas Tech	+2	26-42
–	at Kansas St	+4	10-31
–	Kansas	+2	10-41
–	at Colorado	+8'	16-33
–	Missouri	+13'	21-16

2007 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Kent St	-3'	14-23
–	N Iowa	NL	13-24
–	Iowa	+17	15-13
–	at Toledo	-3'	35-36
–	at Nebraska - #25	+21'	17-35
–	at Texas Tech	+24'	17-42
–	Texas - #23	+16'	3-56
–	Oklahoma - #4	+30	7-17
–	at Missouri - #13	+28'	28-42
–	Kansas St	+15'	31-20
–	Colorado	+3'	31-28
–	at Kansas - #4	+27'	7-45

2008 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	S Dakota St	NL	44-17
–	Kent St	-7	48-28
–	at Iowa	+13'	5-17
–	at UNLV	+2	31-34 OT
–	Kansas - #16	+11	33-35
–	at Baylor	+5	10-38
–	Nebraska	+7'	7-35
–	Texas A&M	-3	35-49
–	at Oklahoma St - #9	+29'	17-59
–	at Colorado	+9'	24-28
–	Missouri - #12	+26'	20-52
–	at Kansas St	+9'	30-38

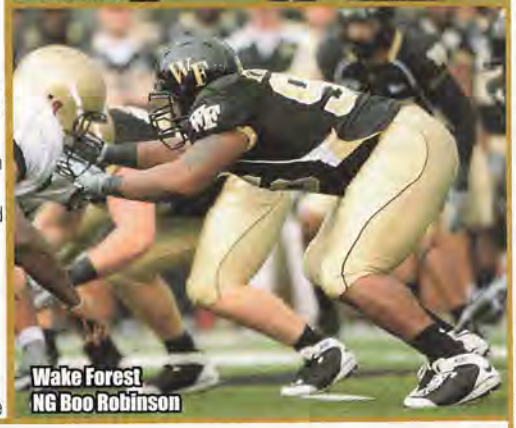
ACC
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 ACC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Russell Wilson, NC State	Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	Christian Ponder, Florida St
RB	Jonathan Dwyer, Georgia Tech	Darren Evans, Virginia Tech	Josh Adams, Wake Forest	Graig Cooper, Miami
RB	Da'Rel Scott, Maryland	CJ Spiller, Clemson	Shaun Draughn, N Carolina	Montel Harris, Boston College
WR	Aldarius Johnson, Miami	Owen Spencer, NC State	Torrey Smith, Maryland	Johnny Williams, Duke
WR	Demaryius Thomas, Georgia Tech	Rich Gunnell, Boston College	Jarrett Boykin, Virginia Tech	Jarvis Williams, NC State
WR	Jacoby Ford, Clemson	Greg Little, N Carolina	Bert Reed, Florida St	Marshall Williams, Wake Forest
TE	Greg Boone, Virgina Tech	George Bryan, NC State	Brett Huffman, Duke	Lansford Watson, Maryland
C	Ryan McMahon, Florida St	Matt Tennant, Boston College	Phil Costa, Maryland	Ted Larsen, NC State
OG	Thomas Austin, Clemson	Orlando Franklin, Miami	Cord Howard, Georgia Tech	Mason Cloy (C), Clemson
OG	Sergio Render, Virginia Tech	Rodney Hudson, Florida St	Thomas Claiborne, Boston College	Chris DeGeare, Wake Forest
OT	Jason Fox, Miami	Ed Wang, Virginia Tech	Andrew Datko, Florida St	Kyle Hill, Duke
OT	Anthony Castonzo, Boston College	Will Barker, Virginia	Kyle Jolly, N Carolina	Joe Birdsong, Wake Forest
DE	Derrick Morgan, Georgia Tech	Willie Young, NC State	Alex Albright, Boston College	Eric Moncur, Miami
DT	Boo Robinson, Wake Forest	Marcus Forston, Miami	Alan-Michael Cash, NC State	Jarvis Jenkins, Clemson
DT	Vince Oghobaase, Duke	Marvin Austin, N Carolina	John Graves, Virginia Tech	Cam Thomas, N Carolina
DE	Jason Worilds, Virgina Tech	Ricky Sapp, Clemson	Robert Quinn, N Carolina	Jim Ramella, Boston College
LB	Nate Irving, NC State	Sean Spence, Miami	Kavell Conner, Clemson	Dekoda Watson, Florida St
LB	Mark Herzlich, Boston College	Vincent Rey, Duke	Cody Grimm, Virginia Tech	Ray Michel, NC State
LB	Alex Wujciak, Maryland	Cam Martin, Virginia Tech	Colin McCarthy, Miami	Brad Jefferson, Georgia Tech
LB	Quan Sturdivant, N Carolina	Nigel Bradham, Florida St	Mike McLaughlin, Boston College	Bruce Carter, N Carolina
CB	Ras-I Dowling, Virginia	Chris Chancellor, Clemson	Stephan Virgil, Virginia Tech	Anthony Wiseman, Maryland
CB	Kendric Burney, N Carolina	DeAndre Morgan, NC State	Crezdon Butler, Clemson	Vic Hall, Virginia
SS	Morgan Burnett, Georgia Tech	Catron Gainey, Duke	Dorian Porch, Virginia Tech	Ryan Hill, Miami
FS	Deunta Williams, N Carolina	Kam Chancellor, Virginia Tech	Wes Davis, Boston College	Terrell Skinner, Maryland
K	Matt Bosher, Miami	Nick Maggio, Duke	Matt Waldron, Virginia Tech	Josh Czajkowski, NC State
P	Travis Baltz, Maryland	Brent Bowden, Virginia Tech	Matt Bosher, Miami	Kevin Jones, Duke
KR	Torrey Smith, Maryland	CJ Spiller, Clemson	TJ Graham, NC State	Johnny White, N Carolina
PR	Travis Benjamin, Miami	Vic Hall, Virginia	CJ Spiller, Clemson	Rich Gunnell, Boston College

Maryland
RB Da'Rel Scott

Virginia Tech
DE Jason Worilds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PHIL STEELE'S 2009 ACC FORECAST

ATLANTIC DIVISION

1. CLEMSON - Clemson was the preseason ACC favorite last year but went through a tumultuous year including the midseason firing of HC Bowden. This year they lose their QB, top RB and top WR. They may actually be a stronger team however with my #2 rated OL and #2 rated DL and #1 overall D in the ACC. Clemson will not be the preseason favorite this year and won't be as flashy as year's past but get my call to get to their first ever ACC Title game.

2. FLORIDA ST - FSU looks strong on offense with 8 starters back including QB Ponder but they do have some holes to fill in on D. They draw Miami, GT and NC out of the Coastal, three of the four toughest teams in the conf. FSU tied for the Atlantic Title last year and are a stronger team this season. They have won 12 ACC Titles but surprisingly are just 12-12 in ACC play the last 3 years but are a prime contender for their first Atlantic title since 2005.

3. BOSTON COLLEGE - BC is on their 3rd HC in 4 years with both the previous HC's surprisingly leaving. I like new HC Spaziani as he's been the one constant at BC, having been a DC there for 10 years. They have 14 returning starters and just 16 lettermen lost. BC's 30-11 overall record is the best of any Atlantic team the last 3 years. Two of my 9 sets of power ratings call for BC to win the Atlantic and they have finished higher than I have forecasted in each of the last 3 years.

3. NC STATE - NCSt has not had a winning record in ACC play since 2002. New HC's usually hit their stride in their 3rd year and Tom O'Brien is an outstanding coach and fits that circumstance. The Wolfpack have 14 ret starters and amazingly won their last 4 ACC games last year to get to a bowl. While NCSt has not had a winning season in 3 years, they do make my Most Improved List, which means they will this season and despite a tough ACC slate, could be a surprise contender in the Atlantic.

5. WAKE FOREST - WF has rattled off 3 consecutive non-losing seasons in ACC play as Jim Grobe always gets the maximum performance from his team. They do have QB Skinner, RB Adams and a solid O-line but they have question marks on D where they lose their top 5 tacklers including LB Aaron Curry (#1DC) and CB Alphonso Smith (#2DC) who were rare AA caliber players. WF has 1st, 2nd (tie) and 3rd (tie) place finishes in the Atlantic the last 3 years but I will look for a drop in the standings.

6. MARYLAND - At one point last year MD was 7-3 and leading the Atlantic Div with a great shot at getting to the ACC Title game. After 2 losses, they finished in a tie for 3rd but did win their bowl. This year they have just 9 ret starters (fewest ACC) and their 56% lettermen returning are the fewest for a non-service academy team. The Terps draw both Duke and Virginia out of the Coastal (along with VT) but this looks like a rebuilding year (#11 OL ACC, #12 DL) despite one of the most experienced backfields in the ACC.

COASTAL DIVISION

1. VIRGINIA TECH - Last year VT was extremely young and Beamer did one of his best coaching jobs taking a team with just 10 ret starters to the ACC Title. There was plenty of luck involved as VT was 3-3 at one point with one of their wins coming only after NC lost their starting QB. They won the title and a BCS bowl game. This year they are much stronger with 16 ret starters and they avoid both Florida St and Clemson out of the Atlantic and host Coastal foe Miami. I pick VT #1 in the Coastal for the 2nd straight year on these pages.

2. MIAMI, FLA - Six of my 9 sets of power ratings call Miami the best team in the ACC but unlike VT, the schedule is much tougher. They not only have to face VT and NC on the road in the Coastal, but draw the top 2 out of the Atlantic in FSU and Clemson. Shockingly, Miami has not had a winning record in the ACC since 2005 and I'll not only call for one this year, but if they can knock off VT on the road like they did in '05, they'd have a shot at the Title game.

3. GEORGIA TECH - Last year GT was in the first year of Paul Johnson's schemes and had just 9 ret starters but still outgained ACC foes by 68.1 ypg, very nearly making it to the Title game. This year they are a much stronger squad with 18 ret starters (most in ACC). The only question mark is the D-line. They draw both FSU and Clemson out of the Atlantic but get key games vs NC and VT at home. Despite my projected 3rd place finish, GT is a prime contender in the Coastal.

4. N CAROLINA - I believe 4 teams are capable of winning the Coastal this year and NC falls into that mix. Last year they may have been the best team in the Coastal had it not been for injuries. They lost star WR/PR/KR Tate to injury midyear and in a game that determined the Coastal Title, led VT 17-3 but lost their starting QB and came up short. They lose just 14 lettermen (fewest in ACC) and Davis' remarkable recruiting classes continue to mature.

5. VIRGINIA - I pegged Virginia last in the ACC Coastal in '08 and it looked right on the money after they lost to Duke 31-3 in Wk 4 to drop to 1-3. Al Groh did a tremendous job getting the team turned around. They even suffered some close losses to Miami (OT) and VT (int EZ) and finished 3-5 (+1.3 ypg). This year they have just 11 ret starters (same as '08) and just 36 ret lettermen. Groh will be one of the coaches on the hottest seats this year but he outperformed my expectations last year, can he do it again?

6. DUKE - Duke reminds me a little bit of last year's Vanderbilt team. In 2007 I went out on a limb for Vandy, calling for them to get to their first bowl since 1982 and they blew numerous opportunities and came up short. Last year VU was in a rebuilding year with just 9 starters back but had some good fortune and made it to a bowl. Last year I went out on a limb with Duke calling for them to escape the ACC basement and while they opened 3-1 and could have easily beaten NW, WF and NC, they finished just 1-7 in the ACC. This year they have just 11 returning starters and just 56% lettermen returning.

ACC Notes: VT became the first ACC team to win a BCS game since 1999 when ironically Florida St beat Big East member VT. It broke a streak of 0-8 for the ACC. This came in a year where there was no dominant team and it seemed that every week whatever team that looked to be the best would lose and open up the door for others. VT was practically eliminated from the ACC chase and then barely got past Duke and Virginia while Miami lost their last 2. VT beat BC for a 2nd straight year in the Title game. In 2006 they also had 0 Top Ten teams at the end of the year and were 4-9 vs BCS conf teams in the reg season. In 2007 they had two in the Top 10 at the end and tied the SEC with 35 picks in the draft but were just 2-6 in bowls. Last year as you would expect in a year of parity there were ZERO top 10 teams from the ACC at the end of the year. They were 13-8 vs BCS conf tms in the reg season and their 33 draft picks were #2 among the leagues. Since the 3 Big East teams were added, VT is 34-9 in ACC play with BC 21-13 and Miami 20-20. Duke is 2-38 in ACC play since the expansion. Last year was the 1st time Florida St was not picked as the preseason favorite in the ACC poll. The ACC did land an amazing 10 teams in bowls last year but even with their Sugar Bowl win, were just 4-6 in the postseason. Coupled with their 2007 record they are just 6-12 in bowls over 2 years. There is more strength at the top of the conference this year especially with the Florida schools getting closer to what you would expect.

2008 ACC vs ACC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
27	Florida St	27.9	1	343.6	4	168.3	2	4.5	2	175.4	8	54.9	10	12.3	11	19	9	16	5
44	Georgia Tech	22.5	6	364.6	1	264.1	1	5.3	1	100.5	12	50.5	12	16.2	4	18	6	13	2
50	Miami, Fl	27.4	2	344.4	3	123.6	5	4.0	4	220.8	1	56.6	6	12.6	10	18	6	16	5
56	Maryland	15.9	11	320.8	5	103.1	9	3.4	7	217.6	2	57.0	5	20.2	1	13	4	17	7
58	N Carolina	23.0	5	307.6	9	114.3	7	3.2	9	193.4	7	55.8	8	13.4	9	18	6	21	9
60	Clemson	20.8	7	320.0	6	102.6	10	3.1	10	217.4	3	61.9	1	15.4	7	19	9	19	8
62	NC State	26.0	3	350.5	2	149.6	4	4.2	3	200.9	5	54.0	11	13.5	8	5	1	22	11
69	Boston College	25.8	4	316.1	7	120.0	6	3.3	8	196.1	6	56.3	7	12.3	12	22	12	14	4
75	Virginia Tech	18.9	8	296.8	10	163.9	3	3.8	5	132.9	11	55.6	9	15.7	5	12	3	24	12
80	Wake Forest	16.6	10	279.4	11	112.6	8	2.8	12	166.8	10	57.1	4	16.8	3	8	2	21	9
83	Duke	17.4	9	270.5	12	96.4	12	3.0	11	174.1	9	59.6	3	15.6	6	16	5	13	2
85	Virginia	15.6	12	308.3	8	100.4	11	3.5	6	207.9	4	61.1	2	19.7	2	20	11	11	1

2008 ACC vs ACC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Pass Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
12	Virginia Tech	17.3	2	262.8	1	118.9	3	3.3	3	143.9	2	52.2	2	15.2	6	19	7	22	3
13	Wake Forest	18.0	4	300.3	6	98.0	2	3.1	2	202.3	10	53.1	4	16.7	10	22	3	16	8
18	Clemson	16.8	1	279.5	2	140.1	8	3.9	9	139.4	1	54.0	5	16.7	11	14	2	9	12
20	Boston College	25.5	10	281.1	3	85.0	1	2.8	1	196.1	9	55.3	6	11.0	1	16	12	23	2
27	Florida St	22.0	8	297.6	5	124.4	4	3.8	5	173.3	7	52.0	1	13.5	3	18	10	24	1
32	Georgia Tech	19.5	5	296.5	4	127.3	5	3.8	6	169.3	5	58.2	7	15.2	5	18	8	17	6
40	Virginia	17.9	3	307.0	7	137.1	7	3.4	4	169.9	6	58.7	8	17.2	12	16	1	16	8
48	Miami, Fl	27.5	12	359.8	10	191.0	12	4.4	12	168.8	3	52.9	3	13.1	2	10	11	19	4
52	N Carolina	21.1	6	333.9	8	142.5	9	3.8	8	191.4	8	61.0	10	15.8	8	13	5	12	11
61	Maryland	21.9	7	336.9	9	168.1	11	4.2	11	168.8	3	61.2	11	15.4	7	7	6	17	6
66	Duke	26.5	11	383.5	11	158.1	10	3.8	7	225.4	11	60.0	9	14.5	4	18	9	18	5
79	NC State	23.8	9	383.8	12	128.4	6	4.0	10	255.4	12	64.3	12	16.2	9	17	4	14	10

2008 ACC LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDSPG
Jonathan Dwyer, Georgia Tech	**13**	**200**	**1395**	**12**	**7.0**	**107.3**
Da'Rel Scott, Maryland	**12**	**209**	**1133**	**8**	**5.4**	**94.4**
Darren Evans, Virginia Tech	**14**	**287**	**1265**	**11**	**4.4**	**90.4**
Cedric Peerman, Virginia	11	153	774	7	5.1	70.4
Montel Harris, Boston College	**13**	**179**	**900**	**5**	**5.0**	**69.2**
Shaun Draughn, North Carolina	**13**	**198**	**866**	**3**	**4.4**	**66.6**
Graig Cooper, Miami (Fl)	**13**	**171**	**841**	**4**	**4.9**	**64.7**
Josh Nesbitt, Georgia Tech	**11**	**172**	**693**	**7**	**4.0**	**63.0**
Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech	**12**	**147**	**738**	**7**	**5.0**	**61.5**
Antone Smith, Florida St	13	177	792	15	4.5	60.9
Andre Brown, NC State	13	175	767	7	4.4	59.0
James Davis, Clemson	13	171	751	11	4.4	57.8
Roddy Jones, Georgia Tech	**13**	**81**	**690**	**4**	**8.5**	**53.1**
CJ Spiller, Clemson	**12**	**116**	**629**	**7**	**5.4**	**52.4**
Jamelle Eugene, NC State	**10**	**95**	**442**	**2**	**4.7**	**44.2**
Brandon Pendergrass, Wake Forest	**12**	**150**	**528**	**5**	**3.5**	**44.0**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Brandon Tate, North Carolina	7	158	1	22.6
Tony Carter, Florida St	8	113	1	14.1
Travis Benjamin, Miami (Fl)	**16**	**181**	**0**	**11.3**
CJ Spiller, Clemson	**18**	**189**	**0**	**10.5**
Rich Gunnell, Boston College	**15**	**149**	**1**	**9.9**
Victor Harris, Virginia Tech	25	233	0	9.3
TJ Graham, NC State	**15**	**123**	**0**	**8.2**
Bert Reed, Floirda St	**8**	**63**	**0**	**7.9**
Vic Hall, Virginia	**16**	**102**	**0**	**6.4**
Tyler Melton, Georgia Tech	**15**	**86**	**0**	**5.7**
Danny Oquendo, Maryland	20	104	0	5.2
Alphonso Smith, Wake Forest	21	108	0	5.1

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Alphonso Smith, Wake Forest	13	7	20
Michael Hamlin, Clemson	10	6	16
Morgan Burnett, Georgia Tech	**8**	**7**	**15**
Ras-I Dowling, Virginia	**11**	**3**	**14**
Victor Harris, Virginia Tech	8	6	14
Mark Herzlich, Boston College	**8**	**6**	**14**
Chris Chancellor, Clemson	**9**	**4**	**13**
DeAndre Morgan, NC State	**10**	**2**	**12**
Trimane Goddard, North Carolina	5	7	12
Anthony Wiseman, Maryland	**10**	**0**	**10**
Stephan Virgil, Virginia Tech	**4**	**6**	**10**
Crezdon Butler, Clemson	**6**	**4**	**10**
Chris Clemons, Clemson	7	2	9
Michael Tauiliili, Duke	5	4	9
Paul Anderson, Boston College	3	6	9
Nate Irving, NC State	**5**	**4**	**9**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/GM
Russell Wilson, NC State	**11**	**116**	**388**	**275**	**1955**	**2343**	**213.0**
Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	**11**	**69**	**96**	**361**	**2171**	**2267**	**206.1**
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	**13**	**104**	**144**	**363**	**2347**	**2491**	**191.6**
Cullen Harper, Clemson	13	54	-140	360	2601	2461	189.3
Christian Ponder, Florida St	**13**	**119**	**423**	**318**	**2006**	**2429**	**186.8**
Chris Turner, Maryland	**13**	**43**	**-154**	**374**	**2516**	**2362**	**181.7**
Marc Verica, Virginia	**11**	**32**	**-71**	**354**	**2037**	**1966**	**178.7**
Chris Crane, Boston College	11	82	219	307	1721	1940	176.4
TJ Yates, North Carolina	**7**	**24**	**-67**	**135**	**1168**	**1101**	**157.3**
Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech	**12**	**147**	**738**	**173**	**1036**	**1774**	**147.8**
Cameron Sexton, North Carolina	8	26	-96	168	1261	1165	145.6
Josh Nesbitt, Georgia Tech	**11**	**172**	**693**	**123**	**808**	**1501**	**136.5**
Robert Marve, Miami (Fl)	11	59	119	213	1293	1412	128.4
Jonathan Dwyer, Georgia Tech	**13**	**200**	**1395**	**0**	**0**	**1395**	**107.3**

2008 ACC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
ATLANTIC Boston Coll	5	3	206	204	9	5	346	257	+35.0	+84.4	+29.2
ATLANTIC Florida St	5	3	223	176	9	4	434	262	+46.0	+29.1	+42.0
ATLANTIC Maryland	4	4	127	175	8	5	283	292	-16.1	-37.3	-86.0
ATLANTIC Wake Forest	4	4	133	144	8	5	273	238	-20.9	-18.5	-57.1
ATLANTIC Clemson	4	4	166	134	7	6	327	225	+40.5	+108.0	+138.1
ATLANTIC NC State	4	4	208	190	6	7	305	342	-33.3	-79.6	+2.3
COASTAL Virginia Tech	5	3	151	138	10	4	309	234	+34.0	+80.7	+69.1
COASTAL Georgia Tech	5	3	180	156	9	4	317	264	+68.1	+32.3	+30.6
COASTAL N Carolina	4	4	184	169	8	5	360	275	-26.3	-21.9	-66.1
COASTAL Miami	4	4	219	220	7	6	352	314	-15.4	-66.4	+18.8
COASTAL Virginia	3	5	125	143	5	7	193	260	+1.3	+27.9	-5.9
COASTAL Duke	1	7	139	212	4	8	241	281	-113.0	-138.5	-115.0

Coach of the Year: Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech

ACC TITLE GAME: Virginia Tech 30 Boston College 12

2007 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boston Coll	6	2	213	165	11	3	396	285
Clemson	5	3	230	149	9	4	430	243
Wake Forest	5	3	225	208	9	4	362	289
Florida St	4	4	192	174	7	6	303	298
Maryland	3	5	194	180	6	7	313	280
NC State	3	5	144	248	5	7	249	339
Virginia Tech	7	1	255	120	11	3	402	225
Virginia	6	2	202	151	9	4	317	256
Georgia Tech	4	4	160	173	7	6	341	271
N Carolina	3	5	161	188	4	8	254	294
Miami	2	6	146	232	5	7	247	312
Duke	0	8	131	265	1	11	215	398

Coach of the Year: Al Groh, Virginia
Title Game: Virginia Tech 30 Boston Coll 16

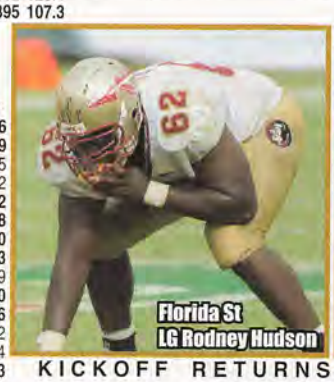
2006 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Wake Forest	6	2	175	145	11	3	302	215
Boston Coll	5	3	189	133	10	3	338	204
Maryland	5	3	171	198	9	4	284	284
Clemson	5	3	209	136	8	5	425	210
Florida St	3	5	180	166	7	6	345	258
NC State	2	6	137	174	3	9	210	262
Georgia Tech	7	1	213	155	9	5	349	257
Virginia Tech	6	2	186	93	10	3	336	143
Virginia	4	4	124	116	5	7	181	214
Miami	3	5	127	127	7	6	255	201
N Carolina	2	6	109	221	3	9	216	366
Duke	0	8	124	280	0	12	179	406

Coach of the Year: Jim Grobe, Wake Forest
Title Game: Wake Forest 9 Georgia Tech 6

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
TJ Yates, North Carolina	**135**	**81**	**60.0**	**4**	**1168**	**8.7**	**11**	**153.6**
Russell Wilson, NC State	**275**	**150**	**54.5**	**1**	**1955**	**7.1**	**17**	**133.9**
Cameron Sexton, North Carolina	168	94	56.0	6	1261	7.5	9	129.5
Cullen Harper, Clemson	360	221	61.4	14	2601	7.2	13	126.2
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	**363**	**232**	**63.9**	**7**	**2347**	**6.5**	**13**	**126.2**
Jacory Harris, Miami (Fl)	**194**	**118**	**60.8**	**7**	**1195**	**6.2**	**12**	**125.8**
Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	**361**	**224**	**62.0**	**6**	**2171**	**6.0**	**15**	**123.0**
Chris Turner, Maryland	**374**	**214**	**57.2**	**11**	**2516**	**6.7**	**13**	**119.3**
Sean Glennon, Virginia Tech	108	65	60.2	5	743	6.9	3	117.9
Christian Ponder, Florida St	**318**	**177**	**55.7**	**13**	**2006**	**6.3**	**14**	**115.0**
Marc Verica, Virginia	**354**	**226**	**63.8**	**16**	**2037**	**5.8**	**8**	**110.6**
Robert Marve, Miami (Fl)	213	116	54.5	13	1293	6.1	9	107.2
Chris Crane, Boston College	307	169	55.0	13	1721	5.6	10	104.4
Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech	**173**	**99**	**57.2**	**7**	**1036**	**6.0**	**2**	**103.3**
Dominique Davis, Boston College	**138**	**63**	**45.7**	**4**	**741**	**5.4**	**6**	**99.3**
Josh Nesbitt, Georgia Tech	**123**	**54**	**43.9**	**5**	**808**	**6.6**	**2**	**96.3**



PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Graham Gano, Florida St	11	22	939	42.7
Travis Baltz, Maryland	**13**	**61**	**2506**	**41.1**
Shawn Powell, Florida St	**12**	**18**	**739**	**41.1**
Kevin Jones, Duke	**12**	**71**	**2899**	**40.8**
Jimmy Maners, Clemson	12	49	1985	40.5
Brent Bowden, Virginia Tech	**14**	**69**	**2785**	**40.4**
Matt Bosher, Miami (Fl)	**13**	**66**	**2659**	**40.3**
Ryan Quigley, Boston College	**14**	**59**	**2334**	**39.6**
Terrence Brown, North Carolina	13	59	2331	39.5
Shane Popham, Wake Forest	**9**	**54**	**2115**	**39.2**
Jimmy Howell, Virginia	**12**	**64**	**2494**	**39.0**
Scott Blair, Georgia Tech	**13**	**41**	**1595**	**38.9**
Bradley Pierson, NC State	13	61	2369	38.8

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Michael Ray Garvin, Florida St	22	662	1	30.1
Brandon Tate, North Carolina	11	305	0	27.7
CJ Spiller, Clemson	**19**	**516**	**1**	**27.2**
Torrey Smith, Maryland	**42**	**1089**	**1**	**25.9**
Johnny White, North Carolina	**15**	**379**	**0**	**25.3**
TJ Graham, NC State	**41**	**1028**	**1**	**25.1**
Dyrell Roberts, Virginia Tech	**22**	**545**	**0**	**24.8**
Jabari Marshall, Duke	31	744	0	24.0
Roddy Jones, Georgia Tech	**15**	**354**	**0**	**23.6**
Chase Minnifield, Virginia	**21**	**490**	**0**	**23.3**
Travis Benjamin, Miami (Fl)	**22**	**496**	**0**	**22.5**
Alex Frye, Wake Forest	**15**	**332**	**0**	**22.1**
Devon Brown, Wake Forest	**16**	**350**	**0**	**21.9**
Brandon Harris, Miami (Fl)	**13**	**274**	**0**	**21.1**
Montel Harris, Boston College	**20**	**413**	**0**	**20.6**
Kenny Lewis, Virginia Tech	**11**	**222**	**0**	**20.2**
Jeff Smith, Boston College	**25**	**502**	**0**	**20.1**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Everette Brown, Florida St	21.5	130
Jason Worilds, Virginia Tech	**18.5**	**93**
Michael Johnson, GA Tech	17.5	99
Clint Sintim, Virginia	16	107
BJ Raji, Boston College	16	79
Aaron Curry, Wake Forest	16	48
Derek Nicholson, Florida St	15	34
Greg Akinbiyi, Duke	14.5	58
Cody Grimm, Virginia Tech	**14**	**75**
Orion Martin, Virginia Tech	13	70
Mark Herzlich, Boston Coll	**13**	**39**
Michael Tauiliili, Duke	13	28
Willie Young, NC State	**12.5**	**72**
Moise Fokou, Maryland	12	49
Mike McLaughlin, Boston Coll	**12**	**37**

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Michael Tauiliili, Duke	12	63	77	140	11.7
Alex Wujciak, Maryland	**13**	**56**	**77**	**133**	**10.2**
Kavell Conner, Clemson	**13**	**66**	**59**	**125**	**9.6**
Quan Sturdivant, North Carolina	**13**	**87**	**35**	**122**	**9.4**
Mark Paschal, North Carolina	11	65	38	103	9.4
Vincent Rey, Duke	**12**	**61**	**48**	**109**	**9.1**
Michael Hamlin, Clemson	13	74	36	110	8.5
Jon Copper, Virginia	12	57	44	101	8.4
Aaron Curry, Wake Forest	13	66	39	105	8.1
Nate Irving, NC State	**10**	**42**	**38**	**80**	**8.0**
Mark Herzlich, Boston College	**14**	**81**	**29**	**110**	**7.9**
Brandon Maye, Clemson	**12**	**45**	**42**	**87**	**7.3**
Dave Philistin, Maryland	13	41	53	94	7.2
Chris Clemons, Clemson	13	62	32	94	7.2
Morgan Burnett, Georgia Tech	**13**	**62**	**31**	**93**	**7.2**
Purnell Sturdivant, Virginia Tech	14	43	56	99	7.1

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	REC/GM	REC AVG	YDS/PG
Hakeem Nicks, North Carolina	13	68	1222	12	5.2	18.0	94.0
DJ Boldin, Wake Forest	13	81	848	3	6.2	10.5	65.2
Kevin Ogletree, Virginia	12	58	723	5	4.8	12.5	60.3
Eron Riley, Duke	12	61	693	8	5.1	11.4	57.8
Aaron Kelly, Clemson	13	67	722	4	5.2	10.8	55.5
Jacoby Ford, Clemson	**13**	**55**	**710**	**4**	**4.2**	**12.9**	**54.6**
Owen Spencer, NC State	**13**	**31**	**691**	**5**	**2.4**	**22.3**	**53.2**
Demaryius Thomas, Georgia Tech	**12**	**39**	**627**	**3**	**3.3**	**16.1**	**52.3**
Darrius Heyward-Bey, Maryland	12	42	609	5	3.5	14.5	50.8
Brandon Robinson, Boston College	14	42	646	3	3.0	15.4	46.1
Greg Carr, Florida St	13	39	542	4	3.0	13.9	41.7
Rich Gunnell, Boston College	**14**	**49**	**551**	**4**	**3.5**	**11.2**	**39.4**
Preston Parker, Florida St	10	40	372	2	4.0	9.3	37.2
CJ Spiller, Clemson	**12**	**34**	**436**	**3**	**2.8**	**12.8**	**36.3**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	LONG
Graham Gano, Florida St	11	26	24	92.3	53
Matt Bosher, Miami (Fl)	**13**	**20**	**18**	**90.0**	**52**
Josh Czajkowski, NC State	**13**	**19**	**16**	**84.2**	**42**
Dustin Keys, Virginia Tech	14	29	23	79.3	50
Nick Maggio, Duke	**11**	**14**	**11**	**78.6**	**46**
Mark Buchholz, Clemson	13	21	15	71.4	43
Steve Aponavicius, Boston Coll	**14**	**21**	**14**	**66.7**	**36**
Casey Barth, North Carolina	**10**	**15**	**10**	**66.7**	**42**
Sam Swank, Wake Forest	7	17	11	64.7	49
Scott Blair, Georgia Tech	**13**	**19**	**12**	**63.2**	**39**
Obi Egekeze, Maryland	13	24	15	62.5	47
Shane Popham, Wake Forest	**9**	**12**	**7**	**58.3**	**44**
Yannick Reyering, Virginia	**10**	**11**	**6**	**54.5**	**43**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Everette Brown, Florida St	13.5	97
Clint Sintim, Virginia	11	86
Michael Johnson, GA Tech	9	85
Jason Worilds, Virginia Tech	**8**	**66**
BJ Raji, Boston College	8	48
Cody Grimm, Virginia Tech	**7.5**	**57**
Orion Martin, Virginia Tech	7.5	55
Derrick Morgan, GA Tech	**7**	**50**
Willie Young, NC State	**6.5**	**51**
Greg Akinbiyi, Duke	6	34
Vince Oghobaase, Duke	**6**	**33**
Neefy Moffett, Florida St	5.5	46
Allen Bailey, Miami (Fl)	**5**	**46**
Moise Fokou, Maryland	5	29
Boo Robinson, Wake Forest	**5**	**29**
Bruce Carter, North Carolina	**5**	**28**

PHIL'S ACC UNIT RANKING

Atlantic Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Clemson	8	2	7	2	2	5	1	6	11
Florida St	3	10	6	1	4	3	4	3	3
Boston Coll	12	9	4	3	6	1	8	11	11
NC State	1	8	2	9	7	6	10	5	5
Wake Forest	3	6	12	5	8	12	11	9	2
Maryland	8	5	9	11	12	8	9	4	4
Coastal Division	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
Virginia Tech	2	3	4	8	4	4	2	2	1
Miami (Fla)	3	3	1	4	1	1	4	1	10
Georgia Tech	3	1	7	5	10	9	4	8	5
N Carolina	8	6	3	10	2	6	3	7	5
Virginia	8	10	10	5	8	10	7	10	8
Duke	3	11	10	12	10	10	11	11	8

CLEMSON TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Charlie Whitehurst became the school's all-time leading passer in 2005 (#3DC). In 2006 Will Proctor was #2 in the ACC in pass eff throwing for 2,353 (60.2%) with a 16-11 ratio. Then-OC Rob Spence had a knack for turning first-time starters into productive QB's dating back to his days at Toledo. In Cullen Harper's first year as a starter ('07) he hit 69.4% with a 12-0 ratio in his first 4 but when VHT true frosh Willy Korn (PS#2) was inserted in games 2 and 3, he drew loud cheers from the crowd. Korn injured his shoulder and took a RS. Harper went on to set the school record for TD passes throwing for 2,991 (65.1%) with a 27-6 ratio. He was the 2008 preseason ACC Off POY but dealt with a sore shoulder in the 1H of the year. Korn was named the starter for GT while Bowden was still HC, and Harper had surgery on his non-throwing shoulder the next day. When Swinney took over, the plans changed and Harper returned from the surgery and came off the bench in the 1H vs GT and led two 3Q TD drives which wiped out an 11 point deficit but Clemson still lost. Harper had a big 2H of the year throwing for 252 vs BC, 240 vs FSU and 292 vs Duke. Harper's numbers dropped to 2,601 (61.4%) with a 13-14 ratio. In six games Korn threw for 216 (68.4%) with a 1-1 ratio. This year Harper departs and battling Korn will be rFr Kyle Parker (PS#31), Michael Wade (PS#123), Ben Poore (6'4" 195 Jr) and true frosh Tajh Boyd (PS#8), if he recovers from his ACL inj. Korn should be fully healthy and this unit has a good chance to top last year's 15-15 ratio.

RB CJ Spiller

RUNNING BACKS - James Davis (PS#21) was the ACC Rookie of the Year in '05 with 879 (5.3) despite a broken wrist at midseason. Reggie Merriweather (PS#73) led with 670 (4.9) in '04 and had 715 (4.8) in '05. They added in true frosh CJ Spiller (PS#10) in '06. In Davis' first 8 he rushed for 961 but then injured his shoulder (1,187, 5.8). He tied Lester Brown's 1978 school record for TD's in a season with 17. Spiller rushed for 938 (7.3) and Merriweather played in just 9 (171). In 2007 the "Thunder and Lightning" duo of Davis and Spiller returned. The two failed to live up to expectations with Davis rushing for 1,064 (5.0) and Spiller 768 (5.3). The duo ret'd last year. Davis (751, 4.4) finished as CU's all-time leader in rushing TD's and was 2nd in rush yds and total TD's. He was the Tigers' top rusher in each of his 4 years, the only CU player in history to do so. When true frosh Jamie Harper was signed (PS#31) he was promised the first carry of the season which he fumbled away vs Bama and rushed for just 133 (3.9). Spiller was bothered by a nagging foot injury but had the best ypc of the RB's (5.4) and had 629 rush and added 436 (12.8) receiving. Spiller is CU's career leader in all-purp yds (4,908) and set a school record for rec yds in a game by a RB with 108 vs Duke. Spiller said if Dabo Swinney was retained he would return in '09. This year they lose Davis (12 st, #6DC CLE) and Paul Macko (23 yd). Not listed below are Ronald Watson (5'9" 190 Sr), Conner Webb (6'3" 195 So) and Kasey "Buddy" Nobles (6'1" 240 Jr). The CU rush attack avg just 3.4 ypc, its lowest in 4 years and the Spiller/Harper combo should top that.

RECEIVERS - Big things were expected from the Tiger receivers last year as the top 3 ret'd in Aaron Kelly (1,081 yds, 12.3 in '07), Tyler Grisham (653, 10.9) and Jacoby Ford (310, 18.2). While Kelly (232) ended up breaking Desmond Clark's 1998 ACC career record for rec (216), his yardage total dropped to 722 (10.8). Ford was #2 with 710 (12.9) and Grisham had 372 (10.1). Ford is said to have sub-4.2 speed earning him the billing as the fastest WR in the ACC and as a member of the track team this winter he won the NCAA's Indoor 60M Championship. This year they lose their top guy in Kelly (12 st) as well as Grisham (10 st), Nelson Faerber (3 rec) and TE Akeem Robinson (2 st, 1 rec). Not listed in the PSL are TE Durrell Barry (6'4" 245 Sr), WR Kyle Johnson (6'1" 205 Sr), Ronald Shamley (5'9" 160 Sr) and Stephen Dawson (5'11" 185 Jr). While the numbers were down last year, this unit is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With all 5 starters back in '06, the Tigers paved the way for an outstanding 5.7 ypc (best ever 5.3 in 1950) and allowed just 15 sacks (4.6%). They had to replace 4 starters and 2 backups in '07 but luckily LT Barry Richardson turned down an early shot at the NFL. As you would expect, the numbers dropped dramatically to 161 ypg (4.1) with 35 sacks (7.7%). Last year they once again had to replace 4 starters and their 34 career starts were 14th lowest in FBS. The OL's inexperience was overlooked by everyone (yes, I'm guilty too) in the preseason as we marveled at Clemson's talent at the skill positions. Despite having the top 3 ACC Preseason Off POY's in the backfield, CU's numbers dropped to 112 ypg rush (3.4) with 34 sacks (8.5%). Due to injuries, 9 diff players started. Three frosh started vs NCSt and the unit did not give up a sack. This year they lose C Bobby Hutchinson (7 st), who originally slated to be a student asst at the start of the year and G Preston Stone (4 gm). There are 9 VHT's with experience and this is by far the most experienced line in 3 years (79 car st).

DEFENSIVE LINE - Clemson always has a solid rush D. Only twice in the last 7 years have they allowed over 3.6 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace one starter (#2DC) but added in PS#1 true frosh Da'Quan Bowers. Rashaad Jackson (10 st '07) missed the first 7 and had just 12 tackles so it was like having 2 starters back. Surprisingly the Tigers yielded 3.7 ypg rush (127 ypg) and the D had just 14 sacks which was fewest among BCS teams. This year the Tigers lose NG Dorell Scott (12 st, 39 tkl, 7.5 tfl, #4DC STL), DT Jackson (12 tkl, 2 sk) and DT Jock McKissic (14 tkl). Seven are back with starting experience and they add in another VHT true frosh in Malliciah Goodman (PS#5) and I would expect a much improved rush D.

LINEBACKERS - Perhaps one of the reasons for Clemson's downturn in rush D was its lack of experience at LB. Last year they had to replace two starters and then lost two more LB's over the summer so they lost their #1, #4 and #6 tacklers (3 st'r). They moved starting S DeAndre McDaniel to SLB where he started 8 but he struggled at times. This year the entire two deep returns with the only losses being Josh Miller (17 tkl) and McDaniel who moves back to S. Naturally this unit is vastly more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In the last five years Clemson has finished #14, #25, #22, #24 and #21 in my pass D rankings. Last year all 4 starters ret'd giving them one of the most experienced secondaries in the country as all four started all 13 in '07. They were thin at LB and at times played six DB's. This year they lose FS Chris Clemons (13 st, 94 tkl, 9 pd, #5DC MIA), 1st Tm ACC SS Michael Hamlin (13 st, #2 tkl'r, 10 pbu, 6 int, #5DC DAL) and S Haydrian Lewis (1 st, 8 tkl). They have 4 VHT CB's who rotated at that spot and they all return. They also add in rFr Spencer Adams (PS#29) and welcome back McDaniel. Not listed below is CB Daniel Barnes (5'10" 210 Jr). This has the makings of another quality secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 6 years CU has finished #32, #7, #104, #31, #75 and #45 in my ST rankings. In '07 ST Coach Billy Napier said P Jimmy Maners had an unbelievable leg. Maners avg 42.8 but with a 32.9 net. In 2008 Dawson Zimmerman won the starting job early but Maners battled back and had 49 punts (40.5, tm net 34.7) while Zimmerman had 12 (38.5). CJ Spiller avg 28.8 on KR in '07 and 27.2 in '08 and was also the top PR (10.5) earning 1st Tm ACC ST. Mark Buchholz hit 22 of 36 FG's (long 52) with 4 misses from 50+ in '07 and hit 15 of 21 last year (long 43). Buchholz had 5 TB on 64 KO. This year they lose Buchholz and Maners but have Spiller, Zimmerman, KR Jacoby Ford and K Richard Jackson (PS#2) back and could improve on last year's #45 finish.

COACHES - I mentioned last year that it was a pretty amazing Tommy Bowden was around for his 10th year at Clemson as many times he appeared on his way out. Last year they were the preseason favorite to win the ACC and he was fired midseason after a 3-3 start. WR coach Swinney surprisingly got the interim job and immediately fired OC Rob Spence. DC Vic Koenning resigned one day after Swinney was named HC. Swinney played 3 years at Alabama (member of '92 Nat'l Title team). He is now in his 7th year here after being a WR/TE coach at Bama from 1996-2000. His OC is Billy Napier who coached TE's here from '06-'08 as well as QB's ('08) and served as the recruit coord ('07-'08). He made a solid hire in DC Kevin Steele who was Baylor's HC from 1999-2002 and the LB coach at Florida St from '03-'06. He was Alabama's DC in '07 and '08.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bowden was hired in 1999 and his career had a lot of highs and lows. In 2005 Clemson had a 3 game losing streak for the 2nd straight year (1st time S/'73) and Bowden appeared on the way out, but they had a great finish going 8-4 beating two ranked foes. They won their bowl and had 3 wins over Top 20 opp for the first time since 1989. In 2006 they opened up 7-1 and rose to #10 and there was talk of a BCS Title berth. Clemson went 1-4 down the stretch despite being just one of two teams in the country to rank in the top 16 in all four categories of PF, PA, total off and total def. CU was arguably the best team in the ACC in 2007 as they outgained conf foes by a league best 108 ypg (+138.1 in '06 also #1). Unfortunately they finished just 9-4 after losing in the bowl to Aub in OT. CU had not won the ACC Title since 1990 and had 16 ret starters last year but were the preseason favorite to win the ACC as QB Harper, RB Davis and RB Spiller were #1, #2 and #3 in the ACC preseason Off POY vote. Stunningly CU was destroyed by Alabama in the opener. They rebounded to win their next three by 33 ppg. They led Maryland 17-6 at the half, however, the Terps came back in the 2H and won. CU was then dominated by WF being outgained 342-198 and lost 12-7. At 3-3, Bowden was let go and Swinney was named the interim HC. He reinstated the Tiger Walk but they lost to GT the next week at home. They ended a 50 year losing streak to BC when they upset the Eagles on the road, 27-21. They were pounded by FSU and were 4-5. Duke lost starting QB Lewis early so CU was able to win 31-7 and the next week they got a close win at VA 13-3. Swinney basically earned himself the HC job the next week when they thrashed SC 31-14 but then lost their bowl. CU had 3 net close losses (pg 299), but they outgained ACC foes by 40.5 ypg (3rd best). I made a mistake LY getting caught up with the skill players coming back for Clemson and ignoring their inexperienced O-line. This year CU losses its QB, top RB and top WR but they have my #2 rated O-line and D-line in the ACC and my #1 rated D overall. CU will fly under the radar this year but I will call for them to make their first ever ACC Title game.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 3 Willy Korn So. 6-2 220 **PS#2.** RS '07. 1 st, 216 (68%) 1-1 ratio LY. Kyle Parker (6'0" 210 rFr) PS#31. Baseball tm '08. Tajh Boyd is **PS#8. 16** Michael Wade (6'1" 205 Jr).

RB 28 CJ Spiller Sr. 5-11 195 **PS#10.** 6 st, 170 (6.2) 2Y. 1 st, 629 (5.4), 34 rec, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **8** Jamie Harper (5'11" 220 So) **PS#31.** 133 (3.9). Andre Ellington (5'10" 180 rFr) **PS#37.**

WR 21 Xavier Dye Jr. 6-5 210 **PS#31.** 2 st, 26 gm, 125 (12.5) 2Y. **FB/TE 5** Rendrick Taylor (6'2" 255 Sr) **PS#12.** 46 rec 3Y. RS LY. **30** Chad Diehl (6'2" 250 So) PS#214. 4 st, 1 rec LY.

WR NA Bryce McNeal Fr. 6-2 175 **PS#13. 26** Marquan Jones (5'11" 185 So) **PS#41.** 8 gm, 37 (7.4) true. Terrance Ashe (6'2" 190 Jr). 141 (10.7) 3Y. Brandon Ford (6'4" 210 rFr) PS#97.

WR 6 JACOBY FORD SR. 5-10 185 PS#181. 1684 all-purp 2Y. 710 rec (12.9) LY. **4.2 spd. 81** Jaron Brown (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#99. **85** Brandon Clear (6'5" 205 So) PS#71. 3 gm rFr.

TE 86 MICHAEL PALMER SR. 6-5 250 PS#82. 14 st, 158 (8.8) 2Y. 10 st, 160 (13.3) LY. **83** Dwayne Allen (6'3" 245 rFr) **PS#6.** Phillip Price (6'5" 250 So). Drew Taylor (6'5" 240 So) PS#99.

C 62 MASON CLOY SO. 6-3 310 **PS#58.** 12 st, 53 kd rFr. **55** Dalton Freeman (6'4" 270 rFr) **PS#27. 78** Ben Ramsey (6'4" 290 Jr). 9 gm 2Y. **LS** Matt Skinner (6'7" 235 rFr) PS#220.

RG 74 ANTONIO McCLAIN SO. 6-5 305 **PS#18.** 13 gm as bkup true. **71 Barry Humphries** (6'2" 300 Sr) **PS#91.** 7 st 2Y. 1 st, 2 gm (inj) LY. Wilson Norris (6'4" 310 So) **PS#45.** 7 gm rFr.

LG 65 THOMAS AUSTIN SR. 6-3 315 **PS#40.** 12 st first 2Y. 13 st, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **73** David Smith (6'5" 290 So) **PS#42.** 3 st, 7 gm rFr. **54** Matt Sanders (6'4" 300 rFr) **PS#96.**

RT 72 LANDON WALKER SO. 6-5 300 **PS#39.** 10 st rFr. **76 Cory Lambert** (6'6" 310 Sr) **PS#19.** 9 st 3Y. Jamal Medlin (6'5" 295 Jr) PS#246. 7 gm 2Y. Caleb Simmons (5'11" 255 So).

LT 61 CHRIS HAIRSTON JR. 6-6 320 PS#416. 1 st, 10 gm rFr. 10 st, 11 gm in '08. **70** Jamarcus Grant (6'4" 315 Sr) **PS#52.** 12 gm first 2Y. 1 st, 9 gm LY. **77** JK Jay **PS#15.**

K 13 Spencer Benton rFr. 6-1 190 PS#14. #1 spot is his to lose. **19** Richard Jackson (5'11" 190 Jr) **PS#2.** 4 KO 2Y. **96** Dawson Zimmerman (6'1" 200 So) PS#13. 12 punts (38.5) LY.

DE 93 Da'QUAN BOWERS SO. 6-4 275 **PS#1.** 6 st, 13 gm, 47 tkl, 8 tfl true. **97** Malliciah Goodman is **PS#5. 40** Andre Branch (6'5" 250 So) PS#381. 11 tkl rFr. John Wright (6'2" 240 Jr).

NG 99 JARVIS JENKINS JR. 6-4 305 **PS#53.** 8 tkl true. 12 st, 36 tkl, 10 tfl LY. **8** Jamie Cumbie (6'7" 270 Jr) **PS#9.** 3 st, 37 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. 1 gm, RS (inj) LY. **94** Rennie Moore (6'4" 265 So) PS#89.

DT 98 Brandon Thompson So. 6-2 315 **PS#26.** 1 st, 12 gm, 25 tkl, 5 tfl true. **89** Miguel Chavis (6'5" 280 Jr) PS#241. 16 tkl 2Y. **90** Kourtnei Brown (6'4" 240 Jr) PS#81. 1 st @ DE, 33 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y.

DE 7 RICKY SAPP SR. 6-4 240 **PS#5.** 13 st, 72 tkl, 16 tfl 2Y. 9 st (ACL) 28 tkl, 10 tfl LY. **24 Kevin Alexander** (6'3" 255 Sr) PS#104. 48 tkl 2Y. **10 st,** 34 tkl LY. Byron Clear (6'5" 225 So).

WLB 33 KAVELL CONNER SR. 6-1 225 PS#109. 2 st, 77 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 125 tkl, 6 tfl LY. Stanley Hunter (5'11" 225 So) PS#68. 1 st, 12 gm, 37 tkl true. **34** Tarik Rollins (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#108.

MLB 20 BRANDON MAYE SO. 6-2 225 PS#297. 12 st, 87 tkl, 5 tfl rFr. **46** Jonathan Willard (6'1" 215 rFr) PS#75. **48** Jeremy Campbell (6'1" 220 Sr) PS#215. 26 tkl 2Y. 31 tkl LY.

SLB 44 Scotty Cooper Jr. 6-1 215 **PS#34.** 2 st, 33 tkl true. 4 st, 28 tkl LY. **41** Daniel Andrews (5'11" 190 So) PS#248. 5 tkl true. Corico Hawkins **PS#50.** Brock Henderson (6'1" 205 Jr).

CB 18 CREZDON BUTLER SR. 6-0 185 **PS#51.** 13 st, 95 tkl, 11 pd 2Y. 13 st, 52 tkl, 10 pd LY. **36** Byron Maxwell (6'1" 200 Jr) **PS#33.** 27 tkl rFr. 54 tkl LY. Xavier Brewer (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#73.

CB 38 CHRIS CHANCELLOR SR. 5-10 165 **PS#35.** 17 st, 90 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 37 tkl, 13 pd LY. Marcus Gilchrist (5'11" 185 Jr) **PS#30.** 1 st, 26 gm, 38 tkl 2Y. Coty Sensabaugh (6'0" 180 So) 5 tkl rFr.

SS 2 DeANDRE McDANIEL JR. 6-1 200 **PS#19.** 13 gm, 33 tkl, 8 pd true. 8 st, 77 tkl, 7 pd LY. **32** Carlton Lewis (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#215. Jonathan Meeks PS#182. Kantrell Brown (6'0" 185 So). 2 tkl.

FS 27 Sadat Chambers Sr. 5-11 190 PS#87. 10 tkl rFr. RB '07. 21 tkl LY. **9** Spencer Adams (6'1" 180 rFr) **PS#29. 31** Rashard Hall (6'1" 190 rFr) PS#246. Shawn Leonard-Horwith (5-10 190 Jr).

P 96 Dawson Zimmerman So. 6-1 200 PS#13. 12 punts (38.5), net 36.3, L/54, 0 TB 3 gms (inj) true. Richard Jackson (5'11" 190 Jr) **PS#2.** No punts L2Y. Spencer Benton (6'1" 190 rFr) PS#14.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Malliciah Goodman 6-4 255 PS#5
QB	Tajh Boyd 6-1 210 PS#8
WR	Bryce McNeal 6-2 175 PS#13
OL	JK Jay 6-5 285 PS#15
RB	Roderick McDowell 5-10 175 PS#30
OL	Brandon Thomas 6-4 280 PS#52
LB	Corico Hawkins 6-0 225 PS#50
RB	Tyler Shatley 6-3 265 PS#74
LB	Quandon Christian 6-2 215 PS#114
DB	Jonathan Meeks 6-2 185 PS#182
TE	Darrell Smith 6-3 235 PS#50
QB	Donny McElveen 6-3 190 PS#106
LB	Spencer Shuey 6-3 240 PS#258

CLEMSON TIGERS

Clemson, South Carolina
Weather (864) 225-2000

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#45

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	Middle Tennessee	G						The Tigers are 3-0 all-time vs current Sun Belt opponents. This is just the 2nd meeting between these tms with their last in '03 (CU 37-14). CU is 5-0 L/5 home openers.
Sep. 10	at Georgia Tech (Thur)	G						Last year during the wk prior to the game HC Bowden announced his resignation. Clemson Fr QB Korn made his 1st start but was KO'd & GT got the GW TD w/5:22 left.
Sep. 19	Boston College	G						Last year CU won for the 1st time in 7 games (prior to LY, last win was in 1958). Ranked #15, Clemson was upset 20-17 in BC's (#18) last visit to Death Valley.
Sep. 26	TCU	G						The Tigers are 2-1 vs the Frogs but they have not played since 1965. Coming into 2009, Clemson is 14-1 the L/15 games hosting non-ACC opponents.
Oct. 3	at Maryland	G						The visitor has won 4 straight meetings. LY the Tigers held the Terps to 74 1H yds but were outscored 14-0 in the 2H. Last time here Clemson led 30-3 in the 4Q.
Oct. 10								
Oct. 17	Wake Forest	G						LY CU started the yr ranked #9 with hopes of winning the ACC Title but after their 12-7 loss vs WF on National TV, QB Harper lost the starting job & Bowden stepped down as HC.
Oct. 24	at Miami, Fl	G						Clemson is 2-5 all-time vs the Hurricane. These 2 last met in '05 & UM needed a Tyrone Moss 25 yd TD run in the 3rd OT to lift #13 Miami over #20 Clemson 36-30.
Oct. 31	Coastal Carolina (HC)	G						Coastal Carolina began their football program in 2003 & have a record of 45-23. The Chanticleers went 6-6 last year including a 66-10 loss to Penn St.
Nov. 7	Florida St	G						The home team is 7-2 since 2000. The Tigers have won 3 of the L/4 but dropped LY's meeting (1st non-Bowden Bowl in 10 yrs). Clemson is 7-2 in Nov the L2Y.
Nov. 14	at NC State	G						Clemson has won 5 straight vs the Wolfpack. In CU's last trip here the Tigers dominated with a 608-202 yd edge & scored on 4 of their first 5 possessions.
Nov. 21	Virginia	G						Clemson has won 2 of 3 including LY's 13-3 def struggle. The teams totaled 382 yds & 26 FD's & all of CU's pts came off of TO's. The Tigers are 9-2 the L11Y in home finales.
Nov. 28	at South Carolina	G						Clemson is 10-2 in this rivalry S/'97. The visitor has won 3 of the L/4 in this series. CU has won each of their L/5 ssn ending gms when they had to gain victory to become bowl eligible.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Charlie Whitehurst 9,665 '02-'05	1. Raymond Priester 3,966 '94-'97	1. Aaron Kelly 2,733 '05-'08
2. Woodrow Dantzler 6,037 '98-'01	2. James Davis 3,881 '05-'08	2. Terry Smith 2,681 '90-'93
3. Cullen Harper 5,762 '05-'08	3. Travis Zachery 3,058 '98-'01	3. Perry Tuttle 2,534 '78-'81

DABO SWINNEY (Career 4-3)

2nd Year at Clemson — Swinney's Bowl Record: 0-1

Swinney's records AT CLEMSON

4-3	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
2-1	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
2-1	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
3-2	Vs Conference	2-0	Off A Loss

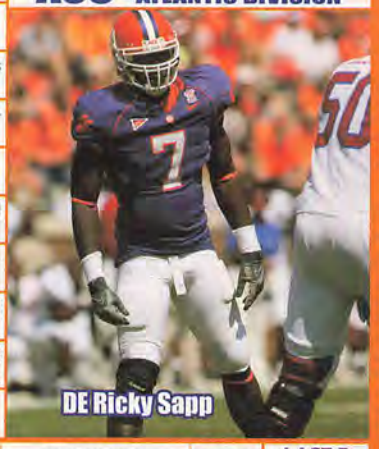
2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (26,26,1)
Lost: 25 (11,11,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 79,164 (#18)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION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STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473) (#16)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-5	7-6	9-4	6-5	8-4	8-5	9-4	7-6	70-42
Home	6-1	3-3	5-2	6-1	5-1	4-2	5-2	5-2	5-2	44-16
Away	3-1	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-4	3-2	2-2	4-1	2-2	22-20
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-2	4-6
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-3	4-4	41-31
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	3-2	4-1	2-1	4-0	3-2	4-1	3-2	29-11
ATS	3-8	5-5-1	5-7-1	8-4	4-7	7-5	6-7	6-6	4-7	48-56-2
Home Fav	2-4	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	0-3	4-3	2-3	2-2	17-23-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	8-5
Away Favorite	1-2	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-3	3-2	1-0	8-11-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	1-0	0-0	1-2	11-8
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	3-7
vs Conf	2-6	3-4-1	2-5-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	3-5	30-40-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	1-2	18-16
Off SU Win	3-6	2-3	2-5	6-2	2-3	5-2	4-4	4-4	2-4	30-33
Off SU Loss	0-2	3-1-1	2-2-1	2-1	2-3	1-3	1-3	1-2	2-2	14-19-2

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Peach	+4'	Tennessee - #6	27-14
05	Champs Sports - #23	-10'	Colorado	19-10
06	Music City	-10'	Kentucky	20-28
07	Chick-fil-A - #15	-2	Auburn - #22 (OT)	20-23
08	Gator	-2	Nebraska	21-26

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Clemson's All-Time Bowl Record 15-16

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	25.2	329	112	3.4	218	62.0	13.1	34	-1	2008	7	17.3	300	127	3.7	173	55.8	17.3	14
5	33.1	403	161	4.1	242	64.8	12.2	35	+13	2007	7	18.7	307	118	3.4	188	58.1	16.4	27
8	32.7	411	218	5.7	193	60.6	12.6	15	+2	2006	5	16.2	281	103	2.9	178	55.6	17.4	35
7*	26.3	385	153	4.1	232	65.8	14.6	23	+9	2005	6	17.6	317	121	3.4	196	56.6	18.0	34
7*	21.5	296	108	3.1	188	50.1	13.8	25	-8	2004	7	20.8	327	136	3.2	192	51.0	15.7	42
8*	28.1	421	137	3.8	284	61.2	15.0	25	+4	2003	4	19.2	336	132	3.5	204	56.2	17.5	35
3	25.4	364	121	3.4	243	58.0	14.3	31	+2	2002	8	26.8	355	159	3.9	197	59.8	13.2	31

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Davis	171	791	40	751	11	4.4
CJ Spiller	**116**	**668**	**39**	**629**	**7**	**5.4**
Jamie Harper	**34**	**136**	**3**	**133**	**1**	**3.9**
Jacoby Ford	**18**	**116**	**20**	**96**	**0**	**5.3**
Paul Macko	5	23	0	23	0	4.6
Willy Korn	**13**	**32**	**13**	**19**	**1**	**1.5**
Cullen Harper	54	92	232	-140	2	-2.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Cullen Harper	360	221	61.4	2601	13	14
Willy Korn	**38**	**26**	**68.4**	**216**	**1**	**1**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aaron Kelly	67	722	10.8	4	42	
Jacoby Ford	**55**	**710**	**12.9**	**4**	**50**	
CJ Spiller	**34**	**436**	**12.8**	**3**	**83**	
Tyler Grisham	37	372	10.1	1	25	
Michael Palmer	**12**	**160**	**13.3**	**3**	**26**	
James Davis	14	123	8.8	0	26	
Durrell Barry	**5**	**93**	**18.6**	**0**	**36**	
Xavier Dye	**6**	**75**	**12.5**	**0**	**22**	
Nelson Faerber	3	46	15.3	0	35	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jimmy Maners	49	1985	40.5	7	34.7(t)	2	13
Dawson Zimmerman	12	462	38.5	2	–	0	2
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mark Buchholz	40-40	8-9	4-6	3-4	0-2	15-21	43

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Kavell Conner	**125**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Michael Hamlin	110	1	2	10	6
Chris Clemons	94	0	3	7	2
Brandon Maye	**87**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**0**
DeAndre McDaniel	**77**	**0**	**4**	**6**	**1**
Byron Maxwell	**54**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Crezdon Butler	**52**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**4**
Da'Quan Bowers	**47**	**1**	**7**	**3**	**0**
Dorell Scott	39	1	6.5	1	0
Chris Chancellor	**37**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**4**
Stanley Hunter	**37**	**0**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**
Jarvis Jenkins	**36**	**2**	**8**	**0**	**0**
Kevin Alexander	**34**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Jeremy Campbell	**31**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Ricky Sapp	**28**	**2**	**8**	**1**	**0**
Scotty Cooper	**28**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Brandon Thompson	**25**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Kourtnei Brown	**21**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Sadat Chambers	**21**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Marcus Gilchrist	**21**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
CJ Spiller	**18**	**189**	**10.5**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
CJ Spiller	**19**	**516**	**27.2**	**1**	
Jacoby Ford	**17**	**313**	**18.4**	**0**	

2008 STATS BY GAME

CU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
70,097	† Alabama	11	14-0	0.0	20-34	188	3	25	50-239	4.8	22-30	180	0	-2
76,794	The Citadel	26	34-252	7.4	21-29	273	0	19	26-89	3.4	25-41	338	1	+1
77,071	NC State	22	29-166	5.7	20-28	262	0	20	39-136	3.5	15-29	152	2	0
78,607	S Carolina St	28	46-189	4.1	22-31	227	3	9	21-(-10)	-0.5	22-35	162	3	+2
81,500	Maryland	19	41-221	5.4	15-22	151	1	11	29-123	4.2	16-30	172	0	-3
33,988	at Wake Forest	10	23-21	0.9	15-35	177	4	21	46-156	3.4	22-36	186	0	-1
81,500	Georgia Tech	12	24-51	2.1	19-32	198	1	12	52-207	4.0	5-12	91	1	-4
41,863	at Boston College	16	31-87	2.8	21-33	252	2	12	30-120	4.0	18-39	116	0	-2
77,013	at Florida St	22	36-79	2.2	20-35	237	6	22	36-266	7.4	16-27	153	2	0
76,217	Duke	24	41-140	3.4	27-38	326	5	10	29-83	2.9	13-27	85	2	+2
51,979	at Virginia	13	39-56	1.4	19-29	136	0	13	24-30	1.3	24-39	160	2	+3
82,456	South Carolina	19	47-184	3.9	12-17	199	4	20	26-92	3.5	22-47	212	1	+2
67,282	† Nebraska	14	26-4	0.2	17-37	206	5	14	35-125	3.6	19-36	236	0	+1
TOTALS		236	431-1450	3.4	248-400	2832	34	208	443-1656	3.7	239-428	2243	14	-1
AVERAGES		18.2	33-112	3.4	19-31	218	8.5%	16.0	34-127	3.7	18-33	173	3.3%	-0.1

2004 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#15	Wake Forest	-11'	37-30 2OT	
#20	Georgia Tech	-7	24-28	
–	at Texas A&M	E	6-27	
–	at Florida St - #8	+17'	22-41	
–	at Virginia - #10	+15'	10-30	
–	Utah St	-22'	35-6	
–	Maryland	-3'	10-7	
–	NC State	+1'	26-20	
–	at Miami, Fl - #11	+16'	24-17 OT	
–	at Duke	-12'	13-16	
–	South Carolina	-3	29-7	

2005 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post #21
–	Texas A&M - #17	+1'	25-24	
#25	at Maryland	+2	28-24	
#20	Miami, Fl - #13	+7	30-36 3OT	
–	Boston College	-2'	13-16 OT	
–	at Wake Forest	-6'	27-31	
–	at NC State	+4	31-10	
–	Temple	-36'	37-7	
–	at Georgia Tech	+2'	9-10	
–	Duke	-30	49-20	
–	Florida St - #17	+2	35-14	
–	at South Carolina - #19	-3	13-9	

2006 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre #18 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#18	Florida Atlantic	-31	54-6	
#18	at Boston College	-2'	33-34 2OT	
–	at Florida St - #9	+4'	27-20	
#19	North Carolina	-16'	52-7	
#18	Louisiana Tech	-33'	51-0	
#15	at Wake Forest	-16'	27-17	
#12	† Temple	-44'	63-9	
#12	Georgia Tech - #13	-7'	31-7	
#10	at Virginia Tech	-5	7-24	
#19	Maryland	-19'	12-13	
–	NC State	-18'	20-14	
#24	South Carolina	-5'	28-31	

2007 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Score	Post #21
–	Florida St - #19	+3	24-18	
#25	ULM	-26'	49-26	
#20	Furman	NL	38-10	
#15	at NC State	-7	42-20	
#13	at Georgia Tech	-3	3-13	
#22	Virginia Tech - #15	-5'	23-41	
–	Central Michigan	-16'	70-14	
–	at Maryland	-3'	30-17	
#25	at Duke	-16	47-10	
#20	Wake Forest	-9	44-10	
#15	Boston College - #18	-8'	17-20	
#21	at South Carolina	-3	23-21	

2008 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#9	† Alabama - #24	-4'	10-34	
–	The Citadel	-35	45-17	
–	NC State	-20	27-9	
#23	S Carolina State	-35'	54-0	
#20	Maryland	-11	17-20	
–	at Wake Forest - #21	+2	7-12	
–	Georgia Tech	+2'	17-21	
–	at Boston College	+3'	27-21	
–	at Florida St - #24	+4	27-41	
–	Duke	-10'	31-7	
–	at Virginia	-2'	13-3	
–	South Carolina	-1	31-14	

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

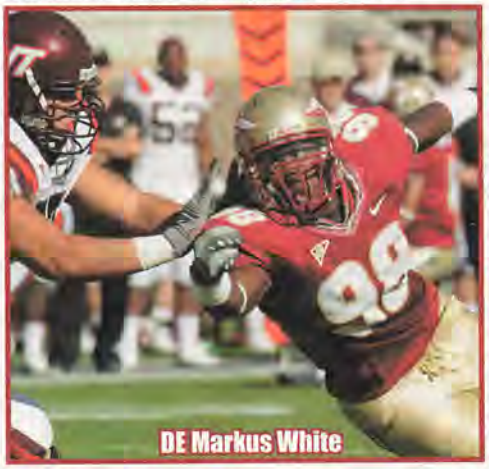
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Drew Weatherford (PS#15) battled Xavier Lee (PS#2) for the starting spot for three years. Weatherford set an ACC Frosh passing record with 3,208 (58.8%) but had an 18-18 ratio in '05. In '06 Weatherford started 10 and threw for 2,154 (55.7%) with a 12-11 ratio. In '07 Weatherford was more secure throwing just 3 int (0.9%, #1 FBS). He threw for 2,049 (56.9%) but had just 9 TD's. Versus VT Weatherford was injured and Lee was susp and they were forced to go to rFr Christian Ponder (PS#22). Ponder hit 8 of 18 for 105 with 2 int and FSU blew a 4Q lead. Surprisingly Weatherford not only lost his starting spot but was the #3 QB in 2008. Ponder threw for 2,006 (55.7%) with a 14-13 ratio and was #3 rusher (423, 3.6). D'Vontrey Richardson got the staff's attention late Aug and played in 10 throwing for 315 (52.3%) while rushing for 254 (7.3) Ponder suffered a back injury prior to Florida and missed the 2H and Weatherford hit 4 of 15 for 61 and guided a TD drive. Weatherford also played late in the bowl hitting 5 of 6 for 77 to finish out his career. Ponder was voted the team's Off MVP and followed it up with a terrific spring in which he didn't throw an int until the spring game. With Richardson moving to S, rFr EJ Manuel (PS#4) is the backup. Manuel missed the spring (injury) and Corey Eddinger (6'0" 179 So, PS#245) got most of the snaps with the 2nd string. Now that Ponder has experience, he should be one of the ACC's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - With all of the VHT's and NFL caliber talent HC Bobby Bowden has compiled at the RB position, it's amazing FSU has not had a 1,000 yard rusher S/'96 (Warrick Dunn). In '05, FSU had their worst ypg (94, 3.3) rushing S/'47 and the run game didn't improve much (97, 3.5) in '06. In '07 Antone Smith (PS#4) rushed for 819 (4.3) and FSU improved to 128 (3.7). WR Preston Parker helped as he was also used at TB rushing for 270 (5.2). Last year it looked like they would add in VHT JUCO Tavares Pressley (PS#27JC) but he was inj in preseason and RS. Surprisingly Smith's backup was true frosh Jermaine Thomas (PS#81). While Smith started all 13, he was limited in some and had just 792 (4.5). Thomas was not cleared until late Aug but he had 91 in the opener, 130 vs GT and 94 vs Clem where he suffered turf toe. He had just 49 in the final 4 and finished with 482 (7.0). True frosh Carlton "Ty" Jones (PS#197) suffered an ankle inj and only played in 4 (99, 9.0). Parker had just 87 (8.7). This year they lose Smith, Parker and FB Joe Surratt (4 gm). While I like the available talent, this unit could be down a notch with the loss of their top guy.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, Greg Carr (6'6") avg 20.6 on his 30 rec with 9 TD's. In '06 he was #2 with 619 (18.2). In '07 Carr only started 7 but led an inexperienced group with 795 (17.7) while soph Preston Parker added 791 (12.8). Last year those two ret'd although Parker missed 3. Carr led again with 542 (13.9) while Parker was #2 with 372 (only 9.3 ypc). Surprisingly rFr Taiwan Easterling (PS#310) was #3 with 322 (10.7). The unit was hit hard by susp (5 WR's out vs BC). Bert Reed (PS#107) had 295 (12.8) and Rod Owens (PS#68) added 183 (12.2). Hyped PS#14JC Corey Surrency (237, 19.8 in 2 st) showed flashes but his career may be over after the NCAA denied his appeal for an extra year of eligibility in the spring. TE Caz Piurowski (PS#7) missed the first 3 and had just 83 (10.4). Not listed in the PSL below is Timothy Orange (5'11" 189 Jr). This year they lose Carr (12 st), Parker (8 st) and TE Joshua Dobbie (1 rec). Depth was an issue to this unit in the spring with Easterling's Achilles injury, Owens' susp and Surrency's NCAA appeal. I am also surprised there is only one VHT in the 2 deep. I expect a more productive season out of TE Piurowski who was forced to be more of a blocker with FSU's young O-line last year. Even with the loss of their top 2 WR's, they could be just as productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL struggled in '05 & '06 and in '07 they had to replace 3 starters but brought in OL coach Rick Trickett from W Virg where he had outstanding success. Two frosh and 1 soph earned starting jobs. The group was banged up all year (8 diff st). At one point Trickett was down to just 7 healthy OL's but the unit did improve slightly to 128 ypg rush (3.7) while allowing 22 sacks (4.7%). Last year they had to replace four starters and their 24 career starts returning were the 5th fewest in FBS. What was once a hefty O-line did not have a player over 300 lbs and they adapted to Trickett's system well. Despite being very inexperienced they actually improved to 179 ypg (4.8) allowing 26 sacks (6.7%). LG Rodney Hudson earned 1st Tm ACC and 3 true frosh (Zebrie Sanders, David Spurlock and Andrew Datko) combined for 31 starts while rFr Will Furlong started 5 until injury. Seven players who earned starts were underclassmen and are now a year older and in the 3rd year of Trickett's system. This goes from being an inexperienced group to one of the best in the ACC and their 89 starts returning are #22 in the FBS.



DE Markus White

DEFENSIVE LINE - FSU almost always has a tough rush D. In 2006 they had to replace a pair of 1st round DC's and were hit hard by injuries but still allowed just 93 ypg (2.9). Last year they had to replace 3 players (comb 19 st) including #3 and #5 DC's. Three DL's were susp'd a comb 9 games to start the season. Everette Brown emerged as one of the top DE's in the country with 13.5 sacks and was the runner-up for the ACC Def POY. Surprisingly FSU allowed 133 ypg rush (3.8), their worst total since 1995 (142 ypg), but the D did have 39 sacks. This year they lose Brown (13 st, #2DC CAR), DE Neefy Moffett (10 st, 19 tkl, 5.5 sk, 1 int), DE Benjamin Lampkin (3 st, 8 tkl) and NG Paul Griffin (1 st, 11 tkl). I like the replacements at DE in PS#1 true frosh Jacobbi McDaniel, PS#1JC Markus White and PS#41 Brandon Jenkins, who was voted the D's Top Newcomer in the spring. While the sack total will likely drop, this unit should be tougher against the run.

LINEBACKERS - In 2007 the Seminoles had to replace #1 and #3 DC's. Last year they had their most experienced LB corps in years, only having to replace a #6DC (#2 tkl'r) and one backup. This year they lose their top 2 tacklers in Derek Nicholson (13 st, 81 tkl, 15 tfl), Toddrick Verdell (12 st, 66 tkl, 8 tfl, 1 int) as well as Kenny Ingram (4 st, 22 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 1 int). They do return their #4, #7 and #13 tacklers and while this is one of the more inexperienced units on the squad, it's the one that most resembles the FSU teams of the '90's as the top six players are VHT's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU has had four top 2 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 15 years. In 2005, they had their worst finish ever at #74 and they moved up to #43 in '06. In 2007 the unit ret'd intact but surprisingly slipped to #50. Last year they only had to replace one starter and two backups. Keep in mind, my rankings account for strength of opp and FSU faced one of the most lackluster slates of opposing QB's in the country (#113). Despite their strong numbers (162 ypg, 51.2%) their 15-9 ratio had them finish at #60. This year they lose CB Tony Carter (13 st, 2 int, 4 pbu), SS Myron Rolle (12 st, 62 tkl, Lott Finalist, Rhodes Scholar winner), FS Darius McClure (7 st, 25 tkl, 1 int), CB Michael Ray Garvin (15 tkl), S Roosevelt Lawson (17 tkl) and DB Rod Roberts (14 tkl). Despite having just two starters back I cannot imagine the Seminoles having a 5th straight finish out of the Top 40 in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU normally ranks in the Top 25 of my ST rankings. In 2007 they just missed at #28. Last year they had to replace K Gary Cismesia who hit 27 of 34 FG's with a long of 60 but P Graham Gano (43.4, 35.9 net in '07) took over all 3 duties. Gano was susp the first 2 and Zach Hobby hit just 1 of 4 FG's. Gano returned and won the Lou Groza Award hitting 24 of 26 FG's (long 53), had 9 TB on 37 KO and avg 42.7 (36.4 tm net) on punts. Gano set the school record with 13 straight FG's topping Bill Capece's 1980 record. Michael Ray Garvin improved his KR average to 30.1 including 172 KR yards vs Florida while earning 2nd Tm ACC ST honors and Tony Carter (PS#3) did a fine job on PR's (14.1). Naturally with those numbers, FSU finished #3 but this year lose Gano, Garvin and Carter and will likely drop in my rankings.

COACHES - College Football Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden is #2 in Div IA for career wins (382) and is in his 34th season at FSU. In 2007 they brought in a new OC in Jimbo Fisher who was LSU's OC the previous 7 years but surprisingly the team had its lowest ppg (23.3) since 1981 (21.8). In Fisher's 2nd year the team improved to 33.4 and he was named the successor in waiting to Bowden and took over many duties, even some on game day. DC Mickey Andrews is now in his 26th year and Bowden added Chuck Amato in 2007 as the Executive HC/LB coach (NCSt HC 7Y, 2000-'06).

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU had an amazing run of 14 straight years of finishing in the Top 5 in the final polls but has not been back since 2000! In 2005, they had an inexperienced and injury-plagued squad that got as high as #4 before losing to Virginia on the road. FSU was 7-1 but then suffered 3 straight losses for the first time since 1983. At the time their 3 ACC losses were the most ever, but they still took home the Atlantic Title and upset VT to win their 12th ACC Title. Despite the ACC Title, they were only +28.5 ypg (6th best). FSU was the only team in the country to appear in a Jan bowl every year for the last 15 years heading into '06. In '06, they "earned" 39 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (pg 308). FSU opened up #11 but surprisingly went just 7-6 including their first-ever shutout loss at home under Bowden (31 yrs) as WF beat them 30-0. They had a big 4Q in their bowl to rally past UCLA and squeak out a winning season. After having just 9 scholarship seniors in '06, they had 18 in '07 and with the infusion of new coaches, things looked to be on the rise. Surprisingly FSU finished just 7-6 after coming up short in the bowl with about 2 dozen players susp or injured. They finished 3rd in the Atlantic and had 35 missed starts due to injury. Last year they had 15 ret starters (4th most ACC), their most since the '99 Nat'l Championship team and only 17 lettermen lost. FSU basically had 8 HG's last year but unfortunately had some key players susp the first 3. While the first 2 were vs FCS foes, the 3rd was vs WF. After a 12-3 home loss to WF, they throttled Col and beat Miami much worse than the 41-39 margin indicates (led 31-10 3Q). They survived a Thurs night road test at NCSt 26-17. VT had a 10-0 lead but lost their top QB's and FSU rallied for a 30-20 win. The Noles were 6-1 and #16 and while they trailed GT 24-10, they had a 2nd & gl at the 3, down by 3 but fumbled into the EZ for a TB. After whipping Clemson, they gave up an early 87 yd IR TD vs BC and lost by 10. MD was leading the ACC Atlantic but FSU buried them on the road 37-3 making them 3-1 in ACC road play. They narrowly missed out on the ACC Title game tying BC for 1st place. After getting whipped by Fla, they throttled Wisc in the bowl. FSU was +46 ypg in ACC play (2nd best). While their 8 starters back on off are the most S/'04, I'm surprised by the small amount of VHT's at the skill RB and WR positions. FSU's opp's were 101-55 (64.7%) LY which is the highest winning % of any team's foes this year. Eleven of the 12 had winning records and the other (NCSt) was in a bowl but finished 6-7. This year's non-conf foes include BYU, USF and Fla with 2 of them on the road. This figures to be the best FSU team since 2004 and despite the tough schedule, they are a prime contender in the Atlantic.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GARNET — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GARNET — DEFENSE

QB 7 CHRISTIAN PONDER JR. 6-2 217 **PS#22.** 1 gm, 105 (44%) 1-2 ratio rFr. 13 st, 2006 (56%) 14-13 ratio. 423 rush. EJ Manuel (6'4" 223 rFr) **PS#4.** Corey Eddinger (6'0" 179 So).

RB 38 Jermaine Thomas So. 6-1 190 PS#81. 482 (7.0), 12 gm as true. **39** Tavares Pressley (6'1" 202 Jr) **PS#27JC.** MedRS LY. Carlton "Ty" Jones (5'11" 203 So) PS#197. 99 (9.0).

WR 8 TAIWAN EASTERLING SO. 5-11 187 8 st, 322 (10.7) rFr. No spg. **FB 35 MARCUS SIMS** (6'0" 230 Sr) **PS#13.** 8 st, 118 (2.8) 3Y. Seddrick Holloway (5'10" 265 Sr) PS#124. 8 st, 129 (5.0), 3Y.

WR 83 Bert Reed So. 5-11 165 PS#107. 1 st, 295 (12.8). Jarmon Fortson (6'3" 223 So) PS#75. 1 st, 137 (17.1). Rodney Smith is **PS#47.** Louis Givens (5'8" 170 Sr) 8 rec '08.

WR 14 Avis Commack So. 6-4 195 PS#89.5 gm true. Richard Goodman (6'0" 191 Sr) 247 (9.1) 3Y. MedRS LY. Rod Owens (6'0" 183 Sr) PS#68. 357 (11.9) 3Y. Cameron Wade (6'6" 209 So) PS#144.

TE 81 CAZ PIUROWSKI SR. 6-7 271 **PS#7.** 2 st, 55 (7.9) true. 6 st, 57 (11.4) '07. 9 st, 83 (10.4) LY. **85** Ja'Baris Little (6'4" 226 So) PS#21. 1 st true. Bo Reliford (6'7" 241) PS#21. 1 rec true.

C 60 RYAN McMAHON JR. 6-3 282 13 st@C, Frosh AA rFr. 13 st@C, 872 pl, 24 kd, HM ACC LY. **63** AJ Ganguzza (6'3" 268 So). 4 gm rFr. **LS 65** Zack Aronson (6'2" 218 Sr). 13 gm LY.

RG 79 DAVID SPURLOCK SO. 6-5 285 PS#103. 8 st, 13 gm, 37 kd, 1 sk all'd true. Brandon Davis (6'2" 281 Jr). 13 gm, 2Y. Will Furlong (6'5" 276 So) PS#157. 5 st, 6 gm inj rFr. Return ?.

LG 62 RODNEY HUDSON JR. 6-2 285 PS#103. 10 st, 11 gm, Frosh AA true. 13 st, 893 pl, 64 kd, **1st Tm ACC** LY. **71** Evan Bellamy (6'4" 300 Jr). 1 st '07. Inj LY. Jacob Stanley (6'2" 270 So).

RT 77 ZEBRIE SANDERS SO. 6-5 288 **PS#37.** 11 st, 13 gm, 654 pl, 1 sk all'd, 31 kd true. Antwane Greenlee (6'6" 293 So) **PS#24.** 3 st, 7 gm, 224 pl, 14 kd rFr. Aubrey Phillips is **PS#49.**

LT 67 ANDREW DATKO SO. 6-6 283 PS#136. 12 st, 13 gm, 852 pl, 21 kd, **Frosh AA true.** Rhonne Sanderson (6'4" 288 So) PS#251. 1 gm, no RS as true. Garrett Faircloth is PS#369 '08.

K NA Dustin Hopkins Fr. 6-2 174 **PS#1.** 1st Tm AA, hit 65 yd FG in HS. **41** James Esco (6'1" 205 So). 48 KO (59.5), 5 TB as true. Nathan O'Jibway (6'3" 245 So). 1 KO rFr.

DE NA Jacobbi McDaniel Fr. 6-0 267 **PS#1.** 10 sk as Sr in HS. **95** Kevin McNeil (6'2" 257 Sr) PS#214. 2 st, 10 gm, 16 tkl true. Susp '07. 10 tkl, 4 sk, 12 gm LY. Brandon Jenkins is **PS#41.**

DT 94 JUSTIN MINCEY SR. 6-5 272 **PS#17.** 4 st, 9 tkl 2Y. 4 st, 9 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **Budd Thacker** (6'2" 276 Sr) PS#124. 2 st, 14 tkl true. 8 st, 23 tkl, 4.5 tfl '07. **10 st**, 18 tkl, 3 tfl LY.

DT 56 KENDRICK STEWART SR. 6-2 271 **PS#35.** 5 st, 13 tkl, 2Y. 9 st, 22 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **93** Everett Dawkins (6'2" 258 So) PS#79. 2 tkl true. **90** Moses McCray (6'2" 298 So) **PS#49.** 2 st, 8 tkl LY.

DE 98 Markus White Sr. 6-4 261 **PS#3JC.** 29 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **55** Jamar Jackson (6'4" 240 So) **PS#48.** 1 tkl rFr. Toshmon Stevens (6'5" 228 So). 1 tkl, 2 gm true. Joshua Rodriguez (6'1" 297 So).

SLB 36 DEKODA WATSON SR. 6-2 226 **PS#45.** 73 tkl, 11.5 tfl 2Y. 7 st (susp), 46 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **12** Nigel Carr (6'3" 230 So) **PS#18.** 4 tkl true. Mister Alexander (6'2" 227 Jr) PS#72. 1 gm LY.

MLB 29 Kendall Smith Jr. 6-1 224 **PS#21.** 14 tkl true. 24 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **11** Vince Williams (6'0" 245 So) **PS#24.** 10 tkl true. Aaron Gresham (6'2" 237 So) PS#117. Vincent Zann (6'0" 223 So).

WLB 13 Nigel Bradham So. 6-2 235 **PS#4.** 29 tkl, 1 tfl true. **44** Maurice Harris (6'0" 212 So) **PS#38.** 3 gm (inj). Med RS '07. 1 tkl LY. Recardo Wright (6'2" 226 Sr) PS#85. 17 tkl 2Y. 18 tkl LY.

CB 28 Dionte Allen So. 5-11 172 **PS#8.** 3 tkl, 5 gm rFr. **15** Ochuko Jenije (5'10" 188 Jr) **PS#47.** 2 tkl rFr. 11 tkl LY. Greg Reid is **PS#9.** Ed Imeokparia (6'0" 186 rFr). No spg (inj).

CB 21 PATRICK ROBINSON SR. 5-11 194 **PS#52.** 11 tkl true. 5 st, 28 tkl, 12 pd, HM ACC '07. 8 st, 26 tkl, 5 pd LY. **26** AJ Alexander (5'11" 180 rFr) **PS#20.** **10** Nick Moody (6'1" 235 rFr) **PS#23.**

ROV 22 Korey Mangum Sr. 6-0 202 **PS#29.** 13 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 27 tkl, 7 pbu LY. **27** Terrance Parks (6'1" 196 So) **PS#47.** 2 tkl, 7 gm true. **31** Ventoure Watkins (6'3" 181 So). 1 tkl, 3 gm LY.

FS 20 JAMIE ROBINSON SR. 6-2 188 **PS#27.** 5 st, 26 tkl rFr. 17 tkl, 10 gm '07. 6 st, 37 tkl, 3 pd LY. D'Vontrey Richardson (6'1" 214 Jr) **PS#29.** Moved from QB. 315 pass, 254 rush (7.3) LY.

P 45 Shawn Powell So. 6-5 217 PS#54. 18 punts (41.1), tm net 36.4, long of 56, 3 of 50+ yds, 4/I20, 12 gms as true. **9** Kevin Campbell (6'0" 184 Sr) PS#76. Walked on LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Jacobbi McDaniel 6-0 267 PS#1
DB	Greg Reid 5-9 175 PS#9
RB	Lonnie Pryor 6-1 195 PS#18
DL	Demonte McAllister 6-3 263 PS#29
DB	Jajuan Harley 6-2 190 PS#34
LB	CJ Mizell 6-2 212 PS#20
RB	Chris Thompson 5-8 173 PS#29
DL	Brandon Jenkins 6-2 240 PS#41
WR	Willie Haulstead 6-3 210 PS#36
OL	Aubrey Phillips 6-6 310 PS#49
WR	Rodney Smith 6-6 208 PS#47
DB	Gerald Demps 5-10 190 PS#63
K	Dustin Hopkins 6-2 174 PS#1
DB	Justin Bright 6-0 180 PS#72
DB	Xavier Rhodes 6-2 195 PS#73
OL	Henry Orelus 6-2 292 PS#95
OL	John Prior 6-6 283 PS#115
OL	Bryan Stork 6-6 240 PS#174
QB	Will Secord 6-3 204 PS#117
DL	Dan Hicks 6-4 251 PS#247
OL	Garrett Faircloth 6-6 288 PS#369 DL '08

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309-91-4 / 351-117-4 SU	38-37-1 / 38-41-1 Vs Top 10
163-30-2 / 188-41-2 Home	79-54-1 / 79-61-1 Vs Top 25
110-51-1 / 126-65-1 Away	133-61-2 / 156-81-2 Vs BCS Tms
36-10-1 / 37-11-1 Neutral	56-29-2 / 58-30-2 Off A Bye
115-23 / 115-23 Vs Conf	59-20-2 / 74-29-2 Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (28,24,1)
Lost: 21 (9,12,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 77,968 (#19)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#2

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 7	Miami, FI (Mon)	G					
Sep. 12	Jacksonville St	G					
Sep. 19	at BYU	G					
Sep. 26	USF	G					
Oct. 3	at Boston College	A					
Oct. 10	Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 17							
Oct. 22	at N Carolina (Thur)	G					
Oct. 31	NC State (HC)	G					
Nov. 7	at Clemson	G					
Nov. 14	at Wake Forest	A					
Nov. 21	Maryland	G					
Nov. 28	at Florida	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Weinke 9,839 '97-'00
2. Chris Rix 8,390 '01-'04
3. Drew Weatherford 7,567 '05-'08

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Warrick Dunn 3,959 '93-'96
2. Greg Allen 3,769 '81-'84
3. Travis Minor 3,218 '97-'00

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ron Sellers 3,598 '66-'68
2. Peter Warrick 3,517 '96-'99
3. EG Green 2,920 '94-'97

The team that has scored 1st has won 16 of the L/20 in this series. FSU has won 3 of 4 including last year where they had a 31-10 3Q lead before UM's comeback.

The Gamecocks finished 8-3 last year including a 41-14 loss to Georgia Tech. Florida St actually lost to Jacksonville St in their only prior meet but it was '47 (7-0).

FSU is 2-0 all-time vs the Cougars & last met in the 2000 Pigskin Classic. The Seminoles are 4-6 all-time vs current Mountain West opponents.

First meeting. Florida St is 28-8 vs current Big East schools. Coming into '09, FSU is 11-4 vs non-conf opponents (avg win by 24 ppg, avg loss by 19 ppg).

This is the 8th all-time meeting & the visitor is 4-0 in their ACC meetings. Last year BC upset #20 Florida St 27-17 as FSU only had 73 rush yds.

Last year Bowden & the Noles lost for the 1st time (12-0 prior) vs GT since 1975. Last year FSU had a 2&goal from the 3 but fumbled into the endzone with :45 left.

The Seminoles are 14-1-1 all-time vs the Tar Heels. In their last game in '04 FSU allowed 363 yds (+79 yds more than ssn avg) but NC settled for 20, 32 & 37 yd FG's.

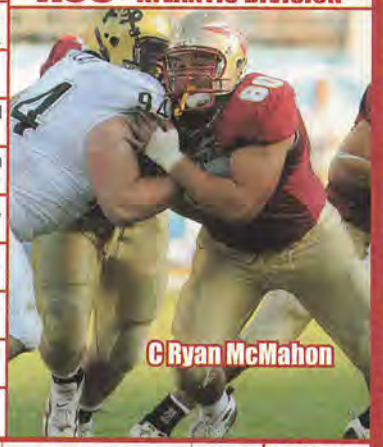
Prior to Amato returning to FSU, the Noles had lost 4 of 6 vs the Wolfpack, but with him back on staff FSU has won in back-to-back yrs holding NCSt to 303 ypg.

FSU is 2-4 L6Y in this series & have lost 3 of the last 4 but did defeat CU LY 41-27, which was the first time in 10 yrs Bobby didn't have to coach against Tommy.

FSU has lost 3 straight being outscored 66-24 but own a 21-5-1 all-time edge. Seminoles tossed 5 int's LY vs the Demons, most since 1998 (6 int's vs NCSt).

FSU has outscored Maryland by an avg score of 42-16 in the teams 19 meetings. FSU is 17-2 vs MD including last year's 37-3 win over the #22 ranked Terps.

FSU has dropped 5 in a row & have been outscored 90-27 the last 2 years. The 45 pts LY was the most ever given up by the Seminoles in Tallahassee.



STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (82,300) (#14)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-2	8-4	9-5	10-3	9-3	8-5	7-6	7-6	9-4	78-38
Home	6-0	4-2	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-4	4-1	4-3	42-14
Away	4-1	3-2	3-3	5-1	3-2	2-3	2-2	2-4	3-1	27-19
Neutral	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-0	9-5
vs Conf	8-0	6-2	7-1	7-1	6-2	6-3	3-5	4-4	5-3	52-21
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	2-4	3-2	3-1	2-2	4-1	3-2	4-1	26-17
ATS	8-5	6-6	6-8	7-6	5-7	6-6	6-7	6-7	6-5	56-57
Home Fav	5-1	2-3	2-4	3-3	3-3	1-3	2-5	2-3	2-2	22-27
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-2
Away Favorite	2-3	3-1	3-2	4-2	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-2	1-1	18-18
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	4-6
Neutral	1-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	10-4
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	4-5	3-5	3-5	4-4	36-37
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	2-4	3-2	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-2	2-1	20-20
Off SU Win	6-5	3-4	3-6	6-4	3-5	3-4	1-5	3-4	2-5	30-42
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-2	3-1	0-2	2-1	2-2	4-2	3-2	4-0	21-12

Bobby Bowden 1976

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Antone Smith	177	868	76	792	15	4.5
Jermaine Thomas	69	492	10	482	3	7.0
Christian Ponder	119	597	174	423	4	3.6
D'Vontrey Richardson	35	288	34	254	3	7.3
Carlton Jones	11	106	7	99	1	9.0
Preston Parker	10	91	4	87	0	8.7
Marcus Sims	23	68	4	64	1	2.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Christian Ponder	318	177	55.7	2006	14	13
D'Vontrey Richardson	44	23	52.3	315	3	3
Drew Weatherford	23	10	43.5	156	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Carr	39	542	13.9	4	54
Preston Parker	40	372	9.3	2	39
Taiwan Easterling	30	322	10.7	1	28
Bert Reed	23	295	12.8	3	41
Corey Surrency	12	237	19.8	4	44
Rod Owens	15	183	12.2	0	30
Jarmon Fortson	8	137	17.1	1	42
Antone Smith	10	101	10.1	1	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Graham Gano	22	939	42.7	7	36.4(t)	0	8
Shawn Powell	18	739	41.1	2	–	0	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Graham Gano	33-34	3-3	11-11	5-5	5-7	24-26	53

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Derek Nicholson	81	1	14	1	0
Toddrick Verdell	66	4	4	1	1
Myron Rolle	62	0	0.5	5	0
Dekoda Watson	46	0	8	3	1
Jamie Robinson	37	0	1.5	2	1
Everette Brown	36	13.5	8	2	0
Markus White	29	1	4.5	2	0
Nigel Bradham	29	0	1	0	0
Korey Mangum	27	0	1	7	0
Patrick Robinson	26	0	2	4	1
Tony Carter	25	0	2	4	2
Darius McClure	25	0	1.5	1	1
Kendall Smith	24	2	2.5	1	0
Kendrick Stewart	22	2	2.5	0	0
Kenny Ingram	22	1	2.5	5	1
Neefy Moffett	19	5.5	5.5	1	1
Budd Thacker	18	1	2	1	0
Recardo Wright	18	0.5	0	0	0
Roosevelt Lawson	17	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tony Carter	8	113	14.1	1
Bert Reed	8	63	7.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Ray Garvin	22	662	30.1	1
Preston Parker	8	162	20.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Gator - #17	-10	West Virginia	30-18
05	Orange - #22	+10	Penn St - #3 (3OT)	23-26
06	Emerald	+3'	UCLA	44-27
07	Music City	+9	Kentucky	28-35
08	Champs Sports	-6	Wisconsin	42-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Florida St's All-Time Bowl Record 21–14–2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	33.4	372	179	4.8	193	54.5	11.1	26	0	2008	8	20.2	295	133	3.8	162	51.2	14.6	39
5*	23.3	370	128	3.7	242	54.9	15.8	22	+6	2007	8	22.9	362	117	3.3	245	56.9	15.8	29
6*	26.5	331	97	3.5	234	54.4	12.4	26	-8	2006	5	19.8	291	93	2.9	198	54.8	14.7	27
4	28.9	377	94	3.3	283	57.6	13.0	32	-4	2005	5	22.0	309	108	2.9	201	59.2	14.1	44
8*	25.2	373	162	4.2	211	53.5	14.8	29	+7	2004	4	14.1	284	83	2.4	201	53.7	20.2	39
4*	32.2	403	133	3.7	270	56.8	12.5	25	+8	2003	10	16.7	332	119	3.3	213	55.0	19.9	36
6*	30.6	398	187	4.7	211	51.8	13.0	32	+11	2002	8	21.5	366	131	3.7	235	53.5	17.0	34

2008 STATS BY GAME

FSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
73,024	W Carolina	24	32-290	9.1	17-25	271	0	12	33-57	1.7	10-25	119	3	+1
71,596	Chattanooga	23	32-197	6.2	22-36	297	4	7	31-29	0.9	10-18	135	4	0
79,235	Wake Forest	12	28-102	3.6	12-36	118	1	16	38-59	1.6	17-30	217	2	-5
46,716	† Colorado	21	46-259	5.6	10-22	119	0	22	37-124	3.4	17-36	154	4	0
65,786	at Miami, Fl	27	53-310	5.8	14-31	159	0	15	14-51	3.6	21-49	205	2	-1
56,643	at NC State	28	45-138	3.1	23-35	254	3	14	22-157	7.1	13-25	181	1	0
81,876	Virginia Tech	13	38-89	2.3	11-19	159	4	15	34-82	2.4	12-22	161	6	+2
53,528	at Georgia Tech	18	36-196	5.4	17-29	188	5	14	45-288	6.4	4-6	55	0	-1
77,013	Clemson	22	36-266	7.4	16-27	153	2	22	36-79	2.2	20-35	237	6	0
79,792	Boston College	18	24-73	3.0	16-32	212	1	23	47-176	3.7	14-27	181	1	0
51,620	at Maryland	19	42-172	4.1	20-26	160	0	16	29-103	3.6	16-31	149	6	+4
83,237	Florida	17	33-102	3.1	10-32	140	4	22	46-317	6.9	12-22	185	1	-3
52,692	† Wisconsin	23	38-134	3.5	23-37	276	2	16	38-201	5.3	9-16	132	3	+3
TOTALS		265	483-2328	4.8	211-387	2506	26	214	450-1723	3.8	175-342	2111	39	0
AVERAGES		20.4	37-179	4.8	16-30	193	6.7%	16.5	35-133	3.8	13-26	162	11.4%	0.0

FSU Pre #5 2004 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #15
#4	at Miami, Fl - #5	+2	10-16 OT	
#8	UAB	-23	34-7	
#8	Clemson	-17'	41-22	
#9	North Carolina	-28'	38-16	
#8	at Syracuse	-19	17-13	
#7	Virginia - #6	-3	36-3	
#5	at Wake Forest	-13'	20-17	
#5	at Maryland	-11'	17-20	
#13	Duke	-30	29-7	
#11	at NC State	-6'	17-10	
#10	Florida	-7	13-20	

FSU Pre #14 2005 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #23
#14	Miami, Fl - #9	+3	10-7	
#11	The Citadel	NL	62-10	
#8	at Boston College - #17	-1'	28-17	
#6	Syracuse	-21	38-14	
#4	Wake Forest	-21	41-24	
#4	at Virginia	-7	21-26	
#11	at Duke	-30	55-24	
#10	Maryland	-17	35-27	
#9	NC State	-13	15-20	
#17	at Clemson	-2	14-35	
#23	at Florida - #19	+3'	7-34	
#22	† Virginia Tech - #5	+14'	27-22	

FSU Pre #11 2006 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
#11	at Miami, Fl - #12	+3'	13-10	
#9	Troy	-29'	24-17	
#9	Clemson	-4'	20-27	
#18	Rice	-31	55-7	
#17	at NC State	-9'	20-24	
–	at Duke	-23	51-24	
–	Boston College - #22	-7	19-24	
–	at Maryland	-4	24-27	
–	Virginia	-12'	33-0	
–	Wake Forest - #18	-8'	0-30	
–	W Michigan	-17'	28-20	
–	Florida - #4	+9	14-21	

FSU Pre #19 2007 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
#19	at Clemson	-3	18-24	
–	UAB	-34'	34-24	
–	at Colorado	-4'	16-6	
–	† Alabama - #22	-1'	21-14	
–	NC State	-18	27-10	
#21	at Wake Forest	-5'	21-24	
–	Miami, Fl	-5	29-37	
–	Duke	-17'	25-6	
–	at Boston College - #2	+6'	27-17	
–	at Virginia Tech - #11	+7	21-40	
–	Maryland	-7'	24-16	
–	at Florida - #12	+14	12-45	

FSU Pre – 2008 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #21
–	W Carolina	-41	69-0	
–	Chattanooga	-44'	46-7	
#24	Wake Forest - #18	-5	3-12	
–	† Colorado	-5'	39-21	
–	at Miami, Fl	+2'	41-39	
–	at NC State	-10'	26-17	
#24	Virginia Tech	-6'	30-20	
#16	at Georgia Tech	+2'	28-31	
#24	Clemson	-4	41-27	
#20	Boston College	-6	17-27	
–	at Maryland - #22	-1'	37-3	
#23	Florida - #2	+15'	15-45	

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Matt Ryan was 1st Tm ACC as a junior throwing for 2,942 (61.6%) with a 15-10 ratio. His backup, Chris Crane (PS#65) threw for 193 (68.8%). Ryan had a phenomenal '07 season and was a Heisman contender. He broke Philip Rivers' ACC single season passing yardage mark throwing for 4,507 (59.3%) with a 31-19 ratio. He finished his career as BC's #3 all-time passer and last year the unit went from a 1st round DC (Ryan excelled with ATL) to an untested group (40 car pass). Crane struggled early in game 3 vs UCF being benched in the 1Q as rFr Dominique Davis led a 12pl/47 yd drive (missed 24 yd FG). Crane was booed when he returned in the 2Q. Crane generated just 2 FD's and 32 yd in 1H vs RI and Davis came in and led 4 straight TD drives although he did just hit 2 of 5 passes in that span. Coach Jag said there was no QB controversy and Crane rebounded throwing for 428 vs NCSt and was the ACC OPW. His 470 total yards was #3 all-time at BC. Crane had 2 IR TD's vs VT and fans started calling for Davis. Crane was KO'd for the season vs WF and Davis had 2 fumbles that were both ret'd for TD's. Davis then got his first start vs MD and while his numbers were not overwhelming, he did guide the team to a win. Crane threw for 1,721 (55.0%) but with a 10-13 ratio while Davis hit 741 (45.7%) with a 6-4 ratio. This year Crane moves on. Justin Tuggle (PS#39) is a mobile QB who operated the scout team LY. Former FB Codi Boek (PS#129JC) and Alexander Atiyeh (6'5" 225 rFr, PS#166) will also contend. This group actually has more experience and can only improve upon '08's poor numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Derrick Knight came 5 yards short of tying a school record with 1,721 (5.4) and was the 6th straight BC rusher to top 1,000. The next 4 years Andre Callender (PS#30) and LV Whitworth (PS#82) split the job and neither topped 1,000 with Callender's 969 (4.6) in '07 the closest either came. Last year they also lost their #3 rusher and I projected true frosh Josh Haden (PS#21) as the feature back. The most experienced RB was Jeff Smith (PS#58) who had just 5 career carries in an injury plagued career. FB James McCluskey broke his leg vs ND and former QB Codi Boek took his spot. Surprisingly true frosh Montel Harris (PS#159) broke the team's frosh rushing record (776 by Shelby Gamble in 1979) with 2 games left and finished with 900 (5.0). Haden (13 st at TB) had just 479 (4.0), Smith 192 (5.2) and McCluskey 84 (3.7). Not listed below is Dan Mulrooney (6'1" 201 So, PS#149DB). This year the unit returns intact and I'll call for BC to have its first 1,000 yard rusher since 2003.

RECEIVERS - The Eagles had 3 of their top 4 rec back in '07 but surprisingly Kevin Challenger, who led in '06 with 543 (11.6), was only #5 with 551 (12.2). Soph Rich Gunnell (PS#70), who had just 97 (12.1) in '06, led with 931 (14.5). Brandon Robinson (PS#20) who had 490 (13.6) in '06, improved to 793 (14.2). TE Ryan Purvis (PS#20), improved from 381 (13.1) to 553 (10.2). Last year they ret'd 5 of their top 6 including Clarence Megwa (PS#83) who had 353 (11.8) and Justin Jarvis (PS#190) who had 276 (14.5) with Challenger being the only loss. Megwa broke his leg (vs CU) and only had 9 rec. Robinson led with 646 (15.4) while Gunnell was #2 with 551 (11.2) and naturally the numbers were down after losing a 4th year starting QB. This year they must replace Robinson (14 st) and Purvis (14 st, 176). Adding depth are John Lowell (6'4" 195 Jr, PS#340), spring standout Clyde Lee (6'0" 178 rFr, PS#183) and John Hovsepian (6'3" 192 Sr). With the loss of 2 starters, this unit is a little less experienced but it could put up better numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BC could be called "O-line U" as 11 former OL were on NFL rosters last year. In 2006 they had to replace two starters (#2DC). They allowed 22 sacks (4.8%) but surprisingly the ypg (114) and ypc (3.4) were the lowest of the O'Brien era. In 2007 they had to replace two starters (#3 & #4 DC's) including 1st Tm AA RG Josh Beekman who won the ACC's Jacob Blocking Trophy. For the 2nd consec year they had 8 of the top 10 back but switched to a zone blocking scheme

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and their OL coach Jim Turner resigned due to "a difference in philosophies" after the spring. Jagodzinski signed Anthony Castonzo (spent '06 at Fork Union) who became the first "true" frosh to start on the O-line since Paul Zukauskas in 1997. One returning starter was lost after 7 and another lost his spot as BC avg just 99 ypg rush (3.4), their lowest avg since 1990. Thanks in part to Ryan's quick release the team yielded just 3.3% sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (#1DC) and had just 5 of their top 10 back. Despite the losses, I speculated they could only improve upon '07's paltry numbers and they did (143 ypg, 3.9, 4.7% sk). This year the only losses are 1st Tm ACC RG Clif Ramsey (14 st, 2Y st'r) and backup C Bryan Murphy. Four 14 game starters return including 2 VHT, an HM ACC and a 2nd Tm ACC LT in Castonzo who some think could be the best BC linemen ever by the time he leaves. BC should have its best O-line in at least the last 5 years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Led by Mathias Kiwanuka in 2005, BC allowed just 91 ypg rush (2.6). In 2006, they had to replace Kiwanuka (#1DC) and one other starter and then lost DE Jim Ramella for the season. They were still solid with 108 ypg (3.5). Prior to '07 they lost 2nd Tm ACC BJ Raji (acad) but the veteran front finished #2 in the FBS allowing just 76 ypg (2.4). Last year I rated them my #10 DL as they had the best DT combo in the country in Raji and Ron Brace (both 325). This year the losses are large in 1st Tm ACC Raji (14 st, 42 tkl, 8 sk, #1DC GB), 2nd Tm ACC Brace (14 st, 27 tkl, 3 sk, #2DC NE) and DT Jerry Willette (7 tkl). They do have 3 players who have been full-time starters at DE including Alex Albright (8.5 sk '07, 2 gm then inj '08). They are less experienced, much smaller in the middle and do not figure to match last year's 91 ypg (2.8) allowed.

LINEBACKERS - Last year BC had to replace 2 starters (#3, #7 tkl'r) but did return their #2 and #4 tacklers plus Brian Toal who made 26 career starts so they were very experienced. Mark Herzlich (#2 tkl'r '07) earned ACC Def POY honors in '08. He had 110 tackles, 8 pbu and 6 int. This year BC loses Toal (6 st, 42 tkl, 2 sk) and Robert Francois (8 st, 82 tkl, 9 tfl). Not listed below are Kevin Distaso (6'1" 222 Sr) and John Chisholm (6'2" 260 So). BC will have one of the ACC's top LB corps provided Mike McLaughlin recovers from a torn Achilles' that he suffered in the winter.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 BC had to replace 2 starters and surprisingly allowed 252 ypg passing (58.4%) which was the most allowed in BC history despite having a 21-25 ratio (#44 my pass D ratings). Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm AA FS and two other starters. BC surprisingly moved up to #29 with an outstanding 9-26 ratio. This year they lose SS Paul Anderson (14 st, 43 tkl, 6 int) and CB Kevin Akins (8 st, 44 tkl, 3 pbu). Five return with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are Hampton Hughes (6'3" 200 rFr) and Mark Maglio (5'9" 176 Sr). This is a more experienced unit but it will be tough to climb much higher in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly in former HC O'Brien's first 7 years, the team's top finish in my ST rankings was #57 ('02). After finishing at #114 in '03 they moved up to #6 in '04 thanks to a +5 in the TD/blk category (KR/PR Will Blackmon). They moved down to #97 in '05 but back up to #18 in '06 and in '07 they had everyone back. Once again the results were surprising as BC dropped to #67. Last year they had to replace their P, top PR & KR and dropped to #110. K Steve Aponavicius ("Sid Vicious") was a great story as he was a former walk-on that took over at midseason but hit just 14 of 21 (0 att from 37+) LY. True frosh P Ryan Quigley avg 39.6 on punts with Billy Flutie being the pooch punter (33.1) and the team's net was 33.0. Rich Gunnell avg 9.9 on PR and the KR team was a below avg 19.4. This year they have everyone back and add in K Nate Freese (PS#44) who could handle long FG's so I expect improvement.

COACHES - Twice in the last 3 years this position has left me scratching my head. Tom O'Brien, who was the winningest HC in BC history, made what I thought was a lateral move to NCSt in '07 despite the fact that he had perhaps his most talented team returning. Jeff Jagodzinski, who was the OC here from '97-'98 and the GB Packers' OC in '06, took over in '07. He was my pick for ACC Coach of the Year with 11 wins being the most ever for a 1st year ACC coach. Jag was successful again in '08 and then came the 2nd head scratcher. He opted to interview for an NFL HC job with full knowledge that BC would fire him if he did. Jag was fired and ended up as Tampa Bay's OC. One constant for BC has been DC Frank Spaziani (13th year) who was the interim HC for the bowl in '06 (won). He stayed on the staff despite not getting the HC job in '07 and now takes over as the head man. Last year's OC, Steve Logan, resigned and the new OC is Gary Tranquill who has worked under Bill Belichick, Nick Saban and Woody Hayes. He was the HC at Navy for 5 years ('82-'86) and was a QB coach in NFL Europe in '07. The new DC is Bill McGovern who was the LB coach under Spaziani the last 9 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As I mentioned in the coaches section, Tom O'Brien made a surprising move to NC State in late '06 and his final edition on Chestnut Hill finished 10-3. Jeff Jagodzinski inherited a veteran squad including QB Matt Ryan who was the 3rd overall pick in the draft and had a great rookie season with the Atlanta Falcons. BC joined the ACC just 4 years ago and in that span has the best conf record of any ACC Atlantic team at 21-11. They tied for the Atlantic Title in '05 and played in the ACC Title Game in each of the last two years. BC has had 5 straight seasons of 9+ wins for the first time in school history. BC's 2007 edition had 17 fifth year seniors and 8 fourth year juniors in the 2 deep. They survived some close calls on the way to the ACC Title game. They rose as high as #2 in the polls, their highest ranking since Nov 1942 (#1), including a miracle comeback vs VT with 2 TD's in the final 2:11. At 10-2 BC lost the ACC Title game and then took on a Mich St team playing without 4 susp players and got past them by 3 in the bowl. Their 11 wins were the most in school history tying Frank Leahy's 1940 record (11-0). Last year they had to replace QB Ryan and had the 2nd fewest starters returning in the ACC (9). In last year's magazine I mentioned that BC would be favored in their first 5 and likely get off to a great start but doubted they could match the 11 win total. In game 2 they were upset by GT at home but after beating #17 VT at home, they rose to 5-1 (#23). The next week they were thrashed on the road by NC and then upset at home by Clemson, who had an interim HC in his 2nd game. After dispatching ND, BC would need to win their final 3 (2 away) vs the top 3 in the Atlantic to get to the Title game. They got a key 87 yd IR TD vs FSU and won by 10. They got a TD with 1:12 left to get past WF by 3 on the road. They lost starting QB Crane vs WF and in his first start, Dominique Davis led BC to the win over MD, 28-21. In the ACC Title Game, BC was pounded by VT 30-12. They entered the bowl with an NCAA streak of consec bowl wins (8) but had that snapped vs Vandy. Spaziani may be an upgrade at coach, but I feel both coord are weaker. BC does have 14 ret starters and 40 ret lettermen. Despite having a new HC for the 3rd time in 4 years, BC should get to their 11th straight bowl.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

QB 15 Dominique Davis So. 6-4 198 PS#150. 3 st, 6 gm, 741 (46%), 6-4 ratio rFr. **7** Justin Tuggle (6'3" 208 rFr) **PS#39.** Codi Boek (6'3" 221 Jr) PS#129JC. 4 st, 10 gm at FB LY.

RB 41 MONTEL HARRIS SO. 5-10 192 PS#159.900 (5.0), BC frosh rush rec'd true. **1 Josh Haden** (5'8" 182 So) **PS#21.** 13 st, 479 (4.0) true. Rolandan Finch **PS#34.** Jeff Smith (5'9" 198 Sr).

WR 82 JUSTIN JARVIS SR. 6-5 196 PS#190. 288 (14.4) 2Y. 3 st, 274 (11.0) LY.

FB 36 JAMES McCLUSKEY (6'2" 246 Jr) **PS#27.** 16 st, 98 (3.2), 21 rec 2Y. Bill Ferguson (6'2" 215 Sr).

WR 18 RICH GUNNELL SR. 5-11 196 PS#70. 4 st, 1028 (14.3) 2Y. 10 st, 551 (11.2) LY. **83** Colin Larmond (6'3" 196 So) PS#123. 96 (19.2) true. **14** Billy Flutie (6'2" 186 Jr) PS#53. P/WR/QB.

WR 11 Clarence Megwa Sr. 6-1 216 PS#83. 479 (11.4) 2Y. 2 st, 6 gm (inj), 66 (7.3) LY. **3** Ifeanyi Momah (6'6" 225 Jr) PS#137. 162 (13.5) 2Y. **5** Ryan Lindsey (5'8" 165 Jr) PS#57.

TE 87 Lars Anderson So. 6-3 248 PS#32. 10 gm, 84 (9.3) rFr. **88** Jordan McMichael (6'5" 262 Jr) PS#24. 1 rec 2Y. Chris Pantale (6'5" 238 rFr) PS#27. Michael Stone (6'6" 242 rFr) PS#130.

C 65 MATT TENNANT SR. 6-4 294 PS#131. 5 gm rFr. 14 st '07. 14 st, HM ACC LY. **69** Mark Spinney (6'4" 287 So) PS#102. **LS 51** Jack Geiser (6'2" 250 Sr). 31 gm, 3L 3Y.

RG 78 THOMAS CLAIBORNE JR. 6-3 323 **PS#59.** 5 gm rFr. 14 st, HM ACC LY. **75** Nathan Richman (6'6" 284 So) PS#144. **71** Nick Halloran (6'6" 265 rFr). **57** Sean Flaherty (6'2" 220 rFr).

LG 64 Nick Rossi Sr. 6-6 290 2 gm rFr. 8 gm OL/DL '07. 4 gm OL/DL LY. **76** Patrick Sheil (6'6" 273 Sr) PS#72. 2 gm rFr. 5 gm '07. 3 gm LY. Keith Bourne (6'4" 270 Fr) PS#382.

RT 66 RICH LAPHAM JR. 6-8 322 **PS#36.** 9 gm as bkup LT as rFr. 14 st at RT LY. **72** Mike Goodman (6'6" 328 rFr) **PS#62.** Ian White (6'5" 261 Fr) PS#410. All-NH in HS.

LT 74 ANTHONY CASTONZO JR. 6-7 287 PS#520. 14 st at RT as true. 14 st at LT, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **77** Emmett Cleary (6'7" 267 rFr) PS#126. John Wetzel (6'7" 265 Fr) PS#501.

K 83 STEVE APONAVICIUS SR. 5-10 198 20-29 FG 2Y. 14-21 FG, L/36 (0 att from 37+) LY. Nate Freese PS#44. **46** Ryan Quigley PS#42. **53** Greg Abilheira (5'10" 165 Jr). 1-1 xp LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

DE 86 JIM RAMELLA SR. 6-4 243 PS#24TE. 15 tkl true. Med RS '06. 19 tkl '07. 14 st, 35 tkl, 9 tfl LY. **47** Brad Newman (6'2" 250 Jr) PS#70TE. 30 tkl 2Y. Max Holloway (6'2" 241 rFr) PS#180.

DT 55 Damik Scafe Jr. 6-3 293 **PS#58.** 9 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 13 tkl, 1 tfl LY. Dillon Quinn (6'6" 295 Fr) **PS#35. 93** Bryan Murray (6'2" 292 rFr) PS#131. Conor O'Neal is PS#369.

DT 96 Kaleb Ramsey So. 6-3 256 PS#78. 6 tkl, 1 tfl true. **95** Brendan Deska (6'5" 241 Sr) PS#99. 9 tkl 3Y. **92** Allan Smith (6'2" 232 Sr) PS#75. 16 tkl 2Y. DNP LY (knee). ? for '09.

DE 98 ALEX ALBRIGHT JR. 6-5 245 PS#131. 1 st, 20 tkl true. 11 st, 38 tkl, 10 tfl '07. 2 st, Med RS LY. **52 Austin Giles** (6'3" 283 Sr) PS#101. 8 st, 44 tkl, 9.5 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 25 tkl, 6 tfl LY.

SLB 94 MARK HERZLICH SR. 6-4 238 **PS#43.** 42 tkl true. 14 st, 97 tkl '07, 14 st, 110 tkl, 13 tfl, **2nd Tm AA** LY. **29** Dominick LeGrande (6'2" 200 So) PS#68. 9 tkl true. Jarick Walker (6'0" 213 Jr).

MLB 34 MIKE McLAUGHIN SR. 6-0 252 PS#78. 3 st, 76 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. 14 st, 89 tkl, 12 tfl, 6 pd LY. Achilles in spg, ? '09. **39** Darius Bagan (6'2" 223 Jr) PS#88. Dan Williams (6'2" 239 So). 3 tkl rFr.

WLB 50 Will Thompson So. 6-1 235 **PS#59.** 13 tkl rFr. Nick Clancy (6'3" 217 rFr) **PS#48.** Mike Morrissey (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#106. Alexander DiSanzo (6'3" 222 rFr) PS#72.

CB 20 RODERICK ROLLINS SR. 6-0 188 PS#76. 11 tkl true. 26 tkl '07. 6 st, 43 tkl LY. **42** Isaac Johnson (6'0" 179 So) PS#66. 14 tkl, 8 gm true. **43** Michael Dell'Aquila (5'11" 188 Jr). 1 tkl LY.

CB 4 DONNIE FLETCHER SO. 6-1 186 PS#103. 4 st, 36 tkl true. **9 DeLeon Gause** (5'11" 174 Jr) PS#467. 3 st, 39 tkl true. 10 st, 22 tkl LY. **28** Ugo Okpara (6'1" 163 rFr) PS#144.

SS 8 Marcellus Bowman Sr. 6-2 217 12 tkl rFr. 13 tkl '07. 2 st, 11 gm, 31 tkl, 3 int, 87 yd IR TD LY. **30** Donte Elliott (6'0" 178 rFr) PS#220. **48** Stephen Atkinson (6'1" 186 rFr) PS#201.

FS 45 WES DAVIS JR. 6-1 215 PS#107. 1 st, 20 tkl true. 3 gm (inj), RS '07. 12 st, 60 tkl, 8 pd LY. **27** Okechukwu Okoroha (6'1" 192 rFr) **PS#45. 25** Chris Fox (5'11" 201 Jr) **PS#52.** 1 tkl 2Y.

P 46 Ryan Quigley So. 6-3 180 PS#42. 59 punts (39.6), tm net 33.0, 30 KO, 0 TB as true. Billy Flutie (6'2" 186 Jr) PS#53 16 punts (33.1) LY. **43** Gerald Levano (6'2" 185 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Dillon Quinn 6-6 295 PS#35
RB	Rolandan Finch 5-10 204 PS#34
DB	Jim Noel 6-3 180 PS#59
LB	Andre Lawrence 6-1 195 PS#47
LB	Luke Kuechly 6-3 220 PS#77
RB	Sterlin Phifer 5-10 205 PS#101
TE	Mike Naples 6-4 220 PS#47
DL	Kasim Edebali 6-2 235 PS#277
OL	Keith Bourne 6-4 270 PS#382
K	Nate Freese 6-0 170 PS#44
DL	Conor O'Neal 6-3 295 PS#369
QB	Mike Marscovetra 6-3 183 PS#210
OL	Ian White 6-5 261 PS#410
OL	John Wetzel 6-7 265 PS#501
WR	Johnathan Coleman 6-3 205 PS#424
LB	Jake Sinkovec 6-4 210 PS#457
DL	Bryan Davis 6-3 280 PS#526

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
Weather [508] 822-0634

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#47

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BC	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Northeastern	A					BC is 4-0 vs Northeastern but these 2 have not met since 1999. The Huskies were just 2-10 last year. The Eagles have beaten their 5 recent FCS opponents by 21 ppg.
Sep. 12	Kent St	A					The Eagles are 43-10-2 all-time vs current MAC opponents (1-0 vs KSU). Last year the Eagles had a 336-260 yd edge & benefitted from 3 KSU TO's.
Sep. 19	at Clemson	G					Last year BC lost for the 1st time to the Tigers in 6 games since 1958. In their last trip to Death Valley in 2007, #18 BC upset #15 Clemson 20-17.
Sep. 26	Wake Forest	A					The home tm has won 4 of the last 5 in this series. Last year QB Crane broke his collarbone & rFr QB Davis led BC to a gm winning TD w/1:12 left (1 yd QB sneak).
Oct. 3	Florida St	A					The Eagles are 3-4 vs FSU but the home team is 0-4 in their ACC meetings. Last year BC upset #20 FSU, 27-17 holding the Seminoles to just 73 rush yds.
Oct. 10	at Virginia Tech	G					In their last visit here, BC upset #8 VT on National TV with 2 come-from-behind TD's in the final 2:11. LY BC overcame 5 TO's to beat #17 VT 28-23 in the reg season.
Oct. 17	NC State	A					The home team is 3-1 in ACC play. With their 38-31 win vs ex-HC O'Brien, the Eagles snapped a 4 game losing streak in the state of North Carolina.
Oct. 24	at Notre Dame	G					BC is 1 of only 4 programs (UM, MSU & USC) with winning streaks of at least 6 gms vs Notre Dame. The BC shutout last year was the first for either team in the series.
Oct. 31	Central Michigan	A					BC is 2-0 all-time vs the Chippewas including a 43-0 win here in 2002. The Eagles needed a late int to hold off CM 31-24 in their last meeting in 2006.
Nov. 7							
Nov. 14	at Virginia	G					This is just the 4th meeting between these tms & the Eagles lead the series 3-0. These 2 last met in 2005, in BC's 1st season in the ACC & they defeated UVA 28-17.
Nov. 21	North Carolina	A					BC is now 0-7 vs Davis coached teams. Despite this being the 6th overall meeting between these teams (BC trails 3-2), it will be the first meeting in Chestnut Hill.
Nov. 28	at Maryland	G					The Eagles are 4-2 all-time in this series & the winner has won by an avg of 12 ppg. In their last meeting here ('07) the #8 Eagles were upset by the unranked Terps.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Doug Flutie 10,579 '81-'84
2. Glenn Foley 10,039 '90-'93
3. Matt Ryan 9,313 '04-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Derrick Knight 3,725 '00-'03
2. Mike Cloud 3,597 '95-'98
3. Troy Stradford 3,504 '82-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Pete Mitchell 2,388 '91-'94
2. Kelvin Martin 2,337 '83-'86
3. Brian Brennan 2,180 '80-'83

FRANK SPAZIANI (Career 1-0)

1st Year at Boston College — Spaziani's Bowl Record: 1-0

Spaziani's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

1-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (9–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,19,3)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,037 (#57)

ACC – ATLANTIC DIVISION

WR Rich Gunnell

STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500) (#72)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	8-4	9-4	8-5	9-3	9-3	10-3	11-3	9-5	80-35
Home	5-1	5-1	6-1	2-4	4-1	5-1	7-0	6-1	5-2	45-12
Away	1-4	2-3	2-3	5-1	4-2	3-2	2-3	4-1	3-2	26-21
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	9-2
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-4	3-4	4-2	5-3	5-3	6-3	5-4	38-30
vs Non-Conf	4-1	4-1	6-0	5-1	5-1	4-0	5-0	5-0	4-1	42-5
ATS	8-4	8-4	8-5	7-6	6-5	7-4-1	5-6-1	6-7	7-6	62-47-2
Home Fav (Chris Hatcher 1997)	5-0	4-1	3-3	1-3	1-2	3-1-1	2-1-1	3-3	4-2	26-16-2
Home Dog (Jim Bollman 1991)	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	6-3
Away Favorite (Jeff Jagodzinski 2004)	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	0-4	0-2	0-2	9-14
Away Dog (Frank Spaziani 2009)	0-4	1-2	2-2	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	2-1	14-10
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	7-4
vs Conf	4-3	6-1	5-2	3-4	3-3	4-4	4-4	5-4	4-5	38-30
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-3	3-3	4-2	3-2	3-0-1	1-2-1	1-3	3-1	24-17-2
Off SU Win	4-2	4-3	5-3	4-3	4-4	4-3-1	5-3-1	4-5	4-4	38-30-2
Off SU Loss	4-1	3-1	3-1	3-2	2-0	2-1	0-2	1-2	2-2	20-12

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Montel Harris	179	921	21	900	5	5.0
Josh Haden	120	492	13	479	1	4.0
Chris Crane	82	339	120	219	7	2.7
Jeff Smith	37	205	13	192	2	5.2
James McCluskey	23	84	0	84	1	3.7
Brian Toal	8	55	0	55	0	6.9
Dominique Davis	43	147	99	48	2	1.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chris Crane	307	169	55.0	1721	10	13
Dominique Davis	138	63	45.7	741	6	4
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Brandon Robinson		42	646	15.4	3	48
Rich Gunnell		49	551	11.2	4	45
Justin Jarvis		25	274	11.0	3	41
Ryan Purvis		24	176	7.3	0	27
Montel Harris		20	160	8.0	1	51
Ifeanyi Momah		11	149	13.5	3	46
James McCluskey		19	123	6.5	0	16
Josh Haden		13	100	7.7	0	57
Colin Larmond		5	96	19.2	1	55
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ryan Quigley	59	2334	39.6	9	33.0(t)	1(t)	9
Billy Flutie	16	530	33.1	2	–	–	7
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Steve Aponavicius	41-41	7-8	7-13	0-0	0-0	14-21	36

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mark Herzlich	110	3	10	8	6
Mike McLaughlin	89	4	8	5	1
Robert Francois	82	2	7	1	1
Wes Davis	60	0	3	6	2
Kevin Akins	44	3	3	3	1
Paul Anderson	43	1	4	3	6
Roderick Rollins	43	1	2	1	2
BJ Raji	42	8	8	5	0
Brian Toal	42	2	2	1	0
Donnie Fletcher	36	0	1	2	3
Jim Ramella	35	4	5	0	0
Marty Bowman	31	1	0	0	3
Ron Brace	27	3	8	0	0
Austin Giles	25	3	3	1	0
Brad Newman	22	2	1	1	0
DeLeon Gause	22	0	0	1	1
Isaac Johnson	14	0	1	0	0
Damik Scafe	13	0	1	0	0
Will Thompson	13	0	0	0	0
Dominick LeGrande	9	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Rich Gunnell	15	149	9.9	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jeff Smith	25	502	20.1	0	
Montel Harris	20	413	20.6	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Continental Tire - #25	+1	North Carolina	37-24
05	MPC Computers - #19	-2'	Boise St	27-21
06	Meineke Car Care - #23	-7'	Navy	25-24
07	Champs Sports - #14	-5'	Michigan St	24-21
08	Music City	-3'	Vanderbilt	14-16

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Boston College's All-Time Bowl Record 13–7

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS VS
6	24.7	319	143	3.9	177	52.0	12.9	21	+3	2008	3	18.4	268	91	2.8	177	56.1	14.6	35
7*	28.3	423	99	3.4	324	59.2	15.0	22	+6	2007	7	20.4	327	76	2.4	252	58.4	16.1	34
6*	26.0	356	114	3.4	241	62.0	13.7	22	+15	2006	6	15.7	311	108	3.5	203	60.0	19.8	29
7	25.8	388	145	3.9	243	62.5	15.0	15	-4	2005	7	15.9	312	91	2.6	221	61.0	19.6	35
5*	24.7	385	140	3.7	245	60.1	15.6	23	0	2004	6	16.9	333	129	3.5	204	58.3	19.7	24
5	28.5	404	182	4.2	222	56.4	14.2	24	+3	2003	6	25.5	358	129	3.4	230	57.7	14.1	31
8*	30.2	390	159	4.2	232	58.7	13.0	14	+8	2002	8	19.5	339	167	3.9	172	53.9	17.4	22

2008 STATS BY GAME

BC 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
10,788	† Kent St	17	47-230	4.9	12-18	106	0	12	36-126	3.5	13-21	134	3	+3
40,106	Georgia Tech	18	41-120	2.9	18-36	142	3	12	40-162	4.1	6-13	73	2	0
41,267	UCF	24	37-168	4.5	20-41	237	1	12	34-123	3.6	16-32	129	1	+1
32,628	Rhode Island	17	40-289	7.2	3-9	27	0	19	29-53	1.8	28-44	214	4	+4
55,652	at NC State	28	30-150	5.0	34-51	428	1	15	22-35	1.6	19-33	218	5	-3
44,127	Virginia Tech	22	37-82	2.2	16-32	218	3	14	38-150	3.9	12-27	90	1	-4
48,000	at N Carolina	17	21-40	1.9	28-42	204	1	19	36-114	3.2	19-30	238	3	-2
41,863	Clemson	12	30-120	4.0	18-39	116	0	16	31-87	2.8	21-33	252	2	+2
44,500	Notre Dame	13	41-167	4.1	9-22	79	1	16	21-66	3.1	26-46	226	1	+5
79,792	at Florida St	23	47-176	3.7	14-27	181	1	18	24-73	3.0	16-32	212	1	0
30,373	at Wake Forest	14	44-97	2.2	16-27	137	4	9	28-65	2.3	14-28	126	4	-1
42,767	Maryland	20	41-175	4.3	13-25	143	1	21	26-(-6)	-0.2	33-57	360	5	+2
53,927	† Virginia Tech	13	24-45	1.9	17-43	263	5	15	53-150	2.8	11-19	84	2	-1
54,250	at Vanderbilt	17	38-141	3.7	15-36	190	0	8	36-79	2.2	10-20	121	1	-3
TOTALS		255	518-2000	3.9	233-448	2471	21	206	454-1277	2.8	244-435	2477	35	+3
AVERAGES		18.2	37-143	3.9	17-32	177	4.7%	14.7	32-91	2.8	17-31	177	8.0%	0.2

2004 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	at Ball St	-17	19-11
–	Penn St	+3	21-7
–	Connecticut	-7	27-7
–	at Wake Forest	-1	14-17
–	Massachusetts	NL	29-7
–	at Pittsburgh	-8	17-20 OT
–	at Notre Dame - #24	+6'	24-23
#24	Rutgers	-14'	21-10
#21	at West Virginia - #13	+7	36-17
#19	at Temple	-14	34-17
#17	Syracuse	-12	17-43

2005 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#22	at BYU	-2'	20-3
#19	Army	-27'	44-7
#17	Florida St - #8	+1'	17-28
–	at Clemson	+2'	16-13 OT
#21	Ball St	-38	38-0
#18	Virginia	-7	28-17
#14	Wake Forest	-13'	35-30
#13	at Virginia Tech - #3	+13'	10-30
#19	at North Carolina	-5	14-16
–	NC State	-4'	30-10
#23	at Maryland	-2'	31-16

2006 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
–	at C Michigan	-11	31-24
–	Clemson - #18	+2'	34-33 2OT
#23	BYU	-7	30-23 2OT
#20	at NC State	-6'	15-17
–	Maine	NL	22-0
–	Virginia Tech - #22	+2'	22-3
#22	at Florida St	+7	24-19
#18	Buffalo	-34	41-0
#16	at Wake Forest - #22	-3'	14-21
#22	Duke	-29'	28-7
#20	Maryland - #21	-8	38-16
#18	at Miami, Fl	-4	14-17

2007 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
–	Wake Forest	-6	38-28
–	NC State	-13'	37-17
#21	at Georgia Tech - #15	+6'	24-10
#14	Army	-27'	37-17
#12	Massachusetts	NL	24-14
#7	Bowling Green	-20'	55-24
#4	at Notre Dame	-14	27-14
#2	at Virginia Tech - #8	+3	14-10
#2	Florida St	-6'	17-27
#8	at Maryland	-6'	35-42
#18	at Clemson - #15	+8'	20-17
#15	Miami, Fl	-14'	28-14
#12	† Virginia Tech - #6	+4	16-30

2008 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Kent St	-10	21-0
–	Georgia Tech	-6'	16-19
–	UCF	-10	34-7
–	Rhode Island	-35	42-0
–	at NC State	-7'	38-31
–	Virginia Tech - #17	-3	28-23
#23	at North Carolina	+2'	24-45
–	Clemson	-3'	21-27
–	Notre Dame	-3'	17-0
–	at Florida St - #20	+6	27-17
–	at Wake Forest	+2	24-21
#20	Maryland	-6	28-21
#18	† Virginia Tech	E	12-30

NC STATE WOLFPACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Philip Rivers had a fantastic 4 year career here and in 2003 threw for 4,491 yards (72%) with a 34-7 ratio and was the ACC POY. The Wolfpack received uneven play from the QB's for the next 4 seasons as the overall QB numbers went down 3 straight years from 202 ypg (55.7%) in '04 to 190 (54.6%) in '05 to 182 (51.7%) in '06 with a 10-16 ratio. Daniel Evans (PS#92) had a game winning 34 yard TD pass with :05 left to beat BC and started the rest of '06. Evans started the first 8 of '07 but then lost his job to Harrison Beck who started 4 (903, 53.1%, 2-9 ratio). Evans finished with 2,030 (57.2%) and a 12-13 ratio. Added to the mix in '08 were rFr Russell Wilson (PS#61) and true frosh Mike Glennon (PS#2). Glennon is a Rivers-type QB at 6'6" 211 while Wilson is the mobile QB (5'11"). Glennon had not grasped the offense enough in Aug and O'Brien opted to RS him bringing Beck back to #3 and Wilson surprisingly became just the 3rd frosh QB in NCSt history to open the season as a starter. Wilson suffered a grade 3 concussion in the opener and was relieved by Evans and Beck. Evans started vs W&M and he hit just 4 of 11 for 12 and the guy who practically grew up on the NCSt campus (Dad was former QB here) was booed off the field. Beck was solid in relief throwing for 246. Wilson ret'd to start vs Clem & EC with Beck seeing significant action in both. Wilson was the ACC OPW after throwing for 3 TD's in the upset of EC. Wilson missed USF and Beck hit just 9 of 32 for 239 with 3 int. Wilson ret'd vs BC and became the first ever frosh 1st Tm All-ACC QB throwing for 1,955 (54.5%) with a 17-1 ratio. Wilson sprained his knee in the 1H of the bowl and Beck & Evans combined for 3 int. Wilson's current streak of 249 passes without an int is the longest active streak in the country. Evans & Beck depart and not listed below is Daniel Imhoff (6'0" 190 Jr). This unit has a little more experience and it will be interesting to see if Wilson can improve upon 2008.

QB Russell Wilson

RUNNING BACKS - Former HC Chuck Amato brought in a lot of VHT RB's and in 2005 two stepped to the forefront in Andre Brown (PS#10) and Toney Baker (PS#7). Brown had 248 vs SM, 179 vs FSU and Amato compared him to Herschel Walker. Surprisingly he finished with just 667 (5.2). Baker had 546 (4.4). In 2006 Brown had 658 (5.3) but Baker led in the final 3 and topped him with 688 (4.4). Jamelle Eugene (PS#90) added 60 (3.5). In '07 the unit was hit hard by injuries (Baker RS) and Eugene was #1 with 667 (3.9), Brown had 447 (4.7). Baker also missed '08 with injury and Eugene missed the first 3 and rushed for 442 (4.7). Brown played in all 13 and led with 767 (4.4) and added 29 rec (10.7). Curtis Underwood added 116 (3.6). This year they lose Brown (#4DC NYG) but get back Baker and add in rFr Brandon Barnes (PS#16). Not listed in PSL are FB's David Hyde (6'0" 200 Jr), Donovan Counts (6'1" 210 Jr) and Harrison Ritcher (5'11" 215 Jr, 1 st LY). Despite the loss of their top rusher, this unit could be improved.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Pack had to replace 3 starters who were the #2, #3 and #4 rec and then #1 WR Donald Bowens (PS#229, 598, 14.6 '07) missed the season (inj). TE's Anthony Hill and Matt Kushner were 1-2 on the depth chart but Kushner played in just 2 (inj) and Hill missed four. Owen Spencer led in dropped passes but also was #1 with 691 and an eye opening 22.3 ypc as the team's game breaker. Jarvis Williams was #2 with 432 (16.6) and 3rd string TE George Bryan added 201 (11.2). True frosh WR TJ Graham (PS#105) had 251 (15.7). The #3 and #6 rec's were RB's. This year they lose Hill (8 st, 234 yd, #4DC HOU) and Andrew Evans (0 rec). This unit is vastly more experienced than 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite the presence of some fine RB's, NCSt surprisingly has not avg 4.0 ypc S/1998! Despite having to replace 3 starters in '06, the unit still paved the way for 3.8 ypc rush (5% sk). In O'Brien's first yr ('07) they had to replace 3 starters including their top OL (#4DC) and injuries affected the unit. O'Brien, who is a known molder of NFL caliber OL's, surprisingly saw his first unit slip to 89 ypg (3.0), their fewest S/'86. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups. RG Curtis Crouch played sparingly and Julian Williams (9 st '07) started 5 (inj) so only 1 returnee started 6+. They moved in 2 DL's with starting experience in C Ted Larsen and LG John Bedics who each started all 13. I speculated that while the group was less experienced, they should improve and that they did to 123 ypg (3.6). This year they lose RG Meares Green (13 st, 2Y st'r), LG Bedics, OG Crouch (6 gm) and Matthew White (3 gm). Not listed in the PSL is LS Michael Maurer (5'11" 225 Jr). Jake Vermiglio started the last 8 at LT in place of Williams and both return as do two other starters. While they will not get the DL infusion of '08, I look for continued improvement from the Wolfpack O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NCSt had to replace one starter (#3DC) and two backups in '07 and it was surprising that they allowed 186 ypg (4.3), their worst total since 2000. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 24 starts plus starting DE Shea McKeen and DT Alan-Michael Cash each missed 3. The less experienced line managed to improve to 142 ypg (4.2). This year they lose DT Keith Willis Jr (6 st, 18 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and DT Antoine Holmes (7 st, 35 tkl, 7 tfl). DE Willie Young was a projected NFL 1st or 2nd Rnd pick but opted to return and with 7 players back with starting experience NCSt should have the best rush D of the O'Brien era.

LINEBACKERS - Last year this unit was my biggest concern on the team as they had to replace all 3 starters (#2, #3 and #5 tkl). I did point out that Nate Irving had 4 starts (52 tkl) in '07. Former HC Amato had compared Ray Michel (58 car tkl) to Levar Fisher and Dwayne Maddox (PS#41) was a true frosh who was in for the spring. Irving missed 3 and O'Brien said he was their best def player. He still set the school record for int in a season for a LB with 4. This year they lose Robbie Leonard (13 st, 83 tkl) and Ryan Goodman (22 tkl) but not only do Irving, Michel and Maddox return, they add in Terrell Manning (PS#12) who RS last year with an injury.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack finished #4 in my pass D rankings in both 2004 and 2005. They slipped to #47 in 2006. In 2007 they had to replace two starters and switched from man-to-man to more of a zone scheme. Thanks to some position switches at midseason, the Wolfpack pass D improved to #38. Last year they had to replace 3 players (comb 23 st) incl a #3DC and then SS Javon Walker (4 st '07) was lost in Aug to injury. NCSt surprisingly fell to #79. This year they lose CB Jeremy Gray (13 st, 72 tkl, 3 int) and SS JC Neal (13 st, 80 tkl). They return 5 who started last year and also Walker. Not listed in the PSL below are Chris Carter (6'1" 180 rFr), Robert Bell (5'9" 180 Sr), Jordan Monk (6'0" 180 So) and Zach Powell (5'11" 188 Jr). While they return two starters just like '08, they have more experience (7 w/starting exp) and should improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Amato's ST units blk'd a lot of punts. In '02 they were +10 in the TD/blk category and finished #19 in my ST rankings. They finished #29, #57 and #41 in his L3Y. O'Brien's BC units were #6 in '04 and #18 in '06. In O'Brien's first year they had dangerous returnman Darrell Blackman back and he avg 23.2 on KR and 12.4 on PR. Late addition JC trans K Steven Hauschka was not on the fall roster but hit 16 of 18 FG's and had 12 TB on 57 KO. Bradley Pierson took over as the P at midseason (35.6 net) and NCSt finished #24. Last year they had to replace Hauschka and Blackman and dropped to #54. TJ Graham set a school record with 1,028 KR yards (25.1) including a 100 yd KR vs BC. JC Neal had an 89 yd KR TD vs Duke. Graham was the top PR (8.2). New K Josh Czajkowski (PS#39) hit 16 of 19 FG's (long 42). P Pierson dropped some to a 35.2 net and had just 1 TB on 60 KO. This year they lose P Pierson but Graham was a true frosh and provided the new P does well, they should improve.

COACHES - Tom O'Brien did a fantastic job at BC. After having losing seasons in his first two years, he guided the team to 8 straight bowls including wins in the last 6. He was the first coach in BC history to have 8+ wins for 6 straight years. Dana Bible has been O'Brien's OC for the last 10 years and was also the OC for the PHI Eagles ('98). DC Mike Archer was the DC at Kentucky from '03-'06 and was the LB coach for the Steelers from '96-'02. Archer was the HC at LSU from '87-'90 and enters his 3rd year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Chuck Amato did have five bowl trips in his seven years but four came with Philip Rivers at QB. In Amato's final season in '06, NCSt had 7 close losses and had they gotten some breaks, could have easily finished as high as 10-2 but stumbled to a 3-9 record with the 9 losses being the most here since 1959. In Amato's 3 post-Rivers years the Wolfpack went 8-16 in the ACC. NCSt was also -11 in TO's in '06 and despite their 2-6 ACC record, they were +2.3 ypg. I had high expectations for the Wolfpack in '07. Things did not look good at midyear as they were -17 in TO's in the first six games and opened 1-5. O'Brien switched things up in the bye week and they would go 4-2 but playing for a bowl berth they were thumped by Maryland 37-0, stopping the ACC's longest streak without being shutout at 150 gms ('95). NCSt was -16 in turnovers but +2 in net close wins. Their -79.6 in ACC play was 2nd worst. They did have 40 starts lost to injury. Last year they had just 9 ret starters (tied for fewest in ACC) and lost 47% of their lettermen. They also drew a tough non-conf slate. Things did not start out well. They had just 76 scholarship players after losing 9 over the summer and of the 2006 recruiting class, had just 7 left. The Wolfpack had 10 FD's vs S Car and 11 vs W&M. NCSt then pulled the upset of #15 EC, 30-24 at home in OT. After losses to SC, Clem, USF, BC and FSU they were 2-5. MD won on a 20 yd FG with :06 left on a rainy day and at 2-6 NCSt would need an improbable sweep of their final 4 to become bowl eligible. They were outgained by Duke 411-377 but thanks in part to an 89 yd KR TD they won 27-17. WF was SOD at the NCSt27 in their 21-17 win. Tom O'Brien was fired up for rival NC and NCSt smoked them 41-10. That win gave them wins over each of the other four major college teams in the state of NC for the first time S/'86. After they upset Miami, NCSt, in what looked like a rebuilding season, made a bowl. They played solid vs Rutgers but came up 6 pt short after QB Wilson was KO'd. For the season, the Wolfpack were -33.3 ypg in ACC play (2nd worst) and were +8 in TO's but finished in a 4 way tie for 3rd in the Atlantic (also tied for last). New HC's generally hit their stride in their 3rd season. Last year they also lost 43 starts to inj (11th most FBS) so they are even more experienced than their 14 starters returning indicate. The Wolfpack has had 3 straight losing seasons but one of my 9 sets of power ratings actually calls for them to go 11-1! They have EIGHT home games! NCSt made my list of Most Improved Teams (pg 19) and could be a surprise contender in the Atlantic.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 16 RUSSELL WILSON SO. 5-11 208 PS#61. 11 st, 1955 (55%) **17-1 ratio**, 388 (3.3) rush, **1st Tm ACC**. 249 att w/o int (#1 active NCAA) rFr. **8 Mike Glennon** (6'6" 211 rFr) **PS#2.**

HB 9 Brandon Barnes rFr. 6-0 200 **PS#16.29** Jamelle Eugene (5'10" 195 Sr) PS#90.7 st, 727 (3.8) 2Y. 1 st, 10 gm (inj) 442 (4.7) LY. Curtis Underwood (5'11" 216 Jr) PS#292. 200 (3.9) 2Y.

HB 22 Toney Baker Sr. 5-10 225 **PS#7.** 12 st, 1272 (4.4) 2Y. DNP L2Y (knee). **FB 47** Taylor Gentry (6'2" 224 So) PS#144. 72 (10.3) true. **48** Colby Jackson (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#214.

WR 13 OWEN SPENCER JR. 6-3 185 PS#151. 12 gm, 73 (14.6) true. 13 st, 691 **(22.3)** LY. **80** Donald Bowens (6'3" 206 Jr) 6 st 2Y. Inj LY. Darrell Davis (6'4" 212 Jr) PS#171. 205 (11.4) 2Y.

WR 5 JARVIS WILLIAMS JR. 6-4 205 PS#121. 13 st, 487 (14.3) 2Y. **6 TJ Graham** (6'0" 180 So). 6 st, 251 (15.7) true. Steven Howard (6'2" 190 So) PS#99. Jay Smith (6'2" 197 So) PS#194.

TE 84 GEORGE BRYAN SO. 6-5 270 PS#45. 7 st, 201 (11.2) rFr. Mario Carter (6'4" 256 rFr) PS#30. Matt Kushner (6'4" 285 Sr) PS#455. 3 st, 67 (6.7) 2Y. 1 st, 2 gm, inj (knee) LY.

C 58 TED LARSEN SR. 6-2 300 PS#240. 5 st DT, 52 tkl 2Y. 13 st C, 730 pl LY. **54** Henry Lawson (6'3" 295 So) PS#237. 13 gm ST LY. **LS 59** Corey Tedder (6'1" 212 Jr) 22 gm 2Y.

RG 74 Andy Barbee Sr. 6-3 310 PS#114. 3 gm, 10 pl '07. 13 gm, 159 pl LY. **72** Zach Allen (6'3" 320 rFr) PS#191. Wayne Crawford (6'3" 290 So) PS#171. DT LY, 4 tkl. Moved in spg.

LG 73 Julian Williams Sr. 6-5 311 **PS#54.** 9 st '07. First 5 st, 10 gm, 325 pl LY. **84** Andrew Wallace (6'5" 282 rFr) PS#119. Desmond Roberts (6'4" 295 So) PS#143. Matt McKeon (6'3" 271 Jr).

RT 50 JERAILL McCULLER SR. 6-7 335 1 gm rFr. 4 st, 8 gm, 336 pl '07. 13 st, 795 pl LY. **79** RJ Mattes (6'6" 313 rFr) **PS#44. 71** Gary Gregory (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#373. 2 gm LY.

LT 70 JAKE VERMIGLIO JR. 6-5 315 3 st, 10 gm '07. 8 st, 13 gm, 549 pl LY. **66** Sam Jones is PS#158. Hargrave. IFS. Tyson Chandler is **PS#88**. Colby Benfield (6'5" 340 Jr).

K 36 JOSH CZAJKOWSKI JR. 5-9 184 PS#39. RS in '06. DNP in '07. Hit 16-19 FG, long of 42, 33-34 xp last year. Chris Ward (6'1" 175 Fr) is PS#18. Hit 7-9 FG as a in HS.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 98 SHEA McKEEN SR. 6-5 255 PS#203JC. 9 st (inj) 29 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **11** Audi Augustin (6'2" 253 Jr) PS#156. 1 st, 13 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. **91** Markus Kuhn (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#267, 3 st, 56 tkl, 7.5 tfl 2Y.

DT 95 LeRoy Burgess Sr. 6-1 300 PS#131JC. GA Military '07. 3 st, 19 tkl, 1.5 tfl here LY. **52** JR Sweezy (6'5" 280 So) PS#247. 1 tkl, 3 gm rFr. **59** Justin Crudup (6'4" 270 Sr) DNP LY.

DT 10 ALAN-MICHAEL CASH SR. 6-1 286 PS#158. 12 st, 63 tkl, 8.5 tfl 2Y. 10 st (inj) 35 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **90** Nathan Mageo **PS#53JC.** IFS. Raynard Randolph **PS#56.** Andrew Cobb (6'3" 270 rFr).

DE 97 WILLIE YOUNG SR. 6-4 250 **PS#63.** 13 st, 108 tkl, 19 tfl 2Y. 11 st, 54 tkl, 12.5 tfl LY. **99** Jeff Rieskamp (6'3" 235 So) PS#280. 2 st, 21 tkl rFr. Brian Slay PS#97. Josh Milinichik (6'3" 235 Sr).

WLB 56 NATE IRVING JR. 6-1 235 PS#162. 4 st, 52 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. 9 st, (inj) 84 tkl, 12 tfl, 9 pd, HM ACC LY. Audie Cole (6'5" 234 So) PS#54. 14 tkl rFr. William Beasley (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#115.

MLB 44 RAY MICHEL SR. 6-0 227 15 tkl rFr. 1 st, 43 tkl '07. 13 st, 102 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Sterling Lucas (6'2" 227 So) PS#157. 16 tkl true. Patrick Apple (6'0" 225 Jr). Grant Pearce (6'0" 215 So).

SLB 41 Dwayne Maddox So. 6-2 225 **PS#41.** 4 st, 9 gm, 32 tkl true. **35** Terrell Manning (6'3" 220 rFr) **PS#12.** Expected to make push for starting job. **26** Asante' Cureton (5'11" 200 Jr). Koyal George (5'11" 175 Sr) WR '06-'07, 3 rec, 2 st CB, 9 tkl LY. **38** Gary Grant (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#257.

CB 21 DeANDRE MORGAN JR. 5-10 170 PS#246. 7 st, 31 tkl, 8 pbu rFr. 11 st, 66 tkl, 14 pd LY.

CB 20 Dominique Ellis So. 5-11 190 PS#133. 13 tkl, 1 int true. **46** CJ Wilson (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#226. **25** Akeem Cunningham (5'11" 191 rFr) PS#280. **13** Jackson Diaz-Cobo (5'11" 195 So).

SS 19 CLEM JOHNSON SR. 6-0 200 PS#414JC. 4 st, 8 gm (inj) 46 tkl, 4 pd here LY. Javon Walker (6'0" 197 Jr) PS#465. 46 tkl rFr. Inj LY. No spg '09. Earl Wolff (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#152.

FS 32 Jimmaul Simmons So. 6-2 200 PS#279. 11 gm, 16 tkl, 1 int rFr. **28 Justin Byers** (6'0" 188 So) PS#160. 8 st, 50 tkl, 5 pd LY. **31** Bobby Floyd (5'9" 211 Sr) 1 st, 28 tkl, 1 pd 2Y.

P 38 Jeff Ruiz Sr. 6-2 185 PS#208JC. Avg 43.3 at JUCO. RS here '07. DNP LY. Chris Ward (6'1" 175 Fr) PS#18. Avg 42 ypp HS Sr. **25** Carl Ojala (6'2" 195 Jr). DNP LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL Nathan Mageo 6-3 290 PS#53JC
DL Raynard Randolph 6-2 320 PS#56
LB Rickey Dowdy 6-2 225 PS#66
DL Brian Slay 6-3 290 PS#97
OL Tyson Chandler 6-6 340 PS#88
QB Everett Proctor 6-2 200 PS#57
WR Quintin Payton 6-4 190 PS#78
OL Denzelle Good 6-6 325 PS#109
DB Jarvis Byrd 5-11 180 PS#124
WR Bryan Underwood 5-11 170 PS#101
RB Morgan Alexander 5-11 180 PS#108
LB Ryan Cheek 6-1 230 PS#112
DL Delon Roberson 6-3 275 PS#144
OL Camden Wentz 6-3 290 PS#149
OL Duran Christophe 6-6 285 PS#154
OL Sam Jones 6-7 295 PS#158
DB Rashard Smith 5-11 175 PS#169
DL Sylvester Crawford 6-4 225 PS#175
DL Darryl Cato-Bishop 6-4 250 PS#177
RB James Washington 6-0 180 PS#154
DB Brandan Bishop 6-2 200 PS#209
K Chris Ward 6-1 175 PS#18
LB Hans Rice 6-2 205 PS#191
DB Dean Haynes 5-11 178 PS#228
TE Anthony Talbert 6-4 230 PS#67
TE Asa Watson 6-4 225 PS#68
DB Donald Coleman 6-0 195 PS#309
DL AJ Ferguson 6-3 250 PS#301
LB JT Zdanek 6-0 205 PS#464DB '08

NC STATE WOLFPACK

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#62

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NCSt	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 3	S Carolina (Thur)	G					Prior to LY's shutout, NC State had won 4 straight vs SC all by double digits. The Wolfpack are 37-52-6 vs current SEC opponents. NCSt is 9-2 in home openers.
Sep. 12	Murray St	G					Wolfpack plays 2 FCS tms this season which means they need 7 wins to be bowl eligible. The Racers play in the OVC & were 5-7 last year including a 45-3 loss to Indiana.
Sep. 19	Gardner-Webb	G					First meeting. NCSt is 7-12-1 all-time vs current Big South opponents but the last matchup was in 1946. Runnin' Bulldogs were 5-6 LY including a 10-7 loss to GT.
Sep. 26	Pittsburgh	G					NC State is 2-5-1 all-time vs Pittsburgh & last met in the '01 Tangerine Bowl where the Panthers defeated the Wolfpack 34-19. NCSt is 14-15-1 vs current BE schools.
Oct. 3	at Wake Forest	A					This is the 103rd meeting (longest in the ACC) & NCSt leads the series 61-35-6. Last year NC State trailed into the 4Q but got a 69/11pl TD drive for the win.
Oct. 10	Duke	G					NC State has won 11 straight & their last home loss to Duke was in 1984. The Wolfpack were outFD'd 25-17 & outgained 411-377 in last year's 10 pt win.
Oct. 17	at Boston College	A					The visitor has lost 3 of the 4 ACC matchups (2005-'08). Last year NC State gave up a season high 578 yds & their last win in Chestnut Hill was in 1937!
Oct. 24							
Oct. 31	at Florida St	G					Prior to Amato returning to FSU, the Wolfpack had won 4 of 6 but have dropped both gms the L2Y. NCSt jumped out to a 10-0 lead & were ahead 17-13 in 4Q LY vs FSU.
Nov. 7	Maryland	G					NCSt has lost 7 of the L/9 including getting shutout at home in MD's last visit here. On a rain soaked field LY, NC State lost as Maryland kicked a 20 yd FG w/:06 left.
Nov. 14	Clemson	G					NC State has lost 5 straight vs Clemson. Last year NCSt's only TD came when LB Irving int'd CU QB Harper on the 1st play of the game & returned it 33 yds.
Nov. 21	at Virginia Tech	G					These schools last met in 2005 when the #8 Hokies beat the Wolfpack 20-16. NCSt is 18-24-4 vs VT & the L/7 games ('86) have been decided by a TD or less.
Nov. 28	North Carolina	G					Last year NC State took advantage of 6 NC TO's & had a 263 yd edge in the win. Wolfpack are 9-4 since 1996 in home finales but just 29-63-6 vs North Carolina.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Philip Rivers 13,484 '00-'03
2. Jamie Barnette 9,461 '96-'99
3. Terry Harvey 5,925 '91, '93-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ted Brown 4,602 '75-'78
2. Joe McIntosh 3,642 '81-'84
3. Tremayne Stephens 3,553 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Torry Holt 3,379 '95-'98
2. Jerricho Cotchery 3,119 '00-'03
3. Eddie Goines 2,351 '91-'94

TOM O'BRIEN (Career 86-59)
3rd Year at NC STATE
Bowls: 6-2
Boston College '97-'06

O'Brien AT NC STATE/OVERALL

11-14 / 86-59	SU	0-0 / 1-10	Vs Top 10
7-7 / 50-24	Home	3-2 / 11-23	Vs Top 25
4-6 / 30-33	Away	0-4 / 13-12	Vs BCS Tms
0-1 / 6-2	Neutral	2-2 / 15-9	Off A Bye
7-9 / 44-43	Vs Conf	5-7 / 35-20	Off A Loss

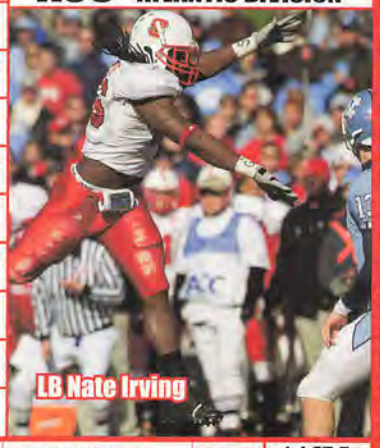
2008 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (13,15,3)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,665 (#36)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION



STADIUM: CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (57,583) (#45)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	7-5	11-3	8-5	5-6	7-5	3-9	5-7	6-7	60-51
Home	5-1	3-3	6-1	6-1	2-4	4-3	3-4	3-4	4-3	36-24
Away	2-3	4-1	4-2	1-4	2-2	2-2	0-5	2-3	2-3	19-25
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	3-5	3-5	2-6	3-5	4-4	32-40
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-1	6-0	4-1	2-1	4-0	1-3	2-2	2-3	28-11
ATS	7-5	5-7	9-3	5-7	3-7	5-6	3-8	5-6	10-2	52-51
Home Fav	3-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	0-3	2-3	0-3	1-2	0-0	11-21
Home Dog	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	2-1	1-2	5-1	10-10
Away Favorite	0-2	1-2	3-1	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-12
Away Dog	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	1-3	3-2	4-1	21-7
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	6-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	2-6	2-6	3-5	3-5	4-4	8-0	35-37
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	4-0	3-1	1-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	2-2	17-14
Off SU Win	5-2	2-5	6-2	2-5	0-4	3-3	1-2	3-2	5-1	27-26
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-3	2-2	2-6	2-3	5-0	23-21

Chuck Amato 2000
Tom O'Brien

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andre Brown	175	800	33	767	7	4.4
Jamelle Eugene	95	464	22	442	2	4.7
Russell Wilson	116	604	216	388	4	3.3
Curtis Underwood	32	128	12	116	1	3.6
Harrison Beck	7	19	34	-15	0	-2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Russell Wilson	275	150	54.5	1955	17	1
Harrison Beck	80	34	42.5	592	2	7
Daniel Evans	35	13	37.1	131	1	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Owen Spencer	31	691	22.3	5	67	
Jarvis Williams	26	432	16.6	4	55	
Andre Brown	29	309	10.7	2	49	
TJ Graham	16	251	15.7	0	47	
Anthony Hill	19	234	12.3	4	25	
Jamelle Eugene	26	224	8.6	0	29	
George Bryan	18	201	11.2	4	30	
Jay Smith	7	78	11.1	0	27	
Taylor Gentry	7	72	10.3	0	25	
Darrell Davis	6	70	11.7	1	23	
Steven Howard	2	45	22.5	0	41	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Bradley Pierson	61	2369	38.8	15	35.2	1	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Josh Czajkowski	33-34	6-7	8-9	2-3	0-0	16-19	42

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ray Michel	85	0	3	1	0
Robbie Leonard	83	0	5.5	0	1
JC Neal	80	0	2	1	0
Nate Irving	80	1	10	5	4
Jeremy Gray	72	1	1.5	4	3
DeAndre Morgan	60	0	3	10	2
Willie Young	58	6.5	6	4	1
Justin Byers	44	0	0	2	2
Clem Johnson	40	0	0	3	2
Alan-Michael Cash	38	3.5	3.5	2	0
Antoine Holmes	35	2	7	0	0
Shea McKeen	32	2.5	1.5	1	0
Dwayne Maddox	28	0	0.5	0	0
Ryan Goodman	22	0	0	0	0
Jeff Rieskamp	21	1.5	2	0	0
Markus Kuhn	20	2	1	1	0
Keith Willis Jr	18	2	1.5	1	0
Leroy Burgess	16	0	1.5	0	0
Bobby Floyd	16	0	0.5	1	0
Jimmaul Simmons	15	0	0	0	2
Dominique Ellis	11	0	0	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
TJ Graham	15	123	8.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
TJ Graham	41	1028	25.1	1	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Tangerine	E	Pittsburgh	19-34
02	Gator - #17	-1	Notre Dame - #11	28-6
03	Tangerine	-12	Kansas	56-26
05	Car Care	-3'	USF	14-0
08	Papajohns.com	+6'	Rutgers	23-29

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NC State's All-Time Bowl Record 12-11-1

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	23.5	329	123	3.6	206	50.3	14.0	29	+8	2008	4	26.3	391	142	4.2	249	62.2	14.9	23
7*	20.8	335	89	3.0	246	56.0	16.1	26	-16	2007	6	28.3	394	186	4.3	208	54.6	13.9	27
5*	17.5	302	120	3.8	182	51.7	17.3	19	-11	2006	5	21.8	317	151	3.8	167	51.3	14.5	24
7*	20.8	315	124	3.4	190	54.6	15.2	35	0	2005	5	17.7	299	107	2.8	192	48.7	16.9	41
8	24.0	349	147	3.7	202	55.7	14.5	31	-17	2004	9	19.8	221	102	2.6	119	43.4	11.2	33
6*	37.6	453	101	3.3	352	72.0	12.0	17	+2	2003	4	29.6	421	137	3.8	284	59.1	14.2	27
6*	32.9	392	144	3.9	248	61.1	11.9	11	+7	2002	6	17.0	301	125	3.3	176	49.7	17.7	48

2008 STATS BY GAME

NCSt 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
80,616	at S Carolina	10	37-89	2.4	5-20	49	2	20	42-171	4.1	17-27	198	5	0
56,694	William & Mary	11	30-67	2.2	21-36	258	2	16	33-115	3.5	19-37	188	3	+2
76,500	at Clemson	20	39-136	3.5	15-29	152	2	22	29-166	5.7	20-28	262	0	0
57,583	East Carolina	19	34-127	3.7	24-39	257	1	18	30-173	5.8	19-32	210	1	0
57,583	USF	13	27-26	1.0	9-32	239	1	29	48-245	5.1	21-33	275	0	-3
55,652	Boston College	15	22-35	1.6	19-33	218	5	28	30-150	5.0	34-51	428	1	+3
56,643	Florida St	14	22-157	7.1	13-25	181	1	28	45-138	3.1	23-35	254	3	0
45,018	at Maryland	21	42-155	3.7	18-29	187	3	21	36-203	5.6	9-20	126	1	0
31,964	at Duke	17	34-159	4.7	13-25	218	1	25	28-94	3.4	37-52	317	0	0
56,174	Wake Forest	21	39-149	3.8	16-33	152	3	18	30-98	3.3	22-34	240	4	0
60,000	at N Carolina	18	45-187	4.2	17-28	279	2	13	26-56	2.2	14-28	147	3	+6
56,329	Miami, Fl	25	44-219	5.0	11-24	220	5	19	32-122	3.8	21-32	269	2	+3
38,582	† Rutgers	19	27-95	3.5	16-39	268	1	21	33-118	3.6	22-38	319	0	-3
TOTALS		223	442-1601	3.6	197-392	2678	29	278	442-1849	4.2	278-447	3233	23	+8
AVERAGES		17.2	34-123	3.6	15-30	206	7.4%	21.4	34-142	4.2	21-34	249	5.1%	0.6

2004 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Richmond	NL	42-0
-	Ohio St - #9	-2'	14-22
-	at Virginia Tech	+7'	17-16
-	Wake Forest	-10'	27-21 OT
-	at North Carolina	-10'	24-30
-	at Maryland	+2	13-3
-	Miami, Fl - #4	+7	31-45
-	at Clemson	-1'	20-26
-	Georgia Tech	-7'	14-24
-	Florida St - #11	+6'	10-17
-	† East Carolina	-21	52-14

2005 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Virginia Tech - #8	+3'	16-20
-	E Kentucky	NL	54-10
-	North Carolina	-11	24-31
-	at Georgia Tech - #24	+4'	17-14
-	Clemson	-4	10-31
-	at Wake Forest	-3	19-27
-	Southern Miss	-6'	21-17
-	at Florida St - #9	+13	20-15
-	at Boston College	+4'	10-30
-	Middle Tenn	-18	24-3
-	Maryland	-3	20-14

2006 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Appalachian St	NL	23-10
-	Akron	-9	17-20
-	at Southern Miss	+3	17-37
-	Boston College - #20	+6'	17-15
-	Florida St - #17	+9'	24-20
-	Wake Forest	-3'	23-25
-	at Maryland	+1'	20-26
-	at Virginia	+1'	7-14
-	Georgia Tech - #20	+4	23-31
-	at Clemson	+18'	14-20
-	at North Carolina	-3	9-23
-	East Carolina	-3	16-21

2007 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	UCF	-8	23-25
-	at Boston College	+13'	17-37
-	Wofford	NL	38-17
-	Clemson - #15	+7	20-42
-	Louisville	+8'	10-29
-	at Florida St	+18	10-27
-	at East Carolina	+6	34-20
-	Virginia - #21	+3'	29-24
-	at Miami, Fl	+10'	19-16 OT
-	North Carolina	-3'	31-27
-	at Wake Forest	+6	18-38
-	Maryland	-2'	0-37

2008 RESULTS

NCSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at South Carolina	+14	0-34
-	William & Mary	-15	34-24
-	at Clemson	+20	9-27
-	East Carolina - #15	+7	30-24 OT
-	USF - #13	+9'	10-41
-	Boston College	+7'	31-38
-	Florida St	+10'	17-26
-	at Maryland	+12	24-27
-	at Duke	+3'	27-17
-	Wake Forest	+3'	21-17
-	at North Carolina - #25	+11	41-10
-	Miami, Fl	+1'	38-28

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006, Ben Mauk was lost for the year in the opener. Amazingly, rFr Riley Skinner led WF to the ACC Title throwing for 2,051 (65.8%) with a 9-5 ratio. Skinner had barely beat out Brett Hodges (PS#125) for the #2 spot prior to the season! Skinner had 3 int vs BC to start 2007 including 2 in the EZ and also suffered a separated shoulder. Hodges hit 17 of 23 vs BC and started the next two but only threw for 95 ypg with an 0-2 ratio. Skinner ret'd and had 6 int's in the next four and at midseason WF QB's had 12 int (only 6 ttl '06). They had just 4 after that. Skinner improved his completion % to an FBS leading 72.4% throwing for 2,204 with only a 12-13 ratio. Hodges played in seven. Last year was Skinner's third as a starter and surprisingly his comp % dropped to 63.9 as he threw for 2,347 with an improved 13-7 ratio. He did however become the winningest QB in WF history. Hodges played in 2 (2 att) and must be replaced (trans). Battling for #2 are Ted Stachitas (PS#52), Ryan McManus, Skylar Jones (6'1" 185 So, PS#71) and Turner Faulk (5'8" 160 rFr). Skinner, who set an NCAA Bowl record for comp % (11 of 11), should have his best year as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 WF had to replace the school's all-time leading rusher in Chris Barclay then the unit was hit hard by injuries. At one point they were down to their 5th string RB and their leading rusher was a converted WR because of inj's. Grobe bit his lip and still RS true frosh Josh Adams (PS#34) who had the best speed of the group. In Adams' first year as a starter in 2007 he rushed for 953 (4.4). Last year they had to replace three of their top four rushers but Adams was back. Unfortunately, Adams was banged up most of the year and finished with just 402 (3.3). In the opener, CJ Washington (5'8" 160 So) had 63 yards but he had just 3 the rest of the year. RFr Brandon Pendergrass (PS#115) had his first career 100 yard game vs Virginia and led with 528 (3.5). Kevin Harris (PS#91) had 176 (5.3) with 136 of that in the bowl! FB Rich Belton added 123 (4.9). This year they only lose Belton (0 st). Not listed below are Lovell Jackson (5'10" 170 rFr) and FB's Anthony Williams (5'11" 200 Sr) and Willie Dixon (5'11" 220 So). WF avg just 3.1 ypc, the lowest in the Grobe era and I look for more production out of the RB's with their top guys back.

RB Kevin Harris

RECEIVERS - Kenny Moore was leading the Demon Deacons in receiving in '06 when he was forced to move to RB for the last 5 and then led the team in rushing. He moved back to WR in '07 and easily broke Desmond Clark's school record for rec in a season (72 in '97) with 98 for 1,011 (10.3). Last year they had to replace their top 2 including their starting TE with the leading returnee being Chip Brinkman (PS#168) who had 225 (8.3). They did get an unexpected season out of DJ Boldin (PS#153, Anquan's brother) who had 10 career starts into the season. Boldin moved into the #2 spot for rec in a season at WF with 81 (10.5), the most in the ACC in '08. Marshall Williams had just 2 starts but finished #2 with 390 (15.0) while TE Ben Wooster added 211 (8.8). Brinkman finished #3 with 251 (11.4). This year they lose Brinkman (13 st) and 1st Tm ACC Boldin (13 st). Not listed below are Chris Langley (6'2" 185 Sr) and TE JT Dixon (6'4" 215 rFr, PS#108). This group is less experienced than 2008 but has potential.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WF puts its strongest OL's on the inside to lead the rush attack and uses the chop block like many option teams do. In '07 they had to replace one starter (1st Tm ACC) but had 4 back. Surprisingly, they dropped to a then Grobe era low of 143 ypg rush (3.4) while allowing 27 sacks (7.1%). C Steve Justice became the first Deacon to win the ACC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy since Ben Coleman in 1992. Last year they had to replace 4 multi-year starters. They did have 3 back who started 6+ but not surprisingly the #'s dropped to another new Grobe era low of 121 ypg (3.1) with 30 sacks (8.1%). The ypc has declined from 4.3 in '04 to 4.1, 3.9, 3.4 and 3.1 the last four years. This year that trend will stop. Nine of the top 10 return and they also get back Chris DeGeare who started 14 in '06 and 9 in '07 but missed '08. Their 119 career starts returning are the 2nd most in the FBS. WF will have its best rushing numbers in at least 4 years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Grobe's first 3 years they played a 3-3-5 D due to a lack of depth on the D-line. The depth has gotten better each year and in '06 they had 6 of their top 8 back. They allowed just 3.1 ypc (best under Grobe) with 32 sacks. In '07 they had to replace 2 starters but allowed just 109 ypg (3.2). Last year they had to replace 2 starters again but did have 6 of the top 8 back. Surprisingly they slipped to 124 ypg (3.5) and the D had 25 sacks. This year they lose DE's Matt Robinson (13 st, 39 tkl, 4 sk), Anthony Davis (first 6 st, 7 tkl) and Antonio Wilson (18 tkl). Unlike the rest of the D, Grobe has his most experienced front in years and even with little experience at LB, they could improve the rush D stats.

LINEBACKERS - In '06 Aaron Curry was the #2 tackler and Stanley Arnoux was #4. In '07 Curry was #2 again and Arnoux was #3 while new starter Chantz McClinic was #7. Last year the entire 2 deep ret'd and Curry had a great offseason in the weight room bulking up to become an NFL prospect (#1DC SEA) at 6'2" 254 with 4.56 speed. Curry led in tackles and took home the Butkus Award while Arnoux was #2 (#4DC NO) and McClinic #5. This is a major concern for the 2009 team as all three 13 game starters depart. Grobe feels they will put together a solid LB unit but it will clearly be weaker than 2008's excellent unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WF finished #41 in my pass D rankings in '05. The unit ret'd intact in '06 and their 22 int's were #2 in the FBS, but they finished #41 again. In '07 they had to replace 3 starters. Thanks to the exploits of Alphonso Smith (3 IR TD's, 8 int), WF moved up to #21. Last year they only had to replace one player (5 st) but surprisingly fell to #36. This year they lose 1st Tm AA CB Smith (13 st, 7 int, 13 pbu, #2DC DEN), FS Chip Vaughn (12 st, 87 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu, #4DC NO), SS Kevin Patterson (13 st, 54 tkl, 4 int) and CB Kerry Major (19 tkl). FS Alex Frye did run down Maryland's Heyward-Bey and CB Brandon Ghee has 4.34 speed but this unit is clearly less experienced after losing the ACC's all-time int leader and will continue sliding down in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005 WF finished #16 in my ST rankings with the NCAA's leading P, Ryan Plackemeier (41.4 tm net) and K Sam Swank, who was the only frosh semi-finalist for the Groza Award in '05 hitting 19 of 24 FG's. Swank took over all 3 duties in '06 and the team improved to #7. As a junior he became the team's all-time career scoring leader. His first miss in '07 was from 57 yd (18 of 21). Kenny Marion avg 31.3 on KR and Kenny Moore 10.4 on PR but the unit slipped to #52. Last year they had to replace Marion and Moore and while Swank ret'd, he missed six (inj) and was not 100% in others. He had a very un-Swank-like year hitting 11 of 17 FG's (long 49) and avg just 37.6 on punts. RFr Shane Popham filled in (39.2 punts, 7 of 12 FG). He had a 24 yarder that barely made it over the upright vs Miami. WF did have a remarkable stat in that the longest PR allowed all year was 2 yards (#1 NCAA)! That helped WF have a net of 37.5 (29 FC). While the return game was avg, WF finished #34 thanks to 4 blk'd punts. This year they lose Swank and their two top PR's but could still have another fine finish.

COACHES - Jim Grobe is just the 5th coach in school history to lead the Demon Deacons to a bowl. After recording B2B winning seasons in his first 2 years, he led the team to their first ACC Title S/'70 in his 5th year (2006) and was named the AP National Coach of the Year. He has done a phenomenal job. OC Steed Lobotzke enters his 7th year here. Last year they had to replace their DC and Brad Lambert (LB cch 7Y) took over. Added to the staff was Steve Russ who played for Grobe at Air Force and was DC at Syr in '07. They also added Brian Knorr, the former HC at Ohio ('01-'04), who took over as WR coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jim Grobe had veteran teams during his first two years and went 6-5 and 7-6. He had just 10 starters back in '03 and they were -80.1 ypg in ACC play and went just 5-7. In 2004 they had just 10 scholarship seniors. Bobby Bowden commented after a narrow win over WF that with 4 more plays, WF could have been 7-0. Instead they started the season 3-4 and finished just 4-7 (6 losses by TD or less). They had 15 starters back in '05 (most ACC) but did have just 9 seniors in the 2 deep. Surprisingly they blew a couple of leads and finished just 4-7 including 3-5 in the ACC (-53.8 ypg). In '06 they had 16 ret starters, (most ACC) and ret'd 13 of their top 14 tacklers. I gave WF a shot at winning their first 5 and they did just that. WF was picked last in the ACC preseason poll but won their first ACC Title since 1970 after not being over .500 in ACC play S/'88 (18 years). In ACC play the last 55 years, they have had 8 winless years compared to just 7 winning seasons. Their best game in 2006 was a 30-0 shutout of Fla St IN TALLAHASSEE! WF was also the first team in ACC history to record six road wins! They accomplished all this despite the fact that they lost their starting QB in Wk 1 and starting RB in Wk 3. In '06 they were +13 in TO's, had 5 net close wins but amazingly they were -57.1 ypg in ACC play (4th worst). WF had 13 ret starters in '07 and nearly won the Atlantic again with some key int's in the EZ vs BC costing them. They did get a miracle win vs MD and won 6 in a row for the first time S/'92. They also missed a 47 yd FG on the final play vs Virginia but won their bowl vs Conn, 24-10. While WF was 5-3 in the ACC, they were -18.5 ypg and benefitted from +9 in TO's. They did have 31 starts lost to injury. That '07 squad had 4,425 yards on off and allowed 4,425 yards on def. WF came into last year 20-7 the previous two years and had 14 ret starters. For the first time in school history they were ranked in the preseason (#23). They dominated Baylor on the road, 41-13 then got a Sam Swank 41 yd FG with :03 left to get past Cotton Bowl champ Mississippi. FSU was playing without susp players and WF beat them 12-3. The next week, QB Skinner had 5 TO's and WF lost to Navy at home. They dominated Clem on a Thurs night more than the 12-7 final indicates then suffered their first shutout in 124 games vs MD (26-0). They led Miami 7-0 and 10-3 but lost by 6. They were fortunate to get past Duke in OT with Duke missing a 42 yd FG on the final play of regulation. They beat VA 28-17 and were tied for 1st in the ACC. They led NCSt 17-14 but lost by 4 and then lost by 3 to BC. WF got the win it needed in the finale vs Vandy to wrap up a bowl and then beat Navy in the bowl to finish 8-5. WF was 4-4 in the ACC (-20.9 ypg) and finished with their 3rd straight .500 or better season for the first time since before the ACC was formed ('53). They benefitted from +17 in TO's. WF will be much more potent on offense but I do have some concerns on D where they return just 4 starters and lose their top 5 tacklers including 4 NFL DC's. WF is capable of getting to their 4th straight bowl game but will not match last year's 8 win total.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 11 RILEY SKINNER SR. 6-1 210 PS#304. 23 st, 4255 (69%), 21-18 ratio 2Y. 13 st, 2347 (64%), 13-7, HM ACC LY. 13 Ted Stachitas (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#52. Ryan McManus (6'1" 195 Sr).

RB 27 JOSH ADAMS JR. 6-0 182 **PS#34.** 9 st, 953 (4.4), ACC Rookie of Yr rFr. 7 st (inj), 402 (3.3), 16 rec (7.5) LY. 22 Brandon Pendergrass (5'9" 200 So) PS#115. 5 st, 528 (3.5) rFr.

FB 44 MIKE RINFRETTE SR. 6-3 260 PS#210. 18 (3.0) rFr. LB '07. 11 st FB, 64 (2.6) LY. 23 Kevin Harris (6'1" 225 Sr) PS#91. 2 st, 393 (5.0) rFr. Inj '07. 1 st, 176 yd (5.3) 2Y. #1 TB spg.

WR 7 Jordan Williams Jr. 6-3 200 PS#271. 15 gm, 10 rec (14.4) 2Y. 3 Devon Brown (5'9" 185 So). 13 gm, 134 (13.4), 16 KR (21.9) rFr. 19 Danny Dembry (6'2" 195 So) PS#110. DNP LY.

WR 8 Marshall Williams Jr. 6-1 185 PS#146. 1 gm rFr. 2 st, 390 (15.0) LY. 81 Terence Davis (6'1" 180 rFr) PS#218. 82 Chris Givens (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#101. Matt Hartford (5'11" 195 Sr).

TE 85 BEN WOOSTER SR. 6-5 235 PS#150. 2 st, 27 gm, 12 (6.0) 2Y. 9 st, 211 (8.8) LY. 80 Andrew Parker (6'5" 225 So) PS#66. 4 st, 106 (15.1) true. Cameron Ford (6'4" 235 So) PS#163.

C 72 RUSSELL NENON JR. 6-4 295 13 gm, 87 pl rFr. 13 st (6 LG, 7 C), 68.5 kd, 699 pl LY. 67 **Trey Bailey** (6'2" 295 Sr) PS#168. 12 gm 2Y. 6 st then inj'd LY. **LS** Greg Bechtel (6'0" 200 Sr).

RG 64 JEFF GRIFFIN SR. 6-3 290 PS#295. 16 st 2Y. 13 st (11 RT, 2 RG), 60 kd, 769 pl LY. 75 Michael Hoag (6'6" 295 So) PS#312. 13 gm, 15 kd LY. 66 Chance Raines (6'2" 280 So) PS#348.

LG 61 BARRETT McMILLIN SR. 6-3 290 PS#307. 12 gm rFr. 7 st '07. 11 st (inj), 52 kd LY. 78 **Joe Looney** (6'3" 295 So) **PS#77.** L/7 st, 550 pl, 44.5 kd true. 71 Ryan Britt (6'4" 275 So).

RT 76 JOE BIRDSONG SR. 6-4 290 **PS#92.** 11 gm rFr. 7 st, 10 gm (inj) '07. 13 st, 767 pl LY. 62 Doug Weaver (6'8" 295 So) **PS#78.** 2 st, 13 gm, 11.5 kd LY. Garrick Williams (6'4" 305 rFr) PS#192.

LT 70 CHRIS DeGEARE SR. 6-4 335 PS#110. 1 st true. 14 st '06. 9 st '07. Out yr (acad) LY. 69 Dennis Godfrey (6'3" 335 So) PS#61TE. 7 gm LY (inj). 73 Gabe Irby (6'3" 315 rFr) PS#224.

K NA Jimmy Newman Fr. 6-2 195 PS#26. 14 Shane Popham (5'11" 190 So). 7-12 FG, L/44, 19 KO, 4 TB, also starting punter as rFr due to inj's. 41 Cline Beam (5'9" 175 Sr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 97 KYLE WILBER SO. 6-5 230 PS#167. 7 st, 42 tkl, 6.5 tfl rFr. 94 Tripp Russell (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#134. 1 tkl, 2 gm rFr. 49 Derricus Ellis (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#229. Kevin Smith (6'4" 230 rFr) PS#320.

NG 96 BOO ROBINSON SR. 6-2 295 PS#488. 14 st, 61 tkl, 9.5 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 47 tkl, 6 tfl LY. 99 Michael Lockett (6'0" 285 Sr) PS#323. 10 tkl 3Y. Michael Carter (6'3" 310 Jr) PS#242. 1 st, 11 tkl 2Y.

DT 51 JOHN RUSSELL SR. 6-4 280 PS#146. 1 st, 19 tkl rFr. 3 st, 34 tkl '07. 13 st, 37 tkl, 7 tfl LY. 95 Ramon Booi (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#105. 87 Ted Randolph (6'4" 260 Sr) PS#61. 14 gm 3Y. TE spg.

DE 55 Tristan Dorty So. 6-2 250 PS#312. 10 gm, 5 tkl rFr. 90 Will Wright (6'4" 230 So) PS#147. Zach Thompson is PS#117. 53 Joe Hall (6'2" 210 So). 92 Bryson Dunmeyer (6'2" 310 rFr).

WLB 56 Hunter Haynes Jr. 6-2 240 PS#123. 2 st, 13 gm, 41 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 24 tkl LY. 50 Joey Ehrmann (6'4" 210 rFr) PS#93. 40 Kyle Jarrett (6'2" 230 So) PS#130. Barrett Powell (6'1" 205 rFr).

MLB 46 Matt Woodlief Jr. 5-11 254 PS#89. 19 tkl rFr. 22 tkl LY. 52 Dominique Midgett (6'2" 245 Sr) PS#120. 1 st, 24 tkl 3Y. 57 Gelo Orange (6'1" 225 So). 11 gm, 2 blk'd punts rFr.

SLB 26 Jonathan Jones Sr. 6-3 240 PS#200. 16 tkl 2Y. 32 Scott Betros (6'1" 230 rFr) **PS#51.** Lee Malchow (6'5" 230 Sr). 8 tkl 2Y. Riley Haynes (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#125. Collin Granger (6'0" 210 So).

CB 17 BRANDON GHEE SR. 6-0 191 PS#123. 11 st, 63 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 10 pd '07. 11 st, 35 tkl, 8 pd LY. ACL spg. 24 Michael Williams (6'1" 170 So) PS#208. 2 tkl rFr. Duran Lowe is PS#366.

CB 25 Josh Bush So. 5-11 195 PS#443. 2 st, 17 tkl rFr. 28 Derald "DJ" Jones (5'10" 165 Fr) PS#105QB. IFS. 8 Kenny Okoro (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#186. Dominique Tate is PS#280.

SS 28 Cyhl Quarles So. 6-3 205 PS#404. 5 tkl, 13 gm rFr. 30 John Stamper (6'0" 195 So) PS#110. 13 gm, 2 tkl rFr. 38 Peter Grimm (6'1" 205 So). 37 Morgan Harris (6'0" 180 rFr).

FS 21 Alex Frye Jr. 6-3 195 PS#119. 1 st, 5 tkl rFr. 1 st, 9 gm, 13 tkl last year. 37 Junior Petit-Jean (6'0" 200 So) PS#443. 9 gms, 2 tkl rFr. 8 Geoff Wissing (6'1" 205 Sr). 1 gm LY.

P 14 SHANE POPHAM SO. 5-11 190 Walk-on in '07. 54 punts (39.2), tm net 37.5, 19 KO (57.4), 9-9 xp, also FG kicker as rFr due to inj's. Jimmy Newman (6'2" 195 Fr) PS#26.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Michael Campanaro 5-10 173 PS#43
WR	Quan Rucker 6-0 185 PS#74
DL	Zach Thompson 6-5 250 PS#117
DL	John Gallagher 6-4 252 PS#143
LB	Justin Jackson 6-1 205 PS#122
TE	Matt Muncy 6-4 215 PS#39
DB	Daniel Mack 6-0 196 PS#160
DL	Frank Souza 6-4 285 PS#163
LB	Mike Olson 6-3 215 PS#143
RB	Tommy Bohanon 6-2 245 PS#140
OL	Whit Barnes 6-4 270 PS#176
QB	Brendan Cross 6-2 198 PS#88
DB	Derald "DJ" Jones 5-10 165 PS#105QB
LB	Nikita Whitlock 5-11 245 PS#178
K	Jimmy Newman 6-2 195 PS#26
DB	Dominique Tate 5-10 180 PS#280
TE	Daniel Vogelsang 6-2 235 PS#78
RB	Josh Harris 5-10 190 PS#296
DB	Duran Lowe 5-11 214 PS#366
OL	Devin Bolling 6-5 270 PS#380
DL	Kris Redding 6-4 235 PS#653
OL	Steven Chase 6-7 270 PS#1788

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#37

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WF	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Baylor	A					Wake is 2-12 vs current Big 12 tms & 1-4 vs Baylor but won last year, The 28 pt win was the largest margin of victory in a Demon Deacons season opener since 1958.
Sep. 12	Stanford	A					First meeting. Wake Forest is 3-0 vs Pac-10 tms but last played one in the '02 Seattle Bowl vs Oregon (38-17). In WF's 9 HG vs non-conf BCS tms, 7 gms have been decided by 7 or less.
Sep. 19	Elon	A					The Phoenix went 8-4 LY & last played an FBS team in 2007 (USF 28-13 loss). Wake Forest is 41-19-3 vs current Southern Conf opp's including 8-0-1 vs Elon.
Sep. 26	at Boston College	A					The visitor is 1-4 & Wake is just 1-3 vs BC since '05 including a 3 pt loss last yr. In that gm, the teams combined for 425 yds & 17 punts w/BC scoring w/1:12 left.
Oct. 3	NC State	A					The Deacons have won 3 straight at home in this series by an avg of 34-20. Last yr's loss snapped a Demon Deacon 10 game winning streak vs NC teams.
Oct. 10	Maryland	A					Last year's 26-0 shutout was the Deacons first since 1998. Last time here ('07) the Deacons trailed 24-3 but Smith had a 100 yd int to lead the comeback in OT.
Oct. 17	at Clemson	G					LY CU started the yr ranked #9 with hopes of winning the ACC Title but after their 12-7 loss vs WF on National TV, QB Harper lost the starting job & Bowden stepped down as HC.
Oct. 24	at Navy	A					This is the 4th meeting in 3 seasons as Wake lost in the reg ssn but won the bowl gm LY. WF has won 5 of L/6 & last time here they outscored Navy 30-14 in the last 3Q's.
Oct. 31	Miami, Fl	A					The Demon Deacons have dropped all 3 as ACC opponents with an avg score of 38-11. Last time here WF led 17-14 in the 2Q before allowing 33 unanswered pts.
Nov. 7	at Georgia Tech	G					Wake Forest is 1-4 at Georgia Tech & 8-20 all-time but haven't met since the 2006 ACC Title game when the Deamon Deacons won 9-6 on 3 Sam Swank FG's.
Nov. 14	Florida St	A					Wake Forest was just 2-21-1 vs the Seminoles prior to 3 straight wins. Last year the Deacons forced 7 TO's & Swank kicked a career high 4 FG's in the 12-3 win.
Nov. 21							
Nov. 28	at Duke	G					Wake has taken 9 straight in this series & has scored 41+ in all 4 wins in Durham. Last year Duke missed a 42 yd FG on the final play in regulation (WF won in OT).
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brian Kuklick 8,017 '94-'98	1. Chris Barclay 4,032 '02-'05	1. Ricky Proehl 2,949 '86-'89
2. Mike Elkins 7,304 '85-'88	2. James McDougald 3,811 '76-'79	2. Desmond Clark 2,834 '95-'98
3. Gary Schofield 7,205 '81-'83	3. Michael Ramseur 3,325 '82-'85	3. Jammie Deese 2,348 '96-'99

JIM GROBE (Career 87–77–1)

9th Year at Wake Forest — Bowls: 3-1, Ohio '95-'00

Grobe AT WAKE FOREST/OVERALL

54-44 / 87-77-1	SU	0-5 / 0-5	Vs Top 10
29-21 / 48-30-1	Home	5-16 / 5-20	Vs Top 25
21-22 / 35-46	Away	12-5 / 14-13	Vs BCS Tms
4-1 / 4-1	Neutral	8-6 / 11-10	Off A Bye
29-36 / 56-56-1	Vs Conf	24-16 / 36-32	Off A Loss

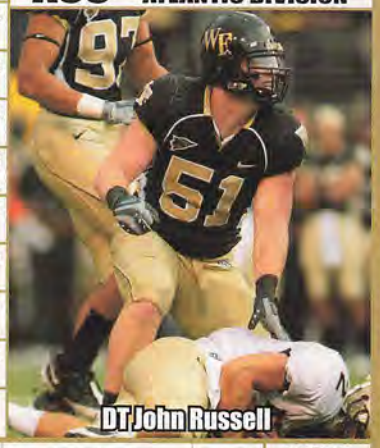
2008 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (25,17,2)
Lost: 20 (7,11,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,666 (#73)

ACC – ATLANTIC DIVISION



STADIUM: BB & T FIELD (31,500) (#92)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	6-5	7-6	5-7	4-7	4-7	11-3	9-4	8-5	56-53
Home	1-5	2-4	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-3	4-2	5-1	5-2	30-26
Away	1-4	4-1	2-4	2-3	1-4	1-4	6-0	3-3	2-3	22-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	4-1
vs Conf	1-7	3-5	3-5	3-5	1-7	3-5	7-2	5-3	4-4	30-43
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	4-1	2-2	3-0	1-2	4-1	4-1	4-1	26-10
ATS	3-7	6-3-1	5-6-2	5-7	4-6	5-6	8-5	8-5	6-7	50-52-3
Home Fav (Cotton)	0-1	0-1	2-2-1	0-3	0-2	0-3	0-2	3-1	3-4	8-19-1
Home Dog (Gator)	2-2	2-1-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-0	0-0	13-7-1
Away Favorite	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-2	1-2	5-9
Away Dog	1-4	4-0	2-2-1	2-1	2-2	2-2	5-0	0-2	1-1	19-14-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	4-1
vs Conf	1-7	5-2-1	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-3	4-4	3-5	34-37-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-1	2-2-1	1-3	1-1	0-3	2-2	4-1	3-2	16-15-1
Off SU Win	1-1	2-1-1	1-4-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	6-4	6-2	3-4	25-22-2
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-2	4-1-1	2-4	1-5	3-3	2-0	2-2	2-3	21-26-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Pendergrass	150	587	59	528	5	3.5
Josh Adams	122	443	41	402	4	3.3
Kevin Harris	33	182	6	176	1	5.3
Riley Skinner	104	343	199	144	1	1.4
Rich Belton	25	125	2	123	2	4.9
DJ Boldin	25	96	16	80	0	3.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Riley Skinner	363	232	63.9	2347	13	7
Brett Hodges	2	1	50.0	19	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
DJ Boldin	81	848	10.5	3	45
Marshall Williams	26	390	15.0	2	64
Chip Brinkman	21	251	11.4	2	44
Ben Wooster	24	211	8.8	3	43
Devon Brown	10	134	13.4	1	58
Brandon Pendergrass	19	125	6.6	0	22
Josh Adams	16	120	7.5	0	30
Andrew Parker	7	106	15.1	0	37
Kevin Harris	9	103	11.4	1	32

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Shane Popham	54	2115	39.2	24	37.5(t)	0	19
Sam Swank	18	677	37.6	7	–	0	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sam Swank	18-19	4-5	1-2	6-9	0-1	11-17	49
Shane Popham	9-9	5-6	1-2	1-4	0-0	7-12	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Aaron Curry	105	2.5	13.5	3	1
Stanley Arnoux	89	1.5	4	4	1
Chip Vaughn	87	0	2.5	6	2
Kevin Patterson	54	0	1	3	4
Chantz McClinic	51	2	1.5	0	0
Boo Robinson	47	5	1	1	1
Kyle Wilber	42	3	3.5	1	0
Matt Robinson	39	4	4.5	2	0
John Russell	38	4	3	1	0
Alphonso Smith	37	0	2.5	13	7
Brandon Ghee	35	1	2.5	7	1
Hunter Haynes	24	0.5	0	0	0
Matt Woodlief	22	0	0.5	0	0
Kerry Major	19	0	0	3	0
Antonio Wilson	18	0.5	1.5	0	0
Josh Bush	17	0	1	4	0
Alex Frye	13	0	0	0	1
Anthony Davis	7	0	1	1	0
Michael Carter	7	0	1.5	0	0
Jonathan Jones	6	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Alphonso Smith	21	108	5.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devon Brown	16	350	21.9	0
Alex Frye	15	332	22.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Aloha Classic	+3	Arizona St	23-3
02	Seattle	+7	Oregon	38-17
06	Orange - #15	+10	Louisville - #5	13-24
07	Meineke Car Care	-2	Connecticut	24-10
08	EagleBank	-3	Navy	29-19

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Wake Forest's All-Time Bowl Record 6–3

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	21.0	308	121	3.1	187	63.2	14.7	30	+17	2008	9	18.3	297	124	3.5	173	52.1	16.2	25
8*	27.8	340	143	3.4	197	71.2	12.2	28	+9	2007	5	22.2	340	109	3.2	231	53.4	15.3	29
7	21.6	307	150	3.9	157	65.5	14.2	26	+13	2006	9	15.4	323	106	3.1	217	57.2	21.0	32
9*	24.5	359	198	4.1	161	58.7	14.7	26	-2	2005	6	28.7	386	133	4.0	253	54.9	13.4	15
6*	20.9	351	206	4.3	145	52.7	16.8	25	+7	2004	8	23.0	393	158	4.1	235	55.4	17.1	21
3	27.9	355	203	4.3	152	58.6	12.7	16	+7	2003	7	28.9	454	174	4.5	280	61.9	15.7	11
8*	27.4	408	241	4.4	167	54.0	14.9	12	+18	2002	8	25.2	390	158	4.1	232	58.6	15.5	19

2008 STATS BY GAME

WF 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
30,633	at Baylor	23	44 - 156	3.5	27 - 36	220	1	15	34 - 94	2.8	15 - 30	156	2	+3
31,986	Mississippi	22	31 - 81	2.6	32 - 43	267	4	21	29 - 107	3.7	20 - 33	253	0	+2
79,235	at Florida St	16	38 - 59	1.6	17 - 30	217	2	12	28 - 102	3.6	12 - 36	118	1	+5
33,173	Navy	16	31 - 43	1.4	26 - 40	270	3	14	59 - 292	4.9	3 - 4	51	2	-4
33,988	Clemson	21	46 - 156	3.4	22 - 36	186	0	10	23 - 21	0.9	15 - 35	177	4	+1
46,257	at Maryland	14	33 - 73	2.2	15 - 32	146	5	22	33 - 140	4.2	29 - 42	330	0	+2
41,208	at Miami, Fl	13	52 - 195	3.8	3 - 8	57	2	11	33 - 102	3.1	15 - 28	194	1	-1
32,226	Duke	16	43 - 112	2.6	18 - 31	232	1	21	37 - 145	3.9	19 - 27	231	1	+3
34,014	Virginia	16	49 - 143	2.9	14 - 20	130	3	18	17 - 28	1.6	23 - 45	279	2	+3
56,174	at NC State	18	30 - 98	3.3	22 - 34	240	4	21	39 - 149	3.8	16 - 33	152	3	0
30,373	Boston College	9	28 - 65	2.3	14 - 28	126	4	14	44 - 97	2.2	16 - 27	137	4	+1
25,902	Vanderbilt	16	42 - 158	3.8	13 - 21	173	1	16	34 - 116	3.4	14 - 35	133	3	+1
28,777	† Navy	18	48 - 239	5.0	11 - 11	166	0	12	48 - 221	4.6	2 - 7	32	2	+1
TOTALS		218	515 - 1578	3.1	234 - 370	2430	30	207	458 - 1614	3.5	199 - 382	2243	25	+17
AVERAGES		16.8	40 - 121	3.1	18 - 28	187	8.1%	15.9	35 - 124	3.5	15 - 29	173	6.5%	1.3

2004 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
–	at Clemson - #15	+11'	30-37	2OT
–	at East Carolina	-14'	31-17	
–	N Carolina A&T	NL	42-3	
–	Boston College	+1	17-14	
–	at NC State	+10'	21-27	OT
–	Virginia Tech	+5'	10-17	
–	Florida St - #5	+13'	17-20	
–	Duke	-17	24-22	
–	North Carolina	-5'	24-31	
–	at Miami, Fl - #12	+18'	7-52	
–	at Maryland	+5'	7-13	

2005 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
–	Vanderbilt	-8	20-24	
–	at Nebraska	+6'	3-31	
–	East Carolina	-13	44-34	
–	Maryland	-2'	12-22	
–	Clemson	+6'	31-27	
–	at Florida St - #4	+21	24-41	
–	at Boston College - #14	+13'	30-35	
–	NC State	+3	27-19	
–	at Duke	-12'	44-6	
–	at Georgia Tech	+7'	17-30	
–	Miami, Fl - #3	+17	17-47	

2006 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Score	Post #18
–	Syracuse	-14	20-10	
–	Duke	-20	14-13	
–	at Connecticut	+6'	24-13	
–	at Mississippi	+2'	27-3	
–	Liberty	NL	34-14	
–	Clemson - #15	+16'	17-27	
–	at NC State	+3'	25-23	
#24	at North Carolina	-8'	24-17	
#22	Boston College - #16	+3'	21-14	
#18	at Florida St	+8'	30-0	
#14	Virginia Tech - #19	E	6-27	
#20	at Maryland	+1'	38-24	
#16	† Georgia Tech - #23	+1'	9-6	

2007 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
–	at Boston College	+6	28-38	
–	Nebraska - #16	+8'	17-20	
–	Army	-20	21-10	
–	Maryland	-3'	31-24	OT
–	at Duke	-7'	41-36	
–	Florida St - #21	+5'	24-21	
–	at Navy	-3	44-24	
–	North Carolina	-5'	37-10	
#21	at Virginia	-1	16-17	
–	at Clemson - #20	+9	10-44	
–	NC State	-6	38-18	
–	at Vanderbilt	-1	31-17	

2008 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre #23 Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
#23	at Baylor	-11'	41-13	
#20	Mississippi	-7'	30-28	
#18	at Florida St - #24	+5	12-3	
#16	Navy	-16	17-24	
#21	Clemson	-2	12-7	
#21	at Maryland	-1'	0-26	
–	at Miami, Fl	+2'	10-16	
–	Duke	-8	33-30	OT
–	Virginia	-3'	28-17	
–	at NC State	-3'	17-21	
–	Boston College	-2	21-24	
–	Vanderbilt	-4	23-10	

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - HC Ralph Friedgen has not produced any All-ACC QB's at a school known for its QB legacy. Five QB's battled in '07 and Jordan Steffy started the first 5 and while he completed 67.3%, he avg just 98 ypg with a 2-4 ratio. Chris Turner (PS#56) took over (8 st) and threw for 1,958 (63.5%) with a 7-7 ratio. Those 2 plus Florida transfer Josh Portis (PS#14) battled in '08. Friedgen polled some of the veterans and 2/3 voted for Steffy due to his preparation. Steffy, never a fan favorite, was booed in the opener before fracturing his thumb. Turner, whose main knock is that he seemed to be well prepared for ranked foes but not for lesser opp's, started 12 and threw for 2,516 (57.2%) with a 13-11 ratio. Portis played in 8, mostly as a runner (186, 6.0). This year they lose Steffy and Portis transferred so Jamarr Robinson will battle Anthony Green (6'0" 180 So) and two true frosh for the backup spot.

RUNNING BACKS - From '05-'07 Lance Ball (PS#20) and Keon Lattimore (PS#41) split the carries with Ball rushing for 903 in '05 (1,084 comb), 815 in '06 (1,558 comb) and then Lattimore led in '07 with 805 (1,573 comb). The leading ret rusher in '08 was Da'Rel Scott (PS#73) who had 135 (9.6) as a rFr (4.29 spd). Scott rushed for 197 (7.6) in the opener but was banged up the rest of the year. He still became the 7th Terp overall and 1st since '02 (Chris Downs) to top 1,000 with 1,133 (5.4) despite the injuries. He rushed for a MD record 174 (12.4) in the bowl, all in the 2H! Morgan Green (PS#23) was not 100% all year (112, 4.7). True frosh Davin Meggett (5'8" 220 So, NFL'er Dave's son) rushed for 457 (5.1). Not listed below are Gary Douglas (6'0" 200 rFr, PS#86), Dan Bonato (5'8" 182 Jr) and FB's Haroon Brown (5'10" 257 Jr, PS#213) and Taylor Watson (6'2" 245 So, PS#99). I look for a huge year out of Scott provided he can stay healthy and this group is more experienced.

RECEIVERS - In '06 the Terps had to replace their top 4 rec including a #1DC. Darrius Heyward-Bey (PS#28) was by far the team's top receiver with 694 (15.4). Danny Oquendo (PS#48) had 396 (11.6) and Isaiah Williams (PS#85) added 379 (13.5). In '07 rFr LaQuan Williams moved in from DB (217, 14.5) so the unit was well stocked. Heyward-Bey was double teamed early but still led with 786 (15.4) and added 107 rushing on 5 reverses (21.4). Oquendo had 173 (9.1) in 10 games (inj). Last year they had 3 of their top 4 back and added in 7 VHT underclassmen including 3 true who were in for the spring. The new offense featured the TE more and Dan Gronkowski was #4 with 287 (9.9). All season long I wondered why Heyward-Bey was not thrown to more often as he finished with just 609 (14.5) and 202 rushing (13.5). Oquendo started 5 and had 371 (12.8) and rFr Torrey Smith (PS#72QB) added 336 (14.0). Not listed below are LaQuan Williams (6'1" 180 Jr), Eric Powell (6'1" 200 rFr), Webb Dulin (5'9" 170 So) and TE's Devonte Campbell (6'2" 250 rFr, PS#8) and Ryan Schlothauer (6'5" 230 rFr). This year they lose Isaiah Williams (6 st, 10 rec), Gronkowski (12 st, #7DC DET), Oquendo (5 st) and most importantly Heyward-Bey (12 st, #1DC OAK). While they have 6 VHT's in the unit they are clearly weaker with the loss of their star WR and TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Frieden thought he would have one of his most experienced O-lines in 2007. Unfortunately he had 3 unexpected losses including star LT Jared Gaither (inel). LG Jaimie Thomas broke his fibula after 7 as did Andrew Crummey after 8. The Terps numbers dropped to 137 ypg rush (3.4) while allowing 40 sacks (11.6%). Last year it appeared they would have their best line S/'03 with just 1 starter lost and added experience due to '07's injuries. They avg 144 ypg (4.3), which was their best since '03, while allowing 28 sacks (7.0%). This year they lose 1st Tm ACC C Edwin Williams (13 st, 3Y st'r), LG Thomas (13 st, 2Y st'r, #7DC IND), OT Scott Burley (12 st, 2Y st'r), RT Dane Randolph (7 st, 2Y st'r) and RG Jack Griffin (1 st). While I grade the Terps as having 2 returning starters including LT Bruce Campbell (PS#19), who started the last 7, they return just 27 career starts (#113 FBS) and lose 116 career starts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Friedgen's first four D-lines allowed 2.9, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.3 ypc. The next 3 years they slipped to 4.0, 4.6 and 4.1. Last year they had to replace two starters and the unit was undersized with their starting DT's avg 278 lbs. They allowed 147 ypg (same as '07) but trimmed the ypc to 3.9. This year they lose HM ACC DT Jeremy Navarre (70 tkl, 2.5 sk), DT Olugbemi Otulaja (10 st, 14 tkl), DE Mack Frost (5 st, 15 tkl, 1 sk), DE Dean Muhtadi (3 st, 21 tkl, 2.5 sk), LEO's Trey Covington (9 st, 38 tkl, 2.5 sk) and Rick Costa (2 st, 22 tkl, 3 sk). They return 4 who combined for 10 starts (69 tkl) so I list them as having 1 starter returning. The LEO spot which was a DE/LB hybrid was renamed Anchor, a more traditional DE and is filled by Jared Harrell (PS#18TE). DT Travis Ivey has the most career starts of any returnee (4) making this unit a lot less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Friedgen has produced a star LB in each of his 8 years. EJ Henderson won the Butkus and Bednarik Awards and was ACC Def POY in '03. D'Qwell Jackson was 1st Tm ACC in '04 and 1st Tm AA in '05 (ACC Def POY). In '06 Erin Henderson was 2nd Tm ACC (114 tkl). He was the only returning starter in '07 and earned 1st Tm ACC. The key LB is normally the MLB and Dave Philistin beat out Chase Bullock for that spot in Aug '07. Philistin had 21 tackles vs GT (tops in ACC '07). Last year they had to replace Henderson (#1 tkl'r, 133). Alex Wujciak took over at MLB and earned 2nd Tm ACC. This year they lose WLB Philistin (12 st, #2 tkl'r, 5 tfl), Moise Fokou (12 st, 77 tkl, 5 sk, #7DC PHI) and Chase Bullock (35 tkl, 1 tfl). Adrian Moten was the backup at each position in '07 (5.5 sk) but missed 3 (wrist) in '08. I like the talent and Wujciak is one of the ACC's top LB's but with the loss of their #2 and #3 tacklers, this group appears to be down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 MD had to replace two starters including a #2DC and the Terps finished #65 in my pass D rankings. Last year the unit was my main concern on the defense as they had to replace 3 starters and then lost their lone returnee CB Kevin Barnes, after 7 starts. As you would expect, the Terps dropped to #86 allowing a 20-10 ratio. This year they lose CB Barnes (2 int, #3DC WAS), SS Jeff Allen (13 st, 66 tkl, 1 int) and SS Drew Robinson (3 tkl). Not listed below are Mike Salvatico (5'9" 183 So), Brandon Jackson-Mills (5'11" 160 Jr, PS#229), Dominique Herald (5'11" 190 Jr, PS#137, ACL LY), Austin Walker (6'0" 190 So) and Eugene Skinner (6'1" 200 rFr). While this is not an overwhelming group, they do have 5 back with starting experience (32 comb) and figure to make a decent climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Terps have had some fine ST players under Friedgen including K Nick Novak (ACC's all-time leading scorer), Steve Suter (set NCAA rec for most PR and KR in year) and P Brooks Barnard. They finished #6 in my ST rankings in 2002 and #13, #44, #42 and #40 the next 4 years. In 2007 they had a true frosh P in Travis Baltz (34.8 net) and dropped to #58. Everyone returned last year although they did lose ST Coach Ray Rychleski to S Carolina and under his tenure (7 yr) the Terps did not suffer a blk'd punt, the longest streak in the NCAA. Baltz did not have a punt blocked in '08 and improved his net (37.4). Obi Egekeze (PS#8) missed his first 5 FG's but rallied to hit 10 in a row (long 47). He had 8 TB's on 57 KO's. Torrey Smith set a school and ACC record for KR yards in a season (1,089, 25.9) but the team avg just 7.0 on PR's. The Terps finished #44 and while they lose Egekeze and PR Oquendo (5.2), Smith and Baltz are back and the Terps should move up.

COACHES - Ralph Friedgen took over a team that had 5 straight losing seasons and led them to a 31-8 record in his first 3 years, the best start ever for a HC in ACC history. He was the consensus National Coach of the Year in his first season (2001 ACC Title). Friedgen took over as his own OC in both '06 and '07 but last year brought in James Franklin who was K-St's OC ('06-'07). Franklin was with the GB Packers in '05 (WR cch here '00-'04). Franklin (37) is in line to be the Terps' first black HC as he has been named the eventual successor to Friedgen (62), whose contract expires at the end of 2011. This year they have a new DC in Don Brown who was the HC at UMass from 2004-'08. His Minutemen played in the FCS Championship Game in 2006 and finished among the Top 20 in total defense in three of his five years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Ralph Friedgen's first year ('01), I gave the Terps an excellent shot at having their first winning season in 6 years and getting to a bowl. The Terps did not disappoint and in fact they won the ACC Title outright despite being picked 7th in the league by the media. It was their first ACC Title since 1985 and first 10 win season since 1976. In 2002 I called for them to match the previous year's 10 win total but they started out 1-2 before winning 10 of their last 11 including a 30-3 trouncing of Tenn in the Peach Bowl. In 2003, I called for them to have their 3rd straight 10 win season. With 15 starters back they once again started slowly at 0-2 but went 10-1 in the L/11 demolishing WV in the bowl, 41-7. They were one of just 5 teams in the country to have 10+ wins in each season from 2001-'03. Friedgen's first inexperienced squad was in 2004 (9 ret st) and after 34.4, 32.2 and 31.2 ppg off his first 3 years, they slumped to just 17.7. In '05 they were young again with just 10 seniors in the 2 deep (least exp ACC). Unfortunately the team had 3 close losses and finished 5-6 for the 2nd straight year. In '06 I noted it was Friedgen's most experienced team in 3 years and I called for MD to return to the post season. The Terps did just that going 9-4 including a 24-7 bowl win over Purdue. They did benefit from 6 close net wins and while 5-3 in ACC play they were -86 ypg (2nd worst) and were outgained in all but one game. That year they climbed as high as #21. In 2007, at 2-1, the Terps suffered an unbelievable loss to WF (led 24-3 with a 1st & gl at the 3 before a tide turning 100 yd IR TD). While MD knocked off a pair of Top 10 foes (#10 Rut, #8 BC), they also blew a 14-3 lead to VA as they gave up a TD with :18 left. At 6-6 they lost their bowl for their 3rd losing season in four years. Last year they were coming off a year with 3 net close losses and were among the leaders in starts lost to injury making them more experienced than their 13 ret starters. They had 46 of 62 lettermen back and 7 sets of my power ratings called for at least an 8 win season. MD was wildly inconsistent in '08. They barely got past Delaware and then were upset by MTSt. They were given a very little shot at upsetting #23 Cal but won 35-27. After getting past EM they upset Clem (#20) 20-17 after trailing 17-6 at the half. Playing an unranked team, they were unmotivated and UVA walloped them 31-0. Given little chance vs #21 WF they won 26-0 (WF's 1st shutout 124 gm). They survived NCSt and lost at VT on a Thurs but hosting ranked NC (#17), won again 17-15 on a FG w/1:42 left. They were 7-3 atop the Atlantic and at home for FSU. Unfortunately the Noles were NOT ranked & MD lost 37-3. The next week they had their 6 game win streak vs ranked foes end vs #20 BC (finished 4-way tie #3 Atlantic). This year MD has just 9 ret starters (fewest ACC). They benefitted from 4 net close wins (pg 299) but were -8 in TO's nearly qualifying for Turnovers=Turnaround. MD has just 56% of the lettermen ret, the fewest for a non-service acad which makes this appear to be a rebuilding season and Friedgen will need some magic to avoid his 4th losing season in 6 years.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 10 CHRIS TURNER SR. 6-4 220 PS#56. 8 st, 1958 (64%) 7-7 ratio '07. 12 st, 2516 (57%) 5-1 vs Top 25 as st'r. **11** Jamarr Robinson (6'0" 190 So) PS#208. CJ Brown is **PS#45.**

RB 23 DA'REL SCOTT JR. 5-11 200 PS#73. 135 (9.6) rFr. 11 st, 1133 (5.4), **1stTm ACC** LY. **8** Davin Meggett PS#97. 2 st, 457 (5.1) true. **5** Morgan Green (5'11" 220 Jr) **PS#23.** 112 (4.1) 2Y.

WR 24 Ronnie Tyler So. 5-11 190 PS#75. 1 st, 225 (11.2) rFr. **13** Kerry Boykins (6'0" 200 rFr) **PS#42. FB 38 CORY JACKSON** (6'1" 245 Sr) **PS#59.** 17 st, 23 rec (9.0) 3Y.

WR 83 Emani Lee-Odai Jr. 6-2 200 PS#201. 8 gm, 87 (17.4) rFr. 1 st, 115 (9.6) LY. **17** Quintin McCree (6'1" 190 So) PS#195. **85** Tony Logan (5'11" 180 So) **PS#18.** 6 rec LY.

WR 82 TORREY SMITH SO. 6-1 200 PS#72. 6 st, 13 gm, 336 (14.0) rFr. **7** Adrian Cannon (6'2" 204 Jr) **PS#36.** 1 st, 20 gms, 143 (23.8) 2Y. **25** Kevin Dorsey (6'2" 205 rFr) **PS#24.**

TE 80 Lansford Watson So. 6-4 260 **PS#10WR.** 1 st, 115 (11.5) rFr. +36 lb since enroll. **45** Tommy Galt (6'5" 245 rFr) PS#68. 27 gm, 1 rec 3Y. **89** Matt Furstenburg (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#98.

C 72 PHIL COSTA SR. 6-3 300 PS#171. 2 gm rFr. 19 st, 26 gms at G 2Y. Move to C in spg. **65** Danny Edwards (6'1" 280 Jr) 4 gm 2Y. **LS 64** Tim Downs (6'0" 225 So).

RG 78 Justin Lewis rFr. 6-4 320 PS#117. **66** Maurice Hampton (6'2" 295 So) **PS#74. 69** Joe Faiella (6'5" 310 So) PS#427. **57** Matthew Harraka (6'3" 270 Jr). 1 gm 2Y.

LG 70 Lamar Young So. 6-4 320 PS#190. 3 gm rFr. Pete White **PS#19. 78** Andrew Gonnella (6'6" 305 So) 1 gm, bkup LG 2H LY. **79** Kyle Sappington (6'4" 315 Jr) PS#382. 1 gm 2Y.

RT 79 Tyler Bowen So. 6-6 305 PS#230. **71** Paul Pinegar (6'4" 280 Jr) 5 gm rFr. 7 gm LY. **73** Stephen St John (6'6" 310 So) PS#205. Bearthur Johnson (6'7" 350 So) PS#164.

LT 74 BRUCE CAMPBELL JR. 6-7 310 **PS#19.** 1 st, 5 gm true. 7 st, 13 gm LY. **76** RJ Dill (6'7" 320 rFr) PS#149. Justin Gilbert (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#239. Obum Akunyili (6'3" 315 So) PS#329.

K NA Nick Ferrara Fr. 6-1 195 PS#12. **32** Nick Wallace (5'9" 195 So) listed #3 K all year, but no gm action rFr. **81** David May (5'11" 196 Sr). Mike Barbour (5'10" 165 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 44 Derek Drummond So. 6-4 250 PS#66. 1 st, 4 gm, 4 tkl rFr. **55** Masengo Kabongo (6'1" 275 rFr) PS#72. **91** De'Onte Arnett is **PS#40.** IFS. **98** Chris Rhodes (6'3" 275 So).

NT 92 Dion Armstrong So. 6-1 303 PS#151. 3 st, 13 gm, 22 tkl rFr. **96** AJ Francis (6'5" 310 rFr) PS#101. **95** Joe Vellano (6'2" 290 rFr) PS#163. **73** Josh Horton (6'3" 245 Jr).

DT 90 TRAVIS IVEY SR. 6-4 325 1 gm rFr. 10 gm, 3 tkl '07. 4 st, 9 gm (inj), 26 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **93** Ian Davidson (6'3" 290 So) PS#187. **98** Zachariah Kerr (6'2" 330 Fr) PS#96. IFS.

ANCH 57 Jared Harrell Sr. 6-5 265 PS#18. 4 gm 2Y. 2 st, 17 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **56** Deege Galt (6'4" 264 Sr) PS#133. 5 gm 3Y. Carl Russell (6'6" 275 rFr) PS#342. Louis Berman (6'0" 220 Jr).

SLB 54 Adrian Moten Jr. 6-2 230 PS#68. 50 tkl, 7.5 tfl rFr. 1 st, 24 tkl LY. Darin Drakeford (6'0" 225 Fr) **PS#48.** IFS. Isaiah Ross (6'2" 248 Fr) PS#85. Lorne Goree PS#121.

MLB 33 ALEX WUJCIAK JR. 6-3 255 PS#62. ACL, DNP as rFr. 13 st, 133 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **15** Drew Gloster (6'3" 245 Jr) **PS#14.** 11 gm 2Y. Avery Murray is PS#137.

WLB 59 Demetrius Hartsfield rFr. 6-2 230 PS#155. **42** Ben Pooler (6'3" 235 So) PS#65. Hakeem Sule (5'11" 210 Sr) 4 tkl, 12 gm LY. David Mackall is PS#88. Herbert Law (6'2" 215 So).

CB 6 ANTHONY WISEMAN SR. 5-10 185 **PS#29.** 1 gm rFr. 13 gm, 23 tkl '07. 13 st, 49 tkl, 10 pbu LY. **9** Richard Taylor (5'11" 190 Sr) PS#98. 8 tkl 2Y. Inj L2Y. Michael Carter (5'11" 175 Jr). 3 tkl LY.

CB 14 Nolan Carroll Sr. 6-1 202 PS#317. 13 gm rFr. 14 tkl '07. 4 st, 10 gm (inj), 37 tkl, 8 pbu LY. Travis Hawkins is **PS#32. 21** Trenton Hughes (5'11" 185 So) PS#308.

SS 4 Jamari McCollough Sr. 5-11 200 PS#79. 4 tkl '07. 2 st, 13 gm, 37 tkl, 6 pd LY. Kenny Tate (6'4" 225 So) **PS#15.** 13 gm, 15 tkl true. Cameron Chism (6'0" 185 So) PS#65. 9 gm, 8 tkl LY.

FS 1 TERRELL SKINNER SR. 6-3 214 PS#356. 8 gm rFr. 12 tkl '07. 11 st (inj) 63 tkl, 4 pd LY. **2** Antwine Perez (6'1" 210 Jr) **PS#3.** 3 tkl true **at USC.** Trans '07. 2 st, 24 tkl here LY.

P 35 TRAVIS BALTZ JR. 6-2 200 PS#33. 68 punts (40.9) 34.8 net, 13 gm as true. 61 punts (41.1) 37.4 net LY. **37** Ted Townsley (6'0" 190 Jr). **32** Nick Wallace (5'9" 195 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Pete White 6-5 340 PS#19
DB	Travis Hawkins 5-10 185 PS#32
DL	De'Onte Arnett 6-2 250 PS#40
RB	Caleb Porzel 5-9 185 PS#51
LB	Darin Drakeford 6-0 225 PS#48
QB	CJ Brown 6-3 185 PS#45
OL	Pete DeSouza 6-7 325 PS#64
RB	DJ Adams 5-10 210 PS#73
DL	Zachariah Kerr 6-2 330 PS#96
TE	Dave Stinebaugh 6-4 215 PS#26
DL	Cody Blue 6-5 270 PS#113
LB	Isaiah Ross 6-2 248 PS#85
LB	David Mackall 6-3 256 PS#88
QB	Danny O'Brien 6-3 200 PS#69
LB	Lorne Goree 6-2 200 PS#121
DL	Justin Anderson 6-5 265 PS#150
LB	Ryan Donohue 6-2 220 PS#126
DB	Avery Graham 5-10 185 PS#157
LB	Avery Murray 6-0 220 PS#137
LB	Marcus Whitfield 6-2 220 PS#148
DB	Eric Franklin 6-3 190 PS#177
K	Nick Ferrara 6-1 195 PS#12
LB	Bradley Johnson 6-1 210 PS#206
DB	Dexter McDougle 6-0 185 PS#472
OL	Nick Klemm 6-7 275 PS#566
OL	Bennett Fulper 6-4 285 PS#574

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#25

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MD	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at California	A					
Sep. 12	James Madison	G					
Sep. 19	Middle Tennessee	G					
Sep. 26	Rutgers	G					
Oct. 3	Clemson	G					
Oct. 10	at Wake Forest	A					
Oct. 17	Virginia (HC)	G					
Oct. 24	at Duke	G					
Oct. 31							
Nov. 7	at NC State	G					
Nov. 14	Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 21	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 28	Boston College	G					
Dec. 5							

In their 1st meeting last year, Maryland upset #23 Cal 35-27 & actually led 28-6 after 3Q. The Terps have won 5 straight season openers but are 6-16 in road openers.

Maryland won only meeting with JMU 23-15 in 1998. The Dukes went 12-2 LY with only 1 reg ssn loss to Duke. The Terps have won the last 7 vs FCS teams by 25 ppg.

The Terps are 5-1 vs current Sun Belt opp's outscoring them by an avg of 13 ppg. Maryland is 2-1 vs MT but was outgained 402-357 in last year's 24-14 loss.

Maryland is 5-3 in this series & last met in 2007 upsetting #10 Rutgers 34-24. The Terps are 24-2 at home vs non-conf opponents w/both losses to BE foe West Virginia.

MD is just 6-16 the last 22 in this series but posted a 20-17 win last yr vs #20 CU. The visitor has now won 4 straight in this series with 3 of those decided by 4 pts or less.

Last year's 26-0 shutout vs #21 Wake Forest was Maryland's 3rd under Friedgen. The Terps are 8-2 in this series since 1999 but lost in OT last trip here in '07.

The home team has won 7 of 9. Maryland has lost 2 straight & is 4-13. Last time here they allowed a 90/15pl & a TD with :16 left in the Homecoming loss.

The Terrapins have won 5 straight by an avg of 27 ppg. Maryland has also won 5 straight & 14 of 15 in Durham including the last meeting in 2004 (55-21).

Bonus: Maryland is 6-2 vs ranked opponents the last 2 years.

LY Maryland needed a 20 yd FG with :06 left to defeat NCSt 27-24. In their last visit to Raleigh, MD became bowl eligible with their 37-0 shutout upset over NCSt.

The Terps are 15-14 in this series but have dropped the last 4 (avg score 40-14). MD has lost all 3 ACC meetings being outscored by a combined 106-28.

Maryland has been outscored by FSU by an avg of 42-16 in 19 overall meetings. MD is 2-17 vs FSU including being 0-9 in Tallahassee. The last win was in '06, 27-24.

The Terps are 2-4 all-time vs the Eagles but won their last game here in '07. In that game, the Terps led 42-21 in the 4Q before BC scored 2 late TD's.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Scott Milanovich 7,301 '92-'95	1. LaMont Jordan 4,147 '97-'00	1. Jermaine Lewis 2,932 '92-'95
2. Boomer Esiason 6,259 '81-'83	2. Charlie Wysocki 3,317 '78-'81	2. Darrius Heyward-Bey 2,089 '06-'08
3. Scott McBrien 5,169 '02-'03	3. Steve Atkins 2,971 '75-'78	3. Geroy Simon 2,059 '93-'96

RALPH FRIEDGEN (Career 64-36)

9th Year at Maryland — Friedgen's Bowl Record: 4-2

Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND

64-36	Straight Up	3-7	Vs Top 10
39-12	Home	12-17	Vs Top 25
20-21	Away	9-7	Vs BCS Teams
5-3	Neutral	8-9	Off A Bye
37-27	Vs Conference	21-12	Off A Loss

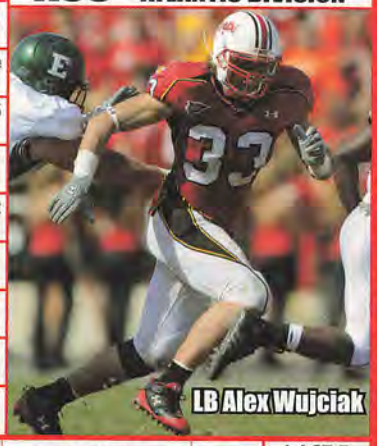
2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (19,18,1)
Lost: 30 (13,15,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,954 (#47)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION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STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (51,500) (#56)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	10-2	11-3	10-3	5-6	5-6	9-4	6-7	8-5	69-42
Home	4-2	7-0	6-1	6-0	4-2	1-4	6-1	3-3	6-1	43-14
Away	1-4	3-1	4-1	3-3	1-4	3-2	2-3	3-3	1-4	21-25
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	5-3
vs Conf	3-5	7-1	6-2	6-2	3-5	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	40-32
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	5-1	4-1	2-1	2-1	4-1	3-2	4-1	29-10
ATS	5-6	10-2	9-4	7-5	5-6	5-6	5-7	4-8	6-6	56-50
Home Fav	1-2	6-0	4-1	4-1	1-4	0-2	1-4	0-1	1-1	18-16
Home Dog	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	2-2	3-1	10-8
Away Fav	0-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	8-9
Away Dog	3-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-2	16-13
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	4-4
vs Conf	5-3	7-1	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	4-4	3-5	3-5	40-32
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-1	4-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	1-3	1-3	3-1	16-18
Off SU Win	2-3	8-2	6-3	6-3	1-3	2-3	4-4	1-5	2-5	32-31
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	4-2	3-2	1-3	3-3	4-1	23-14

Ron Vanderlinden 1997 | Ralph Friedgen 2001-2008

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Da'Rel Scott	209	1178	45	1133	8	5.4
Davin Meggett	89	469	12	457	4	5.1
Darrius Heyward-Bey	15	220	18	202	1	13.5
Josh Portis	31	204	18	186	1	6.0
Morgan Green	24	114	2	112	3	4.7
Chris Turner	43	56	210	-154	1	-3.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Turner	374	214	57.2	2516	13	11
Jordan Steffy	18	10	55.6	115	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darrius Heyward-Bey	42	609	14.5	5	80
Danny Oquendo	29	371	12.8	2	50
Torrey Smith	24	336	14.0	2	44
Dan Gronkowski	29	287	9.9	3	25
Ronnie Tyler	20	225	11.2	1	20
Da'Rel Scott	21	171	8.1	0	25
Isaiah Williams	10	124	12.4	1	43
Emani Lee-Odai	12	115	9.6	0	23
Lansford Watson	10	115	11.5	0	32
Cory Jackson	12	106	8.8	0	29
Davin Meggett	9	79	8.8	0	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Travis Baltz	61	2506	41.1	18	37.4	0	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Obi Egekeze	32-33	7-8	5-8	3-8	0-0	15-24	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Alex Wujciak	133	1.5	7	2	0
Dave Philistin	94	2	3	0	0
Moise Fokou	77	5	7	2	0
Jeremy Navarre	70	2.5	5	3	0
Jeff Allen	66	0	2	3	1
Terrell Skinner	63	0	3	3	1
Anthony Wiseman	49	0	1	10	0
Trey Covington	38	2.5	0.5	1	0
Nolan Carroll	37	0	1	8	0
Jamari McCollough	37	1	0	2	4
Chase Bullock	35	0	1	3	0
Travis Ivey	26	1	3	0	0
Adrian Moten	24	1.5	0	3	1
Antwine Perez	24	1	1.5	0	0
Rick Costa	22	3	4	0	0
Dion Armstrong	22	1	0	0	0
Dean Muhtadi	21	2.5	0.5	1	0
Kevin Barnes	20	0	0	5	2
Jared Harrell	17	2	3	0	0
Kenny Tate	15	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Danny Oquendo	20	104	5.2	0
Tony Logan	6	49	8.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Torrey Smith	42	1089	25.9	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Peach - #20	-1	Tennessee	30-3
03	Gator - #23	-3'	West Virginia - #20	41-7
06	Champs Sports	+1	Purdue	24-7
07	Emerald	+5	Oregon St	14-21
08	Humanitarian	+2'	Nevada	42-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Maryland's All-Time Bowl Record 10-11-2

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	21.8	351	144	4.3	207	56.9	16.1	28	-8	2008	5	22.5	365	147	3.9	218	60.2	16.2	28
7	24.1	341	137	3.4	203	64.5	14.2	40	+8	2007	6	21.5	358	147	4.1	211	60.0	16.6	28
5*	21.8	314	131	3.8	183	60.9	14.4	19	-6	2006	7	21.8	361	163	4.6	198	58.7	16.5	20
5*	24.5	384	135	3.4	249	59.8	15.6	31	-5	2005	5	25.0	351	166	4.0	185	61.3	14.0	21
5	17.7	298	120	2.9	178	52.8	16.8	30	-9	2004	4	20.0	315	143	3.3	172	48.3	15.8	28
6*	31.2	422	191	4.5	230	55.4	13.5	20	+1	2003	9	15.8	308	129	3.5	179	50.3	19.5	35
8	32.2	389	199	4.7	191	55.2	12.1	21	+1	2002	5	16.3	339	129	3.4	210	56.5	20.8	37

2008 STATS BY GAME

MD 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
49,119	Delaware	18	45-271	6.0	11-21	126	1	13	34-121	3.6	14-23	128	0	0
22,605	at Middle Tenn	15	25-146	5.8	14-29	211	3	21	41-118	2.9	29-41	284	0	-2
49,527	California	19	47-141	3.0	15-20	156	4	26	23-38	1.7	33-60	423	5	-1
48,023	E Michigan	20	34-231	6.8	16-25	255	1	25	39-171	4.4	26-40	282	3	+1
81,500	at Clemson	11	29-123	4.2	16-30	172	0	19	41-221	5.4	15-22	151	1	+3
50,727	at Virginia	13	21-79	3.8	20-34	223	1	26	41-201	4.9	25-34	226	1	-2
46,257	Wake Forest	22	33-140	2.1	29-42	330	0	14	33-73	2.2	15-32	146	5	-2
45,018	NC State	21	36-203	5.6	9-20	126	1	21	42-155	3.7	18-29	187	3	0
66,233	at Virginia Tech	12	18-(-12)	-0.7	19-31	240	3	20	51-273	5.4	14-21	127	3	0
46,113	North Carolina	27	53-195	3.7	16-32	141	1	11	26-75	2.9	11-25	210	3	+1
51,620	Florida St	16	29-103	3.6	16-31	149	6	19	42-172	4.1	20-26	160	0	-4
42,767	at Boston College	21	26-(-6)	-0.2	33-57	360	5	20	41-175	4.3	13-25	143	1	-2
26,781	† Nevada	19	39-258	6.6	13-27	198	2	26	33-114	3.5	24-49	370	3	0
TOTALS		233	435-1872	4.3	227-399	2687	28	261	487-1907	3.9	257-427	2837	28	-8
AVERAGES		17.9	33-144	4.3	17-31	207	7.0%	20.1	37-147	3.9	20-33	218	6.6%	-0.6

2004 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre #22	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#22		N Illinois	-14'	23-20
#23		Temple	-26'	45-22
#21	at	West Virginia - #7	+6	16-19 OT
#23	at	Duke	-16'	55-21
#23		Georgia Tech	-13	7-20
–		NC State	-2	3-13
–	at	Clemson	+3'	7-10
–		Florida St - #5	+11'	20-17
–	at	Virginia - #12	+14	0-16
–	at	Virginia Tech - #16	+9'	6-55
–		Wake Forest	-5'	13-7

2005 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		† Navy	-12'	23-20
–		Clemson - #25	-2	24-28
–		West Virginia	-3	19-31
–	at	Wake Forest	+2'	22-12
–		Virginia - #19	+3	45-33
–	at	Temple	-28	38-7
–		Virginia Tech - #3	+10	9-28
–	at	Florida St - #10	+17	27-35
–	at	North Carolina	+3	33-30 OT
–		Boston College - #23	+2'	16-31
–	at	NC State	+3	14-20

2006 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		William & Mary	NL	27-14
–		Middle Tenn	-22	24-10
–	at	West Virginia - #5	+17'	24-45
–		FIU	-20	14-10
–	at	Georgia Tech - #18	+14	23-27
–	at	Virginia	-3	28-26
–		NC State	-1'	26-20
–		Florida St	+4	27-24
–	at	Clemson - #19	+19'	13-12
#23		Miami, Fl	-3	14-13
#21	at	Boston College - #20	+8	16-38
–		Wake Forest - #20	-1'	24-38

2007 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Villanova	NL	31-14
–	at	FIU	-24	26-10
–		West Virginia - #4	+16'	14-31
–	at	Wake Forest	+3'	24-31 OT
–	at	Rutgers - #10	+18'	34-24
–		Georgia Tech	+3'	28-26
–		Virginia	-4	17-18
–		Clemson	+3'	17-30
–	at	North Carolina	+2'	13-16
–		Boston College - #8	+6'	42-35
–	at	Florida St	+7'	16-24
–	at	NC State	+2'	37-0

2008 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Delaware	NL	14-7
–	at	Middle Tenn	-13	14-24
–		California - #23	+14	35-27
–		E Michigan	-21	51-24
–	at	Clemson - #20	+11	20-17
–	at	Virginia	-13'	0-31
–		Wake Forest - #21	+1'	26-0
–		NC State	-12	27-24
#23	at	Virginia Tech	+3	13-23
–		North Carolina - #17	+3	17-15
#22		Florida St	+1'	3-37
–	at	Boston College - #20	+6'	21-28

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Bryan Randall left as VT's all-time career leading passer (6,508). Randall's backup in '04 was Sean Glennon (PS#21) who hit 8 of 11 for 137. In '05, Marcus Vick (PS#8) was the starter and Glennon RS. Glennon started all 13 in '06 and threw for 2,191 (56.3%) with an 11-11 ratio. In 2007 VT signed Tyrod Taylor (PS#3) who drew many comparisons to Michael Vick. Due to injuries and coaches decisions, the two split time. Glennon took control by year's end and threw for 1,796 (60.9%) with a 12-5 ratio. Taylor threw for 927 (53.7%) with a 5-3 ratio (429 rush). They battled for the job LY but HC Beamer made a surprising announcement that Taylor would RS. After losing the opener to EC, Beamer reversed his decision. The two split snaps vs Furman, then Taylor took over full-time vs GT before both went down to inj vs Fla St. Cory Holt, who was working at WR, came in and hit just 3 of 6 for 28 vs the Noles. Prior to the MD game Holt split reps in practice with 287 lb TE Greg Boone, who lined up in VT's "Wild Turkey" formation. Glennon started vs MD and Taylor returned vs Mia but wasn't 100% and they split time until the final 2 (Glennon 0 att). For the season, Taylor threw for 1,036 (57.2%) but with just a 2-7 ratio and was the #2 rusher (738, 5.0). Glennon threw for 743 (60.2%) with a 3-5 ratio. Boone had 1 pass att but 76 rush yds on the season. This year Glennon (4 st) and Holt depart. "Ju Ju" Clayton (PS#185) won the #2 QB job in spring allowing Marcus Davis (6'4" 231 rFr PS#50) to see some time at WR. Jeff Beyer (6'4" 225 Sr) is not listed below. VT's passing numbers were poor last year (#111 FBS) and should improve.

RUNNING BACKS - In '03, Kevin Jones (#1DC) broke Cyrus Lawrence's single-season rushing record (1,403 in 1981) with 1,647 (5.9). Branden Ore was the #2 rusher in '05 (647, 5.9) and led in '06 with 1,137 (4.7). True frosh Kenny Lewis (PS#49) added 215 (4.0) in '06. Ore started slowly in '07 (3.2 ypc after 4) but finished with 992 (3.7). Last year they had to replace Ore. Kenny Lewis won the starting job but Darren Evans emerged as the season developed. Evans set a school record with 253 (7.9) vs MD (243 Mike Imoh '04), and while topping 100 in only 3 other games, he still finished with 1,265 (4.4) including 153 (5.5) in the bowl. Lewis, who was lost to inj in Wk 6, had 237 (3.7). Josh Oglesby (5'11" 207 So, PS#75) became the backup but had just 88 (2.3). They only lose FB Devin Perez (5 st, 1 rec), TB Dustin Pickle (38 ttl yd) and Jahre Cheeseman, who quit the team after the reg season LY. Not listed below are Zac Evans (5'10" 191 rFr), Josh Call (5'10" 255 rFr) and Joey Phillips (5'11" 218 rFr). Not only is the group more experienced but they add rFr Ryan Williams (PS#11), who was impressive on the scout team and in spring, as well as true frosh David Wilson (PS#8).

RECEIVERS - Last year VT had to replace THREE NFL DC's and their top returning WR was ex-QB Ike Whitaker (3 rec). The inexperience showed as there were numerous games with key dropped passes. VT was one of just 2 teams left in the FBS that did not have a WR with a TD catch when they finally got one in Wk 11. True frosh Jarrett Boykin led with 441 (14.7) while rFr Danny Coale (PS#162) was #2 with 408 (11.3). TE Greg Boone added 278 (12.6) and true frosh Dyrell Roberts (PS#94) had 227 (13.4). This year the only losses are DB/WR Victor "Macho" Harris (8 rec), QB/WR Holt and Whitaker (3gm). Not listed below are Randall Dunn (6'1" 227 rFr, PS#186), Patrick Terry (5'11" 194 So, PS#217), Prince Parker (6'5" 235 Jr) and TE's Rob Stanton (6'4" 244 Jr) and George George (6'3" 240 rFr). This should be one of the most improved rec corps in the country and they get back TE Sam Wheeler (#5 rec in '07) who was slowed by injury last year and add VHT Logan Thomas (PS#3).

OFFENSIVE LINE - VT had mostly exp O-lines in the first six years of the decade as the avg ypc during that span was 4.55. In '06 they had to replace 3 starters (all 1st & 2nd Tm ACC) and then lost starting LG Ryan Shuman for 4 gms. The less exp unit had their worst ypg rush since '72 (107 ypg) with 113 (3.2) while allowing 29 sks (9%). In '07 VT had to replace two starters and then their starting RT, Ed Wang, broke his leg and only started the last 8. While their rush total improved to 134 ypg (3.3), the Hokies allowed a mind-boggling 54 sks (14.2%, 3rd worst FBS). LY VT had to replace a #1DC and a backup. Tech made strides again moving up to 174 ypg (3.8) but still allowed 42 sks (14.4%) which was the highest % in FBS. This year they lose HM ACC C Shuman (14 st, 3Y st'r) and HM ACC LG Nick Marshman (13 st, 2Y st'r) but once again return 8 of their top 10 including 3 year starting RG Sergio Render (2nd Tm ACC). They are moving towards a more athletic OL with 4 ex-TE's in the spring 2 deep and should greatly reduce their sks allowed. Their 90 career starts returning are tied for #19 in FBS.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '05, VT had a veteran D-line with 3 ret starters and allowed 93 ypg rush (3.0), their best since '01. In '06 they had to replace 3 starters (#2 & #6DC's) but surprisingly improved to 91 ypg (2.8). In '07 they had 7 of their top 8 back and yielded 87 ypg (2.7!) with 47 sks (#2 FBS). LY they had to replace 3 starters incl a 1st Tm ACC DT, a #5DC DT and a #3DC DE. While the numbers slipped to their "worst" in 4 yrs at 104 ypg (3.2) with the D having 35 sks, they were still tough up front. In their rotation they played 3 DT's and 3 DE's and 5 of the six return. The only losses are 2nd Tm ACC DE Orion Martin (14 st, 56 tkl, 7.5 sk) and DT Justin Young (1 tkl). Not listed below are Russell Becker (6'4" 228 So), Darian Fisher (6'5" 230 Fr), Jeff Wardach (6'3" 248 So), Dwight Tucker (6'1" 285 rFr, PS#357), Phil Sayre (6'2" 236 Fr) and Jeff Wardach (6' 3" 248 So). John Graves was working at DE in the spg but is expected to return to DT in August. This should be yet another top-notch Hokie D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace both ILB's (#1 & #2 tklr's) with the top two returnees being the #5 and #10 tacklers. This year they again lose both ILB's again in Purnell Sturdivant (14 st, 99 tkl, 3.5 sk) and Brett Warren (13 st, 86 tkl) along with Jonas Housewright (7 tkl). They have two excellent WHIP LB's and despite starting just 1 game Cody Grimm was the #3 tackler (71) and also added 7.5 sacks. Barquell Rivers had just 28 snaps but started the bowl. This unit is actually a little more experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '04 & '05, VT had to replace 3 starters but still finished #11 and #2 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters (#2 & #7DC's) in '06 and finished #13. In '07 Tech had its most veteran unit in years with 3 starters back and was #2 again. LY they had to replace two starters incl a 1st Tm AA (#2DC). VT dropped to #25. This year they lose 2nd Tm AA CB Victor "Macho" Harris (13 st, 46 tkl, 6 int, 8 pbu, #5DC PHI) but have 7 of their top 8 back incl four who started 5 or more.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Beamer coaches this unit himself and VT almost always finishes near the top of my ST rankings and in '07 finished #1. LY they had to replace their K and top KR and their ST play in '08 was shocking to me as VT finished a lowly #79. They gave up 3 PR TD's for the first time in over 50 yrs and also had 2 of their punts blocked incl one that was ret'd for a TD with 1:52 left vs EC. John Graves did block 3 kicks and K Dustin Keys hit 23 of 29 FG's (long 50). He actually missed his first FG and an xp vs EC but then rattled off 12 straight FG's. Part of the problem was the Hokies unexpectedly lost their top 2 gunners, Zach Luckett (susp) and Brandon Dillard (inj). This year they lose PR Harris (9.3) and K Keys but after an unusually low finish, this should be one of the NCAA's most improved ST units.

COACHES - I think Frank Beamer is one of the most outstanding coaches in the NCAA. He was a DB at VT from '66-'68 and the Hokies had been in just 6 bowl games prior to his arrival. Beamer filled the large shoes of Bill Dooley who went 64-37-1 from '78-'86. Beamer had four losing seasons in his first six including 2-8-1 in '92, but amazingly VT stuck with him and has been greatly rewarded. Beamer has not only taken them to 16 bowls since '93 but has made them a National Title contender. He was the ACC Coach of the Year twice. OC Bryan Stinespring is entering his 17th year here (OC S/'02). Stinespring has been much maligned recently with VT ranking #100 and #103 the last 2 years. Bud Foster has been with VT S/'87 and the DC since 1995. He was a Broyles Award finalist in '99, '01 and '05 and won the Award in '06. Foster's defense was #1 in the FBS in '05 and '06 and #7 LY. He interviewed for the Clemson HC job LY.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999, the Hokies played in the National Title game going 22-2 in a two year stretch. They are one of just 3 teams in the NCAA that have been to 16 straight bowls (Fla, Fla St). In their first year in the ACC (2004) they had just 10 starters back and were actually picked to finish 6th, 7th or 8th. I had them rated higher than all the others at #4 and they even exceeded my expectations as they took home the ACC Title. VT almost knocked off undefeated Auburn in the Sugar Bowl finishing #10 at 10-3. The Hokies were 8-0 and #3 in '05 but lost to #5 Miami at home and later dropped the ACC Title game. After the Gator Bowl win they finished #7. VT did outgain ACC foes by a conf best +128.8 ypg. In 2006 they had just 9 ret starters (fewest in ACC) but went 6-2 in the conf and 10-3 overall. Their D allowed just 9 FD's in the bowl but VT came up short vs GA and finished #19. In 2007 the Hokies had 14 fifth year seniors and were the preseason pick to win the ACC (#9 AP). They were destroyed by eventual Nat'l Champ LSU 48-7. They also had some unimpressive wins early but got back to the ACC Title game and beat BC for their 2nd title in four years. Surprisingly, they fell short in selling their allotment of bowl tickets and lost the Orange Bowl to Kansas finishing #9. Beamer came into last year 5-24 vs Top 10 teams (only 2 wins vs #8 or better). VT was +11 in TO's in '07 and lost its top rusher, top 4 rec and top 3 tacklers and had just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest ACC). Despite those factors, I still picked them first in the ACC Coastal. Beamer announced he was going to RS QB Taylor but after their loss to EC, those plans went out the window. VT was outgained by GT 387-247 but managed a 20-17 win. They trailed NC 17-3 mid-3Q when NC lost starting QB Yates and VT came back for another 20-17 win. They won on the road in front of a sold out crowd vs Neb and then beat WKU to go to 5-1. Beamer was thrilled at that record due to the youth on the team. Versus BC, VT had two IR TD's but still lost 28-23. Against Fla St they led 10-0 but lost their top 2 QB's to injury. They had a 205-70 yd edge at the half but with a 3rd string QB ended up losing. They defeated MD in a Thurs night game at home but then lost at Miami 16-14 and fell to 3-3 in the ACC and their title hopes appeared gone. They only led Duke 7-3 when they got a 23 yd IR TD with 1:23 left. They were clinging to a 3 pt lead vs Virginia when the Cavs were int'd in the EZ and with the right teams losing over the final couple of weeks, VT got to the ACC Title game where they throttled BC 30-12. VT was 0-4 in BCS bowls since 1996 but in the least anticipated of the BCS bowls, beat Cincy 20-7 which sealed what may have been Beamer's best ever coaching job. Despite the Hokies' 6-3 record in the ACC, they were only +34.0 ypg (5th best). This year VT has 16 ret starters including QB Taylor but did benefit from +14 in turnovers. VT has one of the best home field edges in the country and their 2 toughest games away from home (Bama & GT) are both in the winnable category. Two of my 9 sets of power ratings call for VT to run the table and they are a much stronger squad than the '08 team, which was somewhat fortunate to win the ACC Title.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 5 TYROD TAYLOR JR. 6-1 216 **PS#3.** 5 st, 927 (54%), 429 rush true. 10 st, 1036 (57%), 2-7 ratio, 738 rush LY. **12** Ju-Ju Clayton (6'0" 215 rFr) PS#185. **7** Marcus Davis PS#50.

RB 32 DARREN EVANS SO. 6-0 213 **PS#16.** 9 st, 1265 (4.4), **2nd Tm ACC** rFr. David Wilson **PS#8. 34** Ryan Williams (5'9" 205 rFr) **PS#11.** Kenny Lewis (5'9" 198 Sr) **PS#49.** 657 (3.8) 3Y.

TE 88 ANDRE SMITH JR. 6-4 267 **PS#18.** 2 st, 87 (14.5) rFr. 6 st, 129 (12.9) LY. **FB 42** Kenny Jefferson (5'9" 220 Sr) PS#134. 28 gm, 4 yd, 4 rec 3Y. Kenny Younger (5'11" 214 Jr).

WR 19 DANNY COALE SO. 6-0 205 PS#162. 14 st, 408 (11.3) rFr. **11** Dyrell Roberts (6'1" 192 So) PS#94. 5 st, 227 (13.4) true. Tony Gregory PS#113RB. **80** Brandon Dillard (5'11" 177 Sr).

WR 81 JARRETT BOYKIN SO. 6-2 213 PS#118. 8 st, 441 (14.7) true. **29** Xavier Boyce (6'4" 223 rFr) PS#83QB. **35** Austin Fuller (6'2" 207 rFr) PS#126. DJ Coles (6'3" 215 Fr) **PS#38.**

TE 8 GREG BOONE SR. 6-3 287 **PS#19.** 29 st, 513 (13.5) 3Y. Chris Drager (6'3" 239 So) PS#21. 1 st, 3 rec LY. Logan Thomas **PS#3.** Sam Wheeler (6'3" 258 Sr) PS#156. 12 st, 28 rec 3Y.

C 60 Beau Warren Jr. 6-3 277 PS#116. 2 st, 11 gm 2Y. **67** Michael Via (6'6" 277 rFr) PS#105. Richard Graham (6'6" 292 Sr) PS#70. 9 st 3Y. **LS 50** Collin Carroll (6'3" 243 So).

RG 68 Jaymes Brooks So. 6-2 300 PS#132. 1 st RG, 3 gm rFr. **75** Greg Nosal (6'6" 285 So) PS#51TE. **65** Matt Baldwin (6'6" 301 So). **63** Matt Tuttle (6'0" 228 Sr). At LS in spg.

LG 70 SERGIO RENDER SR. 6-3 319 **PS#75.** 26 st RG 2Y. 14 st (13 RG, 1 LG). 918 pl, 45 kd LY. **76** Will Alvarez (6'4" 326 So) **PS#55. 57** Vinston Painter (6'5" 310 rFr) **PS#21.**

RT 62 BLAKE DeCHRISTOPHER SO. 6-5 303 **PS#100.** 11 st RT, 12 gm (inj), VT Top Off Newcomer Awd rFr. **72** Andrew Lanier (6'5" 274 So) PS#52TE. Dressed for every gm, but no action as rFr.

LT 77 ED WANG SR. 6-5 310 **PS#11.** 5 st at TE, but equal reps at OT as rFr. 8 st at RT, 9 gm (inj), 502 pl '07. 14 st at LT LY. **54** Nick Becton (6'5" 292 rFr) **PS#82.**

K 4 Matt Waldron Sr. 5-11 190 PS#17. **Penn St trans.** Cody Journell is **PS#4. 48** Justin Myer (6'0" 198 So) PS#69. Tim Pisano (5'9" 181 So) PS#74. Chris Hazley (6'1" 194 Jr).

DE 47 Nekos Brown Sr. 6-2 252 PS#115. 12 tkl true. 22 tkl, 4.5 tfl '07. 2 st, 22 tkl LY. **82** Steven Friday (6'4" 229 Jr) PS#91. 12 gm, 8 tkl 2Y. **45** Joe Jones (6'2" 257 rFr) PS#273.

DT 91 JOHN GRAVES JR. 6-3 275 **PS#25.** 11 tkl rFr. 14 st, 26 tkl LY. **56** Demetrius Taylor (6'0" 262 Sr) PS#79. 16 tkl 3Y. **93** Kwamaine Battle (6'0" 283 So) PS#150. 6 gm rFr.

DT 95 CORDARROW THOMPSON SR. 6-2 308 PS#142. 14 tkl rFr. 4 tkl '07. 14 st, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. **98** Antoine Hopkins (6'0" 295 rFr) PS#92. **59** Courtney Prince (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#179.

DE 6 JASON WORILDS JR. 6-2 240 **PS#14.** 4 tkl true. 17 tkl '07. 12 st, 62 tkl, 18.5 tfl, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **54** Isaiah Hamlette (6'4" 242 rFr) PS#178. **92** Khalil Latif (6'2" 262 So) **PS#72.**

WHIP 41 CAM MARTIN SR. 6-1 215 **PS#54.** 13 st, 84 tkl, 8 tfl 2Y. 13 st, 51 tkl LY. **26** Cody Grimm (5'11" 202 Sr). 1 st, 37 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 71 tkl, **14 tfl** LY. Jeron Gouveia-Winslow (6'2" 206 rFr) PS#76.

ILB 52 Barquell Rivers So. 6-0 230 **PS#42.** 1 st, 10 tkl rFr. **46** Bruce Taylor (6'2" 251 rFr) **PS#28. 39** Tim Richardson (5'10" 245 Jr). **28** Alonzo Tweedy (6'2" 181 rFr) PS#443.

ILB 36 Jake Johnson So. 6-1 229 PS#85. 1 tkl, 11 gm true. **38** Quillie Odom (6'1" 225 So) PS#124. 2 tkl, 7 gm true. **39** Lyndell Gibson (5'10" 236 rFr) **PS#55. 94** Mark Muncey (5'11" 227 Sr).

CB 21 Rashad Carmichael Jr. 5-10 192 PS#153. 1 st, 20 tkl 2Y. **9** Cris Hill (5'11" 185 So) PS#101. 14 gm, 15 tkl rFr. Germond Oatneal (5'11" 182 So). Justin Sinclair (5'6" 171 rFr).

CB 22 STEPHAN VIRGIL SR. 5-11 189 PS#140. 22 tkl 2Y. 14 st, 43 tkl, 10 pd LY. **15** Eddie Whitley (6'0" 187 So) PS#82. 8 tkl, 14 gm true. **37** Jacob Sykes (6'0" 181 So) PS#173. 5 tkl rFr.

ROV 24 DORIAN PORCH SR. 5-11 212 PS#71. 26 tkl 2Y. 9 st, 48 tkl LY. **2** Davon Morgan (6'0" 196 Jr) PS#64. 11 tkl true. 5 st (ACL), 18 tkl LY. **23** Matt Reidy (6'0" 210 Sr). 24 tkl 3Y.

FS 17 KAM CHANCELLOR SR. 6-4 226 PS#140. 14 st, 88 tkl, 11 pd 2Y. 14 st, 52 tkl, 7 pd LY. **14** Lorenzo Williams (6'2" 212 So) PS#136. 6 tkl, 8 gm (inj) true. Ron Cooper (5'10" 187 Jr).

P 97 BRENT BOWDEN SR. 6-3 201 PS#86. No gm action rFr. 88 punts (42.5), 37.0 net '07. 69 (40.4), 33.2 net LY. **30** Brian Saunders (6'0" 197 Jr). Scott Demler (5'11" 184 rFr) PS#77.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

TE	Logan Thomas 6-6 230 PS#3
RB	David Wilson 5-11 195 PS#8
WR	DJ Coles 6-3 215 PS#38
DB	Jayron Hosley 5-11 180 PS#58
LB	Tariq Edwards 6-3 212 PS#56
QB	Antone Exum 6-0 190 PS#48
DL	David Wang 6-2 290 PS#85
LB	Telvion Clark 6-1 220 PS#62
DL	DeAntre Rhodes 6-3 270 PS#90
DB	Theron Norman 6-3 190 PS#96
DL	Lanford Collins 6-4 240 PS#137
WR	Tony Gregory 6-0 181 PS#113RB
K	Cody Journell 6-0 180 PS#4
OL	Andrew Miller 6-4 275 PS#146
RB	Nubian Peak 6-1 180 PS#127
TE	Tyrell Edwards 6-3 220 PS#42
DB	Jerrodd Williams 6-0 185 PS#167
DL	Tyrel Wilson 6-2 230 PS#165
DL	Duan Perez-Means 6-4 230 PS#182
DB	James Hopper 5-9 180 PS#210
DL	James Gayle 6-5 215 PS#220
OL	Kory Gough 6-5 265 PS#232
LB	Jack Tyler 6-2 215 PS#331
DL	Darian Fisher 6-5 230 PS#270TE
LB	Nicholas Sheehan 6-2 200 PS#1219DB

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FRANK BEAMER (Career 177-89-2) (FCS 42-23-2)
23rd Year at VIRGINIA TECH Beamer's Bowl Record: 7-9

Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

177-89-2	Straight Up	5-24	Vs Top 10
106-29-1	Home	34-38-1	Vs Top 25
62-48-1	Away	29-41-2	Vs BCS Teams
9-12	Neutral	26-23	Off A Bye
89-30	Vs Conference	42-35-1	Off A Loss

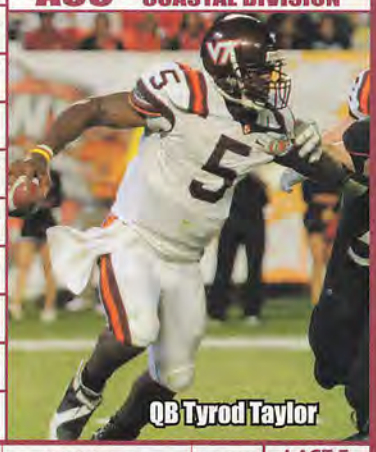
2008 RECORD: (10–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (17,20,3)
Lost: 16 (6,8,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 66,233 (#25)

ACC – COASTAL DIVISION


QB Tyrod Taylor

Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#8

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score VT	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	† Alabama (Atlanta)	A					VT is 1-10 in this series w/their last meeting in the '98 Music City Bowl where the Hokies defeated Bama 38-7. VT is 11-2 in season openers with both losses at a neutral site.
Sep. 12	Marshall	G					Hokies are 7-2 vs MU & they last met in '05 (VT won 41-14). VT is 38-26-1 vs current CUSA tms. VT has won 22 straight at home vs current non-BCS tms by an avg of 33 ppg.
Sep. 19	Nebraska	G					LY the Hokies beat Nebraska despite allowing a ssn high 278 passing yds & an 88 yd PR TD. The Hokies have beaten the L/10 current non-conf BCS tms to visit by an avg of 20 ppg.
Sep. 26	Miami, Fl	G					VT has won 4 of 6 but lost last year's defensive struggle. The teams combined for 27 FD's & 497 yds (only 193 in the 2H) & only 4 penalties in last year's game.
Oct. 3	at Duke	G					VT has won the last 8 by an avg of 32-9 & have shutout Duke 3 times the last 6. VT has lost just 4 reg ssn conf RG's since joining the ACC; 3 of them LY (BC, FSU & Miami).
Oct. 10	Boston College (HC)	G					The Hokies have lost 3 straight reg ssn gms to BC but beat them in 2 straight ACC Champ gms. Last time here #2 BC upset #8 VT w/2 come-from-behind TD's in the final 2:11.
Oct. 17	at Georgia Tech	G					Prior to last year's matchup, the winner of the previous 4 ACC games were decided by an avg 23 ppg margin of victory. VT has won 4 of the last 5 in this series.
Oct. 24							
Oct. 29	N Carolina (Thur)	G					Virginia Tech has won all 5 since joing the ACC in 2004. LY VT's Keys kicked the go-ahead 45 yd FG to cap a comeback from a 2 TD deficit & beat NC 20-17.
Nov. 5	at E Carolina (Thur)	G					The Hokies had won 6 straight in the series but were upset LY 27-22 in the opener. VT led 22-13 in the 4Q but allowed a 73/9pl TD drive & got a punt blk'd for another.
Nov. 14	at Maryland	G					VT is 14-15 all-time vs Maryland but have won 4 straight by an avg of 26 ppg. In the Hokies last trip here in '05 they had 497-254 yd & 25-16 FD edges.
Nov. 21	NC State	G					These 2 last met in 2005 when #8 Virginia Tech only beat NC State 20-16. Virginia Tech is 24-18-4 all-time in this series. The HT has lost both ACC meetings.
Nov. 28	at Virginia	G					Virginia Tech has won 5 in a row & 9 of the last 10 vs Virginia. Last year VT allowed only 249 yds but needed an int in the EZ with 2:15 to secure the win.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bryan Randall 6,508 '01-'04
2. Don Strock 6,009 '70-'72
3. Will Furrer 5,915 '88-'91

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Cyrus Lawrence 3,767 '79-'82
2. Kevin Jones 3,475 '01-'03
3. Roscoe Coles 3,459 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ricky Scales 2,272 '72-'74
2. Antonio Freeman 2,207 '91-'94
3. Ernest Wilford 2,052 '00-'03

STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (66,233) (#33)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	8-4	10-4	8-5	10-3	11-2	10-3	11-3	10-4	89-29
Home	6-0	4-2	6-2	6-1	6-1	5-1	7-1	6-1	6-0	52-9
Away	4-1	4-1	3-2	2-3	4-0	5-0	3-2	4-1	2-3	31-13
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	6-7
vs Conf	6-1	4-3	3-4	4-3	7-1	7-2	6-2	8-1	6-3	51-20
vs Non-Conf	5-0	4-1	7-0	4-2	3-2	4-0	4-1	3-2	4-1	38-9
ATS	6-6	6-6	7-7	5-7	9-3	10-3	7-5	7-5-1	6-7	63-49-1
Home Fav	3-3	2-3	4-4	4-1	4-2	4-2	3-3	2-3-1	1-4	27-25-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
Away Favorite	2-2	3-2	2-2	0-4	2-1	5-0	2-2	2-0	0-0	18-13
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3-2	7-5
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	7-6
vs Conf	2-5	4-3	1-6	2-5	5-3	7-2	6-2	7-2	4-5	38-33
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-3	6-1	3-2	4-0	3-1	1-3	0-3-1	2-2	25-16-1
Off SU Win	5-5	5-3	5-4	3-4	6-3	7-3	6-4	6-4	5-4	48-34
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-2	1-3	1-3	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0-1	1-2	11-11-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Sugar - #9	+6	Auburn - #3	13-16
05	Gator - #12	-9	Louisville - #15	35-24
06	Chick-fil-A - #14	-3	Georgia	24-31
07	Orange - #5	-3'	Kansas - #8	21-24
08	Orange - #21	+2'	Cincinnati - #12	20-7

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	22.1	303	174	3.8	129	57.4	13.7	42	+14	2008	4	16.7	279	104	3.2	175	52.8	16.7	35
8*	28.7	331	134	3.3	197	57.8	11.5	54	+11	2007	8	16.1	297	87	2.7	210	53.5	18.5	47
4	25.8	295	113	3.2	182	56.2	11.4	29	+4	2006	5	11.0	219	91	2.8	128	51.3	20.0	30
7	33.8	381	191	4.1	190	60.1	11.3	34	+9	2005	6	12.9	247	93	3.0	154	49.6	19.2	37
5*	30.8	365	178	4.2	187	56.1	11.9	36	+13	2004	5	12.8	268	115	3.2	153	54.2	20.9	34
7*	35.4	401	209	5.3	192	59.3	11.4	17	-1	2003	9	23.0	367	136	3.5	231	60.2	16.0	32
6*	30.6	371	212	4.5	159	61.8	12.1	37	+8	2002	5	18.8	335	121	3.4	214	51.9	17.8	42

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darren Evans	287	1310	45	1265	11	4.4
Tyrod Taylor	147	884	146	738	7	5.0
Kenny Lewis	64	269	32	237	3	3.7
Josh Oglesby	38	96	8	88	0	2.3
Greg Boone	21	84	8	76	1	3.6
Victor Harris	5	48	0	48	0	9.6
Dyrell Roberts	5	37	0	37	0	7.4
Sean Glennon	41	62	110	-48	1	-1.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tyrod Taylor	173	99	57.2	1036	2	7
Sean Glennon	108	65	60.2	743	3	5
Cory Holt	6	3	50.0	28	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jarrett Boykin	30	441	14.7	2	41	
Danny Coale	36	408	11.3	0	35	
Greg Boone	22	278	12.6	2	27	
Dyrell Roberts	17	227	13.4	0	62	
Andre Smith	10	129	12.9	1	40	
Darren Evans	17	117	6.9	0	14	
Victor Harris	8	63	7.9	0	16	
Chris Drager	3	37	12.3	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brent Bowden	69	2785	40.4	11	33.2	2	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dustin Keys	32-34	11-13	6-6	5-8	1-2	23-29	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Purnell Sturdivant	99	3.5	4.5	2	0
Brett Warren	86	0.5	4.5	1	2
Cody Grimm	71	7.5	6.5	1	2
Jason Worilds	62	8	10.5	1	0
Orion Martin	56	7.5	5.5	4	1
Kam Chancellor	52	0	0.5	5	2
Cam Martin	51	2	3.5	3	0
Dorian Porch	48	1	3	4	1
Victor Harris	46	0	3.5	8	6
Stephan Virgil	43	0	2.5	4	6
Cordarrow Thompson	27	3	3.5	1	0
John Graves	26	0	4	2	0
Nekos Brown	22	2	1	0	0
Matt Reidy	18	0	0	0	0
Davon Morgan	18	0	0.5	0	0
Cris Hill	15	0	0	0	0
Dustin Pickle	13	0	0	0	0
Demetrius Taylor	12	0	1.5	0	0
Rashad Carmichael	12	0	0	2	0
Barquell Rivers	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Victor Harris	25	233	9.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dyrell Roberts	22	545	24.8	0	
Kenny Lewis	11	222	20.2	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

VT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
72,169	† East Carolina	12	35-104	3.0	14-23	139	2	19	41-158	3.9	19-25	211	1	0
66,233	Furman	14	48-261	5.4	7-13	68	4	13	20-34	1.7	21-37	213	1	+1
66,233	Georgia Tech	17	46-199	4.3	9-15	48	1	19	50-278	5.6	5-9	109	1	+3
59,800	at N Carolina	16	42-127	3.0	12-22	141	2	14	32-103	3.2	14-26	204	4	+2
85,831	at Nebraska	21	55-206	3.7	9-15	171	2	14	25-55	2.2	17-26	278	2	+2
66,233	WKU	19	51-151	3.0	13-18	142	5	8	32-148	4.6	8-20	95	3	0
44,127	at Boston College	14	38-150	3.9	12-27	90	1	22	37-82	2.2	16-32	218	3	+4
81,876	at Florida St	15	34-82	2.4	12-22	161	6	13	38-89	2.3	11-19	159	4	-2
66,233	Maryland	20	51-273	5.4	14-21	127	3	12	18-(-12)	-0.7	19-31	240	3	0
46,838	at Miami, Fl	14	38-77	2.0	12-20	173	6	13	42-123	2.9	8-18	124	3	+1
66,233	Duke	19	47-187	4.0	14-25	147	4	6	40-116	2.9	2-9	20	2	-1
66,233	Virginia	24	52-216	4.2	15-28	176	1	12	31-172	5.5	8-15	77	2	0
53,927	† Boston College	15	53-150	2.8	11-19	84	2	13	24-45	1.9	17-43	263	5	+1
73,602	† Cincinnati	23	55-258	4.7	13-23	140	3	14	21-71	3.4	16-33	239	1	+3
TOTALS		243	645-2441	3.8	167-291	1807	42	192	451-1462	3.2	181-343	2450	35	+14
AVERAGES		17.4	46-174	3.8	12-21	129	14.4%	13.7	32-104	3.2	13-25	175	10.2%	1.0

2004 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
–	† USC - #1	+17	13-24
–	W Michigan	-25	63-0
–	Duke	-29	41-17
–	NC State	-7'	16-17
–	West Virginia - #6	-3	19-13
–	at Wake Forest	-5'	17-10
–	Florida A&M	NL	62-0
#22	at Georgia Tech	-6	34-20
#18	at North Carolina	-10	27-24
#16	Maryland	-9'	55-6
#11	Virginia - #16	-4	24-10
#10	at Miami, Fl - #9	+7	16-10

2005 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
#8	at NC State	-3'	20-16
#7	at Duke	-21	45-0
#4	Ohio	-33	45-0
#4	Georgia Tech - #15	-11	51-7
#3	at West Virginia	-10	34-17
#3	Marshall	-35	41-14
#3	at Maryland	-10	28-9
#3	Boston College - #13	-13'	30-10
#3	Miami, Fl - #5	-6'	7-27
#7	at Virginia	-7	52-14
#5	North Carolina	-24'	30-3
#5	† Florida St - #22	-14'	22-27

2006 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#17	Northeastern	NL	38-0
#16	at North Carolina	-14'	35-10
#14	Duke	-35	36-0
#11	Cincinnati	-27'	29-13
#11	Georgia Tech - #24	-10	27-38
#22	at Boston College	-2'	3-22
–	Southern Miss	-16'	36-6
–	Clemson - #10	+5	24-7
#23	at Miami, Fl	-2'	17-10
#20	Kent St	-30'	23-0
#19	at Wake Forest - #14	E	27-6
#17	Virginia	-16'	17-0

2007 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post #9 Score
#9	East Carolina	-28	17-7
#9	at LSU - #2	+11'	7-48
#18	Ohio	-21	28-7
#17	William & Mary	NL	44-3
#17	North Carolina	-19'	17-10
#15	at Clemson - #22	+5'	41-23
#12	at Duke	-14'	43-14
#8	Boston College - #2	-3	10-14
#11	at Georgia Tech	+3	27-3
#11	Florida St	-7	40-21
#10	Miami, Fl	-16'	44-14
#8	at Virginia - #16	-3	33-21
#6	† Boston College - #12	-4	30-16

2008 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
#17	† East Carolina	-9'	22-27
–	Furman	-25'	24-7
–	Georgia Tech	-6'	20-17
–	at North Carolina	+3'	20-17
–	at Nebraska	+7	35-30
#20	WKU	-28	27-13
#17	at Boston College	+3	23-28
–	at Florida St - #24	+6'	20-30
–	Maryland - #23	-3	23-13
–	at Miami, Fl	+4'	14-16
–	Duke	-17	14-3
–	Virginia	-7'	17-14
–	† Boston College - #18	E	30-12

MIAMI HURRICANES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '05 soph Kyle Wright (PS#1) and rFr Kirby Freeman (PS#14) began their battle for the starting QB job. The two combined for three underachieving seasons with the ypg passing dropping each year from 2004-'07 (234, 216, 197, 170) with a 16-20 ratio in '07. Their 170 ypg was the lowest in over 20 years. Last year the battle was between rFr Robert Marve (PS#12) who had the strongest arm on the team and true frosh Jacory Harris (PS#7). Also in the mix was Cannon Smith (PS#64) who played at Hargrave in '07 and Taylor Cook (PS#47) but he took a RS. Marve started the entire season (when available, susp 2) throwing for 1,293 (54.5%) but with a 9-13 ratio. True frosh Harris came off the bench late 2Q vs Duke and led 4 TD drives in the final 2.5 Q's. Against UVA Harris threw the TD pass that forced OT and another in OT for the win. He finished with 1,195 (60.8%) and a 12-7 ratio (started opener and bowl due to Marve's susp). Marve opted to transfer. Miami improved somewhat to 197 ypg but had a 22-20 ratio and this unit is more experienced.

QB Jacory Harris

RUNNING BACKS - The Hurricanes have surprisingly had just six 1,000 yard rushers (Edgerrin James twice) in their history including their single season leader, Willis McGahee (#1DC), who had 1,753 (6.2) in '02 with an amazing 28 TD's. Miami has not had one since. In 2007 Graig Cooper (PS#62) led with 682 (5.5) while Javarris James (10 as true, led with 802, 4.6), had 582 (3.7). Derron Thomas (PS#51) added 200 (5.0). All of the top RB's were back last year but James suffered a high ankle sprain early and missed 4 (not 100% others). He finished with just 286 (4.2). Cooper led with 841 (4.9) and was also #2 in rec with 29 (#10 in yd). RFr Lee Chambers had 116 (6.4) while Thomas added 111 (3.6). This year the unit only loses Thomas (1 st) and Shawnbrey McNeal (62 yd). Not listed in the PSL below are Damien Berry (5'11" 217 Jr, PS#37DB) who had 114 in the spring game and FB's Joe Lucking (6'0" 230 So) and John Calhoun (6'3" 250 rFr, PS#315). True frosh Mike James (PS#58) was also impressive in the spring. I'll call for Miami to have its best ypg rushing since 2003 (4.6).

RECEIVERS - Miami had to replace 2 of their top 3 WR's LY as the leading returnee was Sam Shields (PS#16RB) who had 346 (12.8) in '07 while TE Chris Zellner had 105 (8.1). They used a lot of true frosh including Aldarius Johnson (PS#9) who led with 332 (10.7). Thearon Collier was #2 with 324 (12.5) and TE Dedrick Epps (PS#24LB) emerged with 304 (13.8) trying to become the next in a long line of Miami TE greats which include Bubba Franks, Jeremy Shockey, Kellen Winslow Jr, and Greg Olsen. Unfortunately Epps tore his ACL in spring and may RS in '09. Travis Benjamin has the best speed of the group and had 293 (16.3) despite being banged up late and Kayne Farquharson (PS#26JC) added 280 (15.6). This year they lose Farquharson (3 st), Zellner (6 st, 14 rec) and Khalil Jones (4 st, 5 rec). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Kris Kimball (5'9" 195 Sr), Jeremy "JJ" Davis (6'0" 194 Sr) and TE's Jimmy Graham (6'8" 255 Sr) and Daniel Adderley (6'6" 225 So, PS#267) who decided not to transfer after Epps' injury. Last year's fine crop of true frosh are now soph and I'll call for this unit to be one of the ACC's better receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 Miami had just one starter back on the O-line and struggled. At one point then OL coach Mario Cristobal said that the OL play was, "my most painful time of my entire life." UM's rushing ypc was its lowest since 1992 (3.5) and the unit allowed 26 sacks (7.2%). In 2007 they had to replace one starter but had 11 VHT's in the unit. Surprisingly the numbers only improved to 146 ypg (3.7) with 25 sacks (8.3%). Last year they had to replace three starters and one backup. One of the two returning starters, Reggie Youngblood, started just 3 (inj) but they did get the addition of Xavier Shannon (HC's son) who had 29 starts at FIU. Not surprisingly the numbers dipped some to 129 ypg (3.9) and despite having 2 mobile QB's, they allowed 26 sks (6.3%). This year they lose C Shannon (13 st), OT Youngblood (19 car st), RT Chris Rutledge (11 st), OT Tyrone Byrd (1 st) and OL Chris Barney (7 gm). Three full-time starters return as does 1 who had 4 starts. For the first time in the Shannon era, they have a somewhat experienced O-line and should reap the benefits.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year Miami had to replace 3 players who combined for 28 starts and then DE Eric Moncur (8 st '07) only started 3 (inj) so they basically had 1 returning starter. The 4.0 ypc allowed (152 ypg) was the highest since 1997. This year they lose DT Dwayne Hendricks (11 st, 48 tkl), DT Antonio Dixon (5 st, 31 tkl) but have 7 back with starting experience including Moncur (awarded 6th year) and should be much tougher up front. Not listed in the PSL is Gavin Hardin (6'3" 240 rFr, PS#62LB) who was the Scout Tm Def POY LY.

LINEBACKERS - The Hurricanes had to replace their #1 tackler in 2008 (#3DC) and then lost their top LB Colin McCarthy after 4 starts. They did get back Glenn Cook, who was the top LB in '06 but missed '07 with injury, and added the best class of true frosh LB's (PS#'s 5, 9, 20, 22, 35). This year they lose their top tackler again in Cook (13 st, 91 tkl) as well as Romeo Davis (4 st, 31 tkl) and Spencer Adkins (20 tkl, 4 sk, #6DC ATL). With the return of McCarthy, this unit looks just as strong as the 2008 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UM has always had an excellent secondary and opened the decade with finishes of #5, #2, #9, #3, #13, #1 and #24 in my pass D rankings. In '07 they had 3 starters back but surprisingly dropped to #53. LY they had to replace 2 starters incl a #1DC but returned '04 and '06 starters who both missed '07. CB DeMarcus Van Dyke (8 st as true) only started 2 (lost job). UM allowed just 166 ypg (51.2%) but had a 15-4 ratio vs a weak slate of opp and finished #66. This yr they lose S Anthony Reddick (12 st, 75 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Bruce Johnson (11 st, 29 tkl, 5 pbu), S Lovon Ponder (1 st, 15 tkl) and CB Carlos Armour (18 tkl). FS Randy Phillips (8 st '06, 4 '07) returns (1 st '08, inj). They have 6 back with 6+ career starts and add WR Sam Shields (15 st WR). UM should get back to their accustomed Top 25 ST finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Hurricanes have produced some excellent ST players including Devin Hester and finished #1, #27, #49, #8, #5, #28 and #52 in my ST rankings since 2000. In 2007 they had to replace their P and K and the return game was below avg and they plummeted to #104. Last year they had to replace their K and top PR but as expected, they improved to #33. Two players were key. Soph P/K Matt Bosher (PS#4), who avg 40.2 (35.0 tm net) in '07, avg 40.3 (36.2 net) in '08. Bosher also took over the kicking duties and was a Groza Award semi-finalist hitting 18 of 20 (long 52) and had 6 TB's on 69 KO's. Bosher was named 2nd Tm ACC for both P and K. Speedy true frosh Travis Benjamin avg 11.3 on PR's and 22.5 on KR's. Almost everyone returns so this figures to be one of the top ST units in the country.

COACHES - Randy Shannon is now in his 16th year at Miami and was the DC here for six years prior to taking over as the HC. He fielded fine units each season. He replaced Larry Coker who was 60-15 in six seasons with one National Title but was let go. Four different coaches have accounted for Miami's 5 National Titles over the last 26 years. This year they bring in their 3rd OC in 5 years in Mark Whipple. Whipple graduated from Brown where he was the starting QB from 1977-'78. He spent 15 years as a HC (121-59) incl 6 with UMass taking them to the IAA title in '98. He owns a Super Bowl ring as the Steelers QB coach from 2004-'06 and comes over from the Eagles (NFL). DC Bill Young opted to take the same position at his alma mater Okla St. Miami brings in John Lovett who was UNC's ST coach in '07 and '08 and the DC previously at BG, Clem, Aub and Ole Miss.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Howard Schnellenberger guided Miami to a National Championship in 1983 and UM also won a National Title under Jimmy Johnson (1987) and two under Dennis Erickson (1989, 1991). They had a rare losing year in 1997 due to scholarship reductions but Butch Davis had them pointed in the right direction and in 2000 they went 11-1 and finished #2. Larry Coker guided them to a National Title in his first season and almost repeated the next year when they came up just short in the Fiesta Bowl vs Ohio St. After an 11-2 season in '03, they won 9 games in each of the next 2 years but suffered a blowout loss to LSU in the Peach Bowl in '05. At 6-6 in '06 they needed a 1 pt win over Nevada just to have a winning season. The Randy Shannon era then began. They were unranked in the preseason for the first time since 1998 and went through an up and down 2007. The highs included a 31-0 lead over #20 TX A&M at home (34-17 final) and a fortunate win over Fla St on the road. The lowest of lows was being embarrassed in the Orange Bowl's FHG by Virginia 48-0 (previous worst home loss was to ND 44-0 in 1973). Their 5-7 record was their worst since 1977. The team went 2-6 and was -66.4 ypg (3rd worst) in the ACC. They limped into 2008 12-13 over the previous two seasons but moved into Dolphin Stadium and had 18 seniors in the 2 deep but just 9 returning starters. UM showed great team speed and after whipping an FCS team their young squad only trailed eventual Nat'l Champ Florida 9-3 after 3Q. They beat TX A&M 41-23 on the road but then gave up a 14 yd TD pass with :46 left and lost at home to NC (with a bkup QB). Fla St had a 469-256 yd edge and led 31-10 in the 3Q but UM made it close. The next week they would have shutout UCF but gave up an IR and KR TD. They trailed Duke 24-14 in the 3Q but rallied for a 49-31 win. WF led 10-3 at the half but UM rallied for a 16-10 win, then vs Virginia they rallied for a tying TD in the 4Q and won in OT despite a 448-318 yd edge. They beat VT 16-14 and were in 1st place in the Coastal and ranked (#23) for the first time in over 2 years. On a cold night in Atlanta, they were throttled 41-23 by GT and then were whipped by NCSt on the road in the season finale. After dropping their bowl, they fell to 7-6 making them a .500 team over the last 3 years. This year Miami loses both coordinators. They do qualify for Turnovers=Turnaround as they were -10 in '08. UM was #7 in the ACC in ypg (-15.4). This year 6 of my 9 sets of power ratings call Miami the most talented team in the ACC but they do have a killer schedule drawing the top 2 out of the Atlantic (FSU & Clem), facing NC and VT on the road in the Coastal and playing non-conf games vs Okla and USF. Despite the grueling schedule, I give Miami a shot at a double digit win season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 12 Jacory Harris So. 6-4 190 **PS#7.** 2 st, 1195 pass (61%) with 12-7 ratio LY. 17 Taylor Cook (6'7" 232 rFr) PS#47. 16 Cannon Smith (5'11" 200 rFr) PS#64. Med RS LY.

RB 2 GRAIG COOPER JR. 6-0 202 PS#62. 12 st, 1523 (5.1) 2Y. 5 Javarris James (6'0" 215 Sr) **PS#22. 23 st**, 1670 (4.2) 3Y. Lee Chambers (5'10" 185 So) **PS#35.** 116 (6.4) rFr.

WR 47 LaRON BYRD SO. 6-4 215 **PS#44.** 3 st, 228 (10.9) true. Leonard Hankerson (6'3" 215 Jr) **PS#30.** 4 st, 203 (11.9) 2Y. FB 30 Patrick Hill (5'9" 260 Sr) PS#112JC. 4 st, 4 rec LY.

WR 2 TRAVIS BENJAMIN SO. 5-10 170 PS#56. **4.26 spd.** 5 st, 293 (16.3) true. 66 Tommy Streeter (6'5" 207 rFr) **PS#28.** Kendall Thompkins (5'10" 173 rFr). Chris Hayes (5'9" 170 Jr).

WR 4 ALDARIUS JOHNSON SO. 6-2 205 **PS#9.** 8 st, 332 (10.7) true. 28 Thearon Collier (5'8" 192 So) PS#52. 3 st, 324 (12.5) true. 81 Davon Johnson (5'11" 190 So) **PS#47.** 1 st, 71 (14.2) true.

TE 84 RICHARD GORDON SR. 6-4 270 **PS#9.** 3 st, 4 rec 3Y. 18 **Dedrick Epps** (6'4" 253 Sr) **PS#24.** 11 st, 387 (12.9) 3Y. **? '09 (ACL).** Billy Sanders **PS#35.** Tervaris Johnson (6'2" 235 Sr).

C 78 AJ TRUMP SR. 6-3 308 **PS#30.** 10 st (2LG, 8RG) LY. 63 Tyler Horn (6'4" 300 So) 2 gm rFr. LS Chris Ivory (6'2" 232 So) 11 gm rFr. 68 Jake Byrne (6'4" 215 Sr) PS#294. 13 gm LY.

RG 61 Joel Figueroa Jr. 6-5 335 7 gm bkup '07. 4 st, 13 gm LY. 66 Harland Gunn (6'2" 315 So) **PS#18.** 1 gm rFr. 72 Brandon Washington (6'4" 343 Fr) **PS#39.** In for spg.

LG 74 ORLANDO FRANKLIN JR. 6-7 334 PS#217. 3 st LG, 407 pl as true. 11 st LG, 13 gm LY. 68 Ian Symonette (6'9" 351 Jr) **PS#18.** 23 gms 2Y. Jared Wheeler (6'6" 305 Fr) **PS#44.**

RT 65 Matt Pipho Sr. 6-7 307 **PS#47.** 26 gm as bkup L3Y. Can play any OL position. 55 Ben Jones (6'5" 314 rFr) **PS#51.** Malcolm Bunche (6'5" 315 Fr) is PS#112.

LT 64 JASON FOX SR. 6-7 310 PS#22TE. 12 st (8RT, 4LT) true. 12 st LT '07. 12 st LT LY, didn't allow a sk. Jermaine Johnson is PS#272. In for spg. Stephen Plein is PS#180.

K 25 MATT BOSHER JR. 6-0 205 **PS#4.** 58 punts (40.2), 9 I/20 rFr. 18-20 FG L/52, 2-3 from 50+, Groza semi. 40-40 xp. 2nd Tm ACC LY. 40 Jake Wieclaw (6'1" 195 rFr) **PS#4.**

DE 56 MARCUS ROBINSON SO. 6-1 242 **PS#9.** 5 st, 35 tkl, 9 tfl, 3rd Tm Fr AA true. Adewale Ojomo (6'3" 250 So) **PS#58.** 3 st, 30 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. Courtney Harris (6'3" 255 Sr) **PS#37.** 28 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. Inj LY.

DT 99 MARCUS FORSTON SO. 6-2 306 **PS#2.** 1 st, 25 tkl, 4.5 tfl **FWAA Fr AA** true. 91 **Joe Joseph** (6'3" 302 Sr) PS#91. **14 st**, 60 tkl, 6.5 tfl 3Y. 98 Jeremy Lewis (6'3" 314 rFr) **PS#47.**

DT 57 Allen Bailey Jr. 6-4 290 **PS#10.** 12 gm true. 4 st, 36 tkl, 9 tfl LY. 54 Micanor Regis (6'2" 301 So) **PS#32.** 10 gm, 16 tkl true. 92 Josh Holmes (6'0" 279 Jr) **PS#60.** 10 tkl 2Y.

DE 94 ERIC MONCUR SR. 6-2 255 **PS#17.** 16 st, 105 tkl, 19 tfl 4Y. **Steven Wesley** (6'3" 260 Jr) PS#103. 6 tkl rFr. **11 st**, 49 tkl LY. Olivier Vernon **PS#34.** 48 Andrew Smith (6'2" 242 So) 9 tkl true.

SLB 44 Colin McCarthy Sr. 6-3 240 **PS#38.** 13 st, 97 tkl, 13 tfl in 3Y. 45 Ramon Buchanan (6'1" 205 So) **PS#20.** 6 tkl, 9 gm true. 36 Kylan Robinson (6'1" 235 Jr) PS#111. 3 tkl 2Y.

MLB 50 DARRYL SHARPTON SR. 5-11 235 PS#125. 10 st, 98 tkl, 10 tfl 2Y. 9 st, 66 tkl, 6 tfl LY. Arthur Brown (6'2" 220 So) **PS#5.** 4 tkl true. Levi Paalua (6'2" 225 rFr). Sean Goldstein (6'0" 225 rFr).

WLB 31 SEAN SPENCE SO. 6-0 211 **PS#35. ACC Rookie Def POY**, 9 st, 82 tkl, 9.5 tfl true. 58 Jordan Futch (6'2" 215 So) **PS#22.** 3 tkl true. 34 CJ Holton (6'0" 210 rFr) **PS#42.**

CB 13 Ryan Hill Sr. 5-11 205 **PS#37.** 2 st WR, 182 (9.6) 2Y. 5 st S, 34 tkl LY. 8 DeMarcus Van Dyke (6'1" 182 Jr) **PS#60.** 10 st, 30 tkl 2Y. Brandon McGee is **PS#28.**

CB 1 BRANDON HARRIS SO. 5-10 190 **PS#8.** 6 st, 26 tkl true. **Chavez Grant** (5'11" 183 Sr) PS#128. **17 st**, 75 tkl, 13 pd 3Y. Sam Shields (6'0" 186 Sr) **PS#16.** 15 st WR, 971 (12.9) 3Y.

SS 7 VAUGHN TELEMAQUE rFR. 6-1 196 **PS#26.** 2 tkl, Med RS LY. 29 **Joseph "JoJo" Nicolas** (6'1" 197 Jr) PS#90. **7 st**, 31 tkl, 2 pbu LY. 37 Jared Campbell (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#151. 1 tkl true. 2 gm LY.

FS 6 Randy Phillips Sr. 6-0 210 PS#72. 12 st, 73 tkl, 19 pd 3Y. 2 tkl, inj LY. Aravious "Ray Ray" Armstrong (6'4" 215 Fr) **PS#23.** 41 Joe Wylie (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#91. 1 tkl true.

P 25 MATT BOSHER JR. 6-0 205 **PS#4.** 58 punts (40.2), 35.0 tm net, 9 inside 20 in '07. 66 punts LY (40.3), 36.2 net, L/76 19 inside 20, 6 TB on 69 KO, **2nd Tm ACC K & P.**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Aravious "Ray Ray" Armstrong 6-4 215 PS#23
RB	Lamar Miller 5-11 205 PS#15
DB	Brandon McGee 5-11 185 PS#28
DL	Dyron Dye 6-5 230 PS#31
DL	Olivier Vernon 6-2 250 PS#34
OL	Brandon Washington 6-4 343 PS#39
DB	Prince Kent 6-3 195 PS#50
OL	Jared Wheeler 6-6 305 PS#44
DB	Jamal Reid 6-1 175 PS#56
DL	Luther Robinson 6-3 281 PS#58
RB	Mike James 5-11 220 PS#58
QB	AJ Highsmith 6-0 190 PS#61
OL	Malcolm Bunche 6-5 315 PS#112
TE	Billy Sanders 6-4 235 PS#35
DL	Curtis Porter 6-0 332 PS#148
OL	Cory White 6-5 235 PS#143
OL	Stephen Plein 6-6 250 PS#180
LB	Shayon Green 6-2 235 PS#175
OL	Jermaine Johnson 6-6 310 PS#272

MIAMI HURRICANES

Coral Gables, Florida
Weather (305) 229-4550

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#12

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 7	at Florida St (Mon)	G						These 2 opened the season vs each other from '04-'06 & UM is just 1-3 the L/4. Last year the Hurricanes trailed 24-3 & were outgained 286-52 at the half.
Sep. 12								
Sep. 17	Georgia Tech (Thur)	G						UM has dropped 4 straight including LY as GT piled up 472 yds on the ground in a 41-23 rout. Last time here UM led 7-0 at HT but was outgained 244-71 in the 2H.
Sep. 26	at Virginia Tech	G						The Hurricanes are 2-4 vs the Hokies & have topped 16 pts just once since '03. In last year's defensive struggle the teams combined for 497 total yds & 27 FD's.
Oct. 3	Oklahoma	G						In the last meeting in '07, UM was mauled, being outgained 411-139 & outFD'd 25-7. UM is 8-1 at home vs current non-conf BCS teams winning by an avg of 21 ppg.
Oct. 10	Florida A&M	G						The Rattlers play in the MEAC & went 9-3 last season. The Hurricanes have beaten their last 9 FCS opponents by an avg of 56-9 scoring 49+ pts in each game.
Oct. 17	at UCF	G						Last year in the first meeting Miami's defense dominated holding the Knights to 10 FD's & 78 TOTAL yds but the Hurricanes allowed a 62 yd IR & a 91 yd KR for TD's.
Oct. 24	Clemson	G						Miami is 5-2 all-time vs the Tigers. These two last met in '05 & UM needed a Tyrone Moss 25 yd TD run in the 3rd OT to lift #13 Miami over #20 Clemson 36-30.
Oct. 31	at Wake Forest	A						Miami has won 5 straight in this series by an avg of 28 ppg but LY only won by 6. LY Miami allowed their only TD on the opening drive & held WF to 74 2H yds.
Nov. 7	Virginia	G						LY QB Harris threw a tying TD pass in the final minute & another one in OT to give Miami a 24-17 win over Virginia. UM is 4-2 all-time in this series but both losses were upsets.
Nov. 14	at North Carolina	G						The visitor is 1-8. HC Shannon was a player & assistant under Davis at Miami. Miami led 14-0 LY but NC went 56/7pl & scored the GW TD w/:46 left on a 14 yd TD pass.
Nov. 21	Duke	G						Miami scored 35 unanswered points to pull away LY & are 5-1 in this series. Fr QB Harris came into the 2Q & threw for 4 TD's & ran for another last year.
Nov. 28	at USF	G						This is only the 2nd time these 2 instate teams have met & are only about 280 miles apart. UM defeated USF 27-7 in 2005. Miami is 84-21-2 vs current Big East tms.
Dec. 5								This year Dolphin Stadium has been renamed Landshark Stadium which is the 5th name change since the stadium opened in 1987.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ken Dorsey 9,565 '99-'02
2. Gino Torretta 7,690 '89-'92
3. Vinny Testaverde 6,058 '82, '84-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ottis Anderson 3,331 '75-'78
2. Edgerrin James 2,960 '96-'98
3. James Jackson 2,953 '96-'00

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Santana Moss 2,546 '97-'00
2. Reggie Wayne 2,510 '97-'00
3. Michael Irvin 2,423 '85-'87

Randy Shannon (Career 12-13)
3rd Year at Miami, FI Shannon's Bowl Record: 0-1

Shannon's records AT MIAMI, FL

12-13	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
8-5	Home	1-5	Vs Top 25
4-7	Away	2-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	2-2	Off A Bye
6-10	Vs Conference	4-7	Off A Loss

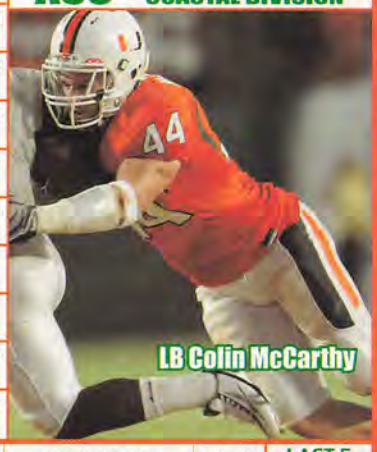
2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,25,1)
Lost: 22 (12,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,299 (#50)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION



STADIUM: LANDSHARK STADIUM (75,000) (#22)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	12-0	12-1	11-2	9-3	9-3	7-6	5-7	7-6	83-29
Home	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-1	4-2	5-1	5-2	4-3	4-2	46-11
Away	4-1	5-0	6-0	4-1	4-1	4-1	1-4	1-4	3-3	32-15
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	5-3
vs Conf	7-0	7-0	7-0	6-1	5-3	6-2	3-5	2-6	4-4	47-21
vs Non-Conf	4-1	5-0	5-1	5-1	4-0	3-1	4-1	3-1	3-2	36-8
ATS	9-2	7-5	4-8	6-7	7-5	4-8	4-8	4-8	5-7	50-58
Home Fav	3-1	4-2	1-4	1-6	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-5	1-4	19-31
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-1
Away Favorite	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	0-2	0-1	2-1	16-17
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	1-2	8-6
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	5-3
vs Conf	7-0	3-4	2-5	3-4	5-3	3-5	3-5	2-6	3-5	31-37
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-1	2-3	3-3	2-2	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-2	19-21
Off SU Win	8-2	6-5	4-8	5-5	4-4	4-5	2-4	1-4	3-4	37-41
Off SU Loss	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	0-2	2-3	2-4	2-3	9-15

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2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Graig Cooper	171	888	47	841	4	4.9
Javarris James	68	299	13	286	4	4.2
Robert Marve	59	236	117	119	2	2.0
Lee Chambers	18	119	3	116	0	6.4
Derron Thomas	31	130	19	111	1	3.6
Jacory Harris	45	218	117	101	2	2.2
Shawnbrey McNeal	13	62	0	62	2	4.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Robert Marve	213	116	54.5	1293	9	13
Jacory Harris	194	118	60.8	1195	12	7
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aldarius Johnson	31	332	10.7	3	29	
Thearon Collier	26	324	12.5	2	43	
Dedrick Epps	22	304	13.8	2	69	
Travis Benjamin	18	293	16.3	3	51	
Kayne Farquharson	18	280	15.6	3	37	
LaRon Byrd	21	228	10.9	4	26	
Leonard Hankerson	11	140	12.7	2	41	
Sam Shields	11	124	11.3	0	23	
Javarris James	11	118	10.7	0	20	
Graig Cooper	29	113	3.9	1	11	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Bosher	66	2659	40.3	24	36.2	3	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Bosher	40-40	10-10	5-5	1-2	2-3	18-20	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Glenn Cook	91	0.5	7.5	1	0
Sean Spence	82	2	7.5	4	1
Anthony Reddick	75	0	0	3	0
Darryl Sharpton	66	1.5	4.5	2	0
Steven Wesley	49	0	3	1	0
Dwayne Hendricks	48	0.5	1	1	0
Allen Bailey	36	5	4	0	0
Marcus Robinson	35	4	5	1	0
Joe Joseph	35	1	3.5	1	0
Ryan Hill	34	0	1.5	1	0
Antonio Dixon	31	0	3	0	0
Romeo Davis	31	0	2	0	0
JoJo Nicolas	31	0	0	2	0
Adewale Ojomo	30	3	1	0	0
Bruce Johnson	29	0	2.5	5	1
Brandon Harris	26	1	1	3	1
Chavez Grant	25	0	1.5	6	0
Marcus Forston	25	3	1.5	1	0
Colin McCarthy	21	0.5	0.5	0	0
Spencer Adkins	20	4	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Travis Benjamin	16	181	11.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Travis Benajmin	22	496	22.5	0
Brandon Harris	13	274	21.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Orange - #10	+1'	Florida St - #9	16-14
04	Peach - #14	-4	Florida - #20	27-10
05	Peach - #9	-7	LSU - #10	3-40
06	MPC Computers	-3'	Nevada	21-20
08	Emerald	+10	California	17-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Miami's All-Time Bowl Record 18-14

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5	27.1	326	129	3.9	197	57.7	12.0	26	-10	2008	4	24.2	317	152	4.0	166	51.2	13.1	31
9*	20.6	316	146	3.7	170	53.5	15.3	25	-6	2007	6	26.0	346	134	3.4	212	56.8	13.3	31
5*	19.6	313	116	3.5	197	59.2	16.0	26	-3	2006	6	15.5	256	68	2.3	188	53.3	16.5	38
4	27.1	354	138	3.7	216	57.4	13.0	36	+5	2005	9	14.3	270	118	3.0	152	46.6	19.0	33
6*	31.7	365	131	3.7	234	55.9	11.5	25	+14	2004	4	17.0	328	155	3.8	173	50.6	19.3	38
6	27.8	395	180	4.6	215	59.8	14.2	17	-4	2003	7	15.1	258	117	3.3	141	50.9	17.1	37
4*	40.5	466	182	5.2	284	55.8	11.5	15	-1	2002	6	19.1	289	169	3.8	120	46.2	15.2	47

2008 STATS BY GAME

UM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
48,119	Charles Southern	21	38-224	5.9	17-27	192	1	7	30-49	1.6	11-22	77	3	0
90,833	at Florida	11	37-61	1.6	12-22	79	3	17	27-89	3.3	21-35	256	1	0
84,165	at Texas A&M	18	28-159	5.7	20-29	239	2	19	35-87	2.5	19-32	275	3	+1
35,830	North Carolina	18	33-135	4.1	22-33	174	2	16	33-35	1.1	13-24	264	2	-2
65,786	Florida St	15	14-51	3.6	21-49	205	2	27	53-310	5.8	14-31	159	0	+1
40,011	UCF	12	43-128	3.0	12-25	88	3	10	27-4	0.1	11-37	74	5	-2
32,011	at Duke	23	29-154	5.3	23-36	266	2	19	44-142	3.2	16-34	191	1	-2
41,208	Wake Forest	11	33-102	3.1	15-28	194	1	13	52-195	3.8	3-8	57	2	+1
53,308	at Virginia	22	40-197	4.9	18-33	251	2	18	24-78	3.3	27-41	240	1	-1
46,838	Virginia Tech	13	42-123	2.9	8-18	124	3	14	38-77	2.0	12-20	173	6	-1
49,335	at Georgia Tech	20	25-105	4.2	23-38	283	2	18	56-472	8.4	4-7	46	2	-1
56,329	at NC State	19	32-122	3.8	21-32	269	1	25	44-219	5.0	11-24	220	5	-3
42,268	† California	17	32-119	3.7	25-41	194	2	11	30-217	7.2	10-21	121	0	-1
TOTALS		220	426-1680	3.9	237-411	2558	26	214	493-1974	4.0	172-336	2153	31	-10
AVERAGES		16.9	33-129	3.9	18-32	197	6.3%	16.5	38-152	4.0	13-26	166	9.2%	-0.8

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Post #11 Score
#5	Florida St - #4	-2	16-10 OT
#4	Louisiana Tech	-30'	48-0
#4	at Houston	-29'	38-13
#4	at Georgia Tech	-14	27-3
#3	Louisville - #18	-9	41-38
#4	at NC State	-7	45-31
#4	at North Carolina	-22	28-31
#11	Clemson	-16'	17-24 OT
#18	at Virginia - #10	+3'	31-21
#12	Wake Forest	-18'	52-7
#9	Virginia Tech - #10	-7	10-16

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#9	at Florida St - #14	-3	7-10
#13	at Clemson - #20	-7	36-30 3OT
#12	Colorado	-14	23-3
#9	USF	-21	27-7
#9	Duke	-35'	52-7
#7	at Temple	-41'	34-3
#6	North Carolina	-21	34-16
#5	at Virginia Tech - #3	+6'	27-7
#3	at Wake Forest	-17	47-17
#3	Georgia Tech	-18	10-14
#10	Virginia	-17'	25-17

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#12	Florida St - #11	-3'	10-13
#17	Florida A&M	NL	51-10
#17	at Louisville - #12	+4	7-31
–	Houston	-16'	14-13
–	North Carolina	-19	27-7
–	FIU	-26	35-0
–	at Duke	-17'	20-15
–	at Georgia Tech - #21	+4'	23-30
–	Virginia Tech - #23	+2'	10-17
–	at Maryland - #23	+3	13-14
–	at Virginia	-3	7-17
–	Boston College - #18	+4	17-14

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Marshall	-17'	31-3
–	at Oklahoma - #5	+11	13-51
–	FIU	-32'	23-9
–	Texas A&M - #20	-1'	34-17
–	Duke	-24	24-14
–	at North Carolina	-7	27-33
–	Georgia Tech	-2	14-17
–	at Florida St	+5	37-29
–	NC State	-10'	16-19 OT
–	Virginia - #23	-3'	0-48
–	at Virginia Tech - #10	+16'	14-44
–	at Boston College - #15	+14'	14-28

2008 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	Charleston Southern	-39	52-7
–	at Florida - #5	+22'	3-26
–	at Texas A&M	-3	41-23
–	North Carolina	-7'	24-28
–	Florida St	-2'	39-41
–	UCF	-16'	20-14
–	at Duke	-3	49-31
–	Wake Forest	-2'	16-10
–	at Virginia	+1'	24-17 OT
–	Virginia Tech	-4'	16-14
#23	at Georgia Tech	+3	23-41
–	at NC State	-1'	28-38

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In former HC Chan Gailey's six year tenure, this position was not a strength. They completed 54.9% in his first year. With a true frosh starter in year two they dropped to 52.5%. The next four years GT QB's combined to hit 48.8%, 47.1%, 47.2% and 49.3%, the 2nd lowest 4 year comp% in the NCAA. In 2007 Taylor Bennett completed just 49.5% with a 7-9 ratio and opted to transfer to LT prior to '08 as he was not a good fit for the new offense. True frosh Josh Nesbitt (PS#16) was the backup in '07 and looked good in limited action (13 passes) while Calvin Booker, a more prototypical QB (PS#38), attempted 21. Nesbitt did rush for 339 (6.4). Last year Nesbitt was the clear cut starter and the backup was true frosh Jaybo Shaw (PS#57) who ran the same offense in HS. Nesbitt was later injured in the 1Q vs Miss St, missed 2 others, was inj in the 3Q vs Fla St and was pulled in the 3Q vs NC. Nesbitt was clearly the best at running the offense and threw for 808 (43.9%) with a 2-5 ratio while rushing for 693 (4.0) yds. Shaw threw for 321 (62.5%) with a 2-1 ratio with 200 rush (3.2). Versus Gardner-Webb both were injured and Booker, who is not a good fit for the offense, hit 3 of 11 for 120 yds (35 rush) as they struggled for a 3 pt win. This year they only lose Booker and Bryce Dykes (2 gm). Added to the mix are Tevin Washington (6'1" 205 rFr, PS#136), Doc Coppage (6'4" 205 So) and this year's true frosh. This group should put up much improved numbers in the second year of Johnson's offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Oklahoma transfer Tashard Choice (PS#59) rushed for 1,473 (5.0) in '06 and 1,379 (5.3) in '07. True frosh Jonathan Dwyer (PS#5) emerged as #2 in '07 with 436 (5.3). Last year they had to replace Choice. In the new offense, Dwyer broke off some big runs including a school record 88 yd TD run vs Miss St (topped Bob McCoy 87 yds in 1948) and also had an 85 yd run vs NC. He finished with 1,395 (7.0) and was named the ACC Off POY. Roddy Jones, who was drafted by the Chicago White Sox out of HS, set a school record with 16.5 ypc on his 214 vs Georgia and finished with 690 (8.5). Connecticut transfer Lucas Cox rushed for 200 (7.7). This year they lose Greg Smith (98, 7.5) and Lance Walls (9 yd). GT now adds in L'ville transfer Anthony Allen, who rushed for 1,102 (4.6) and had 9 starts at UL in 2 years. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Quincy Kelly (6'0" 238 Jr), Jamal Paige (5'10" 175 rFr), Jon Lockhart (6'0" 190 rFr, PS#207) and Jim Henry (5'11" 172 So). While it will be tough for Dwyer to top last year's 7.0 ypc, this group is more experienced and has added talent.

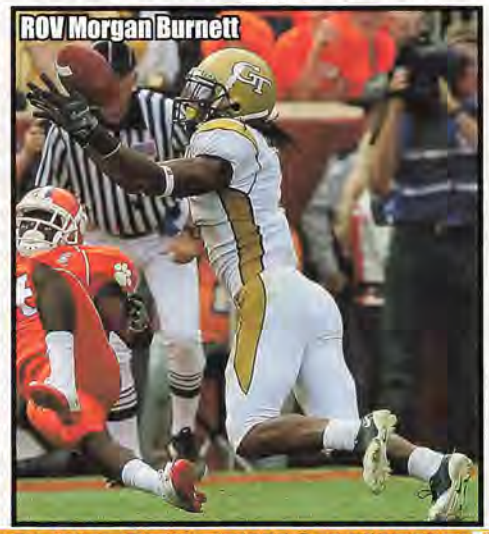
RECEIVERS - In '03 under Gailey, Jonathan Smith (#7DC '04) snagged a school record 78 rec for 1,138 yards and had more than twice the amount of catches as the #2 man. Calvin Johnson (#1 DC, '07) broke Smith's record with 1,202 (15.8) in '06. In the spring of '07, Demaryius Thomas looked like he would be the go-to receiver but surprisingly was only #2 with 558 (15.9). Greg Smith led with 588 (15.9) but moved to AB in '08 so Thomas, an NFL caliber WR, led with 627 (16.1) LY in the option offense. Tyler Melton (PS#216) got in the first 7 sts as a true LY before a knee inj. This year the only losses are RB Clyburn (1 st, 1 rec) and Andrew Smith (1 st). With the top 8 rec's back, they should show improvement.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Tech had 8 of their top 10 back and 113 career starts returning. I called it the top OL of Gailey's tenure and indeed it was. The OL paved the way for a Gailey-era high 199 ypg rushing and 4.7 ypc, their best totals since 1999 despite QB Bennett rushing for -13 yards (22 sacks). Paul Johnson had to replace 2.5 starters as the unit had just 58 career starts returning LY and had to learn a new offense. First Tm ACC LT Andrew Gardner was lost after 9 starts to injury and starting RT David Brown was lost after 8. Running the option offense (QB Nesbitt rushed for 693), the numbers naturally improved to 273 ypg rush (5.6) but they did allow 19 sacks (11.5%, 4th worst). This year they lose Gardner (4Y st'r, #6DC MIA), Brown (8 st), LG AJ Smith (1 st) along with backups C Andrew Folkner and LG Drew Brannon. While they technically lose two starting OT's, the five OL's that started the last 4 together all return. I could list the unit as either 3 or 5 returning starters so I split the difference and went with four, counting Gardner as a starter lost.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 GT had 7 of their top 8 back and allowed 3.2 ypc rush (2nd highest in 5 years) but led the FBS with 47 sacks. Last year they had to replace both starting DE's but I still rated it as one of the top D-lines in the country coming into the season. Perhaps due to inexperienced LB's and a new DC, GT slipped allowing 120 ypg (3.6) while the sack total dipped to 34 (depleted LB's the culprit). This year the unit is the lone question mark on the entire team. Gone are 1st Tm AA DE Michael Johnson (13 st, 46 tkl, 9 sk, 8 tfl, #3DC CIN), 1st Tm ACC DT Vance Walker (12 st, 33 tkl, 3 sk, #7DC ATL), 2nd Tm ACC DT Darryl Richard (13 st, 34 tkl, 4 sk, #7DC NE) and DT Elris Anyaibe (1 st, 17 tkl, 1.5 sk). I look for a couple of newcomers to have a major impact. True frosh JC Lanier is 335 lbs and rFr TJ Barnes (6'7" 325) was impressive on the scout team. DE's Jason Peters and Derrick Morgan are both VHT's with Morgan earning 3rd Tm ACC. This unit will be stronger than expected but will not be one of the Top 10 in the FBS like last year's terrific front four.

LINEBACKERS - In both '06 and '07 GT had to replace their #1 tackler but had 5 of the top 6 LB's back. Last year they had to replace their #1 (#3DC) and #2 tacklers. All 3 of my projected starters missed time with injuries as Anthony Barnes had just 4 starts. Returning starter Shane Bowen (10 st '07) was never 100% and had just 13 tackles (0 st) and Brad Jefferson missed 4. This year the only losses are Tony Clark (6 st, 21 tkl, 1 sk), Bowen, Travis Chambers (1 st, 11 tkl) and James Laipfert (11 tkl). The top 3 LB tacklers all return so I list the unit as having 3 starters returning. This group has a lot more experience and can only remain healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - GT was #20 in my pass D rankings in '05 and in '06 they had to replace 3 starters but still finished #33. In '07 they had to replace one starter. Surprisingly GT fell to #71 with just 5 int, 3 by true frosh SS Morgan Burnett. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but Burnett, who had 57 tkl despite just 1 start in '07, was back. Burnett tied for #1 in the FBS with 7 int while CB Jahi Word-Daniels (21 pbu in '06 and '07) missed the final six (inj). This year they lose Word-Daniels (7 st, 24 tkl, 2 pbu, 1 int), FS Jake Blackwood (13 tkl) and ROV Troy Garside (8 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are CB Scott Elder (5'9" 160 Jr), ROV's Stephen Mann (6'0" 200 rFr), Kamaron Riley (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#162), Tyler Barrett (5'10" 186 Sr) and FS's Alex Walker (6'0" 180 So) and Brandon Leslie (6'0" 195 rFr, PS#58). They have four back with 8+ starts and I list them as having 4 starters returning as the top two CB tacklers are back. GT finished #58 in my pass D rankings and are much more experienced.


ROV Morgan Burnett

SPECIAL TEAMS - After finishing #119 in the FBS in KR D in '06 and a #81 finish in my ST rankings, they rose to #5 behind P Brooks in '07. Last year they had to replace their K and P. Paul Johnson's ST units at Navy finished #76, #113, #69, #107 in his first 4 years but improved to #15 in '07. GT dropped all the way to #97 last year. New P's Scott Blair and Chandler Anderson combined for a 33.1 net with Blair having 5 TB on 60 KO. GT did improve its KR D to 19.9. PR's were iffy avg 6.7 with numerous muffs. Roddy Jones avg 23.6 on KR. Blair only hit 12 of 19 FG's (0-6 from 40+). He was the first GT player in 25 years to handle both K & P. This year all of the key players are back and GT should improve.

COACHES - Paul Johnson was 62-10 at Georgia Southern and was IAA National Coach of the Year for four straight seasons (1997-2000). In six years at Navy, he guided them to 5 bowl games and won five straight Commander-in-Chief's trophies. In 2004 he was named the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year. In his first year here Johnson was named the ACC Coach of the Year and GT knocked off rival Georgia for the 1st time since 2000. Johnson serves as his own OC as he did at Navy. The DC is Dave Wommack who was the LB coach at S Miss in 2007 and the DC at Ark in '02-'04. Wommack stepped into some large shoes replacing Jon Tenuta who left for ND plus GT's 3.62 sacks per game in '07 was #1 in the FBS (tied #18 w/2.62 in '08).

PHIL'S FORECAST

GT has now been to a school record 12 straight bowl games. In five of Gailey's six seasons, they finished with exactly 7 wins and in 2006 GT got to the ACC Title game finishing with 9 wins. That 2006 squad was led by AA WR Calvin Johnson and they landed their first Jan 1 bowl since 1999 getting as high as #13 in the polls. In 2007 they opened the season strong demolishing ND in South Bend 33-3 and also beat #13 Clemson at home, 13-3. Unfortunately, after losing to rival GA for the 6th straight time they fell to 7-5 and Gailey was let go. DC Tenuta was the interim HC for the bowl and Fresno St piled up 571 yds in a 40-28 GT loss. GT was 4-4 in the ACC but did outgain conf foes by 32.3 ypg (4th best). Last year GT had to replace its top 4 tacklers and had just 9 starters back. Their 75 frosh and soph on the roster made them the youngest squad in the ACC. GT also only had 76 scholarship players. The Yellow Jackets exceeded my expectations by rolling to a 9-3 regular season record. GT upset BC on the road 19-16 and the next week had a 387-247 yd edge vs VT but came up short on the road losing by 3. After burying SEC member Miss St 38-7, they destroyed a 3-1 Duke team 27-0. With their top 2 QB's out they struggled vs FCS Gardner-Webb only winning by 3 but then beat Clemson in Death Valley, 21-17. GT was 6-1 (best start S/'90). In one of their worst outings of the year, they jumped out to a 14-3 lead vs Virginia but lost 24-17. FSU fumbled into the EZ for a TB late and GT escaped with a 3 point win. After a 21 point loss to NC, they hosted Miami on a chilly Thursday night and rolled to a 41-23 win with 472 rush yards. GT had a veteran D-line vs a rebuilding GA O-line and they ended their 7 year losing streak to the Bulldogs. GA did lead 28-12 at half but GT dominated the 2H and finished with a 409-81 yd rush edge. Defending Nat'l Champ LSU was made an underdog to GT and didn't take too kindly to it in a 38-3 blowout in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. While they did benefit from 3 net close wins, GT's +68.1 ypg in ACC play was the league's best. This year GT is a more veteran squad with 18 returning starters and 61 returning lettermen, both tops in the ACC. The only question mark is their rebuilt D-line but GT should contend for the ACC Title in Johnson's 2nd season.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 9 JOSH NESBITT JR. 6-1 214 **PS#16.** 93 (39%) 339 rush true. 11 st, 808 pass (44%) 2-5 ratio, 693 rush (4.0) LY. **11** Jaybo Shaw (6'0" 190 So) PS#57. 321 (63%), 200 rush true.

BB 21 JONATHAN DWYER JR. 6-0 228 **PS#5.** 436 (5.3) 14 KR (21.9) true. 13 st, 1395 (7.0). **ACC Off POY** LY. **43** Anthony Allen (6'0" 225 Jr) PS#73. **L'ville trans.** 1102 (4.6) 2Y at UL.

AB 36 LUCAS COX JR. 6-0 238 Conn trans. 13 st, 200 (7.7) here LY. **48** Richard Watson (6'1" 225 rFr) **PS#33.** **24** Embry Peeples (5'10" 175 So) PS#70. 8 gm, 97 (6.9) true.

AB 20 RODDY JONES SO. 5-9 194 PS#53. 13 st, 690 (8.5) 8 rec (19.0), 15 KR (23.6) rFr. **3** Marcus Wright (5'8" 175 So) **PS#42.** 37 (9.2) true. **27** Jonathan Malone (5'9" 167 Sr) 9 gm, 3Y.

WR 84 TYLER MELTON SO. 6-0 199 7 st, 53 (10.6) true. **41** Zach Fisher (6'2" 193 So) 45 (15.0). Willie White (6'3" 182 So) PS#67. Kevin Cone (6'2" 202 Jr). Geoff Greco (6'3" 210 rFr).

WR 8 DEMARYIUS THOMAS JR. 6-3 229 PS#80. 10 st, 558 (15.9) rFr. 12 st, 627 (16.1), 3rd Tm ACC. **23** Quentin Sims (6'3" 190 rFr). Daniel McKayhan (6'0" 180 rFr). Paul Reese (6'0" 178 So).

C 77 DAN VOSS SR. 6-4 294 4 gm rFr. L/7 st @ LG '07. 13 st @ C LY. No spg (inj). **76** Nick McRae (6'4" 290 rFr) **PS#99.** Sean Bedford (6'1" 268 Jr). **LS** Michael Ray (5'10" 210 Sr).

RG 70 JOSEPH GILBERT SO. 6-4 288 PS#186. 12 st @ RG, 13 gm as rFr. **74** Zach Krish (6'5" 286 Jr). 4 gm LY. **67** Zach Fraysier (6'3" 275 rFr). Chase Hudson (6'2" 268 So).

LG 71 CORD HOWARD SR. 6-5 310 Played 2H of ssn as rFr. L/6 st @ RT, 10 gm (acad) '07. 13 st (12 @ LG, 1 @ RG), **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **62** Omoregie Uzzi (6'3" 291 rFr) PS#106.

RT 73 Austin Barrick Jr. 6-3 254 PS#68. 3 gm rFr. 4 st @ RT. LY. **78** Clyde Yandell (6'5" 296 So) **PS#54.** Alex Paquette (6'3" 253 Sr). Shoulder inj LY. **79** Mike Johnson (6'4" 300 rFr).

LT 75 NICK CLAYTOR SO. 6-6 304 **PS#15.** L/5 st @ OT, 11 gm rFr. **60** Brad Sellers (6'2" 252 Sr) PS#117. 14 gm 3Y. **51** Phil Smith (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#244. Jeff Lentz (6'5" 252 Jr) 1 gm inj LY.

K 14 SCOTT BLAIR JR. 6-0 173 KO as rFr. 12-19 FG, L/39 LY. **31** Mohamed Yahiaoui (5'11" 215 Sr) 0-1 FG LY. 95 KO 3Y. Chris Tanner (6'0" 170 rFr) PS#77. Andy Elakman (6'0" 160 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 91 DERRICK MORGAN JR. 6-4 270 **PS#27.** 9 tkl true. 13 st, 51 tkl, 7 sk, 2.5 tfl, 3rd Tm ACC. **58** Osahon Tongo (6'3" 252 Jr) PS#61. 4 tkl 2Y. **67** Steven Powers (6'2" 226 So) 2 gm 2Y.

DT 90 TJ Barnes rFr. 6-7 325 PS#163. **88** Ben Anderson (6'2" 271 Jr) PS#98. 1 tkl, 6 gm rFr. 12 gm, 2 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **72** Jason Hill (6'4" 299 Sr) PS#222. 16 gm 3Y on OL. Move to DL spg.

DT 95 Logan Walls So. 6-2 287 PS#81. 3 gm, 1 tkl rFr. JC Lanier (6'4" 335 Fr) is **PS#49.** **68** Luke Snider (6'0" 218 Jr) PS#321. 1 tkl, 2 gm as rFr. Moved from LB, 1 gm LY.

DE 92 Jason Peters So. 6-4 272 **PS#15.** 5 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. **87** Robert Hall (6'3" 248 Jr) PS#104. 21 tkl 3Y. Anthony Egbuniwe (6'4" 253 Jr) Tulsa trans. 2 tkl here. Antonio Wilson (6'6" 220 rFr).

SLB 54 SEDRIC GRIFFIN SR. 5-11 239 15 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 53 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **58** BJ Machen (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#74. Malcolm Munroe (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#165. Albert Rocker (6'1" 225 So) PS#131. 3 tkl LY.

MLB 51 BRAD JEFFERSON JR. 6-2 227 **PS#54.** 10 tkl, 12 gm as true. 3 st, 9 gm (inj), 24 tkl LY. **94** Steven Sylvester (6'2" 225 So) **PS#49.** 11 tkl, 12 gm true. Austin Flanary (6'1" 220 rFr).

WLB 53 KYLE JACKSON SO. 6-0 226 PS#86. 10 st, 12 games (inj), 61 tkls, 1.5 tfl rFr. **72** Anthony Barnes (6'3" 231 Jr) PS#73. 3 st, 29 tkl, 6 tfl as rFr. 4 st, 10 gm (inj), 16 tkl LY.

CB 28 RASHAAD REID SO. 5-10 180 L/8 st, 45 tkl, 3 tfl, 5 pd true. **37** Jerrard Tarrant (6'0" 189 So) susp LY. Correy Earls (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#154. 7 st @ WR, 18 rec, 2Y. Move from WR in spg.

CB 2 MARIO BUTLER JR. 6-1 181 PS#142. 13 st, 44 tkl, 5 pd 2Y. **25** DeRon Jasper (6'2" 198 Jr) 1 st, 11 tkl, 1 pbu, 2Y. Michael Peterson (5'11" 185 So) 16 tkl rFr. Jason Davis (5'10" 196 Sr).

ROV 1 MORGAN BURNETT JR. 6-1 198 **PS#39.** 1 st, 57 tkl, 10 pd true. 13 st, 93 tkl, 8 pbu, 7 int, **3rd Tm AA** LY. **46** Mario Edwards (6'1" 210 Jr) **VT trans.** 7 tkl, 12 gm here LY.

FS 26 DOMINIQUE REESE JR. 5-11 178 PS#210. 16 tkl rFr. 11 st, 44 tkl, 5 pd LY. **22** Cooper Taylor (6'4" 195 So) PS#102. 3 st, 69 tkl, 3 pd true. Martin Frierson (6'2" 208 Sr) PS#136. 13 tkl 3Y.

P 14 SCOTT BLAIR JR. 6-0 173 41 punt (38.9), tm net 33.1. 11 I20, 6 TB LY. **55** Chandler Anderson (5'11" 193 So). 6 punts (41.7) rFr. Kevin Crosby (6'3" 191 Jr). Cody Hutchings (5'10" 175 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Jordan Luallen 6-4 200 PS#28
DL	JC Lanier 6-4 335 PS#49
QB	David Sims 5-11 210 PS#42
DL	Izaan Cross 6-4 250 PS#78
RB	Daniel Drummond 6-3 230 PS#81
DL	Emmanuel Dieke 6-6 220 PS#106
LB	Brandon Watts 6-2 230 PS#79
OL	Will Jackson 6-4 275 PS#91
DB	Rod Sweeting 6-0 170 PS#102
DL	Christopher Crenshaw 6-3 235 PS#128
OL	Jay Finch 6-4 255 PS#114
WR	Stephen Hill 6-4 190 PS#97
RB	Orwin Smith 6-0 190 PS#103
OL	Antonio Foster 6-4 280 PS#124
DL	Euclid Cummings 6-4 230 PS#153
OL	Ray Beno 6-1 270 PS#205
RB	Jemea Thomas 5-10 185 PS#159
LB	Julian Burnett 5-10 210 PS#185
WR	Jeremy Moore 6-3 170 PS#188
DB	Carl Miles 6-0 185 PS#402
DB	Lance Richardson 6-2 195 PS#465

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#27

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score GT	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Jacksonville St	G				
Sep. 10	Clemson (Thur)	G				
Sep. 17	at Miami, Fl (Thur)	G				
Sep. 26	North Carolina	G				
Oct. 3	at Mississippi St	G				
Oct. 10	at Florida St	G				
Oct. 17	Virginia Tech (HC)	G				
Oct. 24	at Virginia	G				
Oct. 31	at Vanderbilt	G				
Nov. 7	Wake Forest	G				
Nov. 14	at Duke	G				
Nov. 21						
Nov. 28	Georgia	G				
Dec. 5						

GT is 9-1 the L10Y in home openers. The Gamecocks finished 8-3 last year including a 41-14 loss to GT. The Yellow Jackets are 20-0-1 vs FCS teams since 1984.

Ten of the last 13 in this series have been decided by 5 pts or less. Georgia Tech has gone 14 straight yrs with a .500 or better record in ACC games.

Last yr GT piled up a ssn high 472 yds on the ground in a 41-23 rout vs #23 UM. In regular season gms, GT is 10-3 in this series. GT is 9-2 the L/11 road openers.

The legendary Bobby Dodd won his 1st game as GT's HC vs N Carolina in 1945. GT is 9-2 S/'98 vs the Tar Heels but LY #19 North Carolina defeated #22 GT 28-7.

GT has played every SEC team & MSU is the only tm they have not lost to (3-0). Last year the Yellow Jackets rushed for 438 yds (8.1) their most since 1978.

LY Georgia Tech won for the 1st time (0-12) vs Bobby Bowden & the Noles S/'75. The L/6 have been decided by less than an avg of 6 ppg. GT has never won in Tallahassee (0-6).

GT has lost 4 of the L/5 in this series & LY gave up a season high 199 rush yds (4.3). The game was tied as GT allowed a 67/11pl 4Q drive aided by 2 PF penalties.

The visitor is 2-12 since 1995 in this series. The Yellow Jackets were off to their best start since 1990 last year & led UVA 14-3 but were outscored 21-3 the final 3Q's.

Georgia Tech is 10-0-1 since 1948 vs Vanderbilt (last loss to VU was in 1941). These schools last met in '03 in Nashville & GT defeated Vandy 24-17 in OT.

Georgia Tech is 8-4 the last 3 years in November. The Yellow Jackets are 20-8 all-time in this series but in their last meeting GT lost to WF in the 2006 ACC Title 9-6.

GT has won 13 of the L/14, with their only loss duirng that stretch coming in Durham in '03. QB Shaw made his 1st career start LY vs Duke passing for a ssn high 230 yds (64%) 1-0.

With the UGA win LY, Johnson had the 4th most overall wins by a 1st yr ACC HC. LY GT beat UGA for the 1st time in 7 yrs as they rushed 409 yds (7.3) (Jones career best 214).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joe Hamilton 8,882 '96-'99
2. Shawn Jones 8,441 '89-'92
3. Reggie Ball 8,128 '03-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Robert Lavette 4,066 '81-'84
2. Jerry Mays 3,699 '85-'89
3. Eddie Lee Ivery 3,517 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Calvin Johnson 2,927 '04-'06
2. Kelly Campbell 2,907 '98-'01
3. Kerry Watkins 2,680 '99-'02

PAUL JOHNSON (Career 54-33) (FCS 62-10)
2nd Year at Georgia Tech — Bowls: 2-3 Navy '02-'07

Johnson AT GEORGIA TECH/OVERALL

9-4 / 54-33	SU	0-0 / 0-2	Vs Top 10
6-1 / 27-13	Home	3-1 / 3-9	Vs Top 25
3-2 / 18-13	Away	2-1 / 13-19	Vs BCS Tms
0-1 / 9-7	Neutral	2-1 / 12-5	Off A Bye
5-3 / 5-3	Vs Conf	3-0 / 17-13	Off A Loss

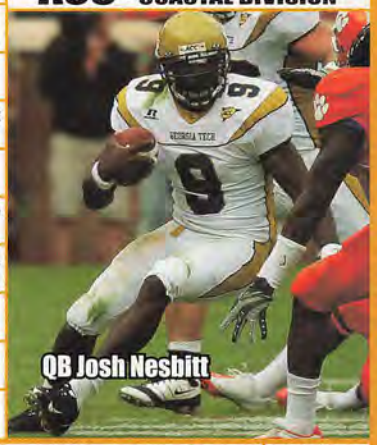
2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 61 (29,27,5)
Lost: 25 (11,12,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,489 (#48)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION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STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (55,000) (#48)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	8-5	7-6	7-6	7-5	7-5	9-5	7-6	9-4	70-45
Home	5-1	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-3	4-2	6-1	4-3	6-1	39-18
Away	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	27-20
Neutral	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	4-7
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	7-2	4-4	5-3	43-30
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	3-1	2-2	2-3	3-2	4-1	27-15
ATS	9-3	4-8	4-9	7-5-1	6-5	5-7	7-5-1	4-7-1	8-3	54-52-3
Home Fav	4-1	1-4	2-3	1-1	1-1	2-3	3-2	0-3-1	4-1	18-19-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	0-3	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	6-7
Away Fav	2-0	2-2	1-2	0-1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-0	9-9-1
Away Dog	2-1	0-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	2-2	1-1-1	2-0	3-1	17-10-1
Neutral	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	4-7
vs Conf	7-1	2-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-5	5-4	3-5	6-2	37-36
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-2-1	3-0	2-2	2-1-1	1-2-1	2-1	17-16-3
Off SU Win	7-2	2-4	2-5	4-2	2-4	2-5	4-4-1	0-5-1	5-3	28-34-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	2-3	1-4	3-2-1	4-1	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-0	22-15-1

George O'Leary 1994 gms 9-11 — Mac McWhorter (bow) — Chan Gailey — Paul Johnson — Jon Tenuta (bow)

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Champs Sports		-5'	Syracuse	51-14
05	Emerald	#24	-9	Utah	10-38
06	Gator		+10	West Virginia	#13 35-38
07	Humanitarian		-6	Fresno St	28-40
08	Chick-fil-A	#14	-4'	LSU	3-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Georgia Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 22–15

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5	24.4	372	273	5.6	99	44.8	15.3	19	+2	2008	4	20.3	314	120	3.6	193	59.3	15.4	34
7	26.2	385	199	4.7	186	49.3	14.7	22	-4	2007	8	20.8	330	115	3.2	216	56.3	15.8	47
9*	24.9	332	162	4.3	170	47.2	13.3	22	+3	2006	5	18.4	301	105	3.3	196	51.6	16.4	36
5*	18.5	349	154	4.0	195	47.1	18.9	10	+10	2005	9	20.1	318	104	3.0	214	53.4	15.8	36
7*	22.0	346	162	4.0	184	48.8	15.7	28	-13	2004	7	18.9	298	105	3.1	193	54.4	15.7	38
7*	21.1	330	160	4.1	170	52.5	15.7	27	+2	2003	5	20.5	323	101	2.9	222	60.5	15.7	33
5	21.5	375	164	4.3	211	54.9	17.4	20	-8	2002	9	20.5	356	135	3.6	221	53.4	17.3	32

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jonathan Dwyer	200	1419	24	1395	12	7.0
Josh Nesbitt	172	832	139	693	7	4.0
Roddy Jones	81	723	33	690	4	8.5
Jaybo Shaw	63	243	43	200	3	3.2
Lucas Cox	26	205	5	200	3	7.7
Greg Smith	13	98	0	98	2	7.5
Embry Peeples	14	97	0	97	1	6.9
Calvin Booker	25	77	26	51	0	2.0
Quincy Kelly	14	42	0	42	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Nesbitt	123	54	43.9	808	2	5
Jaybo Shaw	24	15	62.5	321	2	1
Calvin Booker	14	4	28.6	139	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Demaryius Thomas	39	627	16.1	3	88
Jonathan Dwyer	8	209	26.1	1	79
Roddy Jones	8	155	19.4	1	41
Lucas Cox	3	57	19.0	0	29
Tyler Melton	5	53	10.6	0	25
Marcus Wright	1	47	47.0	0	47
Zach Fisher	3	45	15.0	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Scott Blair	41	1595	38.9	8	33.1(t)	0	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Scott Blair	33-35	8-8	4-5	0-3	0-3	12-19	39

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Morgan Burnett	93	0	7	8	7
Cooper Taylor	69	0	0	2	1
Kyle Jackson	61	0	1.5	0	0
Sedric Griffin	53	3	5	1	0
Derrick Morgan	51	7	2.5	3	0
Michael Johnson	46	9	8.5	7	1
Rashaad Reid	45	0	3	2	3
Dominique Reese	44	0	3.5	2	3
Mario Butler	41	0	3.5	4	1
Darryl Richard	34	4	6	1	0
Vance Walker	33	3	5.5	1	0
Jahi Word-Daniels	24	0	3.5	2	1
Brad Jefferson	24	0	1	1	0
Tony Clark	21	1	1.5	2	0
Elris Anyaibe	17	1.5	1	0	0
Michael Peterson	16	0	1	1	0
Anthony Barnes	16	0	0	0	0
Robert Hall	13	0	1.5	0	0
Shane Bowen	13	1	1	0	0
Jake Blackwood	13	0.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyler Melton	15	86	5.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roddy Jones	15	354	23.6	0
Marcus Wright	9	200	22.2	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

GT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
45,706	Jacksonville St	19	46-349	7.6	8-15	135	2	15	31-122	3.9	22-37	136	4	+2
40,106	at Boston College	12	40-162	4.1	6-13	73	2	18	41-120	2.9	18-36	142	3	0
66,233	at Virginia Tech	19	50-278	5.6	5-9	109	1	17	46-199	4.3	9-15	48	1	-3
48,402	Mississippi St	23	54-438	8.1	4-9	62	1	24	30-108	3.6	31-50	299	3	+4
46,104	Duke	21	59-224	3.8	9-14	230	1	9	20-35	1.8	15-29	97	2	0
41,929	Gardner-Webb	9	47-79	1.7	3-11	120	2	14	44-74	1.7	14-24	153	6	-2
81,500	at Clemson	12	52-207	4.0	5-12	91	1	12	24-51	2.1	19-32	198	1	+4
47,416	Virginia	17	41-156	3.8	7-15	103	4	23	36-126	3.5	29-39	270	1	0
53,528	Florida St	14	45-288	6.4	4-6	55	0	18	36-196	5.4	17-29	188	5	+1
59,000	at N Carolina	20	54-326	6.0	10-23	97	2	13	42-186	4.4	8-19	128	2	-3
49,335	Miami, Fl	18	56-472	8.4	4-7	46	2	20	25-105	4.2	23-38	283	2	+1
92,746	at Georgia	15	56-409	7.3	1-6	19	0	22	22-81	3.7	24-40	407	2	+1
71,423	† LSU	15	40-164	4.1	8-25	150	1	19	35-161	4.6	17-27	163	2	-3
TOTALS		214	640-3552	5.6	74-165	1290	19	224	432-1564	3.6	246-415	2512	34	+2
AVERAGES		16.5	49-273	5.6	6-13	99	11.5%	17.2	33-120	3.6	19-32	193	8.2%	0.2

2004 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Samford	NL	28-7
–	at Clemson - #20	+7	28-24
–	at North Carolina	-8'	13-34
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+14	3-27
–	at Maryland - #23	+13	20-7
–	Duke	-18	24-7
–	Virginia Tech - #22	+6	20-34
–	at NC State	+7'	24-14
–	Connecticut	-9	30-10
–	Virginia - #18	+5	10-30
–	at Georgia - #8	+15	13-19

2005 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Auburn - #16	+7'	23-14
#17	North Carolina	-12	27-21
#16	Connecticut	-14'	28-13
#15	at Virginia Tech - #4	+11	7-51
#24	NC State	-4'	14-17
–	at Duke	-21	35-10
–	Clemson	-2'	10-9
–	Wake Forest	-7'	30-17
#24	at Virginia	+3'	17-27
–	at Miami, Fl - #3	+18	14-10
#20	Georgia - #13	+4	7-14

2006 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Notre Dame - #2	+6'	10-14
–	Samford	NL	38-6
–	Troy	-17'	35-20
–	Virginia	-16'	24-7
#24	at Virginia Tech - #11	+10	38-27
#18	Maryland	-14	27-23
#13	at Clemson - #12	+7'	7-31
#21	Miami, Fl	-4'	30-23
#20	at NC State	-4	31-23
#19	at North Carolina	-13'	7-0
#18	Duke	-24'	49-21
#16	at Georgia	+3	12-15
#23	† Wake Forest - #16	-1'	6-9

2007 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Notre Dame	+1	33-3
#21	Samford	NL	69-14
#15	Boston College - #21	-6'	10-24
–	at Virginia	-3'	23-28
–	Clemson - #13	+3	13-3
–	at Maryland	-3'	26-28
–	at Miami, Fl	+2	17-14
–	Army	-24	34-10
–	Virginia Tech - #11	-3	3-27
–	at Duke	-13'	41-24
–	North Carolina	-9'	27-25
–	Georgia - #6	+3'	17-31

2008 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-#22 Score
–	Jacksonville St	-30	41-14
–	at Boston College	+6'	19-16
–	at Virginia Tech	+6'	17-20
–	Mississippi St	-7'	38-7
–	Duke	-13'	27-0
–	Gardner-Webb	NL	10-7
–	at Clemson	-2'	21-17
#21	Virginia	-14	17-24
–	Florida St - #16	-2'	31-28
#22	at N Carolina - #19	+4	7-28
–	Miami, Fl - #23	-3	41-23
#18	at Georgia - #13	+7'	45-42

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - For 3 straight years NC had a first year starting QB. It did not appear that would be the case in '07 as the Heels had back both players who split the starting job in '06 in Joe Dailey (7 st) and Cameron Sexton (5 st, 840, 41.9%, 4-8 ratio). I projected that rFr TJ Yates (PS#119) would win the starting job and he did. Yates had just 13 practices prior to the opener as the #1 QB. His very first pass was a 65 yd TD. After 3 he was #9 in the FBS in pass eff (66%, 9-3 ratio) and had 2 of the school's all-time top 10 passing performances (344 vs EC and 339 vs UVA). Surprisingly, Yates' numbers regressed over the final 9 (58%, 5-15 ratio). The coaches did notice a loss of velocity and he had shoulder surgery in the offseason and missed spring '08. Yates bulked up to 215 lbs and had the team poised for a big season as they led Virg Tech 10-3 but he broke his ankle and would miss 6. Mike Paulus (PS#6) came in vs VT and hit 3 of 8 for 23 and had 2 key int's. He got off to a slow start vs Miami and Sexton came in to hit a 74 yd TD pass and then the game-winning TD pass with :46 left throwing for 242. Sexton struggled in most of his starts (6) but did hit 19 of 30 for 238 and 3 TD's vs BC. Yates slowly ret'd and Davis started him vs NCSt but he showed rust hitting 10 of 22 for 116. Yates was nearly flawless vs Duke (15-19-190) and in the bowl was 15 of 25 for 211. Yates threw for 1,168 (60.0%) with an 11-4 ratio. Added to the mix this year is rFr Braden Hanson (6'6" 195, PS#11) and true frosh Donavan Tate (PS#11). Sexton transferred but the group should remain healthier and put up better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - NC used to be called "Running Back U." They have had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers (most in NCAA until USC passed them in '05). They had 12 straight 1,000 yard rushers from 1973-'84 but have had just one (1997) in the last 15 years! In 2007 the RB corps was comprised of underclassmen. Good sized true frosh Ryan Houston (6'2" 250) burned his RS in the 4th game. Anthony Elzy led vs VT (74) and Miami (95). In the final 2 true frosh Greg Little (PS#6) moved over from WR and had 89 and 154. Johnny White led with 399 (4.2), Elzy had 321 (3.5), Little 300 (5.1) and Houston had 145 (3.3). HC Butch Davis said they might have won a few more games had they moved Little to RB earlier. Last year Davis moved White (4.32 spd) to CB. Little started the first 6 but Shaun Draughn (PS#128) who played SS as a rFr (5 tkl), rushed for 109 (5.7) vs Conn. Surprisingly Little moved back to WR two weeks later and Draughn got the bulk of the carries. Draughn led with 866 (4.4) but it was Ryan Houston (PS#21) that had 8 TD's as he entered the game inside the 10 and rushed for 299 (3.9). Little had 339 (4.3). This year everyone returns and adding depth are Elzy (5'10"205 Jr, PS#52), Devon Ramsay (6'2" 240 So, PS#29), Carter Brown (5'7" 210 Jr), Jamal Womble (5'10" 220 rFr, PS#80), Steven Hatley (5'10" 215 So), Curtis Byrd (6'1" 230 Jr) and White (5'10" 205 Jr) who moves back in. Womble was the #1 rusher in the spring game and impressed Davis with his physical style. Once again this unit is more experienced and should improve its production.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 true frosh Hakeem Nicks led with 660 (16.9) and in '07 set the school record for rec in a season (74). Last year he became NC's career rec leader as a Jr and the first Tar Heel to top 1,000 (1222, 18.0). He holds 14 NC records and had a career high 217 in the bowl. Brooks Foster (PS#65) had 486 (12.8) in '06 and 417 (14.4) in '07. He was #3 last year with 334 (11.1). The key story early on was Brandon Tate who was leading the ACC in all-purp yd and had 376 yd rec (23.5) in the first 6. The team's Off MVP was lost for the year vs ND. RB Little moved back to WR and had 146 (13.3). There had never been a 1st Rnd DC at WR for NC until Nicks was the #1DC NYG (29th overall) this year. Also gone are Tate (#3DC NE), Cooter Arnold (1 st, 7 rec), TE Richard Quinn (11 st, 8 rec, #2DC DEN) and Foster (8 st, #5DC STL). While they lose 3 starters incl their star, my 3 projected starting WR's are PS#6, #13 and #26 so the unit's production may not drop as much as expected.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 despite having to replace 3 starters and their OL coach, the group improved to 113 ypg rush (3.6). In Davis' first year they had 2.5 starters returning but C Scott Lenahan missed 6 and they avg just 99 ypg rush (3.0), their fewest since 1944 (49 ypg), while allowing 37 sacks (10.1%). Last year their only loss was Lenahan. Aaron Stahl (12 st '07) only had 6 starts. The unit improved to 123 ypg (3.5) with 28 sacks (8.8%). This year they lose 2nd Tm ACC RT Garrett Reynolds (13 st, 3Y st'r, #5DC ATL), HM ACC RG Calvin Darity (12 st, 3Y st'r) and LG Bryon Bishop (4 st until inj). Seven of the top 10 return with 4 having 9+ career starts and I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tar Heels had one of the best D-lines in the country in both 2000 and 2001 but then allowed 4.8, 4.9, 5.2, 3.5 (4 ret st'r) and 4.5 ypc the next five years. In Davis' first year they had to replace 2 starters but improved to 143 ypg rush allowed (3.5). Last year they had to replace 2 starters (#1 and #7DC's) and allowed 139 ypg (3.7). Not listed in the PSL is Jordan Nix (6'4" 280 So) who orig signed with Okla. This year they have their best D-line S/'01 as the entire 2 deep returns and it includes SIX VHT's. They have great bulk inside with all four DT's 300+ lbs but need to improve the pressure from their DE's (only 7 sk '08).

LINEBACKERS - When Davis took over he did bemoan a lack of depth at LB saying most teams that play a 4-3 have 10 to 13 LB's, and they were nowhere near that. Last year they had better depth as they had 4 back with starting experience but had to replace their #1 tkl'r (Def MVP). This year they once again lose their Def MVP in Mark Paschal (10 st, 103 tkl, 2nd Tm ACC). Not listed in the PSL below are Dion Guy (6'4" 225 rFr), Hayden Hunter (6'0" 225 Jr), Albert Craddock (6'2" 200 So, PS#51), Brian White (6'3" 230 Sr) and Kennedy Tinsley (6'0" 220 Sr) who has 21 tkl in 3 years (susp, ?). Last year their top returnees were the #9 and #12 tkl'rs but this year they're the #1 and #4 and this unit continues to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tar Heels finished #103 in my pass D rankings in '06 and had to replace 3 starters in '07 and 2 backups (9 st). Three frosh started but the inexperienced unit actually climbed to #94. FS Deunta Williams (PS#30) was the ACC Def Rookie of the Year and a 1st Tm Fr AA. Last year they had to replace 4 players (comb 7 st) and also added in PS#16JC Melvin Williams. Returning starter, Charles Brown (inj) lost his spot to Jordan Hemby. NC only improved to #74 allowing a solid 15-20 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm ACC SS Trimane Goddard (12 st, 54 tkl, 7 int, 5 pbu) but have 7 of the top 8 back and I expect a bigger impact from Williams (5 tkl '08). They also have 3 CB's who have been full-time starters with Brown reclaiming the job from Hemby in the spring. Not listed in the PSL are CB's Peter Mangum (5'10" 173 So) and Quentin Plair (6'1" 180 Jr) as well as S Tyler Caldwell (5'10" 185 Sr). The Heels should have their best finish in my pass D rankings since 2001 (#15).

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '07 Davis inherited the #22 ST unit including K Connor Barth (10-10 FG's, long 54 '06) as well as their top returnman, Brandon Tate. Davis said for the team to have outstanding ST's coverage, they needed to have over 10 LB's and be deeper in the secondary. NC dropped to #47 although they did block 3 punts. Last year they had to replace Barth (NC all-time FG leader). P Terrence Brown's net dropped to 34.0 (36.0 in '07) and rFr Jay Wooten (PS#10) only had 2 TB on 71 KO. Connor's younger brother, Casey Barth, hit 10-15 FG (long 42) while Wooten hit 4-6 (long 43). Brandon Tate was on his way to becoming an AA returnman as he had 397 all-purp yds vs McNeese topping Derrick Fenner's 1986 schl rec (339). Tate set the schl rec for ret TD's in a career (6) topping Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice's record ('46-'49) before being lost vs ND (22.6 avg PR). LB Bruce Carter had 5 blk'd kicks in '08 including 3 punts vs Conn. This year they lose Tate and Brown but might not drop too far from their #22 ST ranking of '08.

COACHES - In 2007 the Tar Heels brought in Butch Davis who helped assemble a Miami team that went on to a couple of undefeated reg ssn in 2001 and 2002, guiding the team out of probation. He did not have much success in the NFL with CLE but is acknowledged as a solid college HC and a fantastic recruiter. Davis was 51-20 in 6 years at Miami (4 bowl wins). His OC is John Shoop who was the OC for the OAK Raiders at the end of 2006. Last year he brought in a new DC in Everett Withers who was the TEN Titans' DB coach from 2001-2006 and the DC at Minnesota (Big Ten) in 2007. In his first year here NC trimmed the ppg allowed from 24.5 to 21.2. In 2007 Davis brought in DL Coach John Blake from Neb who is one of the top recruiters in the nation and was Oklahoma's HC from 1996-1998.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2007 Butch Davis took over a team that had been to one bowl the previous five years and not finished above .500 in that span. The 2006 squad finished 3-9 and their -66.1 ypg in ACC play was 3rd worst. He had just 9 returning starters to work with (fewest in the ACC) and I thought he did a tremendous job. They could have easily had a much better record than 4-8 as they had 6 net close losses (see 2008 magazine). Davis was the first NC coach to win his first reg ssn game here since Dick Crum (1978). Last year he had 18 returning starters and they were my #2 Most Improved Team in the country. If not for two key injuries, NC could have been playing for the ACC Title, which they have not won since 1980. They did have only 11 seniors on the '08 roster. They survived a scare vs McNeese St but won, thanks to WR Tate who had 397 all-purp yards. They got their first win outside of the state of NC S/'02 (20 straight losses) when they walloped Rutgers on a Thursday night 44-12. In a game that would have given them the ACC Coastal Title, they led VT 10-3 but QB Yates went down to injury and thanks in part to 4 turnovers, they blew the lead. They did trail Miami 24-14 in the 4Q but got a TD pass with :46 left for the win. They whipped Conn 38-12. The next week ND led 17-9 at half and NC got its 2nd major injury when Tate was lost for the season. NC forced four 2H TO's and pulled out the win. They never trailed UVA in regulation but the Cavs got a TD with :47 left to force OT and pulled the upset. NC whipped BC and GT by 21 each and moved to #17 (highest S/'98). Unfortunately, MD got a 26 yd FG with 1:42 left. The next week they were stunned by NCSt 41-10 before rebounding to beat rival Duke. They had another close loss in the bowl which was WV QB Pat White's final collegiate effort. Despite NC's 4-4 ACC record they were -26.3 ypg (3rd worst). Although they had an 8-5 record, they were outgained overall on the season 365-321. A couple of negative factors would be their off and def ypp's (pg 299). On the plus side, Butch Davis brought in 3 great recruiting classes and this is an experienced team loaded with VHT's. This is by far Davis' most talented team here (14 lettermen lost) and do get 7 HG's but all 5 road tilts are vs '08 bowl teams. They still have a shot at topping LY's 8 win total and are a contender in the ACC Coastal.

OFFENSE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

QB 12 **TJ YATES JR.** 6-3 215 PS#119. 12 st, 2655 (60%) 14-18 rFr. 6 st (inj) 1168 (60%) 11-4 LY. 7 Mike Paulus (6'5" 215 So) **PS#6**. 1 st, 308 yd rFr. Braden Hanson rFr. **PS#11**.

RB 28 **SHAUN DRAUGHN JR.** 6-0 205 PS#128. 11 gm as rFr. 6 st, 866 (4.4), 16 rec LY. 32 Ryan Houston (6'2" 250 Jr) **PS#21**. 145 (3.3) true. 299 (3.9) LY. Johnny White PS#84. CB LY.

WR 5 **Joshua Adams Fr.** 6-4 200 **PS#26.** IFS. Todd Harrelson (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#87.

FB 4 **BOBBY ROME** (5'11" 245 Sr) PS#48. 14 st, 79 (5.3) 3Y. Anthony Elzy PS#52. 5 st, 326 (3.4) 2Y.

WR 8 **GREG LITTLE JR.** 6-3 220 **PS#6.** 2 st TB, 544 all-purp true. 9 st (TB/WR), 146 rec (13.3), 339 rush (4.3) LY. Rashad Mason (6'5" 225 So) PS#139. Josh Washburn (6'0" 180 Sr).

WR 13 **Dwight Jones So.** 6-4 220 **PS#13.** 3 gm true. Jheranie Boyd is **PS#8**.

HB 32 Christian Wilson (6'3" 235 So) **PS#33**. 2 st. 19 (9.5) true. Ryan Taylor (6'3" 240 Sr) PS#118. ST's L3Y.

TE 17 **Zack Pianalto Jr.** 6-4 250 **PS#41**. 12 st, 273 (8.8) 2Y. 80 Ed Barham (6'3" 265 Jr) PS#84. 16 gm 2Y. Vince Jacobs (6'7" 235 Jr) PS#63. 9 gm LY. Randy White (6'5" 240 rFr) PS#59.

C 68 **LOWELL DYER SR.** 6-4 290 6 st at C, 7 gm, 267 pl as rFr. 8 st at C, 13 gm LY. 64 Cam Holland (6'2" 300 So) PS#169. 2 gm rFr. **LS** 51 Trevor Stuart (6'3" 250 Jr) PS#117. 6 gm LY.

RG 70 **Alan Pelc Jr.** 6-6 325 PS#462. 3 gm rFr. 9 st (8@LG, 1@RG), 13 gm LY. Brennan Williams **PS#16**. 60 Mike Dykes (6'4" 300 So) PS#159. Knee inj most of ssn, 0 gm rFr.

LG 73 **AARON STAHL SR.** 6-2 290 PS#174. 12 st@LG, 47 kd '07. 6 st (5@C, 1@LG) 13 gm LY. No spg. 54 Jonathan Cooper (6'3" 295 rFr) PS#142. Johnnie Farms is **PS#34**.

RT 66 **Mike Ingersoll Jr.** 6-5 300 PS#109. 6 gm rFr. 12 gm, 78 pl LY. 77 Kevin Bryant (6'7" 340 So) **PS#41**. First 6 gm then inj as rFr. 74 Sam Ellis (6'5" 285 Jr). 1 gm LY.

LT 72 **KYLE JOLLY SR.** 6-6 300 PS#210. 2nd string early in yr as rFr. 12 st@LT, 31 kd '07. 13 st@LT LY. 71 Carl Gaskins (6'5" 295 So) PS#374. 1 gm but RS '07. 5 gm bkup LY.

K 11 **CASEY BARTH SO.** 5-11 170 Hit 10 of 15 FG, long of 42, 33-33 xp as a true. 18 Jay Wooten (6'3" 185 So) **PS#10**. 4-6 FG, long of 43, 11-11 xp, 71 KO (58.5), 2 TB as rFr.

RDE 42 **ROBERT QUINN SO.** 6-5 260 **PS#18.** 12 st, 34 tkl, 6.5 tfl, Piccolo Winner true. Michael McAdoo (6'7" 245 So) PS#80. 9 tkl, 3 tfl true. Greg Elleby (6'5" 290 Jr) PS#114. 9 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y.

RDT 93 **CAM THOMAS SR.** 6-3 330 **PS#30.** 3 st, 26 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. 13 st, 34 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Aleric Mullins (6'3" 300 Sr) **PS#54**. 31 tkls 2Y. Tavares Brown (6'0" 295 Sr) PS#71. 2 st, 13 tkl 3Y.

LDT 9 **MARVIN AUSTIN JR.** 6-3 300 **PS#3.** 26 tkl, 4 sk true. 11 st, 38 tkl LY. 91 Tydreke Powell (6'3" 300 So) **PS#16**. 18 tkl, 4.5 tfl rFr. Darrius Massenburg (6'4" 300 Jr). 1 st, 7 tkl (inj) LY.

LDE 58 **EJ WILSON SR.** 6-3 280 PS#148. 63 tkl, 12.5 tfl 2Y. 13 st, 38 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. 98 Quinton Coples (6'6" 245 So) **PS#23**. 8 tkl, 3.5 tfl true. Darius Powell (6'3" 225 Jr) PS#75. 8 tkl 2Y.

SLB 54 **BRUCE CARTER JR.** 6-3 230 PS#96. 7 st, 25 tkl, 2 tfl, 3 pbu true. 13 st, 68 tkl, 5 sk, 6 tfl, 5 blk K, 66 yd IR TD LY. 55 Linwan Euwell (6'2" 230 So) PS#97. 1 tkl, 6 gm as rFr.

MLB 52 **QUAN STURDIVANT JR.** 6-2 235 PS#69. 5 st, 47 tkl true. 13 st, 122 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 6 pd, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. 48 Kevin Reddick **PS#59**. IFS. 59 Ebele Okakpu (6'2" 220 So) PS#67. 2 tkl true.

WLB 47 **Zach Brown So.** 6-2 220 PS#224. 6 tkl, 8 gm true, **4.39 spd.** 35 Herman Davidson (6'2" 215 So) PS#168. 6 gm ST true. Alex Crisp (6'0" 200 Sr) PS#225. Furman trans.

CB 16 **KENDRIC BURNEY JR.** 5-9 185 12 st, 50 tkl rFr. 13 st, 78 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 8 pd, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. 31 LeCount Fantroy (5'11" 190 So) PS#134. 8 gm rFr. Brian Gupton (6'3" 195 So) 5 gm LY.

CB 12 **CHARLES BROWN JR.** 5-10 200 PS#298. 9 st, 59 tkl, 6 pd as true. 10 gm, (inj), 26 tkl LY. 23 **Jordan Hemby** (5'10 185 Sr) PS#113. 6 tkl, 3 gm (inj) '06. ST '07. 13 st, 49 tkl, 3 pbu LY.

SS 21 **Da'Norris Searcy Jr.** 6-0 200 PS#81. 9 tkl rFr. 25 tkl (10 in bowl) 3 pbu last year. 25 Matt Merletti (5'11" 200 Jr) PS#254. 15 tkl 2Y. Jonathan Smith (6'2" 200 Jr) PS#88. 12 tkl, 2Y.

FS 27 **DEUNTA WILLIAMS JR.** 6-2 205 **PS#30.** 12 st, 57 tkl, 5 pd, ACC Def Rookie of Yr, Fr AA as rFr. 13 st, 65 tkl, 6 pd LY. 16 Melvin Williams (6'0" 195 Sr) **PS#16JC**. 5 tkl LY. Josh Hunter PS#77.

P 38 **Grant Schallock Jr.** 6-7 225 Walked on here in '07. No gm action LY. Jay Wooten **PS#10.** 36 Trase Jones (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#204. No punts here. CJ Feagles PS#13.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Donte Moss 6-4 235 PS#3
WR	Jheranie Boyd 6-2 185 PS#8
QB	Donavan Tate 6-2 205 PS#11
OL	Brennan Williams 6-7 285 PS#16
WR	Joshua Adams 6-4 200 PS#26
QB	Bryn Renner 6-3 195 PS#20
DL	Jared McAdoo 6-3 295 PS#36
OL	Johnnie Farms 6-3 300 PS#34
DB	Terry Shankle 5-11 175 PS#42
LB	Hawatha Bell 6-1 225 PS#30
LB	Justin Dixon 6-1 225 PS#31
OL	Travis Bond 6-7 320 PS#63
WR	Ray-Ray Davis 6-1 200 PS#57
DB	Josh Hunter 6-2 185 PS#77
LB	Kevin Reddick 6-3 230 PS#59
TE	Prizell Brown 6-4 260 PS#119JC
DB	Gene Robinson 5-11 175 PS#89
WR	Joshua McKie 6-0 185 PS#70
RB	AJ Blue 6-2 225 PS#83
RB	Hunter Furr 6-0 205 PS#91
DB	Mywan Jackson 5-11 175 PS#113
OL	David Collins 6-8 300 PS#105
RB	Jerrell Rhodes 5-10 195 PS#120
DB	DJ Bunn 6-0 190 PS#149
K	CJ Feagles 6-0 185 PS#13
WR	Erik Highsmith 6-3 175 PS#168
LB	Shane Mularkey 6-2 210 PS#227
DB	Curtis Campbell 6-2 205 PS#291

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Weather (919) 515-8225

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#50

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NC	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	The Citadel	G						The Tar Heels are 3-0 vs The Citadel but these teams have not met since 1986. The Bulldogs went 4-8 LY in the Southern Conf including a 70-19 loss to Florida.
Sep. 12	at Connecticut	G						NC is 9-15 vs non-conference foes S/'03 but did go 4-1 LY. The Tar Heels are 2-7 L/9 gms vs current BE opponents but went 2-1 LY defeating Rutgers & Connecticut.
Sep. 19	East Carolina	G						The Tar Heels are 8-2-1 in this instate matchup but did lose in 2007 (34-31). In that game, EC kicked a 39 yd FG on the final play in Davis' first loss at NC.
Sep. 26	at Georgia Tech	G						The Tar Heels are 4-12 the last 4 years on the ACC road. NC is 2-9 vs the Yellow Jackets but last year #19 NC defeated #22 GT 28-7 allowing only a 4Q TD.
Oct. 3	Virginia	G						Billed as the South's Oldest rivalry & this is the 114th meeting. North Carolina is 2-9 vs Virginia S/'98. Last year the Cavs went 82/9pl to score with :47 left & force OT.
Oct. 10	Georgia Southern	G						First meeting. Georgia Southern was 6-5 LY including a 45-21 loss to Georgia. The Eagles are 0-7 vs current ACC teams & 33-41 vs current FBS schools.
Oct. 17								
Oct. 22	Florida St (Thur)	G						First ever Thur night HG for the Tar Heels. This is the 1st visit by FSU to Kenan Memorial Stadium since '03. The Tar Heels are only is 1-14-1 all-time vs the Seminoles.
Oct. 29	at Virginia Tech (Thur)	G						NC has not defeated the Hokies since they joined the ACC in '04 (0-5). LY VT's Keys kicked the go-ahead 45 yd FG to cap VT's comeback from a 2 TD deficit & beat NC 20-17.
Nov. 7	Duke (HC)	G						This is the 96th meeting in this instate rival & NC holds a 56-35-4 record. NC is 18-1 vs Duke since '90 but the L/4 have been decided by an avg of 5 ppg.
Nov. 14	Miami, Fl	G						Randy Shannon was a player & assistant coach under HC Davis at Miami. The home team is 4-1 in this ACC matchup with NC getting the lone road win LY.
Nov. 21	at Boston College	A						BC is now 0-7 against Davis coached teams. Last year WR Nicks had three 2Q TD rec's & ran for a TD in the 4Q to help Tar Heels beat #23 BC, 45-24.
Nov. 28	at NC State	G						NC has now lost back-to-back games in the series including LY's as #25 NC (7-4) was beaten soundly, committing 6 TO's as NCSt defeated the Tar Heels 41-10.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Darian Durant 8,755 '01-'04
2. Ronald Curry 4,987 '98-'01
3. Jason Stanicek 4,683 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Amos Lawrence 4,391 '77-'80
2. Mike Voight 3,971 '73-'76
3. Leon Johnson 3,693 '93-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Hakeem Nicks 2,840 '06-'08
2. Corey Holliday 2,447 '89-'93
3. Octavus Barnes 2,398 '94-'97

Butch Davis (Career 63-33)

3rd Year at N Carolina (Rowlis 4-1 Miami, Fl '95-'00)

Davis AT N CAROLINA/OVERALL

12-13 / 63-33	SU	0-1 / 4-7	Vs Top 10
9-4 / 36-13	Home	3-3 / 12-15	Vs Top 25
3-8 / 23-19	Away	3-3 / 11-12	Vs BCS Tms
0-1 / 4-1	Neutral	2-2 / 13-7	Off A Bye
7-9 / 40-18	Vs Conf	6-6 / 18-13	Off A Loss

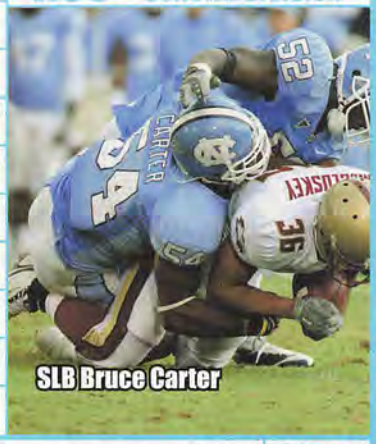
2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (16,22,2)
Lost: 14 (9,4,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,829 (#34)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION



STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)(#42)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-5	3-9	2-10	6-6	5-6	3-9	4-8	8-5	45-63
Home	3-3	5-1	0-6	1-5	4-2	4-2	2-5	4-2	5-2	28-28
Away	3-2	2-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	1-4	1-4	0-6	3-2	16-33
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	1-7	1-7	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	4-4	28-44
vs Non-Conf	3-0	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-3	4-1	17-19
ATS	6-5	6-7	4-8	6-6	7-4	6-5	4-7	6-5	7-5	52-52
Home Fav	2-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	3-3	8-17
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-1	3-2	2-0	0-0	14-12
Away Favorite	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	5-4
Away Dog	1-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	2-2	3-2	1-3	3-3	2-0	22-18
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	2-6	3-5	7-1	5-3	3-5	4-4	4-4	35-37
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-3	2-2	3-1	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	3-1	17-15
Off SU Win	2-3	3-4	0-2	1-1	2-4	2-3	0-2	2-1	4-4	16-24
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-3	4-5	5-4	5-0	3-2	4-4	4-4	3-1	33-25

Carl Torbush 1997 (Bowl) — John Bunting — Butch Davis

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Gator - #7	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13
01	Peach	-2	Auburn	16-10
04	Continental Tire	-1	Boston College - #25	24-37
08	Meineke Car Care	+2	West Virginia	30-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

N Carolina's All-Time Bowl Record 12-14

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
10*	27.7	321	123	3.5	199	56.9	11.6	28	+6	2008	8	21.2	365	139	3.7	226	61.6	17.3	22
5*	21.2	325	99	3.0	226	59.8	15.4	37	-6	2007	4	24.5	350	143	3.5	207	62.4	14.3	34
5	18.0	293	113	3.6	180	50.8	16.3	22	-11	2006	6	30.5	368	173	4.5	196	62.1	12.1	23
6	18.0	316	101	2.8	214	51.4	17.5	33	-1	2005	9	26.2	349	138	3.5	211	57.6	13.3	31
8*	26.6	391	176	4.9	214	59.6	14.7	21	-4	2004	6	31.8	447	218	5.2	228	61.5	14.0	20
8*	26.4	394	150	4.7	244	60.1	14.9	23	-15	2003	7	38.3	505	227	4.9	278	63.0	13.2	16
6	18.6	369	103	3.0	267	54.6	19.9	46	-15	2002	3	35.1	452	221	4.8	231	54.9	12.9	20

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shaun Draughn	198	898	32	866	3	4.4
Greg Little	78	364	25	339	3	4.3
Ryan Houston	77	303	4	299	8	3.9
Brandon Tate	11	151	8	143	1	13.0
Brooks Foster	8	104	0	104	0	13.0
TJ Yates	24	28	95	-67	1	-2.8
Cameron Sexton	26	20	116	-96	1	-3.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Cameron Sexton	168	94	56.0	1261	9	6
TJ Yates	135	81	60.0	1168	11	4
Mike Paulus	13	4	30.8	33	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Hakeem Nicks	68	1222	18.0	12	74
Brandon Tate	16	376	23.5	3	69
Brooks Foster	30	334	11.1	2	44
Greg Little	11	146	13.3	0	32
Richard Quinn	8	97	12.1	1	32
Cooter Arnold	7	87	12.4	1	59
Anthony Elzy	7	86	12.3	0	19
Shaun Draughn	16	81	5.1	1	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Terrence Brown	59	2331	39.5	7	34.0	0	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Casey Barth	33-33	2-3	5-7	3-4	0-1	10-15	42
Jay Wooten	11-11	3-3	0-1	1-1	0-1	4-6	43

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Quan Sturdivant	122	2	3.5	4	2
Mark Paschal	103	2	4.5	2	2
Kendric Burney	78	0	7.5	5	3
Bruce Carter	68	5	6	2	1
Deunta Williams	65	0	1	3	3
Trimane Goddard	54	0	1.5	5	7
Jordan Hemby	49	0	3	3	0
EJ Wilson	38	1	3.5	1	0
Marvin Austin	38	1	0.5	1	1
Robert Quinn	34	2	4.5	1	0
Cam Thomas	34	1	2.5	0	0
Charles Brown	26	0	0	2	1
Da'Norris Searcy	25	2	0	3	0
Chase Rice	20	0	0	0	0
Ryan Taylor	19	0	0	0	0
Tydreke Powell	18	1	3.5	0	0
Aleric Mullins	12	1	1	0	0
Matt Merletti	11	0	0	0	0
Johnny White	11	0	0	0	0
Michael McAdoo	9	2.5	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Tate	7	158	22.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnny White	15	379	25.3	0
Brandon Tate	11	305	27.7	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

NC 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
58,000	McNeese St	13	29-163	5.6	15-26	221	2	22	46-152	3.3	18-32	239	0	0
42,502	at Rutgers	18	38-157	4.1	14-23	221	1	23	29-140	4.8	25-43	243	1	+4
59,800	Virginia Tech	14	32-103	3.2	14-26	204	4	16	42-127	3.0	12-22	141	2	-2
35,830	at Miami, Fl	16	33-35	1.1	13-24	264	2	18	33-135	4.1	22-33	174	2	+2
59,500	Connecticut	13	33-146	4.4	9-16	117	2	23	40-168	4.2	24-44	210	1	+2
60,500	Notre Dame	21	32-121	3.8	18-32	201	1	27	30-89	3.0	31-48	383	4	+5
52,342	at Virginia	19	48-166	3.5	16-26	166	1	15	27-58	2.1	24-38	217	1	-3
48,000	Boston College	19	36-114	3.2	19-30	238	3	17	21-40	1.9	28-42	204	1	+2
59,000	Georgia Tech	13	42-186	4.4	8-19	128	2	20	54-326	6.0	10-23	97	2	+3
46,113	at Maryland	11	26-75	2.9	11-25	210	3	27	53-195	3.7	16-32	141	1	-1
60,000	NC State	13	26-56	2.2	14-28	147	3	18	45-187	4.2	17-28	279	2	-6
30,322	at Duke	20	47-179	3.8	15-19	190	3	19	22-72	3.3	34-49	278	1	0
73,712	† West Virginia	15	29-93	3.2	16-26	277	1	20	42-123	2.9	26-32	332	4	0
TOTALS		205	451-1594	3.5	182-320	2584	28	265	484-1812	3.7	287-466	2938	22	+6
AVERAGES		15.8	35-123	3.5	14-25	199	8.8%	20.4	37-139	3.7	22-36	226	4.7	0.5

2004 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	William & Mary	NL	49-38
–	at Virginia - #15	+21'	24-56
–	Georgia Tech	+8'	34-13
–	Louisville - #24	+7'	0-34
–	at Florida St - #9	+28'	16-38
–	NC State	+10'	30-24
–	at Utah - #11	+22	16-46
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+22	31-28
–	Virginia Tech - #18	+10	24-27
–	at Wake Forest	+5'	31-24
–	at Duke	-7	40-17

2005 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Georgia Tech - #17	+12	21-27
–	Wisconsin	+3'	5-14
–	at NC State	+11	31-24
–	Utah	-4	31-17
–	at Louisville - #23	+13'	14-69
–	Virginia - #23	E	7-5
–	at Miami, Fl - #6	+21	16-34
–	Boston College - #19	+5	16-14
–	Maryland	-3	30-33 OT
–	Duke	-21	24-21
–	at Virginia Tech - #5	+24'	3-30

2006 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Rutgers	-4	16-21
–	Virginia Tech - #18	+14'	10-35
–	Furman	NL	45-42
–	at Clemson - #19	+16'	7-52
–	at Miami, Fl	+19	7-27
–	USF	+3	20-37
–	at Virginia	+6'	0-23
–	Wake Forest - #24	+8'	17-24
–	at Notre Dame - #11	+24'	26-45
–	Georgia Tech - #19	+13'	0-7
–	NC State	+3	23-9
–	at Duke	-7	45-44

2007 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	James Madison	NL	37-14
–	at East Carolina	+5'	31-34
–	Virginia	-3	20-22
–	at USF - #23	+12'	10-37
–	at Virginia Tech - #17	+19'	10-17
–	Miami, Fl	+7	33-27
–	South Carolina - #7	+7	15-21
–	at Wake Forest	+5'	10-37
–	Maryland	-2'	16-13
–	at NC State	+3'	27-31
–	at Georgia Tech	+9'	25-27
–	Duke	-15	20-14 OT

2008 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	McNeese St	NL	35-27
–	at Rutgers	+6	44-12
–	Virginia Tech	-3'	17-20
–	at Miami, Fl	+7'	28-24
–	Connecticut - #24	-7'	38-12
#22	Notre Dame	-8'	29-24
#18	at Virginia	-3'	13-16 OT
–	Boston College - #23	-2'	45-24
#19	Georgia Tech - #22	-4	28-7
#17	at Maryland	-3	15-17
#26	NC State	-11	10-41
–	at Duke	-7'	28-20

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

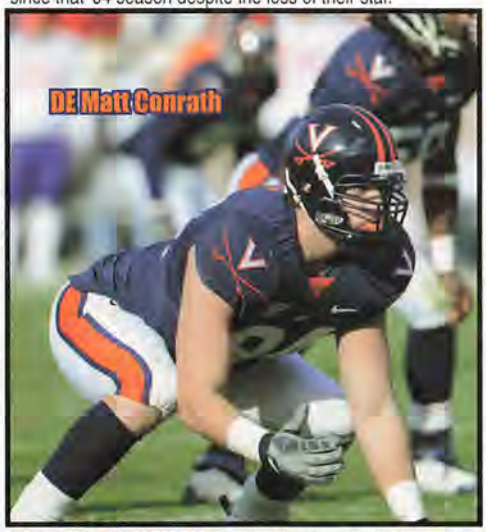
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS- In 2006, rFr Jameel Sewell's first start came vs GT's gambling, blitzing D in Wk 4. Sewell struggled but survived and started the last 9 throwing for 1,342 (57.9%) with a 5-6 ratio. In 2007 Sewell split some time early with rFr Peter Lalich (PS#15) but took command and threw for 2,176 (58.8%) with a 12-9 ratio. Lalich threw for 321 (57.4%) with a 2-1 ratio. Sewell was forced to sit out '08 (acad). Lalich started the first 2 and threw for 359 yd (52.7%) with an 0-3 ratio. He was susp'd prior to Conn and transferred to Oregon St. Marc Verica (PS#113) then became UVA's only option at QB. Verica (6'3" 206 Jr) hit a solid 64% as he threw for 2,037 but with an 8-16 ratio. Senior Scott Deke hit 4 of 9 on the year. In the finale vs VT, DB Vic Hall started at QB, taking a good portion of the snaps and rushed for 109 (6.8) with one pass att. New OC Gregg Brandon likes mobile QB's and produced two of BG's best ever in Josh Harris (2000-'03) and Omar Jacobs (2002-'05). This year the unit is vastly more experienced as they basically have two full-time starters returning. They also have the option of using Hall (PS#5) who was the 1st QB on the field in the spring game. They add in Riko Smalls (6'0" 190 rFr, PS#118, 4.35 spd), Brendan Lane (6'6" 218 So), Kyle McCartin (6'4" 200 rFr, PS#295) and 2 true frosh.

RUNNING BACKS- The Cavs have had just one 1,000 yard rusher the last 8 years (Alvin Pearman, 1037 in '04). In 2007, Cedric Peerman (PS#29) led with 585 (5.2) and HC Al Groh had said that then-soph Mikell Simpson (PS#31) would be used as a rushing and receiving threat like Reggie Bush. Simpson finished with 570 (5.0) and had 402 rec (9.3). Peerman was leading the ACC in rushing and would have finished with 1,000 yds, but he missed the final 7 (inj). Last year Peerman was questionable in each of the first four (96 yd). He then emerged, as did the Cavs' offense, with 110 vs MD, 173 vs EC and 118 vs GT. Peerman had a streak of 443 carries without a fumble end in OT vs Miami and had 2 in two games. Peerman finished with 774 (5.1) but led the ACC in rec by RB's with 44 (4.4). Simpson was lost vs Miami and finished with 262 (3.0). FB Rashawn Jackson had 62 (3.9). Not listed below are Max Milien (6'0" 215 So, PS#96) and Raynard Horne (6'0" 210 Jr, PS#229). Peerman (#6DC BAL) was clearly the top back last year and will be missed.

RECEIVERS- In 2006, Kevin Ogletree (PS#105) led with 582 (11.2). In '07, Ogletree was lost in the preseason and the TE's became a big part of the offense. Tom Santi (PS#7) led with 418 (11.6) and Jonathan Stupar (PS#6) was #3 with 359 (9.0). The top returning WR last year was Maurice Covington who had 269 (12.8) in '07. Ogletree performed well after his ACL injury and led with 723 (12.5) while TE John Phillips was #3 with 385 (8.0). Covington was #2 with 414 (12.5) and WR Cary Koch had 293 (9.8). This year they lose Covington (11 st), Koch (6 st), Phillips (12 st, #6DC DAL) and Ogletree (12 st). Not listed below are Eric Thornton (6'3" 195 rFr), Johnny Pickett (5'11" 165 rFr), Raymond Keys (6'1" 197 So) and Brian Oden (5'10" rFr, PS#378). With the top four gone and the leading returnee Jared Green having just 144 (12.0) in '08, this unit is a major question mark.

OFFENSIVE LINE- In '06 the Cavs had to replace 2 NFL DC's (including a #1) and 3 starters overall. One of the two returning starters lost his job and the unit struggled opening holes for just 100 ypg and 3.3 ypc (lowest S/'97). There were no seniors on the front wall so naturally the unit returned intact in '07 including star LT Eugene Monroe. Surprisingly, the Cavs only improved to 136 ypg rush (3.6). Making those numbers even more surprising was the presence of mobile QB Sewell (485 gross). Last year the Cavs had to replace 3 starters including another #1DC but Monroe ret'd for his senior year. UVA dropped to 97 ypg rush (3.4), its lowest since 1977 (98.4) but did allow just 16 sacks (3.6%). This year they lose another #1 NFL DC in Jacobs Blocking Award winner Monroe (12 st, 2Y st'r, 2nd Tm AA, #1DC, 8th pick overall) and LG Zak Stair (4 st). They have at least 4 starters back on the OL for the first time since '04 (had 5 starters back in '04, avg 243 ypg, 5.3). D'Brickashaw Ferguson started as a true frosh and they are hoping to turn the same trick with Morgan Moses (PS#4). The Cavs should have their best O-line since that '04 season despite the loss of their star.



DEFENSIVE LINE- In 2007 the Cavs had all 3 starters back including star DE Chris Long. UVA improved to allowing just 107 ypg rush (2.9), its best total since 1996 (104 ypg, 2.6) while also recording 43 sacks. Last year they had to replace all 3 starters including Long (#1DC). Predictably the Cavs slipped to allowing 150 ypg (3.7) and the sack total dropped to 29. This year they are a more veteran unit with the only loss being DE Alex Field (12 st, 48 tkl, 4.5 sk).

LINEBACKERS- The Cavs had an inexp LB corps in both '05 and '06 but had all 4 starters returning in '07. LY they ret'd 3 starters (#1, #3, #7 tkl'rs) and only had to replace their #9 tackler. The unit did a solid job holding together the Cavs' D. Aaron Clark won the starting OLB job but was inj in the opener and Denzel Burrell took his place. Cam Johnson pushed Burrell for the job for half of the yr until he was injured. This year there are some significant losses. Gone are 2nd Tm ACC OLB Clint Sintim (12 st, 70 tkl, 11 sk, #2DC NYG), Antonio Appleby (10 st, 72 tkl, 8 tfl) and Jon Copper (12 st, #1 tkl'r, 2.5 sk). There is decent talent here but this unit is far less experienced and is the question mark of the defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year they had to replace one starter and 2 backups (comb 9 st, 78 tkl). Being a little less experienced the Cavs went from a #63 finish in my pass D rankings in '07 to #83 but did improve their ratio to 14-11. This year they only lose S Byron Glaspy (12 st, 67 tkl). I like the CB combo of 2nd Tm ACC Ras-I Dowling and the athletic Vic Hall. Not listed below are CB's Rodney McLeod (5'10" 180 So, PS#72, 17 tkl LY), Dom Joseph (6'1" 195 So, PS#80), Devin Wallace (5'11" 200 rFr, PS#176), Brandon Jarvis (5'9" 185 Sr) and S's Chris Broadnax (5'11" 195 rFr), Ausar Walcott (6'4" 200 rFr, PS#57) and Mike Ahunamba (6'0" 205 rFr). Not only do three starters return, but they get back Chris Cook (18 car st). I project them to have their best pass D finish since 2003 (#40).

SPECIAL TEAMS- In Groh's first 7 years, UVA finished #76, #84, #77, #47, #7, #53 and #68 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace their P, K and top KR and slipped to #88. True frosh Jimmy Howell took over at P and avg 39.0 (net 35.6). Yannick Reyering struggled at K hitting 6 of 11 (long 43) and true frosh Robert Randolph replaced him late and hit 3 of 4 (long 37). Surprisingly, Hall's PR avg slipped from 10.0 to 6.4 but rFr Chase Minnifield (PS#38) did well on KR (23.3). Groh brings back Ron Prince who was K-St's HC the last 3 years as the ST coord. His K-St units finished a fantastic #1, #3 and #7 in my rankings. This year the unit returns intact and should make a good-sized jump in the ST rankings.

COACHES - After a 5-7 record in Groh's debut season of 2001 (first losing season here S/'86), he coached the team to four straight bowls. Groh earned ACC Coach of the Year in '02. He was HC at Wake Forest from 1981-'86 and was HC of the NY Jets in 2000. After a losing '06 season he was not given the automatic contract ext and was on the hot seat in '07. The Cavs nearly made it to the ACC Title game and Groh was named 2007 ACC Coach of the Year. Last year he appeared on his way out again but a respectable finish allowed him to stay. His son, Mike, was the OC last year but was let go and the new OC is Gregg Brandon, who was Bowling Green's HC the past six years (44-30 & 3 bowls). He was the OC at BG under Urban Meyer two years prior. Groh is his own DC. Last year his top def asst was Bob Pruett, but he retired. LB Coach Bob Trott, who has had great success with Ark and Clem as well as 3 NFL teams, has been added.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Al Groh has guided UVA to winning records in 5 of the last 7 years. In 2002 after a 48-22 bowl win over WV, the Cavs finished the season #22. In '04, UVA was 5-0 and got as high as #6 but finished 8-4 after a bowl loss in OT and was #23 in the final polls. A 34-31 bowl win over Minnesota in '05 helped UVA achieve a 7-5 record. Groh said that 2006 was "a rebuilding year" with just 5 seniors on the 2 deep and they finished just 5-7 despite the fact that their defense allowed just 17.8 ppg. The 289 ypg allowed by the D was the lowest in more than 15 years. The Cavs had 19 starters back in '07 and made my list of Most Improved Teams. UVA has only won 9 or more games five times in the last 51 years but Groh thought they had a shot at it in '07 and he was not disappointed. They became the first team in NCAA history to have 5 wins by 2 points or less in the same year. They were fortunate to get to their 9-4 record and were ranked #16 when they hosted VT but lost a shot at the ACC Coastal Title. UVA led TT 28-14 in the bowl but TT got 17 points in the final 4:00 or Groh would have achieved just the 2nd 10 win season in school history. Last year the Cavs had only 11 returning starters, had 4 net close wins in '07, major question marks on the OL, DL and at QB and had they changed just 5 plays in the '07 season, could have been 4-9. Last year I termed it a rebuilding season and while UVA had a losing year, they actually outperformed my expectations. They opened miserably getting destroyed by #3 USC in the opener, barely getting past FCS Richmond and were whipped by both Conn and Duke on the road (yes, Duke!) by 35 and 28. At this point the question was not IF Groh would be fired, but WHEN! Amazingly, UVA upset MD (31-0) and EC (35-20). They trailed the entire game vs NC but got a TD with :47 left to force OT and upset the Tar Heels. The next week they trailed 14-3 vs a 1st place (Coastal) GT team but shockingly rallied for a 24-17 upset. The following week they led Miami 17-10 but UM went 95/15pl and got a late TD to force OT and won it there. Thanks to TO's, WF jumped out to a 28-3 lead and won by 11. In the coldest home game in 42 years (35˚), the Cavs were only outgained 192-190 by Clem but lost by 10. Groh, who is 1-7 vs VT, had his chance. VT led by 3 when UVA was int'd in the EZ with 2:15 left. Despite their 3-5 ACC record, the Cavs outgained ACC foes by 1.3 ypg (6th best) and were -7 in TO's. They also had a very poor off ypp (18.6, see pg 299). On the negative side, the Cavs have just 11 ret starters (same as '08), while they lose their top RB, top 5 receivers and top 4 tacklers and return just 36 lettermen. The schedule is tough with 9 bowl teams from '08 making it challenging for the Cavs to achieve a winning record.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 10 JAMEEL SEWELL SR. 6-3 219 PS#68. 22 st, 3518 (58%), 17-15 ratio, 479 rush 2Y. DNP LY. **Vic Hall PS#5.** 12 st (11 CB, 1 QB) LY. **6 Marc Verica** 9 st, 2037 (64%) 8-16 ratio LY.

TB 5 Mikell Simpson Sr. 6-1 200 **PS#31.** 626 (5.0), 44 rec 2Y. 1 st, 9 gm (inj), 262 (3.0), 15 rec LY. **25** Torrey Mack (6'0" 190 rFr) **PS#24.** Keith Payne (6'3" 236 Jr) PS#77. 271 (4.3) 2Y.

WR 18 Kris Burd So. 5-11 189 PS#68.65(9.3) rFr. Tim Smith PS#80. **FB 31** Rashawn Jackson (6'1" 253 Sr) PS#96. LB '06. 5 st, 134 (3.7), 22 rec 2Y. **47** Curt Orshoski (6'2" 232 So). 1 gm.

WR 84 Jared Green So. 6-2 178 144 (12.0) rFr. **22** Staton Jobe (6'0" 182 Jr) PS#270. 12 st, 163 (9.6) rFr. 4 gm, 1 rec LY. Matt Snyder (6'4" 205 So). Zach Mendez-Zfass (6'1" 193 Jr).

WR 81 Dontrelle Inman Jr. 6-3 191 PS#62. 1 st, 203 (10.7) 2Y. **9** Javaris Brown (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#150. Scout Tm POY LY. Ray Keys (6'1" 197 So). Patch Duda (6'3" 187 Jr).

TE 83 Joe Torchia Jr. 6-5 255 PS#25. 12 gm on special teams as rFr. 2 st, 7 gm (inj) LY. **89** Colter Phillips (6'6" 240 rFr) PS#38. **88** Rod Wheeler (6'3" 240 rFr) PS#41.

C 64 JACK SHIELDS JR. 6-5 289 PS#42. 1 gm rFr. 11 st @ C (inj) LY. **68** Anthony Mihota (6'4" 285 So) PS#154. 1 st, 2 gm rFr. **LS 66** Danny Aiken (6'4" 250 Jr) 25 gm 2Y.

RG 65 BJ CABBELL JR. 6-6 304 PS#172. 4 gm rFr. 12 st @ RG LY. **78** Isaac Cain (6'4" 298 Jr) 2 gm 2Y. Oday Aboushi is PS#107. **70** John Maghamez (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#480.

LG 63 AUSTIN PASZTOR SO. 6-7 310 PS#434. Canadian. Last 8 st, 12 gm true. **62** Billy Cuffee (6'5" 310 So) PS#394. **60** Mike Price (6'5" 265 rFr) PS#359. Dave Roberts (6'6" 280 So).

RT 61 WILL BARKER SR. 6-7 315 PS#106. 12 st rFr. 13 st '07. 12 st LY. **69** Lamar Milstead (6'5" 290 So) **PS#28.** RS '07. DNP LY. Sean Cascarano (6'6" 260 Fr) PS#103.

LT HA Morgan Moses 6-7 330 **PS#4.67** Landon Bradley (6'7" 275 So) PS#290.1 gm rFr. **71** Matt Mihalik (6'7" 275 rFr) PS#108. **77** Aaron Van Kuiken (6'7" 308 rFr) PS#296.

K 10 YANNICK REYERING SR. 6-5 205 6-11 FG, L/43 LY. Drew Jarrett is PS#27. **30** Robert Randolph (5'10" 160 So) 3-4 FG, L/37 LY. Chris Hinkebein (6'1" 190 So) PS#29. 22 KO rFr.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 94 MATT CONRATH SO. 6-7 269 PS#171. 12 st, 35 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. **95** Kevin Crawford (6'3" 280 Sr) PS#105. 9 tkl, 2 tfl 3Y. Tory Allen (6'6" 220 rFr) PS#382. Will Hill is PS#114.

NT 96 NICK JENKINS SO. 6-3 285 **PS#44.** 7 st, 10 gm (inj), 25 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **98** Nate Collins (6'2" 280 Sr) PS#169. 1 st, 48 tkl, 8.5 tfl 2Y. 5 st, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Buddy Ruff (6'4" 290 rFr) PS#71.

DE 59 John-Kevin Dolce Jr. 6-2 240 PS#87. DNP rFr. 9 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **87** Andrew Devlin (6'6" 270 So) PS#20. 2 st @ TE, 3 rec rFr. Moved in spg. Zane Parr (6'6" 267 So) PS#257. 2 tkl rFr.

OLB 45 DENZEL BURRELL SR. 6-4 230 PS#87. 2 gm (inj) rFr. 12 tkl, 1 tfl, 13 gm '07. 11 st, 48 tkl, 4 pd LY. **55** Jared Detrick (6'1" 235 Jr) PS#67. 13 tkl 2Y. Tucker Windle is PS#69.

ILB 49 Darren Childs Sr. 6-1 233 PS#233.5 gm, 2 tkl 2Y. 2 st, 6 gm, 20 tkl LY. **57** Darnell Carter (6'3" 244 Jr) PS#164. 1 tkl '07. DNP LY. Billy Schautz (6'4" 220 rFr) PS#70. Moved from TE.

ILB 41 Aaron Clark Sr. 6-5 250 PS#88. 30 gm, 19 tkl 3Y. 1 st, 1 gm (inj), 5 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **50** Terence Fells-Danzer (6'1" 242 So) PS#78. 4 gm rFr. Brady Stovall (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#447.

OLB 56 Cam Johnson So. 6-4 220 PS#59.7 tkl, 2 tfl, 6 gm (inj) as true. **52** Aaron Taliaferro (6'2" 222 So) PS#72. 1 gm LY. Steve Greer (6'2" 218 rFr) PS#201. Daniel Childress (6'2" 213 Jr).

CB 4 VIC HALL SR. 5-9 190 **PS#5.** 13 st, 71 tkl 2Y. 11 st @ CB, 59 tkl, 2 int, 1 st @ QB, 1 pass att LY. Started at QB in spg gm. **1** Trey Womack (5'11" 182 Jr) PS#120. 19 tkl 2Y.

CB 19 RAS-I DOWLING JR. 6-2 200 PS#179. 3 st, 12 gm, 44 tkl, 11 pd as true. 9 st, 11 gm, 43 tkl, 14 pd. **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **13** Chase Minnifield (6'0" 192 So) **PS#38.** 25 tkl, 6 pd, 21 KR rFr.

SS 40 COREY MOSLEY SO. 5-10 197 PS#250. 9 st, 46 tkl, 2 pbu rFr. **17** Brandon Woods (6'2" 211 Sr) PS#60. 11 tkl 2Y. 3 st, 12 gm, 16 tkl LY. Matt Leemhuis (6'1" 201 Jr) PS#178. 3 tkl 2Y.

FS 2 Chris Cook Sr. 6-2 204 **PS#58.** 12 st, 64 tkl, 9 pd 2Y. 7 st, 9 gm, 39 tkl, 7 pd '07. DNP LY (acad). **43** Mike Parker (6'2" 200 Jr) PS#286. 4 st, 26 tkl, 4 pd rFr. 2 st, 18 tkl, LY.

P 6 JIMMY HOWELL SO. 6-6 238 PS#132. 12 gm, 64 punts (39.0), long 58, 5 TB, 0 blocked, net of 35.6 as true. **29** Nathan Rathjen (5'10" 187 Jr) Walk on '06. No punts L2Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Morgan Moses 6-7 330 PS#4
RB	Dominique Wallace 6-0 220 PS#35
DB	Perry Jones 5-10 187 PS#51
QB	Quintin Hunter 6-1 185 PS#41
DL	Jake Snyder 6-4 245 PS#71
LB	Tucker Windle 6-2 227 PS#69
DL	Will Hill 6-4 265 PS#114
DB	Corey Lillard 5-11 200 PS#110
WR	Tim Smith 6-1 185 PS#80
QB	Ross Metheny 6-3 190 PS#60
OL	Sean Cascarano 6-6 260 PS#103
OL	Oday Aboushi 6-5 290 PS#107
OL	Luke Bowanko 6-6 260 PS#130
DL	Justin Renfrow 6-4 245 PS#141
WR	Javanti Sparrow 6-0 185 PS#115
WR	Kevin Royal 6-2 205 PS#133
DB	LaVanté Bailey 6-1 190 PS#199
LB	Connor McCartin 6-3 215 PS#176
TE	Paul Freedman 6-5 250 PS#61
WR	LaRoy Reynolds 6-2 215 PS#176
DL	Brent Urban 6-6 285 PS#243
K	Drew Jarrett 6-0 180 PS#27
LB	Jeremiah Mathis 6-2 235 PS#249
OL	Cody Wallace 6-4 265 PS#361
OL	Hunter Steward 6-8 315 PS#389
WR	Bobby Smith 6-6 200 PS#315

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#13

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UVA	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	William & Mary	G						Virginia is 20-4 in home openers since 1985 & 26-5-1 all-time vs William & Mary. The Tribe finished 7-4 last year including a 34-24 loss to ACC foe NC State.
Sep. 12	TCU	G						UVA is 4-3 all-time vs current MWC opp's. This is just the 2nd meeting between these 2 & they last met in the '94 Independence Bowl as #18 UVA defeated TCU 20-10.
Sep. 19	at Southern Miss	A						First ever meeting. The Cavs are 3-6 all-time vs current CUSA teams. Virginia is 2-6 their L/8 road openers including 3 straight losses by an avg of 27 ppg.
Sep. 26								
Oct. 3	at North Carolina	G						South's Oldest rivalry as this is the 114th meeting. The visitor is 2-7. UVA has won 3 straight & 6 of 7. LY the Cavs went 82/9pl to score a TD with :47 left to force OT.
Oct. 10	Indiana	G						First meeting. The Cavaliers are 4-13 vs current Big Ten teams. Virginia is 5-1 since 2002 hosting non-ACC BCS schools with the only loss to #3 USC last year.
Oct. 17	at Maryland	G						Under Groh, UVA has shutout opponents 9 times including last year's 31-0 win over Maryland. The Cavs have won 2 straight over the Terps & are 13-4 since 1992.
Oct. 24	Georgia Tech	G						The Cavaliers have won 8 straight times at Scott Stadium & the home team is 12-2. In last year's upset UVA trailed 14-3 in the 1Q but went 70/8pl to score w/3:29 left.
Oct. 31	Duke	G						UVA is 12-2 S/'95 vs Duke & hasn't dropped games in B2B years since 1981-'82. The 1H was even LY as the 2 were tied 3-3 before Duke broke it open with 28 2H pts.
Nov. 7	at Miami, Fl	G						The Cavs have won 2 of 3 & last time here they shutout the Hurricanes 48-0 in the final game at the Orange Bowl. Last year Miami went 95/15pl to tie it with :55 left.
Nov. 14	Boston College	G						This is just the 4th meeting between these schools & the Eagles lead the series 3-0. These tms last met in '05, in BC's 1st season in the ACC & they defeated UVA 28-17.
Nov. 21	at Clemson	G						UVA is 8-36-1 vs Clemson dropping the first 29 gms ('55-'89) but have won 3 of the L/5. The Cavs' 3 pts LY were the fewest in this series since being shutout 55-0 in 1984.
Nov. 28	Virginia Tech	G						Virginia has lost in 5 a row & 9 of the last 10 vs Virginia Tech. The HT is 5-2 L7Y. Last year Verica started at QB (1st QB start since HS) rushing for 109 yds.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Matt Schaub 7,502 '00-'03
2. Shawn Moore 6,629 '87-'90
3. Scott Gardner 5,218 '72-'75

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Thomas Jones 3,998 '96-'99
2. Tiki Barber 3,389 '93-'96
3. Terry Kirby 3,348 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Billy McMullen 2,978 '99-'02
2. Herman Moore 2,504 '88-'90
3. John Ford 2,399 '84, '86-'88

AL GROH (Career 82-84)

9th Year at Virginia — Bowls: 3-2 Wake Forest '81-'86

Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

56-44 / 82-84	SU	1-7 / 1-12 Vs Top 10
38-13 / 52-31	Home	12-17 / 12-24 Vs Top 25
15-29 / 27-50	Away	11-9 / 20-47 Vs BCS Tms
3-2 / 3-3	Neutral	11-7 / 11-10 Off A Bye
34-30 / 44-60	Vs Conf	22-18 / 38-39 Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (15,19,2)
Lost: 17 (11,6,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,815 (#37)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION

STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500) (#40)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	5-7	9-5	8-5	8-4	7-5	5-7	9-4	5-7	62-50
Home	4-2	4-3	6-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-2	5-1	4-3	42-15
Away	2-3	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	1-4	1-5	4-2	1-4	17-32
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-3
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	6-2	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-2	3-5	39-33
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	3-3	4-1	3-1	4-0	1-3	3-2	2-2	23-17
ATS	3-8	7-4	8-6	8-5	6-6	6-6	5-7	7-6	5-6	55-54
Home Fav	1-2	1-1	1-1	4-1	4-2	3-1	2-2	1-2	0-1	17-13
Home Dog	1-1	3-1	4-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-1	3-2	17-6
Away Favorite	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-3	2-1	0-2	1-0	0-3	0-0	6-11
Away Dog	0-3	3-2	2-3	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-5	3-0	2-3	11-20
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-2
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-3	4-4	39-33
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	2-4	4-1	2-2	2-2	0-4	2-3	1-2	16-21
Off SU Win	0-6	3-1	4-4	3-4	4-4	2-4	1-4	5-4	3-2	25-33
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-3	4-1	4-1	1-2	4-1	4-2	2-1	2-3	27-15

Coach Wins 1st Game | Al Groh

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Continental Tire	+6	West Virginia - #15	48-22
03	Continental Tire	-3	Pittsburgh	23-16
04	MPC Computers - #18	-5	Fresno St (OT)	34-37
05	Music City	+6'	Minnesota	34-31
07	Gator - #21	+6	Texas Tech	28-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Virginia's All-Time Bowl Record 7-10

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL DEF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6	16.1	300	97	3.4	203	61.3	18.6	16	-7	2008	5	21.7	333	150	3.7	184	59.2	15.4	29
9*	24.4	330	136	3.6	195	58.4	13.5	33	+2	2007	10	19.7	332	107	2.9	226	58.2	16.9	43
6	15.1	257	100	3.3	157	58.8	17.0	35	+2	2006	6	17.8	290	119	3.3	170	58.8	16.2	30
6*	26.7	366	143	3.8	224	61.7	13.7	33	+3	2005	5	23.3	376	151	4.0	225	62.1	16.2	19
7	30.3	423	243	5.3	181	63.0	14.0	16	+6	2004	8	17.7	313	118	3.4	195	60.7	17.7	34
8*	28.0	386	130	3.9	256	67.8	13.8	12	+5	2003	7	20.4	385	162	4.2	223	56.6	18.9	27
6*	28.7	357	127	3.7	230	68.3	12.4	22	+15	2002	6	24.9	425	209	4.6	216	60.5	17.1	26

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Peerman	153	824	50	774	7	5.1
Mikell Simpson	87	298	36	262	3	3.0
Vic Hall	16	121	12	109	2	6.8
Rashawn Jackson	16	62	0	62	0	3.9
Keith Payne	5	36	0	36	0	7.2
Marc Verica	32	65	136	-71	1	-2.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Marc Verica	354	226	63.8	2037	8	16
Peter Lalich	74	39	52.7	359	0	3
Scott Deke	9	4	44.4	42	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kevin Ogletree	58	723	12.5	5	51	
Maurice Covington	33	414	12.5	1	38	
John Phillips	48	385	8.0	2	21	
Cary Koch	30	293	9.8	0	23	
Cedric Peerman	44	193	4.4	0	24	
Jared Green	12	144	12.0	1	26	
Rashawn Jackson	14	79	5.6	0	11	
Mikell Simpson	15	66	4.4	0	23	
Kris Burd	7	65	9.3	0	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jimmy Howell	64	2494	39.0	20	35.6	0	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Yannick Reyering	16-17	3-3	2-5	1-3	0-0	6-11	43
Robert Randolph	6-6	0-0	3-4	0-0	0-0	3-4	37

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jon Copper	101	2.5	3.5	1	0
Antonio Appleby	72	1	7	0	1
Clint Sintim	70	11	5	3	0
Byron Glaspy	67	0	4	5	2
Vic Hall	59	1	2	0	2
Alex Field	48	4.5	4.5	1	0
Denzel Burrell	48	0	0	4	0
Corey Mosley	46	0	1	2	0
Ras-I Dowling	43	0	5	11	3
Nate Collins	36	0	4	3	0
Matt Conrath	35	3	5	3	0
Chase Minnifield	25	0	0	4	2
Nick Jenkins	25	0	3	1	1
Darren Childs	20	0	1	0	0
Mike Parker	18	0	0	3	0
Rodney McLeod	17	1	1	1	0
Brandon Woods	16	0	0	0	0
Hall Simmons	13	0	0	0	0
Jared Detrick	10	0	0	0	0
John-Kevin Dolce	9	4	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vic Hall	16	102	6.4	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chase Minnifield	21	490	23.3	0
Kevin Ogletree	15	274	18.3	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UVA 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
64,947	USC	14	21-32	1.5	18-35	155	2	27	40-208	5.2	28-38	350	0	-2
51,007	Richmond	18	38-91	2.4	21-39	204	1	17	27-19	0.7	16-34	175	6	+1
40,000	at Connecticut	14	14-31	2.2	25-38	188	1	25	53-382	7.2	13-15	124	1	-2
25,527	at Duke	17	33-110	3.3	19-42	194	1	16	37-84	2.3	19-33	174	4	-4
50,727	Maryland	26	41-201	4.9	25-34	226	1	12	21-79	3.8	20-34	223	1	+2
52,398	East Carolina	21	33-202	6.1	26-34	228	1	14	41-89	2.2	12-28	196	6	0
52,342	North Carolina	15	27-58	2.1	24-38	217	1	19	48-166	3.5	16-26	166	1	+3
47,416	at Georgia Tech	23	36-126	3.5	29-39	270	1	17	41-156	3.8	7-15	103	4	0
53,308	Miami, Fl	18	24-78	3.3	27-41	240	1	22	40-197	4.9	18-33	251	2	+1
34,014	at Wake Forest	18	17-28	1.6	23-45	279	2	16	49-143	2.9	14-20	130	3	-3
51,979	Clemson	13	24-30	1.3	24-39	160	2	13	39-56	1.4	19-29	136	0	-3
66,233	at Virginia Tech	12	31-172	5.5	8-15	77	2	24	52-216	4.2	15-28	176	1	0
TOTALS		209	339-1159	3.4	269-439	2438	16	222	488-1795	3.7	197-333	2204	29	-7
AVERAGES		17.4	28-97	3.4	22-37	203	3.6%	18.5	41-150	3.7	16-28	184	8.7%	-0.6

UVA Pre #16 2004 RESULTS Post #23

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#16	at Temple	-16	44-14
#15	North Carolina	-21'	56-24
#12	Akron	-31'	51-0
#12	Syracuse	-26'	31-10
#10	Clemson	-15'	30-10
#6	at Florida St - #7	+3	3-36
#14	at Duke	-25	37-16
#12	Maryland	-14	16-0
#10	Miami, Fl - #18	-3'	21-31
#18	at Georgia Tech	-5	30-10
#16	at Virginia Tech - #11	+4	10-24

UVA Pre #25 2005 RESULTS Post -

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#25	W Michigan	-34	31-19
#25	at Syracuse	-7	27-24
#23	Duke	-24'	38-7
#19	at Maryland	-3	33-45
–	at Boston College - #18	+7	17-28
–	Florida St - #4	+7	26-21
#23	at North Carolina	E	5-7
–	Temple	-34	51-3
–	Georgia Tech - #24	-3'	27-17
–	Virginia Tech - #7	+7	14-52
–	at Miami, Fl - #10	+17'	17-25

UVA Pre - 2006 RESULTS Post -

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Pittsburgh	+3'	13-38
–	Wyoming	-9	13-12 OT
–	W Michigan	-10	10-17
–	at Georgia Tech	+16'	7-24
–	at Duke	-4'	37-0
–	at East Carolina	+6'	21-31
–	Maryland	+3	26-28
–	North Carolina	-6'	23-0
–	NC State	-1'	14-7
–	at Florida St	+12'	0-33
–	Miami, Fl	+3	17-7
–	at Virginia Tech - #17	+16'	0-17

UVA Pre - 2007 RESULTS Post -

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Wyoming	-3	3-23
–	Duke	-18	24-13
–	at North Carolina	+3	22-20
–	Georgia Tech	+3'	28-23
–	Pittsburgh	-6	44-14
–	at Middle Tenn	-10	23-21
–	Connecticut	-3	17-16
–	at Maryland	+4	18-17
#21	at NC State	-3'	24-29
–	Wake Forest - #21	+1	17-16
#23	at Miami, Fl	+3'	48-0
#16	Virginia Tech - #8	+3	21-33

UVA Pre - 2008 RESULTS Post -

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	USC - #3	+19'	7-52
–	Richmond	-7	16-0
–	at Connecticut	+10'	10-45
–	at Duke	+7	3-31
–	Maryland	+13'	31-0
–	East Carolina	+6'	35-20
–	North Carolina - #18	+3'	16-13 OT
–	at Georgia Tech - #21	+14	24-17
–	Miami, Fl	-1'	17-24 OT
–	at Wake Forest	+3'	17-28
–	Clemson	+2'	3-13
–	at Virginia Tech	+7'	14-17

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, despite having two experienced QB's returning, Zack Asack (PS#43) became the first true frosh to start here since Steve Slayden in 1984. Asack started 6 of the last 7 and threw for 966 (50%) with a 5-8 ratio. In 2006 three QB's left the program knowing that the job was in Asack's hands but he was susp over the summer. Thaddeus Lewis (PS#71) started the final 11 and threw for 2,134 (52.9%) with an 11-16 ratio. In 2007 Lewis threw for 2,430 (55.3%) with an outstanding 21-10 ratio. Asack played in 6 (22 pass). Both ret'd last year and added to the mix was true frosh Sean Renfree (PS#16). Lewis was injured vs Clemson and missed VT (Asack started) and the team struggled without him, even going to the option. Asack hit 2 of 9 with 4 int. For the season, Lewis threw for 2,171 (62%) with a 15-6 ratio while Asack completed 48% with a 2-6 ratio. This year Asack moves to S and it wouldn't surprise me if Renfree sees more playing time by season's end. He hit 15-24 for 210 with 2 TD's in the spring game and Cutcliffe called him one of the most accurate young QB's he's been around. I still think Lewis is one of the top QB's in the conf (2nd Tm ACC LY) provided he stays healthy and his 6,735 career yards are tops among active ACC QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Chris Douglas departed after the 2003 season as the school's all-time career leading rusher and in his final year Duke avg 172 ypg rushing. They have struggled to run the ball since he left with the team avg just 94 (2.7), 127 (3.2), 98 (2.9), 64 (2.0) and 106 (3.0) the last 5 seasons. Last year they lost 2 of the top 3 rushers but appeared to have their leading rusher, Re'quan Boyette, back after he rushed for 432 (4.2) in '07. Unfortunately, Boyette was lost for the year and numerous backs took a crack at the main job. True frosh Jay Hollingsworth (PS#110) led with 399 (3.7) while Clifford Harris (PS#109), who had 351 in 6 starts over 3 years, had 345 (3.5). Tony Jackson (PS#103) added 259 (3.4). This year they only lose Harris (8 st). Boyette (PS#116) took a RS LY and returns. Not listed below are Cameron Jones (5'10" 185 So, PS#182) and Patrick Kurunwune (5'10" 200 rFr, PS#212). I'll call this a more experienced unit and they also add in true frosh VHT Desmond Scott (PS#19).

RECEIVERS - In 2006, Eron Riley (PS#151) led with 643 (20.1) while Jomar Wright (PS#110) added 561 (14.0). Raphael Chestnut, who had 2 rec as a true in '05, was #3 with 375 (9.6). All 3 ret'd in '07. Chestnut was lost after 5 but still finished #4 with 188 (15.7). Riley led again with 830 (20.8) and Wright was #2 with 599 (10.7). Last year they only had to replace Wright but then lost projected starting TE Brandon King (4 st, 10 rec in '07) prior to the season. Riley was hampered by a thumb injury which required his hand to be taped causing some dropped passes but he still led with 693 (11.4). True frosh Johnny Williams emerged with 327 (10.9) while true frosh Donovan Varner moved over from DB and had 164 (7.8). Chestnut added 185 (9.7). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Kenny Anunike (6'5" 230 rFr, PS#44) and George Pearkes (6'2" 235 So). This year they lose their top guy in Riley (12 st), TE Tielor Robinson (6 st, 16 rec), Chestnut (3 st) and Ryan Wood (1 rec). While last year's group was not overwhelming, with the loss of their top guy, they may be down a notch in 2009.

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 2004-'06 Duke had just one returning starter on the front wall each year and they avg just 2.7, 3.2 and 2.9 ypc while allowing 39, 31 and 43 sacks. Duke had just 12 career starts returning in '06 (IA's youngest O-line). They finally had an experienced group in 2007 as all 5 starters ret'd. Stunningly, Duke dropped to 64 ypg rush (2.0), their lowest ypg of the modern era and also allowed 45 sacks (11.7%). Last year they only had to replace two starters and one backup and surprisingly only improved to 106 ypg (3.0) but cut their sack total in half to 22 (5.4%). This year they lose 3 starters in LT Cameron Goldberg (12 st, 3Y st'r), RG Rob Schirmann (12 st, 3Y st'r) and RT Fred Roland (12 st, 3Y st'r). They are in the 2nd year of HC Cutcliffe's schemes so even though they're less experienced (25 car st, #116 FBS) they could still improve upon last year's numbers.

DT Vince Oghobaase

DEFENSIVE LINE - Duke has had experienced D-lines the last three years and they have improved their rush ypc allowed from 5.1 in '05 (highest since '01) to 4.6, 4.3 and 3.8 over that span. Last year they basically had all 4 starters back. This year they lose DE Greg Akinbiyi (12 st, 55 tkl, 6 sk, 8.5 tfl) and NG Clifford Respress (12 st, 40 tkl, 5.5 tfl). 2007's starting DE's Wesley Oglesby (10 st) and Ayanga Okpokowuruk (12 st) combined for just 9 starts in '08 with Oglesby missing six games due to injury. Those two both return along with the unit's star, Vince Oghobaase (PS#18) who turned down a shot at the NFL so they are only slightly less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - In both 2006 and 2007 Duke had to replace two starters but each year its #1 tackler, Mike Tauiliili returned. Tauiliili was susp 1 game in '07 and Vincent Rey had 111 tackles to his 108. In 2008, all 3 starters ret'd with 5 having starting experience. Tauiliili led with 140 tackles and 13 tfl making my 3rd Tm AA squad while Rey was #2 (109). This year the unit is one of my biggest question marks as for the first time since 2004, Tauiliili will not be on the field and they also lose Marcus Jones (9 st, 47 tkl, 2 tfl), Charles Robinson (14 tkl, 1 sk) and Trent Mackey (10 tkl). They lose their #1, #8 and #17 tacklers and return #2, #18 and #25.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Heading into last year Duke had finished #98, #102, #110 and #109 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace one starter. Returning starting CB Leon Wright was lost after 6 and when true frosh Lee Butler (PS#126) was injured vs Vandy, Duke was down to just 2 CB's and 3 S's and Cutcliffe couldn't play six DB's if he wanted to. They still managed to climb to #99 allowing a respectable 56.8% with a 17-15 ratio. This year Cutcliffe signed 7 DB's to give them added depth in the secondary. They must replace CB Glenn Williams (12 st, 60 tkl, 2 sk), CB Jabari Marshall (10 st, 30 tkl, 2 int) and S Adrian Aye-Darko (8 st, 58 tkl, 3 int). While this group is less experienced, getting Wright back from injury, adding QB Asack (7 car st) and having more depth should help them continue their move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In former HC Ted Roof's first two years, Duke finished #27 and #41 in my ST rankings but their spotty performances cost them many wins the next two years as they finished just #109 and #98 (3 of 10 FG's '07). Cutcliffe's final 2 units at Mississippi finished #37 and #31. Duke had everyone back last year. K Maggio hit 11 of 14 while Joe Surgan hit 2 of 4 including a 55 yarder. Jabari Marshall finished as the school's career leader in KR yards with 2,630. P Kevin Jones improved to 40.8 (34.9 net). Not listed below is K Jeffrey Ijjas (6'1" 170 So) and Guillermo Frelle (5'9" 175 So). Duke finished just #83 and even with the loss of Surgan (2 TB, 50 KO) and Marshall, they could actually improve.

COACHES - From 2004-'07 Duke won a grand total of one ACC game. Last year they brought in veteran HC David Cutcliffe who was the HC at Mississippi from the bowl in 1998 through 2004 guiding Ole Miss to 5 bowls (4 wins) including a Cotton Bowl victory. He was 44-29 in six years at Ole Miss and was the only coach at UM to have 7+ wins in his first 5 years. Amazingly, Ole Miss fired him after his first losing season and then suffered through a 10-25 record the next 3 years. Cutcliffe coached with Tenn for 19 years and ret'd there in '06 as the OC. He is known for working closely with QB's and some of his prized pupils include the Manning brothers and Heath Shuler. His co-OC's are Kurt Roper, who was the Tenn RB coach in '06-'07, and Matt Luke, who was the TE coach/recruit coord at Tenn. The co-DC's are Mike MacIntyre, who was the NYJ's DB coach in 2007 and spent 2003-'06 with Dallas and Marion Hobby, who was the NO Saints' DL coach in '06-'07.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the past 46 years Duke has had just 3 seasons of 6 or more wins. They occurred in 1988 and 1989 with Steve Spurrier at the helm and in 1994 during Fred Goldsmith's first season. Since its Hall of Fame Bowl game in 1994, Duke is just 26-133. That includes a 10-102 record in ACC play with EIGHT winless ACC seasons the last 13 years (only 4 ACC wins in the last 9 seasons). In Ted Roof's final year as HC in 2007, they only won one game which broke the NCAA's longest losing streak at 22. Not only was Duke 0-8 in the ACC, they were -138.5 ypg (league worst). While Roof did not make any promises about 2007, he did say that the 2008 team would be bowl eligible. Cutcliffe inherited 16 returning starters with just 15 lettermen lost and Duke was coming off a year where it had 3 net close losses and could have easily been 4-8. In last year's magazine I called for Duke to have as many wins as they had the previous four years combined (4) and the Blue Devils did not disappoint. Cutcliffe became the first coach to win his opener here since 1994 (Goldsmith) and it was Duke's first season opening win since 2002 when they beat James Madison 31-7. In Wk 2 vs NW, Duke had 472-328 yd and 28-14 FD edges but a late TD was called back on a hold and they lost by 4. The next week they beat Navy at home and then their streak of 25 straight ACC losses was snapped vs Virginia (31-3) and they actually stood 3-1, their best start since '94. Unfortunately, the rest of the season did not go as expected. They were dominated by GT (outgained 454-132) and lost by 27. Duke led Miami 24-14 in the 3Q but lost by 18. They did beat a bowl-bound SEC team (Vandy) 10-7 on the road to go to 4-3. Duke then suffered a tough defeat when it had a 376-344 yd edge at WF but lost in OT. Duke missed a 41 yd FG which could have won it in regulation. The next week they outgained NCSt 411-377 but lost at home. QB Lewis was KO'd on the 2nd series vs Clem and they lost by 24. Even without Lewis at VT, they only trailed 7-3 until they gave up a 23 yd IR TD with 1:23 left and lost by 11. Duke lost at home to rival NC by 8 and finished with the weakest record in the ACC (1-7) and was -113 ypg which was 79.7 ypg worse than #11. Duke did have 2 net close losses. Duke also has a unique locker room edge at home (see Hardcore). Duke had 24 seniors on '08's squad and this year have just 11 returning starters and 10 scholarship seniors (five 5th year). They also have just 56% of their lettermen returning. Duke could have easily achieved bowl eligibility LY and have a pair of FCS teams on the schedule but it looks like a rebuilding year and a 15th straight losing season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 9 THADDEUS LEWIS SR. 6-2 200 PS#71. 11 st, 2134 (53%) true. 12 st, 2430 (55%) '07. 11 st, 2171 (62%) 15-6 ratio, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. Sean Renfree (6'3" 210 rFr) **PS#16.**

RB 21 RE'QUAN BOYETTE SR. 5-10 200 1072 (4.3) 3Y. Inj LY. **Desmond Scott PS#19.** Tony Jackson (5'10" 185 Jr) PS#103. CB '07. 259 (3.4) LY. Jay Hollingsworth (5'11" 185 So) 399 (3.7) LY.

WR 83 Austin Kelly Jr. 6-3 195 3 st, 186 (12.4) true. 6 st, 142 (10.9) LY. **17** Sheldon Bell (6'4" 200 Jr). 2 st, 127 (7.1) 2Y. Tyree Watkins is PS#94. **89** Preston Scott (5'10" 175 So).

WR 37 JOHNNY WILLIAMS SO. 5-10 190 PS#320. 9 st, 327 (10.9) true. **80** Tony Foster (6'1" 170 rFr) PS#360. 4.4 spd. Matt Pridemore (5'11" 190 So) PS#257. 12 gm true. RS move from CB LY.

WR 26 Donovan Varner So. 5-9 170 PS#184. 3 st, 10 gm, 164 (7.8) as a true frosh. **86** Josh Trezvant (5'11" 185 So) PS#52. 3 gms, no rec's as rFr. Conner Vernon is PS#190.

TE 87 BRETT HUFFMAN JR. 6-5 235 PS#37. 1 rec rFr. 6 st, 171 (12.2) LY. **22** Brandon King (6'2" 240 Jr) PS#97. 4 st, 130 (7.6) 2Y. Med RS LY. Danny Parker (6'4" 225 Jr) PS#44. 3 rec 2Y.

C 62 BRYAN MORGAN JR. 6-3 250 PS#157. 1 st, 12 gm as true. 12 st@C, 835 pl LY. **65** Jeffrey Cowart (6'5" 310 Jr) PS#374. 2nd string but RS '06. No gm action '07. 1 gm LY.

RG 71 Jon Needham So. 6-7 305 PS#158. 8 gm rFr. **68** Brian Moore (6'4" 280 rFr) PS#160. 1 gm but RS LY. **55** Brandon Harper (6'3" 310 Jr). 2 tkl, 14 gm DL 3Y. Moved to OL spg.

LG 77 Jarrod Holt Sr. 6-6 310 **PS#91.** 10 gm, 2nd string true. 12 gm, 377 pl '07. 12 gm LY. **78** Jackson Anderson (6'4" 240 rFr) PS#107. **75** Robert Drum (6'6" 280 Jr) PS#144.

RT 67 Mitchell Lederman Jr. 6-8 305 PS#173. 11 gm rFr. 11 gm LY. **66** Pontus Bondeson (6'6" 275 Jr). From Sweden. 1 gm DL rFr. 3 gm OL LY. **76** Conor Irwin (6'5" 250 rFr) PS#481.

LT 79 KYLE HILL SO. 6-6 270 PS#238. 12 st@LG, **3rd Tm Fr AA** rFr. **63** Chris Shannon (6'5" 270 So). **Also #1 LS.** 12 gm at LS LY. Bkup LT spg. Perry Simmons is PS#214.

K 47 NICK MAGGIO JR. 6-4 190 PS#57. 2-5 FG true. 11-14, L/46, 28-28 xp LY. **96** Will Snyderwine (5'9" 165 Jr). **98** Paul Asack (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#150. Alex King (6'2" 190 So).

DE 99 Wesley Oglesby Jr. 6-6 245 PS#64. 10 st, 37 tkl, 6.5 tfl rFr, 4 st, 6 gm, 17 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **41** Eriks Reks (6'5" 225 So) PS#119. 3 tkl, 4 gm rFr. Jeremy Ringfield (6'5" 210 Jr) PS#106. TE L2Y.

DT 3 VINCE OGHOBAASE SR. 6-6 300 **PS#18.** 28 tkl, 8 tfl rFr. 12 st, 49 tkl, 12 tfl '07. 12 st, 51 tkl, 9 tfl, HM ACC LY. **93** Charlie Hatcher (6'3" 275 So) PS#117. 13 tkl rFr. Sydney Sarmiento PS#191.

NG 42 Kinney Rucker Sr. 6-2 290 PS#204. 2nd string OL rFr. 1 st@DT, 28 tkl, 6 tfl '07. 1 st, 12 gm, 21 tkl LY. **58** Curtis Hazelton (6'3" 260 rFr) PS#65. John Drew is PS#64.

DE 91 AYANGA OKPOKOWURUK SR. 6-4 255 PS#136. 17 st, 39 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 29 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. **90** Patrick Egboh (6'4" 240 Jr) PS#427. 4 tkl, 7 gm rFr. 2 st, 25 tkl LY. **53** Sam Poggi (6'2" 225 So) PS#244.

SLB 8 Abraham Kromah Jr. 6-1 215 8 gm on ST's rFr. 12 gm, 13 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **48** Andrew Holoman (6'2" 225 Jr) PS#195. No gm action L2Y. Justin Foxx PS#167. August Campbell PS#241.

MLB 56 Damian Thornton Jr. 6-1 235 PS#188. 2 tkl, 9 gm true. 12 gm, 6 tkl LY. Austin Gamble (6'1" 230 Fr) PS#154. **57** Michael Tooley (6'1" 200 Jr). Kevin Rojas is PS#171. In spg.

WLB 31 VINCENT REY SR. 6-1 240 PS#235. 12 gm, 12 tkl as true. 12 st, 111 tkl, 8.5 tfl '07. 11 st, 109 tkl, 10.5 tfl, 5 pd, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **39** Adam Banks (6'4" 230 Jr) PS#404. 2 st, 21 tkl 2Y.

CB 7 LEON WRIGHT SR. 5-9 170 PS#501. 11 gm, 17 tkl true. 12 st, 67 tkl, 11 pd '07. 6 st (inj), 12 tkl, 5 pd LY. **16** Chris Rwabukamba (6'1" 175 Jr). Canadian. 26 tkl, 6 pd, 2 st LY.

CB 20 Lee Butler So. 5-10 180 PS#126. 1 st, 11 gm, 12 tkl as true. **30** Colin Jones (5'10" 185 So) PS#336. Randez James (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#253. Susp spg. Zach Greene PS#127. IFS.

SS 13 Zack Asack Sr. 6-4 205 **PS#43.** 1 st, 202 (47%), 259 rush 2Y QB. Move in spg. **40** Matt Daniels (6'1" 195 So) PS#106. 22 tkl, 1 int true. Anthony Young-Wiseman is PS#140.

FS 23 CATRON GAINEY SR. 6-2 205 PS#292. 4 st, 55 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 66 tkl, 2 pd LY. Jordon Byas (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#247. Jeffrey Faris (5'11" 195 So). Eddie Morgan (6'0" 185 Jr) 23 tkl 2Y. ? '09.

P 49 KEVIN JONES JR. 6-3 200 PS#29. 75 punts (38.3), 33.6 net as rFr. 71 punts (40.8), 34.9 tm net, 27 inside the 20 LY. **47** Nick Maggio (6'4" 190 Jr) PS#57. 3 punts (26.3) true.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Desmond Scott 5-10 185 PS#19
DL	John Drew 6-1 315 PS#64
WR	Tyree Watkins 6-1 195 PS#94DB
DB	Taylor Sowell 5-11 190 PS#104
OL	Dave Harding 6-4 290 PS#93
QB	Sean Schroeder 6-3 185 PS#58
DB	Lex Butler 5-10 175 PS#159
DB	Zach Greene 5-10 170 PS#127WR
LB	Justin Foxx 6-3 230 PS#167DL
LB	Austin Gamble 6-1 230 PS#154
TE	Ryan Hall 6-3 235 PS#48
DB	Anthony Young-Wiseman 6-1 200 PS#140WR
QB	Corey Gattis 5-11 170 PS#89
DL	Sydney Sarmiento 6-4 265 PS#191
RB	Kyle Griswould 5-10 180 PS#160
DB	Walt Canty 6-0 220 PS#211
OL	Perry Simmons 6-5 260 PS#214
OL	John Coleman 6-5 280 PS#219
DB	Garett Patterson 6-0 180 PS#222
LB	Kevin Rojas 6-3 210 PS#171WR
OL	Joey Finison 6-4 280 PS#228
DB	Ross Cockrell 6-0 170 PS#234
DL	Brandon Putnam 6-3 240 PS#231
WR	Conner Vernon 6-1 180 PS#190
TE	Jack Farrell 6-2 225 PS#69
LB	August Campbell 6-3 215 PS#241
LB	Tyree Glover 6-2 240 PS#299

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#58

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score DUKE	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Richmond	G					Duke is 9-2 all-time vs the Spiders but the Blue Devils were shutout by Richmond 13-0 in 2006. Richmond was 13-3 last year & were FCS National Champions.
Sep. 12	at Army	A					Duke is 10-9-1 (6-1 S/'89) vs Army but these schools have not met since 1997. The Blue Devils have lost 10 straight road openers by an avg of 14 ppg.
Sep. 19	at Kansas	A					Blue Devils have won 2 of their last 3 road games vs non-ACC/BCS schools. First meeting. Duke is 2-3 all-time vs current Big 12 opp's but last faced one in '89.
Sep. 26	N Carolina Central (HC)	G					NC Central is an FCS Independent that went 4-7 last yr & is transitioning from Div II. They are also located in Durham & their stadiums are only 2.5 miles apart.
Oct. 3	Virginia Tech	G					Duke has lost the last 8 by an avg of 32-9 & have been shutout 3 times the last 6. LY Duke's D forced five 1H TO's but they were w/o QB Lewis & RB Harris & lost 14-3.
Oct. 10	at NC State	G					Duke has lost 11 straight in the series & 20 straight ACC road games. LY QB Lewis had career highs (37 of 52) & finished w/a 411-377 yd edge in the loss.
Oct. 17							
Oct. 24	Maryland	G					Duke & MD last met in '04 in Durham & the #23 ranked Terps defeated Duke 55-21. Coming into '09, the Blue Devils are 1-16 at vs an ACC opponent.
Oct. 31	at Virginia	G					Duke is 2-12 S/'95 vs UVA, but ended their 25 gm ACC losing skid LY w/a win over the Cavs. Last yr these 2 went into the half tied 3-3 before Duke broke it open w/28 2H pts.
Nov. 7	at North Carolina	G					Last year Duke trailed by 8 & got to the NC16 with :27 left but threw a 42 yd int. The Blue Devils are 1-18 vs NC S/'90 but the L/4 have decided by an avg of 5 ppg.
Nov. 14	Georgia Tech	G					Duke has lost 13 of the last 14, with their only victory during that stretch coming in Durham in 2003. Duke had a season low 132 yds vs GT LY (6th shutout in L6Y).
Nov. 21	at Miami, Fl	G					Last year Miami scored 35 unanswered pts to pull away from Duke 49-31. Duke is 1-5 all time in this series (win 1976), with 4 losses by double digits.
Nov. 28	Wake Forest	G					Duke has lost 9 straight & have been outscored 34-21. Duke has dropped 5 straight home finales. LY in a hard fought ACC showdown, Duke lost 33-30 in OT despite FD & ydg edges.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ben Bennett 9,614 '80-'83
2. Spence Fischer 9,021 '92-'95
3. Steve Slayden 8,004 '84-'87

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chris Douglas 3,122 '00-'03
2. Steve Jones 2,951 '70-'72
3. Randy Cuthbert 2,771 '88-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Clarkston Hines 3,318 '86-'89
2. Eron Riley 2,413 '05-'08
3. Wes Chesson 2,399 '68-'70

DAVID CUTCLIFFE (Career 48-37)

2nd Year at Duke — Bowls: 4-1 Mississippi '98-'04

Cutcliffe AT DUKE/OVERALL

4-8 / 48-37	SU	0-0 / 1-3	Vs Top 10
3-4 / 29-17	Home	0-0 / 6-11	Vs Top 25
1-4 / 15-19	Away	1-1 / 5-4	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 4-1	Neutral	1-1 / 8-8	Off A Bye
1-7 / 26-30	Vs Conf	2-5 / 18-17	Off A Loss

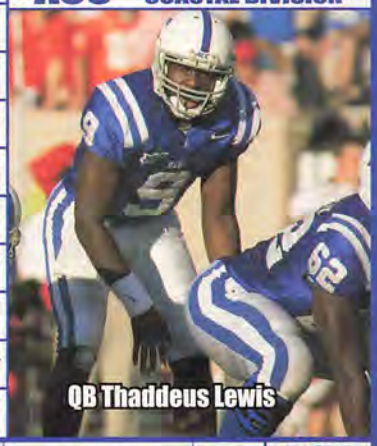
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (15,15,3)
Lost: 26 (11,14,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,727 (#78)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION


QB Thaddeus Lewis

STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941) (#88)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	0-11	2-10	4-8	2-9	1-10	0-12	1-11	4-8	14-90
Home	0-5	0-6	1-5	3-4	2-3	1-5	0-7	0-5	3-4	10-44
Away	0-6	0-5	1-5	1-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	1-6	1-4	4-46
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-8	0-8	0-8	2-6	1-7	0-8	0-8	0-8	1-7	4-68
vs Non-Conf	0-3	0-3	2-2	2-2	1-2	1-2	0-4	1-3	3-1	10-22
ATS	5-6	2-9	8-4	5-6	7-3	2-8	5-6	6-6	6-5	46-53
Home Fav (Def Ranks 1st-25th)	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-4
Home Dog (Top Back Rank (8-12))	3-2	1-5	3-2	2-2	2-2	0-5	2-4	1-4	1-2	15-28
Away Favorite (Def Ranks 1st-25th)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Dog (Bowl Outlook)	2-4	1-4	5-1	3-2	5-1	2-2	3-2	5-2	3-2	29-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	5-3	4-4	6-2	2-6	4-4	4-4	3-5	34-38
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	12-15
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	3-1	6-7
Off SU Loss	5-5	2-8	6-3	5-2	6-1	2-6	5-6	5-5	3-4	39-40

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
54	Orange - #14	NL	Nebraska	34-7
57	Orange - #16	NL	Oklahoma - #4	21-48
60	Cotton - #10	NL	Arkansas - #7	7-6
89	All-American - #20	-3	Texas Tech - #25	21-49
94	Hall of Fame - #25	+8	Wisconsin	20-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Duke's All-Time Bowl Record 3-5

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	20.1	304	106	3.0	198	60.5	15.1	22	+5	2008	10	23.4	357	152	3.8	205	56.8	15.2	27
11*	17.9	271	64	2.0	207	54.8	15.1	45	-3	2007	5	33.2	424	180	4.3	244	64.4	12.8	25
3	14.9	283	98	2.9	185	52.8	19.0	43	-8	2006	7	33.8	395	168	4.6	227	60.1	11.7	14
7*	16.1	248	127	3.2	121	47.2	15.4	31	-8	2005	6	37.1	411	207	5.1	204	59.5	11.1	19
4*	16.6	264	94	2.7	170	57.3	15.9	39	+2	2004	6	29.3	427	226	5.0	201	58.5	14.6	11
11*	17.6	343	172	3.8	171	49.0	19.5	35	+4	2003	9	28.6	375	158	4.4	217	59.0	13.1	19
5	18.9	358	158	3.9	200	53.4	18.9	37	+2	2002	7	29.4	376	121	3.4	255	60.2	12.8	30

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jay Hollingsworth	108	415	16	399	1	3.7
Clifford Harris	98	356	11	345	3	3.5
Tony Jackson	76	304	45	259	0	3.4
Zack Asack	52	216	44	172	1	3.3
Thaddeus Lewis	69	226	130	96	2	1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Thaddeus Lewis	361	224	62.0	2171	15	6
Zack Asack	48	23	47.9	162	2	6
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Eron Riley		61	693	11.4	8	52
Johnny Williams		30	327	10.9	0	31
Jay Hollingsworth		25	188	7.5	2	39
Raphael Chestnut		19	185	9.7	1	23
Brett Huffman		14	171	12.2	1	26
Donovan Varner		21	164	7.8	1	36
Austin Kelly		13	142	10.9	0	20
Clifford Harris		14	127	9.1	3	33
Tony Jackson		12	106	8.8	1	38
Tielor Robinson		16	97	6.1	0	16
Sheldon Bell		14	93	6.6	0	15
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kevin Jones	71	2899	40.8	10	34.9(t)	1	27
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nick Maggio	28-28	6-6	2-3	3-5	0-0	11-14	46
Joe Surgan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	2-4	55

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Tauiliili	140	0.5	12.5	5	4
Vincent Rey	109	2	8.5	4	1
Catron Gainey	66	1	0	1	1
Glenn Williams	60	2	1	5	1
Adrian Aye-Darko	58	0	1.5	1	3
Greg Akinbiyi	55	6	8.5	0	0
Vince Oghobaase	51	6	3	0	0
Marcus Jones	47	1	1	3	0
Clifford Respress	40	2	3.5	0	0
Jabari Marshall	30	0	1	2	2
Ayanga Okpokowuruk	29	3.5	3	1	0
Chris Rwabukamba	26	0	3.5	5	1
Patrick Egboh	25	0	0.5	0	0
Matt Daniels	22	0	0	0	1
Kinney Rucker	21	0	1.5	1	0
Wesley Oglesby	17	1	1	0	0
Charles Robinson	14	1	0.5	0	0
Charlie Hatcher	13	0	1.5	0	0
Abraham Kromah	13	1	1	0	0
Leon Wright	12	0	0	4	1
Eddie Morgan	12	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Lee Butler	7	53	7.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jabari Marshall	31	744	24.0	0

OFFENSE – 2008 STATS BY GAME – DEFENSE

DUKE 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
32,571	James Madison	24	48-218	4.5	18-31	146	0	13	37-188	5.1	4-11	51	2	+1
23,614	Northwestern	28	44-178	4.0	29-47	294	2	14	27-77	2.9	15-33	251	1	-1
25,082	Navy	21	34-79	2.3	25-36	317	2	13	46-207	4.5	8-10	150	2	+1
25,527	Virginia	16	37-84	2.3	19-33	174	4	17	33-110	3.3	19-42	194	1	+4
46,104	at Georgia Tech	9	20-35	1.8	15-29	97	2	21	59-224	3.8	9-14	230	1	0
32,011	Miami, Fl	19	44-142	3.2	16-34	191	1	23	29-154	5.3	23-36	266	2	+2
38,270	at Vanderbilt	15	36-28	0.8	21-36	222	5	15	32-81	2.5	14-31	210	4	+2
32,226	at Wake Forest	21	37-145	3.9	19-27	231	1	16	43-112	2.6	18-31	232	1	-3
31,964	NC State	25	28-94	3.4	37-52	317	0	17	34-159	4.7	13-25	218	1	0
75,000	at Clemson	10	29-83	2.9	13-27	85	2	24	41-140	3.4	27-38	326	5	-2
66,233	at Virginia Tech	6	40-116	2.9	2-9	20	2	19	47-187	4.0	14-25	147	4	+1
30,322	North Carolina	19	22-72	3.3	34-49	278	1	20	47-179	3.8	15-19	190	3	0
TOTALS		213	419-1274	3.0	248-410	2372	22	212	475-1818	3.8	179-315	2465	27	+5
AVERAGES		17.8	35-106	3.0	21-34	198	5.4%	17.7	40-152	3.8	15-26	205	8.6%	0.4

2004 RESULTS

DUKE Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Navy	+7	12-27
-	at Connecticut	+15	20-22
-	at Virginia Tech	+29	17-41
-	Maryland - #23	+16'	21-55
-	The Citadel	NL	28-10
-	at Georgia Tech	+18	7-24
-	Virginia - #14	+25	16-37
-	at Wake Forest	+17	22-24
-	at Florida St - #13	+30	7-29
-	Clemson	+12'	16-13
-	North Carolina	+7	17-40

2005 RESULTS

DUKE Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at East Carolina	-3	21-24
-	Virginia Tech - #7	+21	0-45
-	VMI	NL	40-14
-	at Virginia - #23	+24'	7-38
-	Navy	+6	21-28
-	at Miami, Fl - #9	+35'	7-52
-	Georgia Tech	+21	10-35
-	Florida St - #11	+30	24-55
-	Wake Forest	+12'	6-44
-	at Clemson	+30	20-49
-	at North Carolina	+21	21-24

2006 RESULTS

DUKE Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Richmond	NL	0-13
-	at Wake Forest	+20	13-14
-	at Virginia Tech - #14	+35	0-36
-	Virginia	+4'	0-37
-	at Alabama	+28'	14-30
-	Florida St	+23	24-51
-	Miami, Fl	+17'	15-20
-	Vanderbilt	+8'	28-45
-	Navy	+10	13-38
-	at Boston College - #22	+29'	7-28
-	at Georgia Tech - #18	+24'	21-49
-	North Carolina	+7	44-45

2007 RESULTS

DUKE Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Connecticut	+4'	14-45
-	at Virginia	+18	13-24
-	at Northwestern	+16'	20-14
-	at Navy	+14	43-46
-	at Miami, Fl	+24	14-24
-	Wake Forest	+7'	36-41
-	Virginia Tech - #12	+14'	14-43
-	at Florida St	+17'	6-25
-	Clemson - #25	+16	10-47
-	Georgia Tech	+13'	24-41
-	at Notre Dame	+6'	7-28
-	at North Carolina	+15	14-20 OT

2008 RESULTS

DUKE Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	James Madison	NL	31-7
-	Northwestern	+6	20-24
-	Navy	-2'	41-31
-	Virginia	-7	31-3
-	at Georgia Tech	+13'	0-27
-	Miami, Fl	+3	31-49
-	at Vanderbilt	+10	10-7
-	at Wake Forest	+8	30-33 OT
-	NC State	-3'	17-27
-	at Clemson	+10'	7-31
-	at Virginia Tech	+17	3-14
-	at North Carolina	+7'	20-28

PAC-10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 PAC-10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Jeremiah Masoli, Oregon	Lyle Moevao, Oregon St	Jake Locker, Washington	Kevin Riley, California
RB	Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon St	Toby Gerhart, Stanford	Nic Grigsby, Arizona	Joe McKnight, USC
RB	Jahvid Best, California	LeGarrette Blount, Oregon	Stafon Johnson, USC	Shane Vereen, California
WR	Chris McGaha, Arizona St	D'Andre Goodwin, Washington	Ronald Johnson, USC	Jeshua Anderson, Wash St
WR	Damian Williams, USC	Delashaun Dean, Arizona	Nyan Boateng, California	Jamere Holland, Oregon
WR	James Rodgers, Oregon St	Terrence Austin, UCLA	Terrell Turner, Arizona	Verran Tucker, California
TE	Rob Gronkowski, Arizona	Ed Dickson, Oregon	Kavario Middleton, Washington	Ryan Moya, UCLA
C	Kristofer O'Dowd, USC	Kenny Alfred, Washington St	Blake Kerley, Arizona	Garth Gerhart, Arizona St
OG	Jeff Byers, USC	Ben Ossai, Washington	Jon Hargis, Arizona St	Gregg Peat, Oregon St
OG	Colin Baxter, Arizona	Andrew Phillips, Stanford	Chase Beeler (C), Stanford	Alex Parsons, USC
OT	Charles Brown, USC	Shawn Lauvao, Arizona St	Mitchell Schwartz, California	Mike Diaz, Arizona
OT	Chris Marinelli, Stanford	Mike Tepper, California	Butch Lewis, USC	Cody Habben, Washington
DE	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Washington	Tyson Alualu, California	Everson Griffen, USC	Cameron Jordan, California
DT	Brian Price, UCLA	Stephen Paea, Oregon St	Christian Tupou, USC	Thomas Keiser (DE), Stanford
DT	Ekom Udofia, Stanford	Lawrence Guy, Arizona St	Earl Mitchell, Arizona	Alameda Ta'amu, Washington
DE	Dexter Davis, Arizona St	Will Tukuafu, Oregon	Korey Bosworth, UCLA	Brooks Reed, Arizona
LB	Keaton Kristick, Oregon St	Mason Foster, Washington	EJ Savannah, Washington	Travis Goethel, Arizona St
LB	Mike Nixon, Arizona St	Akeem Ayers, UCLA	Michael Morgan, USC	Xavier Kelley, Arizona
LB	Reggie Carter, UCLA	Chris Galippo, USC	Spencer Paysinger, Oregon	Vontaze Burfict, Arizona St
LB	Mike Mohamed, California	Clinton Snyder, Stanford	Casey Matthews, Oregon	Andy Mattingly, Washington St
CB	Syd'Quan Thompson, California	Walter Thurmond III, Oregon	Darian Hagan, California	Omar Bolden, Arizona St
CB	Alterraun Verner, UCLA	Devin Ross, Arizona	Josh Pinkard, USC	Quinton Richardson, Washington
SS	TJ Ward, Oregon	Marcus Ezeff, California	Will Harris, USC	Chima Nwachukwu, Wash St
FS	Taylor Mays, USC	Cam Nelson, Arizona	Bo McNally, Stanford	Rahim Moore, UCLA
K	Kai Forbath, UCLA	Thomas Weber, Arizona St	Jordan Congdon, USC	Justin Kahut, Oregon St
P	Bryan Anger, California	Keenyn Crier, Arizona	David Green, Stanford	Reid Forrest, Washington St
KR	Terrence Austin, UCLA	James Rodgers, Oregon St	Jahvid Best, California	Chantz Staden, Washington St
PR	Syd'Quan Thompson, California	Terrence Austin, UCLA	Kyle Williams, Arizona St	Joe McKnight, USC

USC
WR Damian Williams

Arizona
RB Nic Grigsby

Arizona St
LB Mike Nixon

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 PAC-10 FORECAST

1. USC - Last year USC was rebuilt on offense and actually improved to 37.5 ppg. They were also +232.7 ypg in Pac-10 play, their best since 2005. This year they have 9 starters back on offense but just 3 on defense. USC faced all the Pac-10 contenders at home last year and this season face them on the road but as usual, the Trojans are one of the most talented teams in the country and grab their 8th straight Pac-10 Title.

2. CALIFORNIA - The Bears have been one of the few teams that have stood toe-to-toe with USC during their championship run. Cal gets the all important game vs USC at home but has five Pac-10 road games. With 15 returning starters, Cal is clearly the 2nd most talented team in the Pac-10 and make my list of Surprise Teams (Darkhorse National Title contender).

3. UCLA - Last year Neuheisel inherited just 6 ret starters and lost his top QB's in the spring. The Bruins had their streak of six straight bowl games snapped in a 4-8 season. They had 44 starts lost to injury (6th highest FBS). Last year's QB's had 21 int's, 6 of which were returned for TD's so their D was much stronger than the 29.0 ppg allowed. They actually allowed 302.1 ypg in Pac-10 play, (2nd best). This year they figure to get stronger QB play, have 16 returning starters and make my Most Improved List.

3. ARIZONA - Last year Arizona made my Most Improved List getting to their first bowl game since 1998. They had an amazing 4 net close losses which means they were much stronger than their 8-5 final record. They do lose their star QB but have a more veteran D. They go from having 4 Pac-10 AG's to 5 this year but I'll call for their highest finish in the conference standings since 1998 as they have finished no higher than #5 since then.

5. OREGON ST - One sign of an excellent coach is when a team consistently outperforms my expectations. That is the case with OSU as they have bagged three straight 3rd place Pac-10 finishes despite being a middle of the road team on paper. This year the Beavers have just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest P10) and 5 Pac-10 AG's. I'm sure Riley will still have them in a 3rd straight post season bowl led by star RB Jacquizz Rodgers and 2 capable QB's. Last year's D had just 3 returning starters but still allowed just 312 ypg (23.1 ppg).

5. OREGON - Last year my talent ratings had the Ducks the 2nd most talented team in the Pac-10 and they did well to finish 2nd as they had 5 Pac-10 AG's. This year they have 5 Pac-10 HG's but have just 9 returning starters and also a brand-new HC in Chip Kelly. That has me calling for a drop in the Pac-10 standings.

5. STANFORD - Stanford nearly made it to a bowl last season but after a 5-4 start, lost their last 3 games to 3 Pac-10 powers. This year the Cardinal are loaded with 17 returning starters and are now in the 3rd year of Harbaugh's systems. They also have just 12 lettermen lost (fewest in league) and are very strong along the line of scrimmage with my #3 rated OL and DL in the Pac-10. They also get 5 Pac-10 HG's and make my Most Improved List which has me calling for their first bowl since 2001.

8. ARIZONA ST - The Sun Devils do have 5 Pac-10 HG's but get both Cal and USC in those. While their offense is a question mark, I do like their def front 7 (#3DL, #1LB in Pac-10) and that makes them underrated. They could get off to a 5-1 start which would have them playing with a lot more confidence than in '08, before they face the upper tier of the Pac-10.

9. WASHINGTON - I was tempted to make a bold statement about the Huskies as they are probably the Most Improved Team in the country and do have 5 Pac-10 HG's this year. They do have a lot of ground to make up on the rest of the league (-170.6 ypg) but their 18 returning starters are the most in the league, they were -17 in TO's and had 3 net close losses in '08, all factors pointing to big improvement.

10. WASHINGTON ST - While the standings show WSU finished #9 in the Pac-10 last year, they were arguably the worst team in the league at -272.7 ypg with their 1 win being a fortunate comeback vs UW. The cupboard was left almost bare for new HC Paul Wulff and it will take a few years for his rebuilding. Last year WSU's avg score in Pac-10 play was 50-9 and while they'll be more competitive this year, I cannot foresee them escaping the basement.

Pac-10 Notes: Last year was a clear case of have and have not in this league. The five teams in the top half of the standings outgained their conf foes by at least 80 ypg while the five teams in the bottom half of the standings all had losing records in Pac-10 play. With the unbalanced schedule, some teams have 5 HG's and others have 4 and that is important. The top 8 teams last year (excluding the two Wash tms) went a combined 28-8 at home. A check of Pac-10 records for the decade shows no surprise up top with USC at 59-16, Oregon #2 at 49-26 and OSU #3 at 45-30. At the very bottom is Arizona at 24-51 with Wash & Stanford next at 27-48. USC went thru a streak of 6 straight years without winning the Pac-10 but has now won 7 titles in a row. Last year was a strange one for the league. They went just 14-17 vs other conf's (7th best) and were a startling 1-6 vs the MWC in the reg season. Just when you count them out they go 5-0 in bowls. It is surprising that only 5 teams went bowling out of a 10 team league. They were the only conference last year to have only one team with 15 or more returning starters and this year 5 fit that bill.

2008 PAC-10 vs PAC-10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
3	Oregon	41.4	1	453.7	1	265.9	1	6.0	1	187.8	6	55.5	6	10.9	10	14	3	15	4
6	USC	36.1	2	453.6	2	213.9	3	5.3	3	239.7	2	62.3	2	12.6	5	15	4	14	3
18	Arizona	34.0	4	383.8	4	164.8	6	4.0	6	219.0	3	63.4	1	11.3	8	10	1	23	7
20	Oregon St	34.1	3	420.8	3	174.9	5	4.6	5	245.9	1	61.6	3	12.3	7	15	4	11	1
21	California	32.6	5	363.8	6	197.1	4	5.6	2	166.7	7	50.4	9	11.2	9	13	2	19	5
38	Stanford	28.6	6	369.1	5	217.7	2	5.1	4	151.4	9	57.1	4	12.9	4	16	7	12	2
86	Arizona St	23.8	7	294.1	7	93.3	8	2.9	8	200.8	4	56.3	5	12.4	6	15	4	27	8
103	UCLA	17.1	8	276.4	8	80.1	9	2.5	9	196.3	5	53.8	7	16.2	3	20	8	31	10
110	Washington	12.3	9	262.3	9	105.1	7	2.9	7	157.2	8	45.0	10	21.3	2	24	9	19	5
117	Wash St	8.6	10	196.0	10	72.0	10	2.2	10	124.0	10	52.5	8	22.9	1	26	10	28	9

2008 PAC-10 vs PAC-10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
1	USC	8.9	1	220.9	1	94.0	1	2.8	1	126.9	1	49.6	2	24.9	10	16	1	17	8
8	California	18.8	2	303.9	3	124.8	4	3.3	3	179.1	3	50.5	3	16.2	9	26	2	25	3
19	Oregon St	24.1	5	319.8	4	131.7	5	3.7	5	188.1	6	54.5	5	13.3	4	14	7	28	1
23	Arizona St	23.2	4	323.1	5	118.7	2	3.4	4	204.4	8	57.0	6	13.9	7	23	4	20	5
28	Arizona	22.7	3	326.0	6	136.6	6	4.3	7	189.4	7	53.7	4	14.4	8	16	3	19	6
42	UCLA	25.4	6	302.1	2	163.2	8	4.3	6	138.9	2	48.4	1	11.9	3	15	8	19	6
54	Oregon	27.7	7	384.2	7	122.9	3	3.1	2	261.3	10	57.3	7	13.9	6	24	5	27	2
67	Stanford	28.9	8	392.0	8	162.8	7	4.7	8	229.2	9	60.4	8	13.6	5	19	6	24	4
97	Washington	38.6	9	432.9	9	247.1	9	5.8	9	185.8	5	65.9	10	11.2	2	7	9	14	9
115	Wash St	50.3	10	468.7	10	283.1	10	6.0	10	185.6	4	61.4	9	9.3	1	8	10	6	10

2008 PAC-10 STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
USC	8	1	325	80	12	1	488	117	+232.7	+157.1	+84.2
Oregon	7	2	373	249	10	3	545	367	+69.5	+64.7	+136.4
Oregon St	7	2	307	217	9	4	397	300	+101.0	+18.3	+28.7
California	6	3	293	169	9	4	424	259	+59.9	+10.6	+32.2
Arizona	5	4	306	204	8	5	476	277	+57.8	-1.8	-80.3
Arizona St	4	5	214	209	5	7	274	272	-29.0	+10.1	+34.1
Stanford	4	5	257	260	5	7	315	329	-22.9	-175.9	-168.5
UCLA	3	6	154	229	4	8	212	348	-25.7	-11.8	-6.0
Washington St	1	8	77	453	2	11	165	570	-272.7	-4.8	+17.5
Washington	0	9	111	347	0	12	159	463	-170.6	-66.5	-78.3

Coach of the Year: Mike Riley, Oregon St

2007 PAC-10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	7	2	250	150	11	2	424	208
Arizona St	7	2	274	211	10	3	420	293
Oregon St	6	3	253	229	9	4	362	294
Oregon	5	4	301	231	9	4	496	307
UCLA	5	4	236	192	6	7	291	290
Arizona	4	5	257	249	5	7	336	322
California	3	6	218	241	7	6	381	348
Washington St	3	6	197	302	5	7	308	389
Stanford	3	6	148	280	4	8	235	339
Washington	2	7	272	321	4	9	380	411

Coach of the Year: Dennis Erickson, Arizona St

2006 PAC-10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	7	2	242	131	11	2	396	197
California	7	2	280	173	10	3	427	251
Oregon St	6	3	207	182	10	4	389	311
UCLA	5	4	198	169	7	6	299	259
Oregon	4	5	255	238	7	6	383	345
Arizona St	4	5	216	247	7	6	348	326
Washington St	4	5	208	212	6	6	295	277
Arizona	4	5	152	167	6	6	199	235
Washington	3	6	186	225	5	7	262	311
Stanford	1	8	74	274	1	11	127	377

Coach of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC

2008 PAC-10 LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Mark Sanchez, USC	366	241	65.8	10	3207	8.8	34	164.6
Willie Tuitama, Arizona	399	259	64.9	8	3088	7.7	23	144.9
Jeremiah Masoli, Oregon	239	136	56.9	5	1744	7.3	13	132.0
Rudy Carpenter, Arizona St	351	213	60.7	9	2493	7.1	16	130.3
Lyle Moevao, Oregon St	361	214	59.3	13	2534	7.0	19	128.4
Nate Longshore, California	164	93	56.7	4	1051	6.4	10	125.8
Kevin Riley, California	221	112	50.7	6	1360	6.2	14	117.9
Tavita Pritchard, Stanford	254	147	57.9	13	1633	6.4	10	114.6
Marshall Lobbestael, Wash St	103	53	51.5	4	571	5.5	4	103.1
Kevin Craft, UCLA	417	232	55.6	20	2341	5.6	7	98.7
Kevin Lopina, Washington St	153	87	56.9	11	841	5.5	0	88.7
Ronnie Fouch, Washington	250	113	45.2	13	1339	5.4	4	85.1

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	REC/PG	RECAVG	YDS/PG
Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St	13	70	1040	7	5.4	14.9	80.0
Rob Gronkowski, Arizona	10	47	672	10	4.7	14.3	67.2
Damian Williams, USC	13	58	869	9	4.5	15.0	66.8
Mike Thomas, Arizona	13	74	825	4	5.7	11.1	63.5
Michael Jones, Arizona St	12	61	744	4	5.1	12.2	62.0
Terence Scott, Oregon	13	50	751	5	3.8	15.0	57.8
D'Andre Goodwin, Washington	12	60	692	1	5.0	11.5	57.7
Shane Morales, Oregon St	13	54	743	8	4.2	13.8	57.2
Patrick Turner, USC	13	49	741	10	3.8	15.1	57.0
Brandon Gibson, Washington St	13	57	673	2	4.4	11.8	51.8
James Rodgers, Oregon St	12	51	607	4	4.3	11.9	50.6

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Kyle Williams, Arizona St	14	238	0	17.0
Mike Thomas, Arizona	29	392	2	13.5
Nate Kimbrough, Arizona St	12	151	0	12.6
Jairus Byrd, Oregon	26	320	1	12.3
Syd'Quan Thompson, California	28	344	1	12.3
Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St	35	359	0	10.3
Terrence Austin, UCLA	23	219	0	9.5
Stafon Johnson, USC	33	305	0	9.2
Doug Baldwin, Stanford	18	155	0	8.6

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Alterraun Verner, UCLA	18	2	20
Jairus Byrd, Oregon	14	5	19
Syd'Quan Thompson, California	14	4	18
Darian Hagan, California	15	3	18
Michael Norris, UCLA	13	3	16
Devin Ross, Arizona	13	3	16
Keenan Lewis, Oregon St	9	4	13
Walter Thurmond III, Oregon	8	5	13
Brandon Hughes, Oregon St	11	1	12
Marquis Hundley, Arizona	7	4	11
Al Afalava, Oregon St	8	2	10
Mike Nixon, Arizona St	5	5	10
Troy Nolan, Arizona St	6	4	10
Kevin Thomas, USC	7	3	10
Nate Ness, Arizona	8	2	10

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDSPG
Jahvid Best, California	12	194	1580	15	8.1	131.7
Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon St	11	259	1253	11	4.8	113.9
Toby Gerhart, Stanford	12	210	1136	15	5.4	94.7
Jeremiah Johnson, Oregon	13	168	1201	13	7.1	92.4
Nic Grigsby, Arizona	13	214	1153	13	5.4	88.7
LeGarrette Blount, Oregon	13	137	1002	17	7.3	77.1
Joe McKnight, USC	11	89	659	2	7.4	59.9
Jeremiah Masoli, Oregon	12	127	718	10	5.7	59.8
Anthony Kimble, Stanford	12	120	717	6	6.0	59.8
Shane Vereen, California	13	142	715	4	5.0	55.0
Stafon Johnson, USC	13	138	705	9	5.1	54.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Mark Sanchez, USC	13	52	16	366	3207	3223	247.9
Willie Tuitama, Arizona	13	49	-120	399	3088	2968	228.3
Lyle Moevao, Oregon St	11	36	-118	361	2534	2416	219.6
Jeremiah Masoli, Oregon	12	127	718	239	1744	2462	205.2
Kevin Craft, UCLA	12	82	20	417	2341	2361	196.8
Rudy Carpenter, Arizona St	12	52	-150	351	2493	2343	195.3
Tavita Pritchard, Stanford	12	66	113	254	1633	1746	145.5
Jahvid Best, California	12	194	1580	0	0	1580	131.7
Kevin Riley, California	11	30	-56	221	1360	1304	118.5
Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon St	11	259	1253	0	0	1253	113.9
Ronnie Fouch, Washington	11	44	-105	250	1339	1234	112.2

TFL

	NO	YDS
Zack Follett, California	23	138
Victor Butler, Oregon St	21.5	94
Nick Reed, Oregon	20	104
Slade Norris, Oregon St	18.5	119
Will Tukuafu, Oregon	17.5	71
Dexter Davis, Arizona St	15	95
Keaton Kristick, Oregon St	14	57
Brian Price, UCLA	14	54
Casey Matthews, Oregon	13	44
Mason Foster, Washington	12	32
Spencer Paysinger, Oregon	12	25

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Nick Reed, Oregon	13	83
Victor Butler, Oregon St	12	78
Dexter Davis, Arizona St	11	81
Zack Follett, California	10.5	99
Slade Norris, Oregon St	10	75
Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Washington	8	41
Brooks Reed, Arizona	8	57
Will Tukuafu, Oregon	7.5	46
Korey Bosworth, UCLA	7.5	45
Tom Keiser, Stanford	6	56
Tyson Alualu, California	6	51

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ronald Johnson, USC	14	380	0	27.1
Jahvid Best, California	16	421	0	26.3
Delano Howell, Stanford	11	284	0	25.8
Patrick Chung, Oregon	12	307	0	25.6
Walter Thurmond III, Oregon	21	528	0	25.1
James Rodgers, Oregon St	33	818	1	24.8
Terrence Austin, UCLA	46	1109	0	24.1
Jeremy Stewart, Stanford	14	328	0	23.4
Kyle Williams, Arizona St	27	630	0	23.3
Chris Owusu, Stanford	14	326	0	23.3
Chantz Staden, Washington St	43	970	0	22.6
Keola Antolin, Arizona	15	323	0	21.5
Mike Thomas, Arizona	14	317	0	22.6

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Mason Foster, Washington	12	58	47	105	8.8
Greg Laybourn, Oregon St	13	63	50	113	8.7
Morris Wooten, Arizona St	9	45	27	72	8.0
Xavier Hicks, Washington St	10	46	32	78	7.8
TJ Ward, Oregon	13	64	37	101	7.8
Mike Nixon, Arizona St	12	60	30	90	7.5
Spencer Paysinger, Oregon	13	45	50	95	7.3
Anthony Felder, California	13	37	56	93	7.2
Patrick Chung, Oregon	13	58	34	92	7.1
Reggie Carter, UCLA	12	48	35	83	6.9
Greg Trent, Washington St	13	52	36	88	6.8
Zack Follett, California	13	58	29	87	6.7
Michael Mohamed, California	13	51	36	87	6.7
Rey Maualuga, USC	12	51	28	79	6.6
Ronnie Palmer, Arizona	13	45	40	85	6.5

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Aaron Perez, UCLA	12	79	3571	45.2
Keenyn Crier, Arizona	13	48	2109	43.9
Bryan Anger, California	13	71	3063	43.1
Josh Syria, Oregon	13	53	2252	42.5
Thomas Weber, Arizona St	13	59	2442	41.4
Reid Forrest, Washington St	12	77	3174	41.2
David Green, Stanford	12	53	2116	39.9
Johnny Hekker, Oregon St	13	59	2342	39.7
Jared Ballman, Washington	12	65	2489	38.3
Greg Woidneck, USC	13	47	1733	36.9

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Jason Bondzio, Arizona	13	16	14	87.5	49
Kai Forbath, UCLA	12	22	19	86.4	53
Aaron Zagory, Stanford	12	17	14	82.4	52
Morgan Flint, Oregon	7	9	7	77.8	39
Thomas Weber, Arizona St	13	25	19	76.0	49
Giorgio Tavecchio, California	10	13	9	69.2	42
Nico Grasu, Washington St	12	13	9	69.2	47
David Buehler, USC	13	13	9	69.2	43
Justin Kahut, Oregon St	12	24	16	66.7	47
Ryan Perkins, Washington	12	11	7	63.6	38
Matt Evensen, Oregon	13	18	11	61.1	52

PHIL'S PAC-10 UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
USC	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	5	1
UCLA	7	8	3	4	3	3	4	1	5
Washington	1	10	7	9	8	4	8	10	10
Wash St	10	7	10	10	10	10	9	9	8
Arizona	6	6	2	6	7	4	3	7	6
Arizona St	9	9	6	8	3	1	6	2	4
Stanford	7	4	8	3	3	7	7	6	7
California	4	2	4	2	1	9	2	4	3
Oregon	3	4	4	5	6	8	5	8	8
Oregon St	5	3	9	6	8	4	9	3	2

USC TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart both won Heisman Trophies this decade from this position. In 2006 John David Booty (PS#1) who was Leinart's backup (10 gm '05) battled rFr Mark Sanchez (PS#2) who was '05's scout team Off MVP. Booty threw for 3,347 (61.7%) with a 29-9 ratio. In '07 Booty suffered a broken finger on his throwing hand and Sanchez started 3. Booty threw for 2,361 (63.2%) with a 23-10 ratio and was 9-0 vs Top 25 teams in his career. Sanchez threw for 695 (60.5%) with a 7-5 ratio. Last year Sanchez battled Aaron Corp (PS#9) and Ark transfer Mitch Mustain (PS#1). Mustain was 8-0 as a starter for the Hogs in '06 throwing for 894 (52.3%) with a 10-9 ratio. The Trojans' 238 ypg passing in '07 was their lowest since Carroll's first season in 2001 (227) and I said even with the loss of Booty they could improve. Sanchez threw for 3,207 (65.8%) with a 34-10 ratio (#1 P10 pass eff). In the bowl Sanchez passed for 413 and 4 TD's (only 3rd player to pass for 400+ in Rose Bowl). His backup switched during the year and at one point was WR/QB Garrett Green (PS#42). Mustain played in 8 (157 yds) while Corp played in 5 (14 yds) and took the #2 spot for the bowl. Not listed in the PSL below are John Manoogian (6'1" 200 rFr) and Chris McCaffery (6'3" 210 So). With Sanchez leaving early for the NFL (#1DC NYJ), this is the most inexperienced the group has been in years and true frosh Matt Barkley (PS#5) could win the job. This is the first time Carroll has had to replace his QB in B2B seasons.

RUNNING BACKS - This is a school known for its RB's with five Heisman Trophy winners in Mike Garrett, OJ Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen and Reggie Bush. In '06 they had to replace a tremendous set of RB's in Bush and powerful LenDale White who combined for 3,042 (7.7) with 40 rush TD's (697 yd rec). Chauncey Washington (PS#12) led in '06 with 744 (4.7). CJ Gable (PS#9) had 434 (3.9) and FB Allen Bradford (5'11" 225 Jr PS#3LB) added 42 (3.2). Carroll, who only recruits players that are not afraid of competition, came into Aug '07 with an amazing 11 VHT RB's. Stafon Johnson (PS#3) rushed for 144 vs Neb and 122 vs UW. He suffered a foot injury vs UW and was not 100% afterwards but still finished #2 (673, 6.9). Washington only topped 100 yds twice but led with 969 (5.0). The Trojans possessed outstanding FB's in Stanley Havili (134, 6.4) and Bradford (47 ttl yd). Last year the only loss was Washington(#7 DC) and they used a TB-by-commitee approach. Bradford (inj) RS. Johnson led with 705 (5.1) while Joe McKnight, who missed two had 659 (7.4) and Gable added 617 (5.8). Marc Tyler (6'0" 220 So, PS#1) had 198 (5.5). FB Havili added 71 (5.5) with 324 yards rec. The only loss this year is Broderick Green (PS#9, transfer). Not listed below is Curtis McNeal (5'8" 180 rFr, PS#34). This is a ridiculously deep RB corps again and could even top last year's production (195 ypg, 5.0 ypc).

RECEIVERS - In 2007 they had to replace a pair of #2DC's. TE Fred Davis won the Mackey Award and led with 881 (14.2). Patrick Turner was the top WR with 569 (11.9) and Vidal Hazelton (PS#6) added 540 (10.8). Last year they only had to replace Davis but Hazelton was limited with injuries (8 gm). Arkansas transfer Damian Williams (PS#11) had 5 starts for the Hogs as a true frosh with 235 (12.5). He became the featured WR here last year with 869 (15.0) and in the bowl had a career high 10-162. Turner improved to 741 (15.1) and soph Ronald Johnson (PS#14DB) added 570 (17.3). TE Anthony McCoy (PS#15) had 256 (11.6). This year they lose Turner (13 st, #3DC MIA), TE Jimmy Miller (1 rec) and Hazelton transferred. Not listed below are TE Michael Reardon (6'5" 275 So, PS#30DL) and WR's Spencer Vigoren (6'4" 220 Jr), Jordan Cameron (6'5" 220 Jr), Robbie Boyer (6'0" 175 rFr, PS#132), Drew Ness (6'0" 190 So), Preston Cavignac (6'0" 185 Jr), Scott Stephens (6'1" 180 Jr), Duron Sylvester (6'3" 210 Jr) and Sean Calcagnie (6'0" 190 Jr). This group is a little more experienced than 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, former Oregon HC Mike Bellotti said the Trojans had as good an O-line as he had ever seen and they averaged 6'5" 312 with 4 ret starters plus a '03 starter. The unit paved the way for 6.4 ypc rushing (3.5% sk). In '06 they had to replace 3 starters (all NFL DC's). The rushing productivity slipped even more than expected (4.0 ypc). In '07 they had to replace two starters and the unit was hit hard by injuries. The unit still paved the way for 197 ypg rush (5.0) with just 17 sacks (3.7%). Last year they lost their 20th 1st round OL DC since 1968 in LT Sam Baker and had just one starter returning but did have 5 back with starting experience. Surprisingly the inexperienced O-line matched '07's numbers with 195 ypg (5.0) with 18 sks allowed. This year they have the most experienced unit of the Carroll era with the entire 2 deep back. Not listed below are Abe Markowitz (6'2" 280 rFr) and Chris Pousson (6'4" 240 So). Surprisingly (tongue in cheek) they actually have players that are not VHT's in the 2 deep (8 out of 10 are!). This could be the top OL in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Trojans' defense allowed just 1.8 ypc rush in '03 and 2.6 (50 sacks) in '04 with their "Wild Bunch II" D-line. In '05 they had to replace the first pair of DL AA's (#1, #2 DC's) since 1969. They allowed 3.8 ypc rushing, their worst total since 2001. In '06 they had to replace two starters (#3, #6 DC's) but improved to 3.0 ypc rush (35 sk). In '07 they ret'd their top 2 in DT Sedrick Ellis (1st Tm Pac-10) and DE Lawrence Jackson (3rd Tm AA in '05) and one other starter. As expected, the ypc decreased to 2.5 while the sacks increased to 45. Last year they had to replace a pair of #1 DC's who combined for 19 sacks. With an exceptional LB corps behind them, the rush D was sound (87 ypg, 2.7) but the sacks did decrease to 29. This year they lose 3rd Tm AA DT Fili Moala (13 st, 10 tfl, #2DC IND), 2nd Tm Pac-10 DE Clay Matthews (10 st, 56 tkl, 4.5 sk, #1DC GB), DE Kyle Moore (13 st, 30 tkl, 5 sk, #4DC TB) and Gerald Washington (3 tkl). Everson Griffen was a 1st Tm Frosh AA in '07 and Carroll adds a 330 lb JUCO in Hebron Fangupo plus four VHT frosh (2 true, 2 RS). This unit has a lot of talent but is the least experienced DL they've had in years.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Trojans led the NCAA in ppg allowed (9.0) and a big reason for that was that they had the best set of LB's in the country. Last year's unit did have to replace #1 and #5 DC's but Rey Maualuga won the Bednarik Award and Brian Cushing was 1st Tm AA while Kaluka Maiava was 2nd Tm Pac-10 and the bowl's def MVP. This year Maualuga (12 st, #2DC CIN), Cushing (13 st, #1DC HOU) and Maiava (13 st, #4DC CLE) leave for the NFL. There are 8 VHT's in the 3 deep and while this is a quality unit, it is a lot less experienced. DC Seto says this year's LB corps is faster than the '08 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Under Pete Carroll, the Trojans have finished #16, #12, #7, #1, #9, #10, #6 and #1 in my pass D rankings. In 2007 they had all 4 starters back. Last year they only had to replace one starter. They yielded 134 ypg (52.1%) with a tremendous 6-19 ratio to grab the #1 spot. Starting SS Kevin Ellison missed 5 with inj. Then-DC Nick Holt felt they had 4 starting CB's in Cary Harris, Josh Pinkard, Kevin Thomas and Shareece Wright. This year they lose SS Ellison (8 st, 47 tkl, 1 int, 7 tfl, 1st Tm P10, #6DC SD) and CB Harris (HM P10, 38 tkl, 3 int, #6DC BUF) but return six of the top 8 and add 5 VHT true frosh. Not listed in the PSL are Daniel Harper (5'11" 185 So), Justin Hart (6'0" 175 Sr) and Omari Crittenden (6'0" 180 Jr). Amazingly Taylor Mays (PS#1), who is 6'3" 230 with 4.25 speed and would have been a high 1st round DC, opted to return. While the Trojans can't get any better than #1, they have a great shot at defending their pass D title.

SPECIAL TEAMS - USC finished #35, #15, #87 and #36 in my ST rankings from '03-'06. In '07 they surprisingly dropped to a Carroll era low of #101. Last year they had all of their key players back including K David Buehler (16-19 FG '07). I called for the unit to have a large improvement and they moved up to #50. Buehler hit 9 of 13 FG's (long 43). Stafon Johnson was the top PR (9.2) and Ronald Johnson was a dangerous KR (27.1). Buehler had an amazing 48 TB on 88 KO which was #1 in the NCAA. This year they lose Buehler (#5DC DAL) and P Greg Woidneck (33.0 net). As long as Carroll finds a capable P I look for the Trojans to improve in the rankings again. Carroll hired Brian Schneider as ST coord this year, the first full-time ST coord at USC since 2001.

COACHES - Pete Carroll had been the HC of the NYJ and New England Patriots. When he was hired, not too many Trojan fans were happy. When he opened up 2-5, the Trojan faithful began to countdown the days until his departure. Since then, USC has gone 86-10 with two National Titles. According to an article in the *LA Times* Pete Carroll is the highest paid private university employee in the United States earning $4.4mil per year. Carroll had coached the D himself, but in '06 he gave those duties to Nick Holt who was the Idaho HC and had been the LB coach here from '01-'03. Holt has moved on to Washington so the new DC is Rocky Seto, a former USC LB in his 11th year on the staff (7th as a full-time asst). Steve Sarkisian became the 3rd OC in 3 years in '07 but also leaves accepting the HC job at Washington. John Morton (OAK '97-'04, NO '06) has been the passing game coord here since '07 and was elevated to OC TY.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Pete Carroll inherited a team that had only topped 6 wins in a season once ('98) in the five years prior to his arrival. Carroll has since returned the Trojans to glory. They are the only team in the country to finish in the Top 5 in each of the last 7 years! In 2007 Carroll called the defense, which had 10 starters back, the fastest D he had ever coached. The veteran squad was the consensus preseason #1. The Trojans were an injury plagued team and suffered perhaps the biggest upset in NCAA history when they were stunned by Stanford ending a 35 game home win streak. After losing to #5 Oregon on the road, the Trojans dropped to #13 at 6-2 but were still arguably the best team in the country the final four games and thrashed #13 Illinois in the Rose Bowl, 49-17. In 2008 the Trojans had just 11 returning starters and had most of their tough Pac-10 games at home so they were the odds-on favorite for the Pac-10 Title again. USC had the most impressive ypg in Pac-10 play (+232.7) since 2005 (Bush, Leinart, White +274.5). In Wk 2 they faced #5 Ohio St. They did catch OSU without RB Beanie Wells and rolled 35-3. USC was stunned by Oreg St in their next game (trailed 21-0) on a Thursday night. The rest of the season USC was pretty much dominant as in their final 8 regular season games they won by an avg of 43-7!!! In the Rose Bowl vs #6 Penn St, one of the best teams in the country, they jumped out to 31-7 lead in their 38-24 win. Their 24 Rose Bowl wins are more than any other team has accomplished in any other bowl. It could easily be argued that the Trojans were once again the top team in the country. This year they have just 12 returning starters and while they lose 45 pts in the Draft (pg 308), it's actually less than they lost in 2008! The D allowed just 9.0 ppg, #1 in the NCAA and the top mark here S/'67. They have just 3 starters back on D and are much less experienced. The Trojans will be going for their record 8th straight Pac-10 Title. Even though the Trojans play 4 potentially ranked teams on the road (Ohio St, Cal, ND, Oreg), 7 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for an unbeaten season.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN MAROON

QB 15 Aaron Corp So. 6-4 195 **PS#9.** 5 gm rFr. **7** Matt Barkley (6'3" 220 Fr) **PS#5.** IFS. Mitch Mustain (6'3" 210 Jr) **PS#1.** 157 (69%) here LY. Garrett Green (6'2" 210 Sr) PS#42.

RB 13 STAFON JOHNSON SR. 5-11 215 **PS#3.** 690 (6.8), 14 gm '06-'07. 1 st, 705 (5.1) LY. **2 CJ Gable** (6'0" 200 Jr) **PS#9.** 577 (4.7) 2Y. 12 st, 617 (5.8) LY. **4** Joe McKnight (6'0" 200 Jr) **PS#3DB.**

FB 31 STANLEY HAVILI JR. 6-0 225 **PS#39RB.** 13 st, 134 (6.4) rFr. 11 st, 71 (5.5) LY. **10** DJ Shoemate (6'0" 220 So) **PS#5WR.** 9 gm true. Adam Goodman (6'1" 240 Sr) 13 gm LY.

WR 8 Ronald Johnson Jr. 6-1 185 **PS#14DB.** 1 st, 110 (15.7) true. 2 st, 13 gm, 570 (17.3) LY. **9** David Ausberry (6'4" 235 Jr) **PS#2.** 325 (10.2) 2Y. Brandon Carswell (6'1" 185 So) PS#56.

WR 18 DAMIAN WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 190 **PS#11.** Ark trans. RS '07. 9 st, 869 (15.0). **2nd Tm P10** LY. **19** Brice Butler (6'3" 215 rFr) **PS#17.** Travon Patterson (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#58. 88 (12.6) 3Y.

TE 86 ANTHONY McCOY SR. 6-5 255 **PS#15.** 17 gm, 2 rec 2Y. 13 st, 256 (11.6), HM P10 LY. **89** Blake Ayles (6'5" 255 So) **PS#1.** 41 (6.8) true. Rhett Ellison (6'5" 250 So) PS#42. 2 st, 58 (14.5) rFr.

C 61 KRISTOFER O'DOWD JR. 6-5 300 **PS#6.** 3 st, 7 gm true. 13 st, **1st Tm P10** LY. John Martinez is **PS#12. 64** Garrett Nolan (6'4" 280 Sr) 3 gm LY. **LS** Cooper Stephenson (6'3" 215 Jr).

RG 56 ALEX PARSONS SR. 6-4 300 PS#88DL. 13 gm true. 13 gm '07. L/10 st @ RG, 13 gm LY. **74** Zack Heberer (6'5" 300 Jr) PS#71. 5 st @ RG 2Y. Martin Coleman (6'5" 315 So) **PS#9.**

LG 53 JEFF BYERS SR. 6-4 285 **PS#1.** 4 st true. 13 st '07. 13 st @ LG, **3rd Tm AA** LY. **78** Khaled Holmes (6'4" 305 rFr) **PS#14. 77** Thomas Herring (6'6" 330 Sr) **PS#5DL.** 18 gm 3Y.

RT 68 BUTCH LEWIS JR. 6-5 300 **PS#20.** 3 st @ LT, 10 gm rFr. 7 st @ RT, 12 gm LY. **76** Nick Howell (6'5" 280 Sr) **PS#72.** 14 gm 2Y. 6 st @ RT, 12 gm LY. Matt Kalil (6'6" 290 rFr) **PS#7.**

LT 71 CHARLES BROWN SR. 6-6 295 PS#17TE. 13 gm rFr. 1 st @ RT, 9 gm '07. 13 st @ LT, HM P10 LY. **70** Tyron Smith (6'6" 270 So) **PS#5.** 10 gm true. **73** Steve Gatena (6'5" 290 Sr) 2 gm LY.

K 38 Jordan Congdon Sr. 5-9 175 **PS#1.** 24-30 FG, L/41 2Y at Neb. Trans '07, RS here. DNP LY. **30** Joe Houston (5'8" 170 Jr) PS#143JC. RS here '07. DNP LY. Jacob Harfman **PS#36JC.**

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN MAROON

DE 93 Everson Griffen Jr. 6-3 265 **PS#1.** 2 st, 13 gm, 21 tkl, 5.5 sk true. 3 st, 12 gm, 18 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **97** Malik Jackson (6'5" 230 So) **PS#54.** 4 tkl, 2 sk true. Devon Kennard is **PS#10.**

NT 44 CHRISTIAN TUPOU JR. 6-2 280 **PS#49.** 3 gm true. 10 st, 12 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Hebron Fangupo (6'2" 330 Jr) **PS#5JC. 91** Jurrell Casey (6'1" 280 So) **PS#28.** 12 tkl, 2 tfl, 12 gm true.

DT 99 Averell Spicer Sr. 6-2 295 **PS#15.** 20 tkl, 5 tfl, 3 st 3Y. **94** Armond Armstead (6'5" 290 So) **PS#19.** 10 tkl, 3 tfl true. **90** Derek Simmons (6'4" 285 Jr) **PS#60.** Move from OL.

DE 8 Nick Perry rFr. 6-3 240 **PS#7.** 4.5 spd. **96** Wes Horton (6'5" 245 rFr) **PS#20.** James Boyd (6'5" 230 Fr) **PS#8. 98** DaJohn Harris (6'4" 285 So) **PS#5TE.** 1 tkl rFr.

WLB 6 Malcolm Smith Jr. 6-1 225 **PS#12RB.** 6 tkl true. 18 tkl LY. Marquis Simmons **PS#8.** Jarvis Jones **PS#23DL.** Nick Garratt (6'1" 235 Sr) 6 tkl 3Y. **46** Ross Cumming (6'1" 220 So). 3 tkl true.

MLB 54 Chris Galippo So. 6-2 255 **PS#2.** 8 tkl but RS '07. 12 tkl, 2 tfl, 10 gm (inj) LY. Luthur Brown (6'2" 235 Sr) **PS#6.** 30 tkl 2Y. Inj LY. Uona Kaveinga (6'1" 235 So) **PS#36DL.** 3 tkl true.

SLB 17 Michael Morgan Jr. 6-4 220 **PS#12.** 9 tkl rFr. 1 st, 24 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **37** Jordan Campbell (5'11" 230 So) PS#93. 7 tkl, 12 gm rFr. Frankie Telfort is **PS#18.** Dan Deckas (5'10" 210 Jr) 7 gm 2Y.

CB 36 JOSH PINKARD SR. 6-2 210 **PS#60.** 7 st, 63 tkl, 9 pd 2Y. Inj '06/'07. 11 st, 39 tkl, 4 pd, HM P10 LY. **1** TJ Bryant (6'1" 190 So) **PS#12.** 7 tkl, 3 pd true. Brian Baucham (5'11" 190 rFr).

CB 24 Shareece Wright Jr. 6-0 180 **PS#56.** 44 tkl 2Y. 2 gm LY, RS. **15** Kevin Thomas (6'1" 185 Sr) **PS#23.** 17 tkl 2Y. RS '07. 2 st, 15 tkl, 10 pd LY. Marshall Jones (6'0" 185 Jr) **PS#10.** 6 tkl 2Y.

SS 26 Will Harris Sr. 6-1 200 **PS#21.** 1 tkl true. RS '06. 5 tkl '07. 5 st, 38 tkl, 5 pd LY. **23** Shane Horton (6'1" 210 So) UNLV trans. TJ McDonald is **PS#12.** Ryan McMahon (6'0" 200 So).

FS 2 TAYLOR MAYS SR. 6-3 230 **PS#1.** 62 tkl true. 65 tkl, 7 pd, HM P10 '07. 13 st, 53 tkl, 9 pbu, **1st Tm AA** LY. **19** Drew McAllister (6'1" 200 So). 16 tkl, 3 int true. Patrick Hall **PS#3.**

P NA Jacob Harfman Jr. 5-11 200 **PS#36JC.** Averaged 40.0 yds per punt at JUCO LY with 27 TB's on KO's. **25** Billy O'Malley (6'1" 195 Jr). Backup P 2Y. 3 punts 39.0 avg LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Patrick Hall 6-1 185 PS#3
OL	Kevin Graf 6-6 315 PS#9
DL	James Boyd 6-5 230 PS#8
QB	Matt Barkley 6-3 220 PS#5
DL	Devon Kennard 6-3 255 PS#10
DL	Hebron Fangupo 6-2 330 PS#5JC
DB	TJ McDonald 6-2 205 PS#12
OL	John Martinez 6-3 275 PS#12
LB	Jarvis Jones 6-3 225 PS#23DL
LB	Marquis Simmons 6-1 225 PS#8
DB	Byron Moore 6-1 205 PS#24
P/K	Jacob Harfman 5-11 200 PS#36JC
LB	Frankie Telfort 6-0 205 PS#18
WR	De'Von Flournoy 6-0 180 PS#27
DB	Jawanza Starling 6-1 190 PS#40
DB	Torin Harris 6-1 175 PS#55
DL	Kevin Greene 6-3 235 PS#111
RB	Simione Vehikite 6-0 245 PS#148

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#17

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USC	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	San Jose St	G						First meeting S/'01 (USC leads 3-0). The Trojans are 28-1 all-time vs current WAC members. USC has won 11 straight season openers by a 38-11 average margin.
Sep. 12	at Ohio St	A						USC leads the series 12-9-1 but has won the last 6 in this series. The last game in Columbus was in '90. The Trojans have won 8 straight non-conf BCS road games.
Sep. 19	at Washington	A						New UW HC Steve Sarkisian was a Trojans' coach for 7 yrs & the OC the L2Y. Under Carroll, USC is 8-0 S/'02 after a regular season loss with an avg score of 31-11.
Sep. 26	Washington St	G						In WSU's last visit to the Coliseum, former USC QB Booty threw for 4 TD's in the 47-14 victory. USC did not allow WSU to get past the Cougars 45 yd line the entire gm LY in the 69-0 shutout victory.
Oct. 3	at California	A						The Trojans held the Bears to just 165 total yds in last year's 17-3 victory. In their last visit to rain-soaked Berkeley, USC int'd a late Cal pass to hold onto the 24-17 win.
Oct. 10								Bonus: USC recorded it's largest victory since '31 in the 69-0 win LY vs Wash St.
Oct. 17	at Notre Dame	G						In his 2nd career start, QB Sanchez threw for 4 TD's as USC got their largest MOV ever vs ND in '07 38-0 w/a 462-165 yd edge. S/'02, USC has outscored Notre Dame by a 41-14 avg.
Oct. 24	Oregon St	G						Trailing 21-0 at HT, #1 USC lost in Corvallis for the 2nd consecutive time. USC has lost just 3 times to OSU S/'68 & has won 21 straight at home in the series.
Oct. 31	at Oregon	A						Two yrs ago in Eugene marked the 1st time S/'01 that the Trojans were a dog. Trailing 10-3, USC scored 41 unanswered pts to close out LY's blowout vs the Ducks.
Nov. 7	at Arizona St	G						In their last visit to Tempe, the Trojans handed the Sun Devils a 44-24 beatdown in front of a sold-out Thanksgiving crowd. USC has now won 9 straight in this series.
Nov. 14	Stanford (HC)	G						SU handed USC one of the biggest upsets in NCAA history in their last visit to the Coliseum ending USC's home win streak of 35 straight gms. USC is just 6-4 vs the Cardinal S/'99.
Nov. 21								
Nov. 28	UCLA	G						USC is 43-28-7 all-time vs the Bruins & has now won 9 of L/10 after LY's 28-7 victory. UCLA's '06 upset of the Trojans cost USC a trip to the National Championship gm.
Dec. 5	Arizona	G						In the Wildcats last trip to LA, Mark Sanchez made his 1st career start leading the Trojans back from a 3 pt, 4Q deficit pulling out the 20-13 victory. USC has now won 7 straight vs UA.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Carson Palmer 11,818 '98-'02
2. Matt Leinart 10,693 '02-'05
3. Rob Johnson 8,472 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Charles White 6,245 '76-'79
2. Marcus Allen 4,810 '78-'81
3. Anthony Davis 3,724 '72-'74

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnnie Morton 3,201 '90-'93
2. Dwayne Jarrett 3,138 '04-'06
3. Kareem Kelly 3,104 '99-'02

PETE CARROLL (Career 88–15)

9th Year at USC (Carroll's Bowl Record: 6-2)

Carroll's records AT USC

88-15	Straight Up	13-3	Vs Top 10
45-3	Home	32-7	Vs Top 25
36-10	Away	23-4	Vs BCS Teams
7-2	Neutral	19-6	Off A Bye
57-10	Vs Conference	10-3	Off A Loss

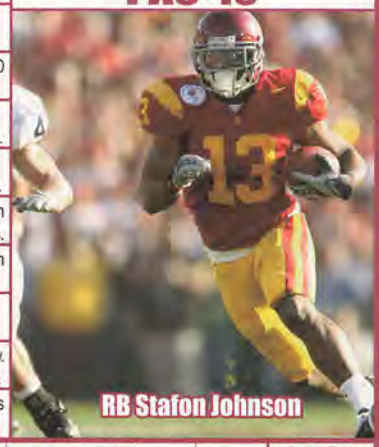
2008 RECORD: (12–1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 59 (31,26,2)
Lost: 20 (7,11,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 86,793 (#11)

PAC-10


RB Stafon Johnson

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000) (#9)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000 (Mora/Hoyt 1998)	2001 (Pete Carroll)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	6-6	11-2	12-1	13-0	12-1	11-2	11-2	12-1	93-22
Home	2-5	4-2	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	47-8
Away	2-2	2-3	4-2	5-1	5-0	6-0	4-2	5-1	5-1	38-12
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	8-2
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	7-1	7-1	8-0	8-0	7-2	7-2	8-1	59-16
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	4-1	5-0	5-0	4-1	4-0	4-0	4-0	34-6
ATS	3-9	6-6	9-4	11-2	8-5	6-7	7-6	7-6	7-5-1	64-50-1
Home Fav	0-5	1-3	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	2-4	4-1-1	28-22-1
Home Dog	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Favorite	0-2	2-1	3-1	4-1	2-3	3-3	2-4	4-1	2-4	22-20
Away Dog	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	6-2
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	7-3
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	6-2	7-1	4-4	4-4	3-6	4-5	3-5-1	39-35-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-4	3-2	4-1	4-1	2-3	4-0	3-1	4-0	25-15
Off SU Win	0-5	2-4	8-2	9-2	8-4	5-7	4-6	6-4	5-5-1	47-39-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	4-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	12-7

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Stafon Johnson	138	728	23	705	9	5.1
Joe McKnight	89	675	16	659	2	7.4
CJ Gable	107	644	27	617	8	5.8
Marc Tyler	36	201	3	198	1	5.5
Broderick Green	32	173	5	168	3	5.2
Stanley Havili	13	71	0	71	0	5.5
Allen Bradford	14	57	0	57	1	4.1
Mark Sanchez	52	140	124	16	3	0.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Mark Sanchez	366	241	65.8	3207	34	10
Mitch Mustain	16	11	68.8	157	2	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Damian Williams	58	869	15.0	9	35	
Patrick Turner	49	741	15.1	10	42	
Ronald Johnson	33	570	17.3	8	63	
Stanley Havili	24	324	13.5	3	50	
Anthony McCoy	22	256	11.6	1	26	
Joe McKnight	21	193	9.2	1	32	
David Ausberry	6	85	14.2	1	59	
CJ Gable	6	62	10.3	1	23	
Rhett Ellison	4	58	14.5	0	25	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Greg Woidneck	47	1733	36.9	16	33.0	0	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
David Buehler	65-66	3-3	4-5	2-5	0-0	9-13	43

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Rey Maualuga	79	0	2.5	4	2
Brian Cushing	73	3	7.5	6	1
Kaluka Maiava	66	0	7.5	5	1
Clay Matthews	56	4.5	4.5	2	0
Kevin Ellison	47	0	3.5	7	1
Taylor Mays	53	0	2	9	0
Josh Pinkard	39	0	1	3	1
Will Harris	38	0.5	4	3	2
Cary Harris	38	0	4	6	3
Fili Moala	30	4.5	5.5	1	0
Kyle Moore	30	5	4.5	2	0
Michael Morgan	24	1	4	0	0
Everson Griffen	18	4.5	1.5	0	0
Malcolm Smith	18	0	0.5	0	0
Drew McAllister	16	0	0	0	3
Kevin Thomas	15	2	0	7	3
Christian Tupou	12	0	3	1	0
Chris Galippo	12	0	2	1	1
Jurrell Casey	12	0	2	0	0
Armond Armstead	10	1	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Stafon Johnson	33	305	9.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ronald Johnson	14	380	27.1	0	
CJ Gable	7	196	28.0	1	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Orange - #1	-1	Oklahoma - #2	55-19
05	Rose - #1	-7	Texas - #2	38-41
06	Rose - #8	-1	Michigan - #3	32-18
07	Rose - #6	-14	Illinois - #13	49-17
08	Rose - #5	-9	Penn St - #6	38-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USC'S All-Time Bowl Record 31–16

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
4	37.5	455	195	5.0	260	65.5	12.1	18	+7	2008	7	9.0	222	87	2.7	134	52.1	24.6	29
6*	32.6	435	197	5.0	238	62.2	13.3	17	+2	2007	10	16.0	273	84	2.5	189	54.3	17.1	45
4	30.5	392	128	4.0	264	61.1	12.9	17	+4	2006	5	15.2	296	91	3.0	205	54.6	19.5	35
8*	49.1	580	260	6.4	320	64.9	11.8	17	+21	2005	5	22.8	361	131	3.8	230	59.7	15.8	32
6*	38.2	449	177	4.7	272	65.6	11.8	25	+19	2004	6	13.0	279	79	2.6	200	53.8	21.5	50
5	41.1	448	156	4.5	292	62.0	10.9	15	+20	2003	6	18.4	336	60	1.8	276	55.0	18.3	55
9*	35.8	449	142	3.6	307	63.4	12.6	23	+18	2002	5	18.5	285	83	2.8	202	49.8	15.4	43

2008 STATS BY GAME

USC 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
64,947	at Virginia	27	40-208	5.2	28-38	350	0	14	21-32	1.5	18-35	155	2	+2
93,607	Ohio St	21	32-164	5.1	18-30	184	1	15	34-71	2.1	21-30	136	5	+2
42,839	at Oregon St	16	22-86	3.9	18-29	227	1	22	45-176	3.9	18-28	167	1	-2
82,765	Oregon	28	39-155	4.0	24-36	443	2	18	39-60	1.5	20-33	179	4	0
84,956	Arizona St	16	40-210	5.3	15-29	177	2	16	36-75	2.1	15-37	154	3	-1
25,118	at Wash St	28	49-362	7.4	16-21	263	0	4	37-88	2.4	6-9	28	0	+3
57,427	at Arizona	19	41-151	3.7	21-36	216	3	13	30-100	3.3	14-31	88	3	-1
80,216	Washington	25	46-297	6.5	16-20	188	0	15	30-71	2.4	14-33	113	1	+3
88,523	California	22	36-173	4.8	18-30	238	3	13	26-27	1.0	15-31	138	4	0
50,425	at Stanford	21	43-282	6.6	11-18	136	3	21	41-202	4.9	14-27	165	1	0
90,689	Notre Dame	22	33-175	5.3	23-33	274	2	4	27-50	1.9	11-22	41	4	0
87,790	at UCLA	33	47-209	4.4	18-33	269	0	7	21-47	2.2	12-29	110	0	-1
93,293	† Penn St	27	35-61	1.7	28-35	413	1	19	29-137	4.7	21-37	273	1	+2
TOTALS		305	503-2533	5.0	254-388	3378	18	181	416-1136	2.7	199-382	1747	29	+7
AVERAGES		23.5	39-195	5.0	20-30	260	4.6%	13.9	32-87	2.7	15-29	134	7.6%	0.5

2004 RESULTS

USC Pre #1 — Post #1

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#1	† Virginia Tech	-17	24-13
#1	Colorado St	-24'	49-0
#1	at BYU	-26'	42-10
#1	at Stanford	-22	31-28
#1	California - #7	-7'	23-17
#1	Arizona St - #15	-10'	45-7
#1	Washington	-35	38-0
#1	at Washington St	-24'	42-12
#1	at Oregon St	-18	28-20
#1	Arizona	-35	49-9
#1	Notre Dame	-23'	41-10
#1	at UCLA	-22'	29-24

2005 RESULTS

USC Pre #1 — Post #2

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#1	at Hawaii	-36	63-17
#1	Arkansas	-30	70-17
#1	at Oregon - #24	-21	45-13
#1	at Arizona St - #14	-16	38-28
#1	Arizona	-38	42-21
#1	at Notre Dame - #9	-12	34-31
#1	at Washington	-30	51-24
#1	Washington St	-29'	55-13
#1	Stanford	-34	51-21
#1	at California	-18	35-10
#1	Fresno St - #16	-23	50-42
#1	UCLA - #11	-21	66-19

2006 RESULTS

USC Pre #6 — Post #4

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#6	at Arkansas	-8	50-14
#4	Nebraska - #19	-17'	28-10
#3	at Arizona	-21'	20-3
#3	at Washington St	-16'	28-22
#3	Washington	-19	26-20
#3	Arizona St	-19	28-21
#3	at Oregon St	-10	31-33
#9	at Stanford	-28	42-0
#7	Oregon - #21	-8'	35-10
#4	California - #17	-6	23-9
#3	Notre Dame - #6	-8'	44-24
#2	at UCLA	-11'	9-13

2007 RESULTS

USC Pre #1 — Post #3

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#1	Idaho	-47	38-10
#1	at Nebraska - #14	-9'	49-31
#1	Washington St	-25	47-14
#1	at Washington	-20'	27-24
#2	Stanford	-41	23-24
#10	Arizona	-21	20-13
#13	at Notre Dame	-17'	38-0
#9	at Oregon - #5	+2'	17-24
#13	Oregon St	-15	24-3
#12	at California - #24	-4	24-17
#11	at Arizona St - #7	-3	44-24
#8	UCLA	-19'	24-7

2008 RESULTS

USC Pre #3 — Post #3

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#3	at Virginia	-19'	52-7
#1	Ohio St - #5	-12	35-3
#1	at Oregon St	-25	21-27
#9	Oregon - #23	-16	44-10
#8	Arizona St	-28	28-0
#6	at Washington St	-42'	69-0
#6	at Arizona	-15	17-10
#7	Washington	-45	56-0
#7	California - #21	-22	17-3
#6	at Stanford	-24	45-23
#5	Notre Dame	-32	38-3
#5	at UCLA	-33	28-7

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - During his coaching career as both HC and OC, Jeff Tedford has had 7 QB's start an NFL game including six #1 DC's. In Tedford's first season here he inherited an underachieving Kyle Boller (career 47%). In Boller's only season under Tedford, he threw for 2,815 (53.4%) with a 28-10 ratio (#1DC BAL). Aaron Rodgers was next and left as a #1DC of the Packers. In '06 Nate Longshore (PS#18) became just the 2nd Cal QB to top 3,000 with 3,021 (60.2%) and a 24-13 ratio. Longshore had a 17-4 ratio early (7-8 L/7). In 2007 Longshore hit 64% with a 7-2 ratio in the first 4 but suffered a chipped bone in his ankle. RFr backup Kevin Riley (PS#33) hit 20-34 for 294 vs Ore St but ran the ball with no time-outs left costing the Bears an att at the game tying FG. Over the final five, Longshore completed just 55% with a 6-8 ratio as his ankle seemed to be worse in the 2H of games. Longshore threw for 2,580 (59.9%, 16-13) but was even booed in Cal's home win vs Wash St. Riley threw for 563 (64%) with a 5-1 ratio. Last year Longshore missed the spring and Riley won the job. Riley hit just 6 of 13 for 59 vs Colo St and Longshore started the next 2 but the QB's alternated often and put up the weakest stats of the Tedford era combining for 2,411 (53.2%) with a 24-10 ratio. This year Longshore (4 st) departs. Brock Mansion (PS#27), who played in 2 as a rFr (6 att), Beau Sweeney (rFr, PS#24) and Ryan Wertenberger (6'2" 207 rFr) are Riley's backups. I'll call for Cal to improve their passing stats.

RUNNING BACKS - JJ Arrington rushed for 2,018 (7.0) in '04. VHT Marshawn Lynch (PS#23) was his backup as a true frosh and rushed for 628 (8.8!). In '05 the job was Lynch's and he rushed for 1,246 (6.4) with Justin Forsett starting 3 and rushing for 999 (7.6!). In '06 three OL's were taken in the draft and Lynch was banged up but still earned Pac-10 Off POY rushing for 1,356 (6.1). Forsett saw his ypc drop to 5.3 (626 yd). Lynch left early for the NFL in '07 (#1DC) and Forsett finished 2nd in the Pac-10 with 1,546 (5.1). Speedy true frosh Jahvid Best (PS#10) had 221 (7.6!). Best had a hip injury and was ? for 2008 and many wondered about his durability as a feature back. Best answered all those ? as he led the Pac-10 in rushing with 1,580 (8.1) despite missing one (wore a cast on elbow for a third of the yr). Best runs the 100m in 10.31. Best was #2 in the Pac-10 until the season finale when he set a school record (Jerry Drew 283 yds in 1954) rushing for 311 (16.4). He set an Emerald Bowl record (186) and finished #2 in Cal's single season totals. Backup Shane Vereen had an 81 yd TD run vs Mich St and had 144 ttl yds in a start vs Ariz St. Both RB's return and adding depth are Covaughn DeBoskie (5'11" 205 rFr, PS#17), Kevin Lewis (5'9" 180 rFr), Langston Jackson (6'1" 227 rFr) and FB's Peter Geurts (6'1" 215 So), Matt Russi (5'9" 237 Sr), John Tyndall (6'0" 236 So, PS#158LB), Eric Stevens (6'0" 229 rFr) and Will Kapp (5'10" 216 So). They do lose an underrated FB in Will Ta'ufo'ou (9 st) who was called one of the keys to the offense as well as his backup Zach Smith and TB Tracy Slocum (125 yd). I look for Best to become Cal's 8th straight 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Last year this unit was very inexperienced as they had to replace their top 4 rec including #2, #3 and #4 DC's. Normally the Bears have at least a pair of players who snag 30 or more rec but did not find a go-to receiver in '08. Florida transfer Nyan Boateng (PS#8) led with 439 (15.1) while TE Cameron Morrah (PS#63DL) had 326 (12.1). Late JUCO signee Verran Tucker (PS#86) had 362 (17.2).Departing this year are LaReylle Cunningham (4 st, 276), Sean Young (6 st, 192) and Morrah (13 st, #7DC SEA) who left early for the NFL. Not listed below are Ross Bostock (6'0" 192 rFr), Quinn Tedford (5'11" 158 So, Jeff's son) and TE's Jarrett Sparks (6'1" 229 rFr, PS#57). Savai'i Eselu (6'3" 251 So, PS#41), Garry Graffort (6'3" 242 Jr) and Skylar Curran (6'4" 256 Sr, PS#212JC). This group is a lot more experienced than LY with 84 career rec back (21 LY).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year Cal had to replace two starters and one backup but RT Mike Tepper (13 st '07) was injured so they only had 2 starters back. LG Chris Guarnero was lost after 3 starts while OT Chet Teofilo was lost after 7 starts. It was surprising the unit improved to 186 ypg rush (5.6) but allowed 25 sacks (6.3%). This year they lose 2nd Tm AA C Alex Mack (13 st, 3Y st'r, #1DC CLE) and 2nd Tm P10 RG Noris Malele (12 st, 3Y st'r). They have 3 back who started the last 6 together and Tepper, Guarnero and Teofilo are back in the lineup. Even with the loss of their stars, they could improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cal's defensive strength this decade has been their DL play. In '07 they had to replace three starters and had just one career sack returning. As expected, Cal dropped allowing 4.0 ypc rush with 22 sacks. Last year the unit ret'd almost intact although it was an inj plagued group and true frosh Trevor Guyton (PS#69) was forced to burn his RS midseason. They opened the season in a 4-3 but switched to a 3-4. Cal still improved allowing 122 ypg (3.2) with 35 sacks. This year they lose DE Rulon Davis (6 st, 19 tkl, 4 sk) and DT Mika Kane (3 st, 14 tkl). I list them with 3 starters returning as 3 are back that had 8+ starts. This is a deep group that should help overcome their LB losses.

LINEBACKERS - This unit is my biggest concern on the entire team. In 2007 Cal returned just one LB starter and allowed 7.5 more ppg than in '06. Last year the unit ret'd basically intact with their #2, #3 and #5 tacklers back (only losing #8 and #16 tkl'r) but they switched to a 3-4 due to LB depth. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are HM P10 ILB's Anthony Felder (12 st, #1 tkl'r), Worrell Williams (13 st, #6 tkl'r), 1st Tm P10 OLB Zack Follett (13 st, #2 tkl'r, 10.5 sk, #7DC DET) and Shea McIntryre (5 tkl). The 3 starters lost had 742 career tackles. Tedford has commented "I feel really good about the spot" and does add five VHT's to the unit (3 JC's, 1 rFr, 1 true) and do return their #3 and #11 tacklers. While clearly weaker, they may not drop as much as expected.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Cal was #10 in my pass D rankings in '04 and with 3 starters back in '05 was #11. In '06 they had just one starter back but it was CB Daymeion Hughes (6'2", 4.4 spd) who won Pac-10 Def POY. Cal slipped to #26. In '07 they had to replace Hughes and dropped to #54, its lowest finish since '01 (#96). Last year they had to replace 2 (#3DC) but had five back with starting experience. One of the two ret starters, FS Bernard Hicks, had just 2 starts (miss 7). CB Syd'Quan Thompson earned 1st Tm P10 with 18 pd's. With a strong front 7, Cal climbed back to #3 allowing a super 12-24 ratio. This year they lose Hicks (23 tkl) but have 9 (6 w/ st exp) of the top 10 back including 3 VHT starters. Not listed in the PSL below are Charles Amadi (5'10" 186 Jr, PS#310), Jesse Brooks (5'11" 197 Jr), Tyre Ellison (6'2" 184 rFr) and Jonathan Dawson (5'10" 194 Jr). This is one of the best secondaries in the country with their starting CB's combining for 7 int's and 29 pbu in 2008.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Tedford's first 4 seasons, they were #33, #47, #69 and #34 in my ST rankings. In '06, they brought in DeSean Jackson, who won the first ever Randy Moss Returnman Award and outstanding K Tom Schneider, who hit 15 of 20 FG's (3 miss 50+) and they jumped to #2. Schneider missed '07 and Jordan Kay hit 13 of 20 FG's (long 47). Jackson had an injury plagued season and saw his return totals drop and Cal fell to #49. Last year Kay was beat out by true frosh David Seawright (PS#70). Three days before the start of the season Giorgio Tavecchio was brought in to be the KO specialist (strongest leg). Seawright was inj and Tavecchio hit 9 of 13 FG's (long 47). The team had just 1 TB and 8 OOB. Bryan Anger did make my Frosh AA Team as a punter (36.0 net) and CB Thompson was solid on PR (12.3) while Best avg 26.3 on KR despite his injuries. Overall Cal dropped to #71 but with everyone back they have a shot at a Top 25 finish.

COACHES - Jeff Tedford was the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in his first season and again in '04. He had previously been the OC at both Oregon and Fresno and has produced many fine NFL QB's. This year they bring in their 4th OC in 4 years after LY's OC Frank Cignetti left for Pitt mid-Feb. The new OC is Andy Ludwig who took over Tedford's spot as OC at Fresno St in '98 and at Ore in '02 when Tedford moved on. Ludwig has been Utah's OC the last 4 yrs and was part of their unbeaten '08 season. Co-OC and OL coach Jim Michalczik left for the OAK Raiders. DC Bob Gregory enters his 8th year here and his last 6 D's have ranked #4, #3, #1, #3, #6 and #4 in the Pac-10. He also was a candidate for the WSU HC job in '08.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004, I called Cal my #2 surprise team in the country and forecasted that they would go from 8-6 to a potential 10 or 11 win season. In a road trip to USC, Cal had 28-12 FD and 424-205 yard edges but came up short failing to score on 1&gl from the 9 and lost by 6. Those 6 points cost them the P10 Title and a trip to the 2004 National Title game. The Bears amazingly outgained P10 foes in '04 by +158.5 ypg (+23 ppg!) even better numbers than the Trojans! Cal was very inexperienced in '05 with just 8 starters back. That team still opened 5-0 and rose to #10 but then went 2-4 before beating BYU in the bowl. Their 8-4 finish was the 2nd best under Tedford despite their first negative turnover margin (-6). They finished #25 (#9 in '04) which was the first time since '50-'51 that Cal finished ranked in B2B years. In '06 expectations were high for Cal. They opened #9 but were whipped by Tenn on the road. They rebounded to win their next 8, but with a huge matchup vs USC on deck, they lost to Ariz in Tucson. Still, if they had beaten USC they would have had their first trip to the Rose Bowl S/'59 and they led 9-6 at the half but lost. They won a share of the P10 Title, their first conf title S/'75. They thrashed A&M 45-10 in the Holiday Bowl and it was the first time in school history that they had been to 4 straight bowls. In 2007 it was the same story for Cal as they had a great start and poor finish. Cal was ranked #12 and picked 2nd in the P10. I was beaten up by Cal fans during the offseason as I picked them 5th in the P10 and did not have them ranked. Things looked pretty bad for my prediction as the Bears opened 5-0 knocking off #11 Oregon on the road. They were trying to become the first Cal team to open 6-0 in 57 years and were #2 in the polls. Cal went just 1-6 down the stretch including their first loss to Stanford in 6 yrs. They trailed AF by 3TD's in the bowl after susp some key players in the 1Q but rallied for a 42-36 win (AF QB Carney inj) and avoided a losing season going 7-6. Last year Cal had just 10 starters returning but had 5 P10 home games. Cal dispatched Mich St 38-31 in the opener and walloped Wash St 66-3. Travelling to the East Coast and playing at 9:00 am PST they lost to MD by 8. After beating CSU and ASU they moved back up to #25 and led Ariz 24-14 at the half but ended up losing 42-27. After beating UCLA, then knocking off Ore in a downpour, they rose to #21. They only trailed USC 10-3 at the half but the Trojans got a TD with 2:59 left for a tight 14 point win. The next week Cal trailed Oreg St 27-21 and had the ball but was int'd and it was ret'd 25 yds for a TD w/:31 left. Cal rebounded to beat Stanford and UW and then Miami in the Emerald Bowl to finish 9-4. Cal finished alone in 4th in the P10 at 6-3. Their +59.9 ypg in P10 play was 4th best and Cal's best S/'04. This year Cal has 15 ret starters. On the negative side they had 2 net close wins and benefited from +15 in TO's with an off ypp of 11.53 (pg 299). Cal is the 2nd most talented tm in the P10 and gets USC at home giving them a shot at ending USC's control of the league. Cal makes my list of Surprise Teams (pg 20) as I feel they are a Darkhorse National Title contender.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 13 KEVIN RILEY JR. 6-2 221 PS#33. 15 gm, 10 st, 1923 (53.4%) 19-7 ratio 2Y. Brock Mansion (6'5" 237 So) **PS#27.** 2 gm, 26 (50%) 0-0 LY. Beau Sweeney (6'2" 226 rFr) **PS#24.**

RB 4 JAHVID BEST JR. 5-10 195 **PS#10.** 700 all-purp yd true, 10 gm, 1st Tm P10. 11 st LY, **1st Tm P10,** 1580 **(8.1).** 27 rec (9.1). **34** Shane Vereen (5'10" 198 So) **PS#25.** 3 st rFr, 715 (5.0).

WR 1 Marvin Jones So. 6-2 190 **PS#20.** 1 rec (inj) LY. **3** Jeremy Ross (5'11" 216 Jr) PS#250. 6 st LY, 17 rec (12.4). **FB** Brian Holley (5'9" 235 Sr) 1 st, 24 gm, 42 all-purp yds 3Y.

WR 8 NYAN BOATENG SR. 6-2 211 **PS#8.** 4 rec true. **Fla transfer.** DNP '07. 5 st LY here 439 (15.1). **84** Michael Calvin (6'2" 205 So) 103 (12.9). **2** Charles Satchell (6'2" 208 rFr) PS#155.

WR 86 VERRAN TUCKER SR. 6-1 204 **PS#86JC.** 7 st LY, 362 (17.2). **5** Alex Lagemann (6'1" 205 So) **PS#47.** Inj L2Y. Markish Jones (6'1" 190 Jr) PS#138JC. 39 rec (13.4) JUCO LY.

TE 45 Spencer Ladner rFr. 6-7 253 **PS#13.** '08 Scout Tm POY. **44** Tad Smith (6'5" 254 Sr) 3 st DE '07, 13 tkl. 1 st TE LY, 3 rec (7.7). **80** Anthony Miller (6'3" 258 So) 10 gm true, 1 rec.

C 54 Chris Guarnero Jr. 6-2 275 **PS#41.** 3 st LG (inj) LY. 1 gm '07. **65** Dominic Galas (6'1" 281 rFr) **PS#100. 57** Todd Huber (6'3" 296 So) **PS#82. LS** Matt Rios (6'1" 236 rFr) PS#240.

RG 58 Chet Teofilo Sr. 6-3 329 7 st LY (inj). 1 st '07. **75** Matt Summers-Gavin (6'4" 291 rFr) **PS#16. 73** Richard Fisher (6'4" 290 Jr) 7 gm LY. **52** Justin Gates (6'1" 281 So) PS#351.

LG 70 MARK BOSKOVICH JR. 6-4 304 PS#464. 13 gm rFr. 10 st LY, 13 gm. **61** Justin Cheadle (6'2" 299 So) PS#131. 1 st rFr, 10 gm. **77** Tyler Rigsbee (6'4" 275 rFr) **PS#50.** Mark Brazinski **PS#35.**

RT 72 MITCHELL SCHWARTZ SO. 6-6 335 **PS#57.** 13 st rFr (10LT, 3 RT). **78** Justin Prueitt (6'4" 278 Jr). Charles Siddoway **PS#45. 74** TJ Emery (6'3" 291 So) 1 gm LY. **52** Justin Gates (6'1" 281 So) PS#351.

LT 79 MIKE TEPPER SR. 6-7 319 PS#189. DNP '05 (inj). 2 st '06. 13 st RT '07. DNP LY (inj). **53** Donovan Edwards (6'5" 285 Jr) PS#506JC. **L/6 st** LY. Sam DeMartinis (6'5" 293 So) **PS#51.**

K 40 GIORGIO TAVECCHIO SO. 5-8 173 Soccer. 9-13 FG true, L/42, 25-25 xp, 52 KO, 1 TB. Vince D'Amato PS#86. **46** David Seawright (6'3" 223 So) PS#70. 5-7 FG true, L/37, 26-26 xp, 16 KO.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 97 CAMERON JORDAN JR. 6-4 287 PS#91. 18 tkl true, 1 sk, 13 gm. 8 st LY, HM P10. 47 tkl, 4 sk, 7 tfl. **47** Keith Browner (6'6" 268 Jr) **PS#46.** 8 tkl LY. **40** Aaron Tipoti (6'2" 281 rFr).

DT 76 DERRICK HILL JR. 6-2 302 **PS#22.** 1 st 2Y, 29 tkl. 9 st LY, 29 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Kendrick Payne (6'2" 300 rFr) PS#255. **77** Michael Costanzo **PS#49OL.** 10 gm '07-'08. 3 tkl.

DT 44 TYSON ALUALU SR. 6-3 295 PS#113. 14 st 2Y, 68 tkl, 2.5 sk. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm P10,** 62 tkl, 6 sk, 5 tfl. **95** Ernest Owusu (6'4" 263 So) 5 gm rFr, 5 tkl. Trevor Guyton (6'3" 293 So) **PS#69OL.**

OLB 9 Eddie Young Sr. 6-0 239 PS#59TE. 13 gms '07, 12 tkl, 1 sk. 8 st LY, 40 tkl, 1.5 tfl. Jerome Meadows (6'3" 240 Jr) **PS#49JC. 43** Charles Johnson (6'1" 232 Jr) 7 tkl.

ILB 18 MICHAEL MOHAMED JR. 6-3 237 PS#266WR. 1 st '07, 46 tkl, 3 pbu. 5 st LY, HM P10, 87 tkl, 6 tfl, 3 int. **3** DJ Holt (6'1" 250 So) PS#119DL. 14 tkl. Robert Mullins (5'11" 222 rFr) **PS#50.**

ILB 10 Devin Bishop Sr. 6-1 239 **PS#42JC.** JCAA '07. 12 gm LY, 13 tkl. Mychal Kendricks (6'0" 230 So) PS#77. 15 tkl, 1 sk true. Solomona Aigamaua (6'1" 246 So). DNP '08.

OLB NA Jarred Price Jr. 5-11 218 **PS#12JC.** Ryan Davis (6'4" 247 Jr) **PS#33.** 11 tfl, 5 sk at JC LY. Chris Little (6'2" 224 rFr) PS#91WR. **48** JP Hurrell (6'0" 205 Fr) PS#80DB. GS.

CB 5 SYD'QUAN THOMPSON SR. 5-9 191 **PS#20.** 26 st 2Y, 138 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 12 pbu. **1st Tm P10** LY, 13 st, 70 tkl, **14 pbu,** 4 int, 2 sk, 5.5 tfl. **15** Bryant Nnabuife (6'1" 200 Jr). **2** Marc Anthony (6'0" 194 rFr) **PS#60.**

CB 26 DARIAN HAGAN JR. 6-0 186 **PS#23.** 13 st LY, 56 tkl, 2.5 tfl, **15 pbu,** 3 int. **17** Chris Conte (6'3" 205 Jr) PS#187. 4 st 2Y, 60 tkl, 7 pbu. **23** Josh Hill (5'9" 194 rFr) PS#328.

ROV 29 MARCUS EZEFF SR. 5-11 219 **PS#50.** 4 st '06-'07, 21 gm, 59 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st LY, 66 tkl, 6 pbu, 3 int. **7** DJ Campbell (5'11" 198 So) PS#92. 9 gm rFr, 4 tkl. Alex Logan PS#112.

FS 25 BRETT JOHNSON SR. 6-1 194 PS#186. 24 gm, 1 st, 12 tkl 2Y. 9 st LY, 43 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int. **11** Sean Cattouse (6'2" 206 So) PS#97. RS '07. 2 st rFr, 11 gm, 13 tkl, 5 pbu, 3 int.

P 19 BRYAN ANGER SO. 6-3 199 **PS#1.** 71 punts as rFr, **1st Tm FR AA, 2nd Tm P10,** 43.1 avg, 36.0 net, long of 76, 26 inside 20. **35** Ryan Theimer (6'2" 195 So) PS#96.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Jarred Price 5-11 218 PS#12JC
DL	Deandre Coleman 6-6 309 PS#24
OB	Allan Bridgford 6-3 210 PS#15
LB	Ryan Davis 6-4 247 PS#33JC
DB	Steve Williams 5-10 160 PS#37
LB	Jerome Meadows 6-3 240 PS#49JC
OL	Mark Brazinski 6-4 293 PS#35
RB	Dasarte Yarnway 6-0 222 PS#52
OL	Charles Siddoway 6-7 325 PS#45
LB	Steven Fanua 6-1 203 PS#41
WR	Markish Jones 6-1 190 PS#138JC
DB	Alex Logan 6-2 190 PS#112
OL	Brian Schwenke 6-3 260 PS#119
RB	Isi Sofele 5-7 170 PS#116
DB	Vachel Samuels 6-0 175 PS#138
LB	JP Hurrell 6-0 205 PS#80DB '08
OL	Charles Ragland 6-8 285 PS#248
DL	Keni Kaufusi 6-2 275 PS#504
K	Vince D'Amato 6-1 195 PS#86

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#51

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CAL	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Maryland	A				
Sep. 12	E Washington	A				
Sep. 19	at Minnesota	A				
Sep. 26	at Oregon	A				
Oct. 3	USC	A				
Oct. 10						
Oct. 17	at UCLA	G				
Oct. 24	Washington St	A				
Oct. 31	at Arizona St	G				
Nov. 7	Oregon St	A				
Nov. 14	Arizona	A				
Nov. 21	at Stanford	G				
Nov. 28						
Dec. 5	at Washington	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Taylor 8,126 '86-'89	1. Russell White 3,367 '90-'92	1. Geoff McArthur 3,188 '00-'04
2. Kyle Boller 7,980 '99-'02	2. Marshawn Lynch 3,230 '04-'06	2. Bobby Shaw 2,731 '94-'97
3. Pat Barnes 7,360 '93-'96	3. Justin Forsett 3,220 '04-'07	3. DeSean Jackson 2,423 '05-'07

Last year in a game played at 9:00 am PST, the Bears got off to a sluggish start & trailed 21-3 in the 2Q & the comeback fell short despite three 4Q TD's.

First meeting. The Bears are 7-0 all-time vs the Big Sky Conf winning by an avg 41-9. Eagles went 6-5 LY including a 49-24 loss to Texas Tech & a 31-24 loss to Colorado.

The Bears have played the Big Ten 5 times S/'02 winning all 5 by an avg of 16 ppg. That includes an '06 meeting with Minnesota as they gained 531 yds in the 42-17 win.

Cal snapped a 7 gm losing streak at Autzen Stadium in their last visit here in '07 as they forced four 4Q TO's to prevail. Cal HC Tedford was the Oregon OC from '98-'01.

Cal has now lost 5 straight to USC including LY's 17-3 loss in a gm where they only managed 165 ttl yds. The Bears had a late pass int'd in their comeback effort the last time in Memorial Stadium.

The Golden Bears pulled away with a 24 pt 4Q in LY's win vs the Bruins in Berkeley. Cal trails the all-time series 29-49-1 & the visitor has lost 9 straight by an avg of 14 ppg.

In LY's gm in Pullman, RB Best rushed for 200 yds & 3 TD's in their 66-3 dismantling of the Cougars. After losing 4 straight gms to WSU from '99-'02, the Bears have now won 4 straight of their own.

After being the bkup for the 1st 4 gms, QB Longshore returned to the starting lineup to lead Cal past ASU 24-14. In last visit to Tempe, ASU outscored the Bears 17-0 in the 2H to pull out their 1st win vs Cal S/'00.

In OSU's last visit here Cal QB Riley made his 1st career start nearly leading the Bears back from a 10 pt, 4Q deficit. Prior to the loss, Cal was ranked #2, their highest ranking S/'67.

Last yr after leading 24-14 at the half, #25 Cal allowed 28 3Q pts to the Wildcats. In UA's last trip to Berkeley, the Bears were aided by 4 Wildcats TO's in the 45-27 win.

This yr will mark the 103rd football edition of the "Big Game" with Cal winning 6 of the L/7. Last time here the Bears were held to 3 pts & 103 yds in the 2H of the upset loss.

LY Bears' RB Best rushed for a school-record 311 yds (4 TD's) in Cal's 48-7 thrashing of the Huskies. Cal had actually lost 19 straight to the Huskies prior to the arrival of HC Tedford (6-1 since).

JEFF TEDFORD (Career 59–30)

8th Year at California — Tedford's Bowl Record: 5-1

Tedford's records AT CALIFORNIA

59-30	Straight Up	1-5	Vs Top 10
35-9	Home	11-12	Vs Top 25
19-19	Away	10-4	Vs BCS Teams
5-2	Neutral	12-6	Off A Bye
36-23	Vs Conference	18-11	Off A Loss

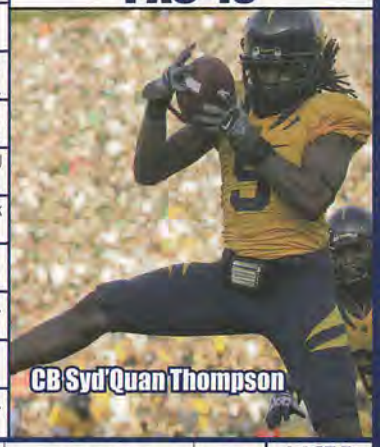
2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (24,26,3)
Lost: 21 (12,7,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 61,634 (#31)

PAC-10


CB Syd'Quan Thompson

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (71,799) (#26)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	1-10	7-5	8-6	10-2	8-4	10-3	7-6	9-4	63-48
Home	2-3	0-6	4-3	4-2	5-0	4-2	7-0	4-2	7-0	37-18
Away	1-5	1-4	3-2	3-3	5-1	3-2	2-3	2-4	1-4	21-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-2
vs Conf	2-6	0-8	4-4	5-3	7-1	4-4	7-2	3-6	6-3	38-37
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	3-1	3-3	3-1	4-0	3-1	4-0	3-1	25-11
ATS	7-4	3-8	8-4	9-4-1	7-5	3-8	6-6	4-9	9-4	56-52-1
Home Fav	0-2	0-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-3	3-3	2-3	7-0	22-18
Home Dog	3-0	1-4	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	6-7
Away Favorite	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	0-4	1-2	9-13
Away Dog	4-2	2-2	4-1	2-1-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	15-11-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	4-3
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	4-5	2-7	7-2	40-34-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	3-1	4-2	1-3	0-3	2-1	2-2	2-2	16-18
Off SU Win	3-0	0-0	3-3	4-3	5-5	2-5	5-3	2-4	5-3	29-26
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-7	4-1	4-1-1	1-0	1-3	1-2	1-5	3-1	21-24-1

Jim Mora (1997-2001) / Jeff Tedford (2002-2008)

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Holiday - #4	-11	Texas Tech - #23	31-45
05	Las Vegas	-8	BYU	35-28
06	Holiday - #20	-3	Texas A&M - #21	45-10
07	Armed Forces	-4	Air Force	42-36
08	Emerald	-10	Miami, Fl	24-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

California's All-Time Bowl Record 10–8–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
3*	32.6	376	186	5.6	190	52.6	11.5	25	+15	2008	7	19.9	315	122	3.2	193	51.6	15.8	35
8*	29.3	407	166	4.9	242	60.0	13.9	11	-3	2007	5	26.8	379	164	4.0	214	60.6	14.2	22
7*	32.8	416	163	5.0	253	59.3	12.7	13	+6	2006	7	19.3	366	125	3.8	241	56.3	19.0	26
5	32.9	428	235	5.8	193	52.0	13.0	23	-6	2005	3	21.2	360	119	3.3	240	55.9	17.0	32
6*	36.8	492	257	6.1	236	66.2	13.4	25	+2	2004	8	16.0	321	83	2.7	238	51.9	20.1	37
6	32.6	433	168	4.3	265	61.5	13.3	29	+3	2003	2	24.4	385	134	3.7	251	55.9	15.8	38
7*	35.6	356	108	3.3	248	53.7	10.0	25	+18	2002	8	26.5	393	114	3.0	279	58.2	14.8	44

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jahvid Best	194	1653	73	1580	15	8.1
Shane Vereen	142	754	39	715	4	5.0
Tracy Slocum	22	132	7	125	1	5.7
Jeremy Ross	10	72	10	62	0	6.2
Peter Geurts	7	48	1	47	0	6.7
Kevin Riley	30	86	142	-56	1	-1.9
Nate Longshore	8	0	66	-66	0	-8.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kevin Riley	221	112	50.7	1360	14	6
Nate Longshore	164	93	56.7	1051	10	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Nyan Boateng	29	439	15.1	5	53	
Verran Tucker	21	362	17.2	3	74	
Cameron Morrah	27	326	12.1	8	50	
LaReylle Cunningham	18	276	15.3	1	35	
Jahvid Best	27	246	9.1	1	42	
Shane Vereen	27	221	8.2	1	59	
Jeremy Ross	17	210	12.4	2	29	
Sean Young	17	192	11.3	1	42	
Michael Calvin	8	103	12.9	0	23	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Bryan Anger	71	3063	43.1	17	36.0	3	26
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Giorgio Tavecchio	25-25	4-4	2-4	3-4	0-1	9-13	42
David Seawright	26-26	4-5	1-1	0-1	0-0	5-7	37

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Felder	93	0.5	5	1	1
Zack Follett	87	10.5	12.5	4	0
Michael Mohamed	87	3	3	2	3
Syd'Quan Thompson	70	2	5.5	14	4
Marcus Ezeff	66	0	1	6	3
Worrell Williams	64	1	4	6	1
Tyson Alualu	62	6	5	2	0
Darian Hagan	56	0	2.5	15	3
Cameron Jordan	47	4	7	0	1
Brett Johnson	43	0	0	3	2
Eddie Young	40	0.5	1	0	1
Derrick Hill	29	0.5	2	1	0
Chris Conte	28	0	1	7	1
Bernard Hicks	23	0	0	1	1
Rulon Davis	19	4	1.5	2	0
Mychal Kendricks	15	1	0	0	0
DJ Holt	14	0	1	0	0
Mika Kane	14	0	0.5	0	0
Sean Cattouse	13	0	0.5	5	3
Devin Bishop	13	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Syd'Quan Thompson	28	344	12.3	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jahvid Best	16	421	26.3	0	
Jeremy Ross	17	337	19.8	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

CAL 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
62,956	Michigan St	22	36-203	5.6	20-30	264	1	23	31-81	2.6	20-48	321	0	-1
27,906	at Wash St	20	40-391	9.8	14-24	114	0	9	35-57	1.6	13-30	110	2	+3
49,527	at Maryland	26	23-38	1.7	33-60	423	5	19	47-141	3.0	15-20	156	4	+1
63,970	Colorado St	20	30-189	6.3	15-26	159	0	19	46-125	2.7	18-36	226	4	+1
58,302	Arizona St	18	33-79	2.4	17-28	198	1	16	32-71	2.2	20-35	165	3	+2
48,372	at Arizona	18	23-110	4.8	25-56	315	2	17	41-179	4.4	16-27	225	4	0
64,653	UCLA	18	42-232	5.5	11-22	153	3	11	22-16	0.7	19-41	237	3	+4
61,432	Oregon	16	40-132	3.3	20-39	216	1	21	50-206	4.1	11-32	84	2	-2
88,523	at USC	13	26-27	1.0	15-31	138	4	22	36-173	4.8	18-30	238	3	0
45,969	at Oregon St	11	30-85	2.8	12-27	147	5	20	42-194	4.6	14-28	145	1	-1
70,086	Stanford	17	38-287	7.6	7-11	101	1	23	37-123	3.3	23-39	312	4	+3
50,038	Washington	20	44-431	9.8	10-22	118	2	12	44-104	2.4	11-25	96	3	+4
42,268	† Miami, Fl	11	30-217	7.2	10-21	121	0	17	32-119	3.7	25-41	194	2	+1
TOTALS		230	435-2421	5.6	209-397	2467	25	229	495-1589	3.2	223-432	2509	35	+15
AVERAGES		17.7	33-186	5.6	16-31	190	6.3%	17.6	38-122	3.2	17-33	193	8.1%	1.2

CAL Rank Pre #13 2004 RESULTS Post #9

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#13	at Air Force	-14	56-14
#12	New Mexico St	-34'	41-14
#10	at Oregon St	-7	49-7
#7	at USC - #1	+7'	17-23
#8	UCLA	-16'	45-28
#7	at Arizona	-22'	38-0
#7	Arizona St - #20	-17	27-0
#4	Oregon	-20	28-27
#5	at Washington	-30'	42-12
#4	Stanford	-24'	41-6
#4	at S Mississippi	-24'	26-16

CAL Rank Pre #19 2005 RESULTS Post #25

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#19	Sacramento St	NL	41-3
#16	at Washington	-9	56-17
#15	Illinois	-21'	35-20
#13	at New Mexico St	-29	41-13
#12	Arizona	-16'	28-0
#10	at UCLA - #20	+1'	40-47
#18	Oregon St	-15'	20-23
#25	Washington St	-12	42-38
#23	at Oregon - #15	+2'	20-27 OT
–	USC - #1	+18	10-35
–	at Stanford	-5'	27-3

CAL Rank Pre #9 2006 RESULTS Post #14

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#9	at Tennessee - #23	-3	18-35
#22	Minnesota	-8	42-17
#21	Portland St	NL	42-16
#21	Arizona St - #22	-8'	49-21
#20	at Oregon St	-9	41-13
#16	Oregon - #11	-5	45-24
#10	at Washington St	-8'	21-3
#11	Washington	-24	31-24 OT
#10	UCLA	-17	38-24
#8	at Arizona	-13'	20-24
#17	at USC - #4	+6	9-23
#21	Stanford	-29'	26-17

CAL Rank Pre #12 2007 RESULTS Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#12	Tennessee - #15	-6'	45-31
#10	at Colorado St	-14	34-28
#8	Louisiana Tech	-33'	42-12
#6	Arizona	-14	45-27
#6	at Oregon - #11	+6'	31-24
#2	Oregon St	-14	28-31
#10	at UCLA	-2	21-30
#18	at Arizona St - #7	+3	20-31
–	Washington St	-14'	20-17
#24	USC - #12	+4	17-24
–	at Washington	-7	23-37
–	at Stanford	-13'	13-20

CAL Rank Pre – 2008 RESULTS Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Michigan St	-5	38-31
–	at Washington St	-13'	66-3
#23	at Maryland	-14	27-35
–	Colorado St	-26'	42-7
–	Arizona St	-8'	24-14
#25	at Arizona	-2'	27-42
–	UCLA	-18	41-20
–	Oregon - #23	-2	26-16
#21	at USC - #7	+22	3-17
–	at Oregon St - #23	+3'	21-34
–	Stanford	-8'	37-16
–	Washington	-35'	48-7

UCLA BRUINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In both '06 & '07 BYU transfer Ben Olson (PS#1) started just 5 due to injuries. Patrick Cowan (PS#157) started 13 in his place. With both QB's injured in '07, converted WR Osaar Rasshan (PS#23) threw for 259 (109 rush) and McLeod Bethel-Thompson played most of the bowl. It appeared only Bethel-Thompson (transfer) had to be replaced in '08 but the Bruins then lost Cowan (ACL) while Olson broke his foot for the 2nd time and DNP. Kevin Craft, who had 5 starts and threw for 737 (57%) with a 4-6 ratio at SDSt in '06, won the starting job over Chris Forcier (PS#14). Craft threw for 4,231 (61.3%) with a 44-10 ratio as a soph at JC in '07. While Craft had his moments, he will be remembered for his int's. In the opener vs Tenn he threw 4 in the 1H but amazingly Neuheisel stuck with him and he guided the come-from-behind win. Vs Stanford, Craft had 1 int, 1 fumble and was sacked 7 times but led an 87 yd drive with his 7 yard TD pass (:10 left) pulling out the victory. He had 2 IR TD's vs Cal and 3 vs Ariz St. In the last 5, Craft had an 0-13 ratio! Forcier played in 7 (11 pass, 14 rush) and moves to WR as does Rasshan. This year rFr Nick Crissman (PS#12) and Kevin Prince (PS#49), who Neuheisel announced as the starter entering fall, are added to the mix. The Bruin QB's should improve upon their 54.7% and 9-21 ratio of 2008.

RUNNING BACKS - Maurice Jones-Drew led in rushing for 3 straight years ('03-'05) and was the #2DC of JAX. In 2006, Chris Markey became the first Bruin to lead in both rushing (1,107, 4.9) and rec (35) since Kermit Alexander in 1962. Kahlil Bell played in just 7 (inj) but was #2 (239, 4.0). In '07, Bell was having a great year with 795 in 8 until an ACL. Markey had 7 starts but was hampered by turf toe and finished with 715 (4.1). Last year they had to replace Markey and Bell was not 100% and after avg 5.6 ypc in '07, he avg just 2.8 ypc leading with 397 yards. True frosh Derrick Coleman had 284 (5.4) and FB Chane Moline (8 st) added 118 (3.9). Raymond Carter (PS#14) only had 29 (1.2) while true frosh Aundre Dean (PS#6) took off his RS and played in 6 but was plagued by injuries. Not listed below are Johnathan Franklin (5'10" 200 rFr, PS#46) and Craig Sheppard (6'0" 201 Sr, PS#183). This year they lose Bell and although Carter and Dean opted to transfer, I'll still call for vastly improved RB stats.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace their top 2 WR's and the leading returners were Marcus Everett (#3 in '05, #2 in '06, missed most of '07), Dominique Johnson (PS#41), who had 322 (12.9) as a true in '07 and Terrence Austin (PS#9) who had 248 (14.6). Neuheisel had said that TE Logan Paulsen (13 st, 144 yd '07) would have 40-60 catches and had the potential to play on Sundays but he was lost in the 1H of the opener. Everett missed 5 of the first 6 and was only #6 with 151 (10.1). True frosh Taylor Embree started 8 and led with a UCLA freshman record 531 (13.3). Austin led in rec with 53 (460, 8.7) and Johnson was #3 with 373 (11.0). TE Ryan Moya (PS#30) had 364 (9.6). This year they lose Everett (4 st) and Johnson (6 st, trans) but have everyone else back incl Paulsen. Not listed below are Alex Pearlstone (5'11" 185 Sr), Jerry Johnson (6'4" 214 rFr, PS#46), former QB's Forcier (6'3" 198 So, 4.4 spd) and Rasshan (6'4" 227 Sr) and TE's Glenn Rauscher (6'3" 227 So), Cory Harkey (6'5" 248 So, PS#98DL, 7 st, 5 rec LY) and Jeff Miller (6'5" 254, 2 st, 4 rec). This group should remain healthier and put up better stats.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07, it was surprising when a veteran O-line opened holes for just 151 ypg rush (3.7), their lowest ypc in 4 years. Last year Neuheisel had to replace 4 starters from '07 and he had 16 career starts returning (6th fewest FBS). UCLA's new OL coach, Bob Palcic summed it up by saying, "We're thin, we're young, we're inexperienced." Last year projected starting RT Sean Sheller tore his ACL and an expected JUCO DNP. Their lone returning starter, C Micah Reed, missed 4 and most of 2 others. The Bruins used 9 different starting OL combos and of the top 10 OL two were converted TE's and two were converted DL. As you would expect, the Bruins had their lowest ypg rush since 1985 with 83 (2.6) and allowed 35 sacks (8.1%). This year they lose C Reed (7 st) and G Scott Glicksberg (5 st). Not only do the Bruins return six players who started 5+ but they get back last year's projected starter Sheller and add Colorado transfer Kai Maiava who was a 1st Tm Frosh AA (9 st LG true). For the first time since 2005, UCLA has the same OL coach and this is one of the nation's most improved O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '04 and '05 Karl Dorrell played a lot of frosh on the D-line as former HC Bob Toledo had gone 2 years without recruiting a DL. In '05 UCLA yielded 233 ypg (5.4), its worst numbers in more than 15 years. They had 7 of their top 8 back in '06 and I called them one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA and they allowed just 91 ypg (2.8!). In '07 they had 7 of their top 8 back but had an injury-plagued year and still only allowed 109 ypg (3.0) and the D did record 39 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters (#3DC) but did get back DT Brigham Harwell (23 st '05-'06, miss '07). Surprisingly the Bruins slipped to allowing 170 ypg (4.4) with just 21 sacks. This year they lose 2nd Tm P10 DT Harwell (12 st, 53 tkl, 6 tfl), DE Tom Blake (5 st, 17 tkl until inj), DT Nathaniel Skaggs (6 tkl, 1 sk) and Chase Moline (10 tkl). They return 1st Tm P10 DT Brian Price and 2nd Tm P10 DE Korey Bosworth who led with 7.5 sacks. This figures to be a much improved D-line.

LINEBACKERS - UCLA had all 3 starters back at LB in '07. Last year they had to replace one starters and then lost Kyle Bosworth (7 st '07, #5 tkl'r) in the 2nd game, so they basically ret'd one starter in Reggie Carter. Carter had 20 tackles vs BYU, the most here since 1989, and led in tackles with 83 despite having to move from MLB to back to WLB due to Bosworth's inj. Three frosh combined for 12 starts and 87 tackles. This year they lose SLB John Hale (9 st, 39 tkl) and Joshua Edwards (1 tkl). Not listed below are Lucas Barbosa (6'0" 233 So) and Frank Guzman (6'1" 227 Jr). Carter moves back to his preferred MLB spot with the return of Bosworth and Neuheisel feels like he has four starters back to this 3 man group as #2 tkl'r Akeem Ayers (PS#20) and Steve Sloan (PS#49) who started 9 games at MLB also returns.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Only once since 1997 has UCLA not finished in the top 50 of my pass D rankings and that was in 2005 (#58). In '06 they had to replace 2 starters but still moved up to #23. With 4 veteran Sr starters in '07 they finished #16. Last year they had to replace 4 players (comb 45 st, #5, #7DC's). Neuheisel brought in four VHT DB's but four of their 11 DB's in the spring were walk-ons and the unit returned just 13 career starts (Alterraun Verner had 12). Verner led the NCAA in passes defended (20) and earned 1st Tm P10. Surprisingly, the very inexperienced secondary still finished #18. This year they lose SS Bret Lockett (11 st, 61 tkl, 2 pbu), CB Michael Norris (HM P10, 12 st, 47 tkl, 3 int, 13 pbu) and Chris Meadows (1 tkl). They now have 38 career starts returning and those four VHT frosh should have a bigger impact.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Heading into last year the Bruins were the only team in the country to finish in the Top 10 of my ST rankings in each of the last 4 years (#7 in '07). Last year they ret'd K Kai Forbath (5-5 from 50+ in '07) and he hit 19-22 (long 53). Aaron Perez had an outstanding 37.6 net in '07 and improved his avg to 45.2 (36.2 net). Terrence Austin set a school record for all-purp yards (24.1 KR, 9.5 PR) and Jimmy Rotstein had 1 TB on 40 KO. On top of the good numbers they added ST coach extraordinaire Frank Gansz Jr but surprisingly dropped to #23. This year they lose P Perez but could get back to their accustomed Top 10 spot.

COACHES - Last year the Bruins made a controversial hire in Rick Neuheisel. In stops at Colorado and Wash, Neuheisel's teams were 38-10 in his first 2 years when he was playing with his predecessors' players but 28-20 in the rest of his career. Also, both schools were in trouble with the NCAA after he left. He was the OC for Baltimore (NFL) in '07. Neuheisel had the best set of coord in the NCAA in OC Norm Chow and DC DeWayne Walker but Walker left to become the HC at NMSt. The new DC is Chuck Bullough who has coached the Bruin LB's the last 3 years and was with the Chicago Bears from 1999-'03. Chow actually interviewed for the HC spot here before they hired Neuheisel and returns for his 2nd season. He was a long-time OC with BYU before moving on to work with Philip Rivers (NCSt '00), Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart (USC '01-'04) and Vince Young (NFL's Titans '05-'07).

PHIL'S FORECAST

USC and UCLA used to battle it out annually for the Pac-10 Title. Just a decade ago the Bruins' program was clearly ahead of the Trojans. From 2000-'04, however, UCLA was just 19-21 in Pac-10 play. In 2005 they managed a 6-2 record in the conf despite being -72.9 ypg. At one point they stood 8-0 and were talking National Title and about an unbeaten showdown with USC. They were aided by four 4Q comebacks and finished 10-2. In '06 UCLA had just 12 ret starters. They also lost QB Ben Olson in the 5th game to injury. Dorrell appeared on his way out with the team at 6-5 and facing #2 USC at home, a game the Trojans needed to win to advance to the National Title game. UCLA pulled the improbable 13-9 upset to finish with a winning record but did drop their bowl game. In 2007 the Bruins had 20 starters returning (most in NCAA) and big things were expected. It was an injury-plagued season, especially at QB where their options at one point were a 4th string walk-on QB or a converted WR. In Dorrell's 5 seasons ('03-'07), he lost 14 times when they were expected to win (as a fav). His last year was a rollercoaster ride as they lost 4 times as a favorite but also managed to upset two Top 10 teams. DC Walker was the interim HC of the bowl vs BYU and the Bruins had a 28 yd FG blocked on the final play in a 17-16 loss. Last year the Bruins had just 6 returning starters and QB was a major question mark again. Both Olson and Cowan were injured and Kevin Craft became the starter. Craft completed 56% with 7 TD's and an amazing 20 int's. Things started out well for the Neuheisel era as they upset #18 Tenn on Labor Day night to open the season. After losing by a combined 90-10 to BYU and Arizona, they almost upset #25 Fresno. They beat Wash St but lost in Autzen Stadium by 7. UCLA got a TD with :10 left to beat Stanford and moved to 3-4. They trailed Cal just 17-13 in the 4Q but lost by 21 (2 IR TD in gm). They were tied with Oreg St at the half but lost by 28. Neuheisel traveled back to Wash and came away with the win snapping the Bruins' streak of 7 straight road losses. UCLA suffered an amazing loss to Ariz St as they had a 306-122 yd edge but tied an NCAA record by allowing FOUR def TD's (3 int) which also clinched a losing season. They did lead USC 7-0 and were respectable in a 28-7 loss at home to the powerful Trojans but finished 4-8 (8th the Pac-10). UCLA has some factors pointing in their favor this year. Their 44 starts lost made them the 6th most banged up team in the country. As opposed to the 6 starters back they had in '08, they have 16 back and the Bruins qualify for my Turnovers=Turnaround by being -10. UCLA makes my Most Improved List which means a return to the post season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 14 KEVIN PRINCE rFR. 6-2 226 PS#49. 3 **Kevin Craft** (6'4" 211 rFr) **PS#51 JC.** 5 st @ SDSt '06. JC '07. **12 st.** 2341 (56%), 7-20 ratio here LY. 18 Nick Crissman (6'3" 217 rFr) **PS#12.**

RB 33 Derrick Coleman So. 6-0 231 PS#64. 1 st, 10 gm, 284 (5.4) true. Milton Knox (5'8" 198 rFr) PS#8. 24 Christian Ramirez (6'2" 220 Jr) PS#78. 11 gm, 98 (5.2) '07. RS LY.

FB 42 CHANE MOLINE SR. 6-1 244 **PS#33.** 297 (3.4) 2Y. 8 st, 118 (3.9) LY. Trevor Theriot (6'0" 241 Sr) 8 st, 4 rec 3Y. Tobi Umodu (5'11" 237 Jr) PS#34. Jayson Allmond PS#114.

WR 4 TERRENCE AUSTIN SR. 5-11 173 **PS#9.** 277 (14.6) 2Y. 7 st, 460 (8.7), 46 KR (24.1), **2nd Tm P10 KR** LY. 10 Gavin Ketchum (6'5" 210 Sr) PS#81. 21 rec (12.4) 3Y. 1 st, 61 (10.2) LY.

WR 82 TAYLOR EMBREE SO. 6-3 194 GS '07. 8 st, 531 (13.3) true. 83 Nelson Rosario (6'5" 214 So) **PS#38.** 9 gm, 169 (15.4) true. 6 Antwon Moutra (6'2" 193 So) **PS#32DB.** 10 gm LY.

TE 15 RYAN MOYA SR. 6-3 247 PS#30. 5 st, 279 (12.7) '05-'06. RS '07. 2 st, 364 (9.6), **2nd Tm P10** LY. 86 Logan Paulsen (6'5" 268 Sr) 2 rec true. 25 st, 475 (12.2) '06-'07. RS (inj) LY.

C 51 KAI MAIAVA SO. 6-1 322 PS#256. Colo trans. 57 **Jake Dean** (6'4" 311 Jr) **PS#48.** 7 st LY. 71 Gabriel Fernandez (6'0" 273 rFr). **LS** Christian Yount (6'1" 251 Jr) 25 gm 2Y.

RG 75 NICK EKBATANI SR. 6-5 308 PS#245 JC. RS '07. 12 st (6RT, 6RG) LY. 77 Darius Savage (6'4" 335 Jr) PS#86DL. 12 gm '07. **7 st** @ LG, 10 gm LY. Nick Garibay (6'2" 277 rFr).

LG 60 JEFF BACA SO. 6-4 305 PS#89. 8 st @ LT, 9 gm true. 73 Micah Kia (6'5" 320 Sr) PS#47. 13 gm true. 8 st @ LT '07. 7 st LY. Sonny Tevaga (6'5" 345 Jr) PS#84. 2 st @ RG, 4 gm LY.

RT 65 MIKE HARRIS SO. 6-5 314 PS#129. 5 st rFr. No spg '09. 68 Nate Chandler (6'5" 290 So) **PS#7.** 2 st @ TE, 1 rec rFr. Xavier Su'a-Filo is **PS#8.** Connor Bradford (6'5" 284 rFr) PS#166.

LT 72 Sean Sheller Jr. 6-5 295 **PS#44.** Travel squad rFr. Out yr LY (ACL). Brandon Bennett (6'4" 327 Jr) **PS#86.** 9 gm LY. Brett Downey (6'7" 285 rFr). Austin Hill (6'3" 285 rFr).

K 25 KAI FORBATH JR. 6-0 198 **PS#1.** 25-30 FG, L/54, 30-30 xp, HM P10 as rFr. 19-22 FG, L/53, 5-6 from 40+, 21-22 xp, **1st Tm P10** LY. 49 Jeff Locke (6'1" 203 rFr) **PS#2.**

DE 55 KOREY BOSWORTH SR. 6-1 244 PS#149. 41 tkl, 8.5 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 55 tkl, 7.5 sk, 5 pbu LY. 97 Damien Holmes (6'3" 258 rFr) **PS#34.** Keenan Graham is **PS#47.** Ian Davis (6'5" 220 rFr).

DT 92 BRIAN PRICE JR. 6-2 295 **PS#13.** 5 st, 14 tkl, 7 tfl true. 12 st, 35 tkl, 4.5 sk, 9.5 tfl, **1st Tm P10** LY. 65 David Carter (6'5" 280 Jr) PS#187. 16 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. Justin Edison (6'4" 271 So).

DT 90 Jerzy Siewierski Sr. 6-2 297 PS#152. 14 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. 6 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. 52 Jess Ward (6'4" 288 Sr) 6 st, 23 tkl 2Y. 6 tkl LY. Andy Keane (6'2" 293 Jr) from OL. Justin Mann (6'3" 270 rFr).

DE 56 DATONE JONES SO. 6-4 253 **PS#22.** 2 st, 10 gm, 15 tkl true. 91 Reginald Stokes (6'3" 259 Jr) PS#149. 5 st, 11 gm, 20 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. Chinonso Anyanwu (6'4" 224 Sr) 9 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y.

SLB 40 AKEEM AYERS SO. 6-4 255 **PS#20.** RS (inj) '07. 3 st, 12 gm, 40 tkl, 5 tfl, HM P10 as rFr. 11 Donovan Carter (6'1" 255 rFr) **PS#45.** 43 Mike Schmitt (6'1" 237 Jr) 1 tkl LY.

MLB 51 REGGIE CARTER SR. 6-1 240 PS#114. 20 st, 110 tkl, 18 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 83 tkl, 4.5 tfl, **2nd Tm P10** LY. 43 Steve Sloan (6'4" 235 So) **PS#49. 9 st,** 29 tkl rFr. Patrick Larimore (6'3" 254 rFr) **PS#39.**

WLB 54 Kyle Bosworth Sr. 6-1 236 PS#150. 14 tkl 2Y. 7 st, 74 tkl, 5 tfl '07, 2 st, 3 gm, inj & RS LY. 21 Sean Westgate (5'11" 210 So) PS#105. 18 tkl true. Ryan Medina (6'3" 245 rFr).

CB 9 Aaron Hester rFr. 6-1 200 **PS#18.** Scout Tm Def co-POY LY. 7 Courtney Viney (5'8" 159 So) **PS#50.** 17 tkl rFr. Sheldon Price is PS#61. Lowell Rose (6'0" 187 rFr) PS#315.

CB 1 ALTERRAUN VERNER SR. 5-11 184 PS#125. 59 tkl, 8 pd true. 75 tkl, 19 pd, HM P10 '07. 73 tkl, 20 pd (#1 NCAA), **1st Tm P10** LY. Marlon Pollard is **PS#31.** 26 Andrew Abbott (5'10" 174 rFr).

SS 6 Tony Dye So. 5-11 198 **PS#41.** 1 st, 15 tkl true. 20 Glenn Love (6'4" 212 So) 23 tkl rFr. EJ Woods (6'0" 212 rFr) **PS#23.** Garrett Rubio (5'10" 196 Jr). Jeff Dickmann (5'9" 182 rFr).

FS 3 RAHIM MOORE SO. 6-1 188 **PS#4.** 12 st, 60 tkl, 7 pd, HM P10 true. 27 Aaron Ware (6'0" 206 Sr) **PS#18.** 26 tkl, 1 st 3Y. Alex Mascarenas is PS#78. 29 Terry O'Neal (6'0" 204 So).

P 49 Jeff Locke rFr. 6-1 203 **PS#2.** All-American as senior in HS, 43.3 avg on punts, superb hang time. 38 Danny Rees (6'3" 195 Jr). No gm action in 3 years on team.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Xavier Su'a-Filo 6-5 285 PS#8
WR	Randall Carroll 5-11 185 PS#7
TE	Morrell Presley 6-4 215 PS#3
QB	Richard Brehaut 6-2 206 PS#14
DB	Marlon Pollard 6-0 170 PS#31
OL	Stanley Hasiak 6-6 320 PS#24
LB	Todd Golper 6-1 225 PS#24
DL	Keenan Graham 6-4 225 PS#47
RB	Damien Thigpen 5-9 170 PS#50
DB	Sheldon Price 6-2 165 PS#61
RB	Dalton Hilliard 5-11 195 PS#63
OL	Ryan Taylor 6-3 305 PS#99JC
DB	Alex Mascarenas 6-0 175 PS#78
OL	Eddie Williams 6-1 331 PS#122JC
LB	Isaiah Bowens 6-3 220 PS#68
OL	Nik Abele 6-6 255 PS#81
OL	Greg Capella 6-4 326 PS#86
WR	Ricky Marvray 6-0 184 PS#76
RB	Jayson Allmond 6-1 257 PS#114
LB	Taniela Maka 6-1 220 PS#145
DB	Brandon Sermons 6-1 180 PS#178
DL	Iuta Tepa 6-3 238 PS#237
DB	Stan McKay 6-2 205 PS#257
WR	Jerry Rice Jr 5-10 180 PS#299
LB	Jared Koster 6-1 220 PS#354

UCLA BRUINS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#38

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UCLA	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	San Diego St	G				
Sep. 12	at Tennessee	G				
Sep. 19	Kansas St	G				
Sep. 26						
Oct. 3	at Stanford	G				
Oct. 10	Oregon	G				
Oct. 17	California	G				
Oct. 24	at Arizona	G				
Oct. 31	at Oregon St	A				
Nov. 7	Washington	G				
Nov. 14	at Washington St	A				
Nov. 21	Arizona St	G				
Nov. 28	at USC	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cade McNown 10,708 '95-'98
2. Drew Olson 8,532 '02-'05
3. Cory Paus 6,877 '99-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Gaston Green 3,731 '84-'87
2. Freeman McNeil 3,195 '77-'80
3. DeShaun Foster 3,194 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Danny Farmer 3,020 '96-'99
2. Craig Bragg 2,845 '01-'04
3. Kevin Jordan 2,548 '92-'95

The Bruins are 20-0-1 all-time vs the Aztecs with their last meeting coming in '05. UCLA was shutout 59-0 at BYU in their last meeting vs a MWC opp (worst loss in 79 yrs).

UCLA charged back to conquer the Vols in OT LY giving HC Neuheisel his 1st win at his alma mater. UCLA is 5-7-2 all-time vs Tenn & 12-12-3 vs current SEC tms.

First meeting. UCLA is 21-20-1 all-time vs current Big 12 opponents. The Bruins & Wildcats have combined to reach 42 bowl games in their histories.

These tms have played every yr S/'46. UCLA has won 5 straight. QB Craft connected on a 7 yd TD pass to TE Harkey w/:10 remaining in the 23-20 comeback win LY.

In a gm that featured as many punts as FD's (22), the Bruins held the once high-powered Duck offense to just 148 ttl yards in the 16-0 victory at the Rose Bowl in '07.

UCLA CB Verner ret'd an int 76 yds for a TD with 1:33 remaining icing the Bruins 30-21 victory over #10 Cal in Pasadena 2 yrs ago. The HT has won 9 straight in this series.

Bruin QB Craft was held to 15 of 31 passing for 81 yds LY vs the Wildcats as UCLA mustered just 196 ttl yds in the loss. UCLA has lost 3 of their last 4 vs Arizona.

Tied 3-3 at HT, OSU outscored the Bruins 31-3 in the 2H as the Bruins went just 2 of 14 on 3rd down att's. UCLA leads the series 38-15-4, including 3 straight in Corvallis.

Neuheisel was the HC of the Huskies from '99-'02 posting a 33-16 record including a '00 Rose Bowl victory (1-3 in bowls). The Bruins have won 7 of their L/8 gms vs UW.

The Cougars scored 27 unanswered pts in the Bruins' last trip to Pullman as WSU finished with a 545-267 yd edge. LY UCLA ended a 3 gm home losing streak (S/'02) vs WSU.

LY in a bowl elimination gm, 4-6 ASU defeated 4-6 UCLA 34-9 as the Sun Devils were aided by an NCAA-tying record of 4 def TD's (UCLA outgained ASU 306-122).

These campuses are about 15 miles apart & they have played every year S/'36. UCLA is 1-9 in the series with the 5 losses at USC by an avg 25 ppg.

RICK NEUHEISEL (70–38)

Bowls: 4-3
Colorado '95-'98
Washington '99-'02

2nd Year at UCLA

Neuheisel AT UCLA/OVERALL

4-8 / 70-38	SU	0-1 / 8-9	Vs Top 10
3-4 / 41-15	Home	1-3 / 21-22	Vs Top 25
1-4 / 24-20	Away	1-0 / 11-7	Vs BCS Teams
0-0 / 5-3	Neutral	0-3 / 8-11	Off A Bye
3-6 / 45-27	Vs Conf	3-4 / 22-11	Off A Loss

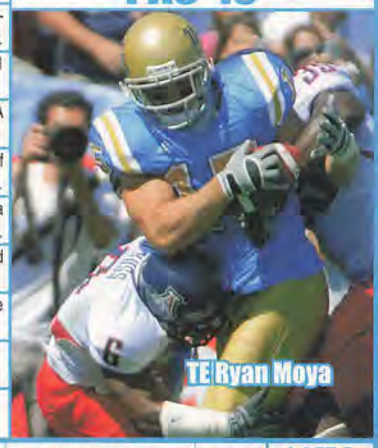
2008 RECORD: (4–8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (26,21,1)
Lost: 22 (11,9,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 72,795 (#21)

PAC-10



STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500) (#10)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	7-4	8-5	6-7	6-6	10-2	7-6	6-7	4-8	60-51
Home	5-2	4-1	2-4	5-1	3-3	6-0	6-1	4-2	3-4	38-18
Away	1-3	3-3	5-1	1-5	3-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	1-4	20-28
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-5
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	5-4	5-4	3-6	38-37
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	4-1	2-3	2-2	4-0	2-2	1-3	1-2	22-14
ATS	4-6-2	6-5	7-5-1	3-8-2	8-4	7-5	8-5	9-4	7-5	59-47-5
Home Fav	0-4-1	3-2	1-2-1	1-2-2	3-2	5-1	3-2	2-1	1-0	19-16-4
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	3-0	4-2	13-4
Away Fav	0-1	2-3	3-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	0-1	1-3	1-0	9-14
Away Dog	1-1-1	1-0	2-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	3-1	2-0	1-3	13-10-1
Neutral	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	4-3
vs Conf	1-5-2	3-5	3-4-1	2-5-1	6-2	3-5	6-3	7-2	5-4	36-35-4
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	4-1	1-3-1	2-2	4-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	23-12-1
Off SU Win	1-4-1	5-1	4-3	2-3-1	4-2	4-5	3-4	3-3	1-3	27-28-2
Off SU Loss	2-2-1	0-4	2-2-1	0-5-1	4-1	2-0	4-1	5-1	5-2	24-18-3

Bob Toledo 1996 · Karl Dorrell · Ed Kezirian (bowl) · Rick Neuheisel · DeWayne Walker (bowl)

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Silicon Valley	-3	Fresno St	9-17
04	Las Vegas	-12'	Wyoming	21-24
05	Sun - #17	-2'	Northwestern	50-38
06	Emerald	-3'	Florida St	27-44
07	Las Vegas	+6'	BYU - #19	16-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
UCLA's All-Time Bowl Record 13–15–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
2*	17.7	283	83	2.6	201	54.7	16.0	35	-10	2008	4	29.0	337	170	4.4	168	53.3	11.6	21
10*	22.4	334	151	3.7	182	47.6	14.9	36	-4	2007	10	22.3	343	109	3.0	234	54.3	15.4	39
6	23.0	330	130	3.9	200	56.0	14.4	21	+4	2006	6	19.9	314	91	2.8	223	56.1	15.8	40
6*	39.1	431	161	4.4	270	63.5	11.0	26	+6	2005	7	34.2	468	233	5.4	235	59.4	13.7	25
9*	30.1	410	185	4.8	225	57.0	13.6	23	-6	2004	5	25.8	433	210	5.1	223	55.6	16.8	20
6	19.1	295	92	2.6	203	52.6	15.5	51	-1	2003	7	23.5	318	117	3.2	201	59.0	13.5	30
6*	29.8	358	128	3.2	230	55.6	12.0	37	+2	2002	5	25.1	358	130	3.5	228	50.2	14.3	41

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kahlil Bell	141	437	40	397	2.8	7
Derrick Coleman	53	291	7	284	5.4	2
Chane Moline	30	126	8	118	3.9	0
Terrence Austin	13	91	1	90	6.9	0
Chris Forcier	14	58	25	33	2.4	0
Raymond Carter	25	51	22	29	1.2	1
Aundre Dean	10	23	1	22	2.2	0
Kevin Craft	82	220	200	20	0.2	0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Craft	417	232	55.6	2341	7	20
Chris Forcier	11	3	27.3	22	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Taylor Embree	40	531	13.3	0	43
Terrence Austin	53	460	8.7	1	29
Dominique Johnson	34	373	11.0	1	24
Ryan Moya	38	364	9.6	3	39
Nelson Rosario	11	169	15.4	0	25
Marcus Everett	15	151	10.1	0	20
Chane Moline	11	98	8.9	1	20
Kahlil Bell	10	65	6.5	1	21
Gavin Ketchum	6	61	10.2	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Aaron Perez	79	3571	45.2	7	36.2	1	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kai Forbath	21-22	8-9	6-7	4-5	1-1	19-22	53

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Reggie Carter	83	0	4.5	0	0
Alterraun Verner	73	0	2.5	18	2
Bret Lockett	61	0	3	2	0
Rahim Moore	60	0	0	4	3
Korey Bosworth	55	7.5	3.5	5	0
Brigham Harwell	53	1	5	2	0
Michael Norris	47	0	2	13	3
Akeem Ayers	40	4	1	3	0
John Hale	39	0	0	0	0
Brian Price	35	4.5	9.5	1	1
Steve Sloan	29	1	1.5	1	0
Glenn Love	23	0	0.5	1	0
Reginald Stokes	20	0	2.5	0	0
Sean Westgate	18	0	0.5	0	0
Tom Blake	17	1	0	5	0
Courtney Viney	17	0	0	0	0
Tony Dye	15	0	0	0	0
Aaron Ware	15	0	0	0	0
Datone Jones	15	0	0	0	0
David Carter	13	0	1	0	0
Chase Moline	10	0	3.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Austin	23	219	9.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Austin	46	1109	24.1	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UCLA 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
68,546	Tennessee	20	31-29	0.9	25-43	259	1	20	34-177	5.2	19-42	189	1	-2
64,153	at BYU	13	16-9	0.6	23-39	230	1	30	45-184	4.1	31-40	337	0	-3
65,434	Arizona	11	28-115	4.1	15-31	81	4	15	35-111	3.2	16-29	222	2	0
73,963	Fresno St	18	38-234	6.2	11-20	150	1	26	40-207	5.2	21-31	236	1	0
65,469	Washington St	19	37-100	2.7	23-37	225	0	11	25-26	1.0	15-31	151	4	+1
58,728	at Oregon	18	37-63	1.7	27-43	288	6	18	46-323	7.0	5-19	42	3	-1
64,883	Stanford	24	37-86	2.3	23-41	285	7	16	44-250	5.7	5-13	51	1	+1
64,653	at California	11	22-16	0.7	19-41	237	3	18	42-232	5.5	11-22	153	3	-4
83,478	Oregon St	17	27-48	1.8	20-43	189	3	18	48-201	4.2	16-22	222	0	-2
59,738	at Washington	20	50-157	3.1	13-22	135	3	10	30-96	3.2	7-24	39	3	+2
61,005	at Arizona St	18	35-89	2.5	26-44	217	5	10	24-21	0.9	13-26	101	3	-3
87,790	USC	7	21-47	2.2	12-29	110	0	33	47-209	4.4	18-33	269	0	+1
TOTALS		196	379-993	2.6	237-433	2406	35	225	460-2037	4.4	177-332	2012	21	-10
AVERAGES		16.3	32-83	2.6	20-36	201	8.1%	18.8	38-170	4.4	15-28	168	6.3%	-0.8

2004 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	Oklahoma St	-1	20-31	–
–	at Illinois	-1'	35-17	–
–	at Washington	E	37-31	–
–	San Diego St	-6	33-10	–
–	Arizona	-10	37-17	–
–	at California - #8	+16'	28-45	–
–	at Arizona St - #21	+7'	42-48	–
–	Stanford	-4'	21-0	–
–	Washington St	-14	29-31	–
–	at Oregon	+6'	34-26	–
–	USC - #1	+22'	24-29	–

2005 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #16
–	at San Diego St	-9'	44-21	–
–	Rice	-24'	63-21	–
–	Oklahoma - #21	-6'	41-24	–
#20	Washington	-21'	21-17	–
#20	California - #10	-1'	47-40	–
#12	at Washington St	-5	44-41 OT	–
#8	Oregon St	-9'	51-28	–
#8	at Stanford	-7	30-27 OT	–
#7	at Arizona	-9'	14-52	–
#14	Arizona St	-3'	45-35	–
#11	at USC - #1	+21	19-66	–

2006 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	Utah	-3	31-10	–
–	Rice	-27'	26-16	–
–	at Washington	-3	19-29	–
–	Stanford	-23'	31-0	–
–	Arizona	-12	27-7	–
–	at Oregon - #18	+8'	20-30	–
–	at Notre Dame - #10	+12'	17-20	–
–	Washington St	-1'	15-37	–
–	at California - #10	+17	24-38	–
–	Oregon St	+1'	25-7	–
–	at Arizona St	+5'	24-12	–
–	USC - #2	+11'	13-9	–

2007 RESULTS

UCLA Pre #14 Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
#14	at Stanford	-16'	45-17	#13
#13	BYU	-7'	27-17	#11
#11	at Utah	-16	6-44	–
–	Washington	-6	44-31	–
–	at Oregon St	+2'	40-14	–
–	Notre Dame	-22	6-20	–
–	California - #10	+2	30-21	–
–	at Washington St	-6	7-27	–
–	at Arizona	-1	27-34	–
–	Arizona St - #9	+6'	20-24	–
–	Oregon - #9	+1'	16-0	–
–	at USC - #8	+19'	7-24	–

2008 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	Tennessee - #18	+7'	27-24 OT	–
–	at BYU - #18	+8'	0-59	–
–	Arizona	+3'	10-31	–
–	Fresno St - #25	+7	31-36	–
–	Washington St	-17	28-3	–
–	at Oregon	+19'	24-31	–
–	Stanford	+2'	23-20	–
–	at California	+18	20-41	–
–	Oregon St	+7'	6-34	–
–	at Washington	-7	27-7	–
–	at Arizona St	+10	9-34	–
–	USC - #5	+33	7-28	–

ARIZONA WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Since Arizona joined the Pac-10 in 1978, they have had zero QB's drafted or make 1st Tm Pac-10. In 2005 HC Mike Stoops took the RS off of true frosh Willie Tuitama (PS#32) in Wk 7 and he guided the team to wins over Oreg St and UCLA and started the next 3 years. As expected, in 2007's new pass heavy offense, Tuitama broke the single game record with 510 vs UW. He stayed healthy all year for the first time and set UA single season records for yards (3,683, 62.4%), att, comp and TD's (28-12 ratio) after throwing for just 1,335 (56%) in '06. Last year despite the presence of rFr Bryson Beirne (PS#109), true frosh Matt Scott (PS#15) was the backup and there was talk of using him as a runner. Scott played in 6 hitting 7 of 11 for 84 and was the #3 rusher (188, 8.2). Tuitama threw for 3,088 (64.9%) with a 23-8 ratio and earned bowl MVP. This year Tuitama departs and holds a majority of UA's career passing records which were held prior by Tom Tunnicliffe ('80-'83). Scott will have to fend off Mich St transfer Nick Foles (PS#33) who has the best arm of the QB's. This unit goes from a 4 year starter to 11 career pass att.

RUNNING BACKS - In '07 the Cats had to replace their leading rusher (#2DC) and true frosh Nic Grigsby (PS#108) emerged. Grigsby, who has the best speed and break-away ability of the backs, did not start until game 4 but had 186 vs WSU and 2 other 100+ efforts. At 190 lbs he has problems as a pass blocker and had some fumble issues. He became just the 3rd UA true frosh starter at RB (Gilbert Harris '02 and Ontiwaun Carter '91) and led with 704 (4.4) while adding 200 (5.7) rec. Last year they added true frosh Keola Antolin (PS#39) and got a late JUCO signee in Nick Booth (6'2" 221). Grigsby opened with 169 vs Idaho and 135 vs Toledo then later had 189 vs Wash St while becoming the Cats first 1,000 yard rusher (1,153, 5.4) since Clarence Farmer in '01. After a fumble on his first carry vs Cal, Grigsby was benched and Antolin rushed for 149 (7.1) after just 66 yds in the first 6. Antolin missed the 2H vs USC but later had 4 TD's vs Oregon, although he dropped a key 4th down pass. Booth added 59 (3.9). Not listed below is Justin Salum (6'0" 198 rFr) and FB's Giacomo Vitko (5'11" 220 So) and Kevin Morris (5'9" 215 Jr). This is a deep and talented RB corps.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 true frosh Mike Thomas (10.3 in 100M) was named co-Pac-10 Frosh of the Year and led with 771 (14.8). Anthony Johnson added 419 (13.1) and leading returning WR Syndric Steptoe had 493 (13.3). They added 2 true frosh who were expected to contribute in 2006 in 6'4" Delashaun Dean (PS#41), and 6'2" Terrell Turner (PS#66). Steptoe and Thomas comb for 1,165 in '06 with #3 Anthony Johnson having just 312 (12.0). Steptoe (#7 DC) had to be replaced in '07. The team got a large addition in true frosh TE Rob Gronkowski (265 lbs, PS#4). Thomas led by far with 1,038 (12.5) in '07 while Johnson started just 3 with 410 (11.7) and Gronkowski added 525 (18.8). Last year the top 4 ret'd with the only loss being Johnson and OC Dykes speculated that Gronkowski could have 100 rec. He is the team's best NFL prospect since Chris McAlister in '98. Gronkowski already became the UA TE career leader in rec in just his 2nd year despite missing 3. They had 11 receivers that were 6' or taller. Thomas led again with 825 (11.1) and Gronkowski, despite just 9 starts, added 672 with 10 TD's. Thomas became AZ's first ever career Pac-10 record holder topping Derek Hagan (ASU) for rec (258). They must replace Thomas (13 st, #4DC JAX) and Brandon Lopez (1 rec). Despite losing their top guy, I expect a bigger season out of Gronkowski so this is still a top-notch unit.

WR Terrell Turner

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 they basically had 1 starter back and only avg 84 ypg rush (2.7) and yielded 31 sacks (8.7%). Ariz rushed for negative yards in 3 straight games. In '07 the Cats had 4 full-time starters ret but 3 starters were Soph's. They only allowed 7 sacks in the first 5 but finished with 31 (5.8%) again. Surprisingly the rushing did not improve (77 ypg, 2.9). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup but did lose C Blake Kerley after 4 starts. They added PS#32JC Mike Diaz who started the last 9 at LG after LG Colin Baxter (PS#89) moved to C. As you would expect, the Cats improved to 158 ypg rushing (4.1) while allowing 28 sacks (6.8%). This year they lose 2nd Tm P10 RG Joe Longacre (13 st, 3Y st'r), 1st Tm P10 LT Eben Britton (13 st, 3Y st'r, #2DC JAX) and RT James Tretheway (8 st). They return 4 who had 4+ starts last year but may not match '08's numbers with the loss of a pair of 3 year starters. The starters avg 6'5" 313 (12th in the FBS).

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats almost always have a solid rush D. They did not allow over 3.9 ypc rush between 1992-'04. They had a veteran unit in '05 but due to injuries the Cats shockingly allowed 4.6 ypc, their worst in the last two decades. They had six back with starting experience in '06 and improved to 120 ypg (3.9) but had just 15 sacks. In '07 the unit returned intact. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters and I noted that despite the large losses, I did not expect the numbers to drop off much as I was disappointed with '07's results. That proved to be the case as they allowed 131 ypg (7 ypg less than '07) with 4.1 ypc (3.6 in '07) and 24 sacks. Last year's 4 starters had 18 tackles comb in '07. This year the entire 2 deep returns. Not listed in the PSL below are Chris Merrill (6'2" 285 rFr, PS#120), Jowyn Ward (6'2" 285 So, PS#214) and walk-on Ross Madick (6'2" 270 rFr).

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cats had to replace a 1st Tm Pac-10 LB (#6DC, #1 tkl'r) and their #5 tackler. They returned #2 tackler Ronnie Palmer but the LB with the 2nd most tackles returning was Xavier Kelley who had just 12. This year they lose 2nd Tm Pac-10 MLB Palmer (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 11 tfl) and Adrian McCovy (9 st, #8 tkl'r). This year they have a little more experience with their #4 and #6 tacklers back plus move in NB Corey Hall (10 st, 3Y, 35 tkl LY). Vuna Tuihalamaka (PS#19JC) had 23 tackles in his first year and should make a bigger contribution. Despite the losses, this unit should be stronger. I almost listed this unit as having two starters returning as two of the top 3 tacklers are back.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '07 they had 7 of their top 8 back including Antoine Cason who won the Thorpe Award and the Cats finished #23 (#21 '05, #36 '06). Last year they had to replace Cason (#1DC) and his 3 year starting cohort CB Wilrey Fontenot (#7DC). Surprisingly the Cats were even more stingy allowing an outstanding 12-16 ratio and finished at #15. VHT CB Devin Ross (PS#8) earned 2nd Tm P10. VHT true frosh Robert Golden (PS#21) was given the #1 jersey and was said to be even further along than Cason was as a true frosh but had just 13 tackles. This year they must replace CB Marquis Hundley (13 st, 59 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu) and FS Nate Ness (13 st, 75 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu). They have a little more experience than LY and 3 VHT starters.

SPECIAL TEAMS - HC Mike Stoops inherited a unit that finished #115 in my ST rankings in '03. They improved to #78 and #52 and with super K/P Nick Folk, rose to #10 in '06. 2007 was the first time S/'97 that AZ had simultaneously debuted a new K, P and returnman but they still managed a #22 finish. K Jason Bondzio (PS#16) hit 21 of 26 FG's and had 22 TB on 71 KO. RFr P Keenyn Crier avg 43.7 (net 38.1) and KR Mike Thomas avg 23.7. Last year they only had to replace their PR and Thomas flourished (13.5, 2 TD). True frosh Keola Antolin was the #2 KR (21.5) with Thomas #1 (22.6). They had to replace their LS and 3 players battled for the job with Jason Bertoni winning it. Bondzio hit 14 of 16 FG (long 49) and also had 21 TB on 84 KO. Crier was ? to start the year but his numbers were still top-notch (43.9, 36.8 net). Bondzio is a big loss at K but Alex Zendejas (PS#8) had 42 TB on 50 KO as a HS Sr and should fare well. Despite also losing Thomas, they should finish near the top again (#9 in '08).

COACHES - Mike Stoops was K-St's DC from '96-'98 then DC at Okla from '99-'03. He is now in his 6th year here. In 2007 they brought in a new OC in Sonny Dykes who was the co-OC at TTech the previous 2 years. The Cats' offense improved from 16.6 ppg to 28.0, their best mark since 2001 (29.1). They set the school's record for passing yards in a season in his first year. In his second year they improved to 36.6 ppg. The DC is Stoops' brother, Mark (6th year) who was Miami Fl's DB coach from '01-'03 and Houston's co-DC in 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona joined the P10 in '78 and is the only team in the conf that has not been to the Rose Bowl. The Cats were ranked #4 in the '99 preseason polls but stumbled to a 6-6 record that year and went through 9 straight years without a winning season compiling a combined 39-65 record in that span including a surprising 9-28 at home in P10 play. In '03 Ariz finished 2-10 (-144.1 ypg P10). When Stoops was hired there was great enthusiasm but the team struggled to a 3-8 finish (-118 ypg P10). In '05 they had 14 ret starters and after just 20 players stayed over the summer to workout in 2003, 80 stayed in '05. Stoops' honeymoon with the fans was quickly over when the team opened 1-6. Willie Tuitama got his first start and led the upset of Oreg St on the road before beating #7 UCLA at home. They lost their last 2 but were -9 in TO's and had 5 losses by 7 or less, so things looked positive for '06. I called Ariz my #2 Most Improved team and they did achieve bowl eligibility. Unfortunately Tuitama suffered a conc vs LSU and started just 9. As has been a pattern under Stoops, they struggled in Oct but played great in Nov upsetting #25 Wash St and #8 Cal while also getting their first win in Autzen Stadium since '86 with a 37-10 blowout of UO. They had a bowl bid firmly in their grasp but Tuitama, for the 2nd straight year, was injured vs Ariz St and they lost. While the off avg'd 386 ypg, it was hit and miss as they did not top 330 in 5. At the start of the year they had 3 losses by a total of 10 pts and opened up 2-6 and Stoops appeared on his way out. They were dominated in the 1H by Wash (UW 415 1H yd) as UW led 41-26 with 12:52 left but Ariz got the miracle comeback win then beat UCLA and Oreg who were both missing their QB's and moved to 5-6. Oreg was the highest ranked visitor (#2) to lose at Ariz S/'92. A 3 pt loss to #13 Ariz St cost them a bowl. Stoops had to get the Cats to a bowl last year to keep his job and I noted they had 5 P10 HG's and a manageable non-conf slate so I called for them to get to their first postseason S/'98 and they made my Most Improved list. They waxed their first two weak foes by a combined 111-16 but then were upset at NMex. The next week they dominated UCLA in the Rose Bowl, 31-10 then blasted Wash 48-14. Their 4 wins were over opp that were a combined 4-17 at that point. The Cats were upset by Stanford allowing a TD with :25 left. They trailed Cal 24-14 at half but rallied for a 42-27 win and gave #6 USC their toughest test in the 2H of the season only losing by 7. After blasting WSU (like everyone else) they trailed UO 48-17 in their 10 pt loss. A crowd of 48,503 was on hand for their showdown with Oreg St and OSU rallied for a 24 yd FG on the last play. In the finale they roasted ASU with a 389-162 yd edge and beat BYU in the bowl 31-21 to finish 8-5. Their 5 losses last year were by an avg of 5.6 ppg and they were +57.8 ypg in P10 play (5th best). The Cats have just 13 ret starters and lose QB Tuitama. They also had a 10.99 off ypp (pg 299). They do have just 13 lett lost (2nd fewest P10) and could easily have been a 12-1 team last year (net 4 close losses) so despite a tougher schedule (5 P10 AG and Iowa), they could top last year's 8 win total and I'll call for a 2nd straight bowl.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 4 Matt Scott So. 6-3 190 **PS#15.** 84 pass yd (64%), 1-0 ratio, 188 rush yds, 6 gms as true. **8** Nick Foles (6'5" 235 So) PS#33. Mich St trans. Bryson Beirne (6'3" 225 So) PS#109.

RB 5 NIC GRIGSBY JR. 5-10 190 PS#108. 704 (4.4), 35 rec (5.7) true. 1153 (5.4), HM P10 LY. **2** Keola Antolin (5'8" 186 So) **PS#39.** 525 (4.5) true. Greg Nwoko (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#204.

WR 18 DELASHAUN DEAN JR. 6-4 202 **PS#41.** 418 (11.3) rFr. 5 st, 593 (11.2) LY. **82** Juron Criner (6'4" 210 So) PS#91. 3 st, 88 (12.6) true. **HB 37** Chris Gronkowski (6'2" 235 Sr). 198 (24.8) LY.

WR 84 TERRELL TURNER SR. 6-2 190 PS#66. 10 st, 582 (11.4) '06-'07. 12 st, 580 (13.5) LY. Travis Cobb (6'0" 180 Jr) **PS#42JC.** David Roberts (6'0" 190 So) PS#114. Ryan Ellis (6'2" 185 Jr) PS#76.

WR 19 William "Bug" Wright So. 5-9 175 42 (14.0) 11 gm rFr. **4.4 spd. 85** David Douglas (6'1" 190 So) PS#176. 41 (13.7), 13 gm true. **80** Devin Veal (5'11" 188 So) PS#131. 13 gm rFr.

TE 48 ROB GRONKOWSKI JR. 6-6 265 **PS#4.** HM P10 true, 525 (18.8), 9 st, 672 (14.3), **1st Tm P10** LY. AJ Simmons (6'3" 255 Jr) **PS#39.** 10 gm rFr. 2 st, 11 (5.5) LY. Tyler Lyon (6'5" 225 Jr).

C 50 BLAKE KERLEY SR. 6-2 290 **PS#56.** 24 st @ C '06-'07. 4 st @ C (inj) out ssn LY. **54** Herman Hall (6'3" 303 Sr) PS#276JC. 4 gm LY. **LS 61** Jason Bertoni (6'1" 260 Sr). 13 gm LY.

RG 70 Vaughn Dotsy So. 6-5 335 **PS#70.** 4 gm as true. Jovon Hayes (6'2" 300 Jr) **PS#29.** 3 gm, 2Y. Trevor Laue (6'5" 260 rFr). **65** Eric Rouse (6'2" 315 rFr) -60 lbs S/enroll.

LG 64 COLIN BAXTER JR. 6-4 295 **PS#89.** 11 st LG rFr. 9 st C (Kerley inj). 4LG, HM P10 LY. **79** Solomon Koehler (6'3" 335 rFr) **PS#6DL. 55** Conan Amituanai (6'4" 335 Jr) PS#113. 4 gm.

RT 78 Adam Grant Sr. 6-6 325 **PS#91.** 1 gm '06-'07 (inj). First 5 sts @ RT, 7 gm (inj) LY. **67** Phillip Garcia (6'7" 325 Jr) PS#103JC. Trace Biskin (6'5" 295 rFr) PS#113. **75** Shane Zink.

LT 74 Mike Diaz Sr. 6-5 320 **PS#32JC.** 9 st @ LG LY. **77** Jack Julsing (6'8" 295 Jr) PS#372JC. In for spg. **76** Kyle Quinn (6'2" 290 rFr) PS#97. Jake Baratz (6'5" 275 Fr) PS#139.

K 14 Alex Zendejas So. 5-11 190 **PS#8.** 8-13 FG's as HS Sr including 53 & 59 yarders. 5-5 PAT here as rFr, 1 punt (51.0). John Bonano (6'2" 195 Fr) walk-on in spring.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 44 RICKY ELMORE JR. 6-5 250 PS#182OL. 10 tkl, 12 gm rFr. 25 tkl, 4 sk, 3 tfl, 9 st LY. **83** D'Aundre Reed (6'4" 248 Jr) 2 tkl rFr. 24 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 4 st LY. Kenny Barnes (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#155.

DT 49 EARL MITCHELL SR. 6-2 295 PS#51TE. 12 st @ FB 2Y. 40 tkl, 5.5 tfl, HM P10 LY. Kaniela Tuipulotu (6'2" 300 Jr) PS#65. 7 st, 12 tkl LY. Dominique Austin (6'4" 292 So) PS#126. 3 tkl.

NT 46 DONALD HORTON SR. 6-0 275 **PS#50.** 11 tkl, 17 gms 2Y. 6 st, 21 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Lolomana Mikaele (6'2" 305 Jr) 13 tkl rFr. Susp LY. Jonathan Hollins (6'4" 280 Jr) **PS#25JC.**

DE 42 BROOKS REED JR. 6-3 255 PS#109RB. 7 tkl rFr. 37 tkl, 8 sk, HM P10, Tm Def MVP LY. **58** Apaiata Tuihalamaka (6'3" 245 So) PS#69. 4 tkl LY. Scott Smith (6'6" 260 So) PS#169. Cal trans.

SLB 52 Sterling Lewis Sr. 5-11 225 PS#109JC. 59 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **21** Corey Hall (5'10" 201 Sr) **PS#41.** 40 tkl, 6 pd 2Y. 35 tkl, 5 pbu LY. Moved from saf in spg. CJ Parish is **PS#88JC.**

MLB 8 Vuna Tuihalamaka Sr. 6-2 230 **PS#19JC.** 23 tkl, 1 tfl in 13 gms here LY. **51** RJ Young (5'11" 225 rFr) PS#143. Trevor Erno (6'1" 230 Fr) **PS#36. 56** Bobby Wuertz (6'2" 221 Jr).

WLB 15 XAVIER KELLEY SR. 5-11 215 PS#62. 20 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 24 gms 2Y. 8 st, 51 tkl, 3 sk, 3.5 tfl LY. **38** Orlando Vargas (5'11" 220 So) PS#513RB. 11 tkl LY. Cordarius Golston is PS#187.

CB 6 DEVIN ROSS SR. 5-11 175 **PS#8.** 7 tkl true. 16 tkl, 3 pd '07. 12 st, 50 tkl, 13 pbu, 3 int, **2nd Tm P10** LY. **2** Mike Turner (5'11" 175 Jr). WR as rFr, 3 rec (3.3). DNP last year.

CB 7 Marcus Benjamin Jr. 6-1 185 **PS#80JC.** In for spg, expected to compete for starting job. **24** Trevin Wade (5'11" 182 So). 1 st, 12 tkl, 4 int rFr. **47** Haig Abnous (6'0" 180 Jr).

SS 1 Robert Golden So. 5-11 190 **PS#21.** 13 tkl, 13 gm true. Joe Perkins (6'2" 198 Jr) PS#446JC. 20 tkl. Trevor Foster (6'0" 198 Jr). Mark Watley (6'0" 170 rFr). Adam Gottschalk (6'1" 196 rFr).

FS 20 CAM NELSON SR. 6-1 202 PS#191. 67 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 67 tkl, 5 pbu, HM P10 LY. Adam Hall **PS#6WR. 34** Brandon Tatum (6'1" 210 Sr) **PS#32.** 12 tkl 3Y. **3** Anthony Wilcox (6'2" 205 Sr).

P 47 KEENYN CRIER JR. 6-1 200 59 punts (43.7), long 83, tm net 38.1, 1st Tm P10 rFr. 48 punts (43.9), long of 69, tm net 36.8, HM P10 LY. **39** Kyle Day (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#14.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Adam Hall 6-4 205 PS#6WR
DL	Jonathan Hollins 6-4 280 PS#25JC
WR	Travis Cobb 6-0 180 PS#42JC
DB	Marcus Benjamin 6-1 185 PS#80JC
LB	Trevor Erno 6-1 230 PS#36
LB	CJ Parish 6-2 235 PS#88JC
RB	Daniel Jenkins 5-9 187 PS#61
DL	Jackson Powell 6-5 230 PS#79
RB	Kylan Butler 5-8 180 PS#68
QB	Richard Morrison 6-0 180 PS#64
LB	Jake Fischer 5-11 220 PS#102
WR	DeWayne Peace 5-11 180 PS#102
TE	Jack Baucus 6-6 250 PS#36
DL	Sione Tuihalamaka 6-2 275 PS#142
OL	Jake Baratz 6-5 275 PS#139
DB	Ryan Milus 5-10 160 PS#153
TE	Terrence Miller 6-4 220 PS#40
LB	Cordarius Golston 6-1 200 PS#187
OL	Chris Putton 6-4 275 PS#252
OL	Jack Julsing 6-8 295 PS#372JC
DL	Taimi Tutogi 6-1 260 PS#210RB
OL	Shane Zink 6-7 295 PS#398JC
DB	Derrick Rainey 6-1 180 PS#401
DL	Justin Washington 6-2 275 PS#368

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#24

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Central Michigan	G					Arizona has gone 4-0 all-time vs current MAC schools including LY's 41-16 win over Toledo. The Wildcats have won their last 8 home openers & 20 of their last 21.
Sep. 12	Northern Arizona	G					The Lumberjacks went 6-5 LY as a member of the Big Sky Conference. Arizona is 9-1 all-time vs Northern Arizona including a 45-24 win in 2007.
Sep. 19	at Iowa	A					Arizona is 6-5 all-time against the Hawkeyes. The Wildcats are 14-22 all-time vs current Big Ten opponents with the last road game a loss at Purdue in '03 (59-7).
Sep. 26	at Oregon St	A					Arizona has lost 9 of the L/10 gms vs OSU including 2 yrs ago in Corvallis where they trailed 24-3 after the the 1Q rushing for just 9 yds (0.3 ypc) the entire game.
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	at Washington	A					In their last trip to Seattle, UA's all-time leading passer Tuitama passed for a school record 510 yds including a 22 yd TD pass w/2:00 left to rally the Cats back from a 15 pt, 4Q deficit.
Oct. 17	Stanford	G					Arizona blew a 6 pt lead LY vs the Cardinal as Stanford marched for a TD with :25 remaining in the game. The Cats have now lost 5 of their last 6 to the Cardinal.
Oct. 24	UCLA	G					In UCLA's last trip to Tucson, the Wildcats amassed 345 1H yds in the 34-27 victory. UA has won 3 of 4 vs UCLA including a 52-14 upset of #7 ranked undefeated UCLA tm in '05.
Oct. 31							
Nov. 7	Wash St (HC)	G					UA RB Grigsby set a career-high rushing mark for the 2nd consecutive yr vs the Cougars with 189 yds in the 59-28 victory over WSU clinching UA's 1st bowl bid in a decade.
Nov. 14	at California	A					Trailing #25 Cal 24-14 at HT, backup RB Antolin led a 28 pt 3Q surge for the home win. Former UA QB Tuitama set schools records for completions (42) & att's (61) in their loss at #6 Cal in '07.
Nov. 21	Oregon	G					LY the Wildcats stormed back from a 45-17 HT deficit & got to within 3 pts in a gm that featured 1,031 ttl yds. UA ended the Ducks' BCS dreams by knocking them off 34-24 in '07.
Nov. 28	at Arizona St	G					UA/ASU play for the Territorial Cup (oldest traveling trophy). The visitor is 1-5 with the Wildcats losing 3 straight in Tempe but the last 2 were only by a FG each.
Dec. 5	at USC	G					The Wildcats have dropped 7 straight to USC by an average of 21 ppg. Last year Arizona was held to a season low 188 yds but were tied at 10 in the 3Q.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Willie Tuitama 9,211 '05-'08
2. Tom Tunnicliffe 7,618 '80-'83
3. Alfred Jenkins 6,016 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Trung Canidate 3,824 '96-'99
2. Ontiwaun Carter 3,501 '91-'94
3. Art Luppino 3,371 '53-'56

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bobby Wade 3,351 '99-'02
2. Dennis Northcutt 3,252 '96-'99
3. Mike Thomas 3,231 '05-'08

MIKE STOOPS (Career 25-34)
6th Year at Arizona
Stoops' Bowl Record: 1-0

Stoops' records AT ARIZONA

25-34	Straight Up	3-8	Vs Top 10
16-17	Home	6-15	Vs Top 25
8-17	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	6-4	Off A Bye
17-26	Vs Conference	14-17	Off A Loss

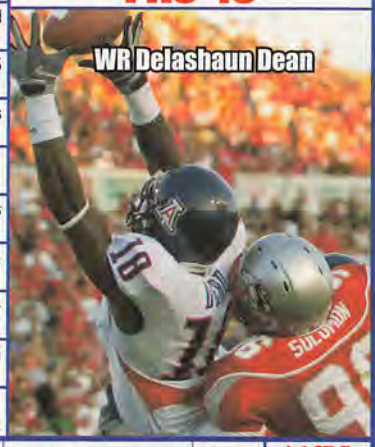
2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,24,3)
Lost: 13 (8,4,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,440 (#40)

PAC-10



STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (57,400) (#46)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	4-8	2-10	3-8	3-8	6-6	5-7	8-5	41-64
Home	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-5	2-5	2-4	3-4	4-2	5-2	25-34
Away	3-2	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-5	2-3	15-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	1-7	1-7	2-6	2-6	4-5	4-5	5-4	24-51
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	3-1	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	3-1	17-13
ATS	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-6	6-3-1	5-6	6-5	8-5	48-51-1
Home Fav (Sonny Lubick)	0-5	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	1-2	4-1	7-15
Home Dog (John Mackovic)	0-1	0-4	2-3	3-3	3-3	2-0-1	2-1	2-0	2-0	16-15-1
Away Favorite (Dick Tomey)	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-3	3-3
Away Dog (John Mackovic (1-5) Mike Hankwitz (0-2))	5-0	3-1	2-3	1-4	1-3	4-1	2-2	3-3	0-1	21-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-4	6-3	5-4	37-38
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-0-1	0-2	0-2	3-1	11-13-1
Off SU Win	3-2	1-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	3-3	3-2	4-3	16-21-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-3	3-4	4-5	4-4	4-2	2-2	3-2	3-2	27-28

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
93	Fiesta - #16	+6	Miami, Fl - #10	29-0
94	Freedom - #15	-3'	Utah - #14	13-16
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14
98	Holiday - #5	+3	Nebraska - #14	23-20
08	Las Vegas	-3	BYU - #17	31-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
10*	36.6	402	158	4.1	244	64.6	11.0	28	+6	2008	3	21.3	313	131	4.1	182	56.0	14.7	24
8*	28.0	386	77	2.9	309	62.5	13.8	31	-1	2007	9	26.8	372	138	3.6	234	57.5	13.9	27
8*	16.6	253	84	2.7	169	53.7	15.2	31	+7	2006	9	19.6	327	120	3.9	207	61.7	16.7	15
7*	22.9	351	122	3.5	229	57.3	15.3	21	-9	2005	7	26.4	409	184	4.6	225	58.7	15.5	24
9*	14.9	289	118	3.4	171	52.6	19.4	22	+3	2004	5	25.0	379	124	3.3	255	58.0	15.2	20
6	15.1	308	124	3.9	184	46.8	20.4	19	-5	2003	5	35.8	460	181	3.9	279	61.2	12.9	25
7*	18.9	334	44	1.5	290	57.2	17.6	52	-7	2002	6	25.8	386	162	3.8	224	58.2	14.9	26

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Nic Grigsby	214	1195	42	1153	13	5.4
Keola Antolin	117	534	9	525	10	4.5
Matt Scott	23	200	12	188	2	8.2
Xavier Smith	40	154	1	153	5	3.8
Mike Thomas	24	127	13	114	1	4.8
Nick Booth	15	62	3	59	0	3.9
Willie Tuitama	49	67	187	-120	2	-2.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Willie Tuitama	399	259	64.9	3088	23	8
Matt Scott	11	7	63.6	84	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mike Thomas	74	825	11.1	4	56	
Rob Gronkowski	47	672	14.3	10	43	
Delashaun Dean	53	593	11.2	4	41	
Terrell Turner	43	580	13.5	1	71	
Chris Gronkowski	8	198	24.8	3	37	
Juron Criner	7	88	12.6	1	28	
Nic Grigsby	12	62	5.2	0	13	
William Wright	3	42	14.0	0	26	
David Douglas	3	41	13.7	0	20	
Keola Antolin	7	24	3.4	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Keenyn Crier	48	2109	43.9	8	36.8(t)	0	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jason Bondzio	55-55	8-8	2-2	4-6	0-0	14-16	49

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ronnie Palmer	85	2.5	8.5	3	1
Nate Ness	75	0	2	8	2
Cam Nelson	67	0	3	5	0
Marquis Hundley	59	0	5	7	4
Sterling Lewis	59	1	4	2	0
Xavier Kelley	51	3	3.5	2	0
Devin Ross	50	0	0	13	3
Adrian McCovy	43	0	1.5	1	0
Earl Mitchell	40	1.5	4	1	0
Brooks Reed	37	8	1.5	2	0
Corey Hall	35	1.5	1.5	5	0
Ricky Elmore	25	4	3	1	1
D'Aundre Reed	24	1	1.5	1	0
Vuna Tuihalamaka	23	0.5	0.5	0	0
Donald Horton	21	1	3	0	0
Joe Perkins	20	0	0	2	1
Robert Golden	13	0	1	0	0
Trevin Wade	12	0	0	3	4
Kaniela Tuipulotu	12	0	1	1	0
Trevor Foster	12	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Mike Thomas	29	392	13.5	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Keola Antolin	15	323	21.5	0	
Mike Thomas	14	317	22.6	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

UA 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
47,511	Idaho	27	49-265	5.4	23-31	256	0	7	25-64	2.6	10-27	48	0	+5
50,939	Toledo	28	33-153	4.6	26-34	299	1	12	24-74	3.1	21-31	170	1	-1
32,337	at New Mexico	21	24-67	2.8	27-50	321	3	18	47-221	4.7	14-18	114	2	-4
65,434	at UCLA	15	35-111	3.2	16-29	222	2	11	28-115	4.1	15-31	81	4	0
55,624	Washington	28	51-256	5.0	17-21	193	3	12	28-63	2.3	12-28	181	1	+2
30,689	at Stanford	16	23-77	3.3	22-34	259	3	21	48-286	6.0	16-24	152	1	+3
48,372	California	17	41-179	4.4	16-27	225	4	18	23-110	4.8	25-56	315	2	0
57,427	USC	13	30-100	3.3	14-31	88	3	19	41-151	3.7	21-36	216	3	+1
24,118	at Wash St	28	57-317	5.6	11-15	214	1	12	29-94	3.2	10-20	114	3	+2
58,369	at Oregon	30	52-199	3.8	29-46	328	3	18	30-206	6.9	21-27	298	1	-2
48,503	Oregon St	19	41-139	3.4	16-22	158	3	17	33-166	5.0	20-32	224	1	0
58,704	Arizona St	25	40-105	2.6	25-37	284	1	12	23-38	1.7	13-31	124	3	0
40,047	† BYU	20	28-91	3.3	24-35	325	1	22	32-116	3.6	30-46	328	2	0
TOTALS		287	504-2059	4.1	266-412	3172	28	199	411-1704	4.1	228-407	2365	24	+6
AVERAGES		22.1	39-158	4.1	20-32	244	6.8%	15.3	32-131	4.1	18-31	182	5.9%	0.5

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	N Arizona	NL	21-3
–	Utah - #17	+13'	6-23
–	Wisconsin - #20	+11	7-9
–	Washington St	+3'	19-20
–	at UCLA	+10	17-37
–	at Oregon	+11	14-28
–	California - #7	+22'	0-38
–	Oregon St	+7	14-28
–	at Washington	+1'	23-13
–	at USC - #1	+35	9-49
–	Arizona St - #18	+14	34-27

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Utah	+7'	24-27
–	N Arizona	NL	31-12
–	Purdue - #12	+7	24-31
–	at California - #12	+16'	0-28
–	at USC - #1	+38	21-42
–	Stanford	-4'	16-20
–	Oregon - #15	+11'	21-28
–	at Oregon St	+9'	29-27
–	UCLA - #7	+9'	52-14
–	Washington	-13	14-38
–	at Arizona St	+10	20-23

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	BYU	-6'	16-13
–	at LSU - #8	+16'	3-45
–	Stephen F Austin	NL	28-10
–	USC - #3	+21	3-20
–	Washington	-3'	10-21
–	at UCLA	+12	7-27
–	at Stanford	-3'	20-7
–	Oregon St	+2'	10-17
–	at Washington St - #25	+16	27-17
–	California - #8	+13'	24-20
–	at Oregon	+14'	37-10
–	Arizona St	-2'	14-28

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at BYU	+3'	7-20
–	N Arizona	NL	45-24
–	New Mexico	-10	27-29
–	at California - #6	+14	27-45
–	Washington St	-3	48-20
–	at Oregon St	+3	16-31
–	at USC - #10	+21	13-20
–	Stanford	-13	20-21
–	at Washington	+3'	48-41
–	UCLA	+1	34-27
–	Oregon - #2	+10'	34-24
–	at Arizona St - #13	+6'	17-20

2008 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Idaho	-27	70-0
–	Toledo	-23'	41-16
–	at New Mexico	-10'	28-36
–	at UCLA	-3'	31-10
–	Washington	-24	48-14
–	at Stanford	-7	23-24
–	California - #25	+2'	42-27
–	USC - #6	+15	10-17
–	at Washington St	-41	59-28
–	at Oregon	+6	45-55
–	Oregon St - #21	-3	17-19
–	Arizona St	-10'	31-10

OREGON ST BEAVERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - A reoccurring theme under HC Mike Riley was that a QB struggles in the first year and gets much better in the 2nd. Derek Anderson had a 24-24 ratio in the 1st year of Riley's second stint at OSU ('03) and improved to 29-17 as a senior. Matt Moore had an 11-19 ratio in '05 but improved to 18-7 in '06 (60.6%). In '07 Sean Canfield (PS#40), who has a strong arm and is a drop-back QB, battled 5'11" JUCO Lyle Moevao (more mobile). They split the job the first 3 but then Canfield took almost all of the snaps over the next 6 until he was injured vs USC. In Moevao's first start vs UW, he hit just 10 of 22 but finished 4-0 as a starter (inj'd 1H bowl). Canfield was not 100% so Moevao was the clear cut starter into '08. He was inj vs Ariz St and Canfield threw for 218. Canfield started vs UCLA and threw for 222. Moevao ret'd vs Cal and hit just 14 of 28 for 145 and then Canfield hit 20 of 32 for 224 in their win over Ariz. Moevao took all the snaps in The Civil War and the bowl and threw for 2,534 (59.3%) with a 19-13 ratio and despite his mobility, he had just 59 gross yds rushing. Canfield threw for 703 (66.7%) with a 6-2 ratio. Justin Engstrom (6'5" 204 So, PS#282) played in 3. All 3 ret this year in a crowded QB field. Added in are Ryan Katz (6'1" 208 rFr, PS#33), Zach Anderson (6'4" 222 rFr, PS#119), Brennan Sim (6'2" 205 Jr), Peter Lalich (6'4" 229 Jr, PS#15) who played in 8 as a true frosh at UVA (321 yds, 57.4%) and Kaulin Krebs (6'0" 193 rFr). Moevao, who battled a shoulder inj in the 2H of '08, is 11-4 as a starter. I looked for improved QB play in '09.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Beavers had to replace Yvenson Bernard who left as OSU's #2 all-time rusher (3,862) and the leading returning rusher was WR James Rodgers who had 586 (11.7) on fly sweeps. There was zero experience among the top 3 who were rFr Ryan McCants (PS#138), JUCO Jeremy Francis (PS#95) and true frosh Jacquizz Rodgers (PS#23). McCants at 240 lbs is a big, bruising back and began as the starter but "Quizz" exploded into the national consciousness with 186 yd vs USC (more than 5 tms had in total offense vs Trojans). He rushed for 1,253 (4.8) with 11 TD's despite missing the last 2. He had the most ever rush yards by a frosh in P10 history (1 of just 3 to top 1,000). His older brother James was once again #2 (408, 8.9) despite being a WR and McCants had 337 (4.0). Jeremy Francis played in 9 (165 rush, 120 rec), but he left the program. Not listed below are Joshua Parish (5'11" 208 So), Jordan Jenkins (6'1" 205 rFr), Clayton York (6'0" 208 rFr), Chris Roth (5'11" 221 Jr) and FB Will Darkins (6'1" 224 So). While it will be tough to improve much upon Quizz's production, this unit is vastly more experienced.

RECEIVERS - OSU has had some fine WR's (see Hardcore). In '06, Sammie Stroughter led with 1,293 (17.5) but in '07 he RS and Anthony Brown (PS#99) led with 550 (14.1). True frosh Darrell Catchings (PS#183) had 386 (11.7). Last year they had to replace their #1 and #3 rec but got a huge boost with Stroughter's ret and also got increased production from James Rodgers (208, 10.9 in '07). He was #3 with 607 (11.9) and also the #2 rusher. Stroughter finished #1 with 1,040 (14.9) and Shane Morales (115, 7.2 '07) added 743 (13.8). TE Howard Croom had his numbers drop from 20 rec in '07 to 6 and Brady Camp led the TE's with 12 rec. This year they lose Stroughter (13 st, #7DC TB), Morales (9 st) and Chris Johnson (1 st, 6 rec). Not even listed below are Aaron Nichols (6'0" 185 Jr), Geno Munoz (6'0" 187 rFr, PS#127), Shawn McGarity (5'10" 164 Jr), HB Joe Halahuni (6'2" 254 So, PS#28, 1 st), TE's Devin Unga (6'1" 201 Fr, PS#181), who has ret'd from a mission and Kevin Pankey (6'2" 260 rFr). They lose their #1 and #2 WR and they don't have a player like Stroughter to plug in so are clearly weaker in '09.

OFFENSIVE LINE - All 5 starters ret'd in '06 but OSU lost its RT after 3 starts. They were the only team that had all 5 OL starters earn some type of P10 recognition but surprisingly the stats did not improve (118 ypg, 3.5 ypc, 8.2% sacks). In '07 OSU had to replace a 2nd Tm P10 LT but had 8 of their top 10 back. Two returnees were lost (comb 10 st '07). OSU allowed 30 of its 36 sacks after star LG Jeremy Perry was inj'd. The unit still improved to 175 ypg rush (4.2), their best since 2000. Last year they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters but had 3 starters back and OT Tavita Thompson started the L/6 after being inelig the first 7. The stats were similar as they paved the way for 158 ypg rush (4.2) allowing 21 sacks (4.7%). This year they lose 2nd Tm P10 LG Adam Speer (13 st, 2Y st'r), 1st Tm P10 LT Andy Levitre (13 st, 3Y st'r, #2DC BUF), Thompson (6 st) and C Marcus Henderson (6 gm). This year they have just 2.5 starters back as Mike Remmers started the first 7 before stepping aside for Thompson. I'll call this unit equal to the '08 group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007, OSU had to replace two starters but the D-line had an incredible year. The Beavers led the FBS in rush D allowing a paltry 71 ypg (2.1) with 44 sacks. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters but they were a little more experienced than the numbers indicated. Slade Norris and Victor Butler, the backup DE's, combined for 19.5 sacks in '07 and both ret'd. Riley also had two JUCO's that he RS in '07 and added another JUCO in DT Stephen Paea. The numbers slipped to allowing 131 ypg (3.8), their worst total since 2001, but they did have 39 sacks. This year they lose DT Pernnell Booth (11 st, 22 tkl), DE Norris (13 st, 57 tkl, 10 sk, 8.5 tfl, #4DC OAK) and 1st Tm P10 DE Butler (13 st, 65 tkl, 12 sk, 9.5 tfl, #4DC DAL). They have 5 of the top 8 back and add PS#8TE Gabe Miller. While they actually have more exp back, only one ret DL had a sack (Paea, 5). I look for the Beavers to be tougher vs the run but put a lot less pressure on QB's.

LINEBACKERS - OSU has had some excellent LB's with six being drafted since 2002. Riley takes a lot of pride in this group calling it the West Coast version of "LB U" saying his LB's all have the ability to rush the passer and drop back into coverage. In '07 all 3 starters ret'd and were a big part of the reason OSU finished #1 in the FBS in rush D. Last year they had to replace all 3 starters and I called the unit my biggest concern on the entire team and the rush D numbers did drop dramatically. This year they lose LB Bryant Cornell (13 st, 61 tkl, 1 tfl), Isaiah Cook (17 tkl), Dennis Christopher (12 tkl) and Casey Noack (14 tkl). They do ret 3 of the top 4 including their top LB, 2nd Tm P10 Keaton Kristick.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year OSU only had to replace one starter (2 bkup) including proj'd starting FS Bryan Payton (quit summer). Still, with 3 starters back, OSU finished at #12 (#7 '06, #10 '07). S Greg Laybourn was the P10 DPW 3 times. This year the losses are heavy as gone are 2nd Tm P10 CB Brandon Hughes (11 st, 11 pbu, 4Y st'r, #5DC SD), 2nd Tm P10 FS Laybourn (#1 tkl'r, 3 int), HM P10 CB Keenan Lewis (13 st, 4 int, 9 pbu, 4Y st'r, #3DC PIT), HM P10 SS Al Afalava (11 st, 2 int, 3Y st'r, #6DC CHI) and S Austin Hall (1 st, 40 tkl). Amazingly, OSU loses 139 career starts and this year's group combines for just 7. Remember in '05 (see Hardcore) when their inexperienced secondary finished #79? This year's unit is even less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006, OSU was #4 in my ST rankings. They lost their P, KR & PR in '07. KR Gerard Lawson fumbled 3 straight vs UCLA and Alexis Serna was just #111 in net punting (31.7) and they plummeted to #83. Last year they had to replace their K & P but Sammie Stroughter (15.7 PR '06) was back as PR (10.3) and James Rodgers (24.8) and Patrick Henderson (28.1) were dangerous on KR. Justin Kahut hit 16 of 24 (long 47) but was just 4 of 9 from 40+. While he kicked the game winner vs Ariz, he also had a crucial missed xp in that game. True frosh P Johnny Hekker only had a net of 33.1 but was brilliant in the bowl (10-45.0) and finished with 23 punts inside the 20. Surprisingly, OSU rose to #49 and with everyone back but Stroughter, should improve again.

COACHES - Mike Riley began the turnaround at OSU in '97 as he inherited a team filled with players recruited for the wishbone. In his 2nd year he guided OSU to its first 5 win season in 27 years. Riley left in '99 to be an NFL HC (SD) but ret'd to Corvallis in '03. Riley is 5-0 in bowls as a HC and 3-0 in bowls as an OC (USC). He also calls the plays on game day. Danny Langsdorf (ex-OC CFL Eskimos) is the OC (5th year). The DC is Mark Banker, who was the co-DC at Stanford in 2002 and the DB coach for Riley from 1997 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Oregon St snapped a TWENTY-EIGHT year streak of losing seasons in '99 and has had solid success this decade even finishing #4 in the final polls in 2000. Reser Stadium has turned into a pit for opposing teams as OSU is 43-12 at home since '00. When Mike Riley ret'd in '03, he inherited a team that went 4-4 in the P10 (+67 ypg). OSU opened 5-1 and made it to their 4th bowl in 5 years. They were +141.8 ypg in P10 play. That was even better than co-Nat'l Champ USC despite their 4-4 mark! OSU whipped NM in their bowl 55-14. In '04 they nearly defeated defending co-Nat'l Champ LSU in OT in Death Valley but opened just 1-4 and were blown out by Cal 49-7. OSU finished 5-1 just to make a bowl and then dispatched ND 38-21 in the Insight Bowl (5th bowl 6Y) despite facing the #1 toughest sked. In '05 they were the only P10 team not to face USC. They suffered some tough losses and in the season finale, needing a win for a bowl, were blown out by #10 Oregon 56-14. Despite their 3-5 conf record, they were +13.7 ypg (4th best) but were -14 in TO's. OSU started 2-3 in '06, suffering blowout losses to Boise and Cal and trailed Wash 17-10 at half. Their season turned around as they rallied for the win and then ended USC's streak of 27 straight P10 wins. They finished 9-4 including a win at #24 Hawaii. In the bowl, trailing by 13, they rallied for a TD and 2 pt conv with :23 left to knock off Missouri. They finished with their 2nd best record in school history (#21 AP). In '07, OSU had 15 ret starters but was -10 in TO's after 5 (2-3). Over the next 6 they were 5-1 and +13 in TO's and they knocked off #2 Cal on the road. If Oregon had been picked for a BCS bowl, OSU would have played in the Holiday Bowl but instead moved down to the Emerald where they beat MD 21-14. OSU finished 6-3 in the P10 (only +3 ppg). Not only did they benefit from not facing some top-notch QB's but they also had 4 net close wins. Last year they had to replace their entire def front 7 and their 10 ret starters were the P10's 2nd fewest. I thought Riley did an exceptional job getting OSU to match '07's 9 wins. First, they had an even better P10 record at 7-2 and were +101 ypg (2nd best). They also faced a tougher schedule than '07 as they had to play Utah and Penn St (comb 21-1) on the road. OSU was also hit hard by inj's by year's end. In the opener, OSU was reaching into the EZ for the potential tying TD vs Stanford when they fumbled for a TB. After being blown out by PSU (45-14) they were 0-2 and did not look good. After beating Hawaii 45-7 they stunned #1 USC 27-21 (led 21-0). The only other time they beat a #1 team was in 1967 (USC). OSU traveled to face Utah the next Thurs and had a 405-337 yd edge but the Utes rallied with 11 pts in the final 1:29 to win. OSU annihilated WSU and UW and got past ASU when the Sun Devils missed a tying 2 pt conv. After beating UCLA, OSU controlled its own destiny for the P10 Title. They got past Cal (IR TD w/:31 left, won by 13). They trailed Ariz 17-10 with 4:25 left but got a 24 yd FG on the final play to win. If they had beaten UO, OSU would have been in the Rose Bowl for the first time S/'64 but without Quizz Rodgers and with UO off a bye, they were buried by the Ducks, 65-38. In the Sun Bowl OSU was w/o both Rodgers brothers but the D held Pitt to 178 ttl yds in a 3-0 win. They again have just 10 ret starters and benefitted from 2 net close wins. Despite the inj's at the end of '08, OSU beat a Top 10 team for a 3rd straight year and they are one of 10 teams that have finished in the Top 25 each of the L3Y. Their 5 straight bowl wins are the 2nd longest streak in the NCAA. OSU set a schl rec with SEVEN NFL DC's (previous rec was 6 in '67) and should get to their 4th straight bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 3 LYLE MOEVAO SR. 5-11 220 PS#185JC. 876 (52%), 2-6 ratio '07. 11 st, 2534 (59%), 19-13 ratio. HM P10 LY. **5** Sean Canfield (6'4" 220 Sr) PS#40. 2699 (60%), 17-19 ratio 3Y.

RB 1 JACQUIZZ RODGERS SO. 5-7 193 **PS#23**. 10 st (inj) 1253 (4.8). **P10 Off POY** true. Ryan McCants (6'1" 240 So) PS#138. 337 (4.0) rFr. ? '09. Jovan Stevenson (5'11" 195 Fr) PS#109.

SL 25 Casey Kjos Jr. 6-2 215 PS#282. RS '07 (inj). 15 (7.5) LY. **23** Jordan Bishop (6'3" 195 rFr) PS#121. Kevan Walker (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#88. **HB John Reese** (6'3" 240 Sr) PS#58. 10 rec.

FL 8 JAMES RODGERS JR. 5-7 185 PS#312. 208 (10.9), 586 rush (11.7) true. 607 (11.9), 408 rush (8.9), 33 KR (24.8) LY. Reggie Dunn **PS#76JC**. **84** Taylor Kavanaugh (5'10" 175 Sr).

SE 15 Darrell Catchings Jr. 5-11 179 PS#183. 8 st, 386 (11.7) as true. 2 st, 13 gm, 95 (13.6) LY. **80** Damola Adeniji (6'3" 215 Sr) PS#458JC. 1 rec LY. Kyle Brown (6'4" 208 Jr) PS#114.

TE 88 HOWARD CROOM SR. 6-3 254 PS#71. 13 st, 191 (9.1) 2Y. 10 st, 37 (6.2) LY. **83** Brady Camp (6'4" 258 Jr) PS#172. 52 (8.7) rFr. 5 st, 92 (7.7) LY. **82** Colby Prince (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#81.

C 60 ALEX LINNENKOHL JR. 6-2 288 PS#158. 2 gm bkup rFr. 13 LY. **70** Grant Johnson (6'3" 265 So) PS#172. 2 gm LY. **53** Colin Lyons (6'3" 312 rFr). John Roy (6'3" 270 Jr). RS LY.

RG 73 GREGG PEAT SR. 6-3 296 4 gm rFr. 2 st @ RG, 6 gm '07. 13 st @ RG LY. Michael Philipp is **PS#13**. **74** Burke Ellis (6'4" 249 So) PS#543. **67** Rory Ross (6'3" 294 rFr) PS#134TE.

LG 71 Brent McNeil Jr. 6-3 325 **PS#79JC**. RS here LY. **63** Ryan Pohl (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#229. 2 st @ LT '07. 3 gm LY. Michael Lamb (6'3" 276 So) PS#314. Nathan Hannah (6'3" 304 Jr).

RT 72 Timi Oshinowo Jr. 6-6 283 **PS#64**. 3 gm bkup 2Y. ? '09 (knee). Colin Kelly (6'4" 266 rFr). **62** Geoff Garner (6'5" 302 Fr) PS#189TE. Returns from mission. Ben Motter (6'5" 283 So).

LT 50 MIKE REMMERS SO. 6-4 286 7 st @ RT, 13 gms as rFr. Moved to LT in spring. **68** Wilder McAndrews (6'4" 290 Jr). 3 gm '08. No spring, wrist injury. John Braun is PS#118.

K 27 JUSTIN KAHUT JR. 5-8 158 38 yd FG as rFr. 16-24 FG LY, L/47, 65 KO, 4 TB. Matt Barker (6'1" 170 So). 11 KO, 2 TB, 4 gm true. Sean Sehnem (5'11" 190 Sr). 32 yd FG, 2 gm LY.

DE 55 Ben Terry Sr. 6-2 243 PS#114JC. 11 tkl, 13 gm LY. **99** Gabe Miller (6'3" 231 Jr) **PS#8TE**. 7 st, 22 gm at TE 2Y. Move in spg. **79** Tom Hansen (6'1" 245 Jr) PS#71. 2 gm 2Y.

DT 54 STEPHEN PAEA JR. 6-1 293 PS#204JC. 41 tkl, 5 sk, 6 tfl, HM P10 LY. **97** Sioeli Nau (6'2" 307 Sr) PS#214JC. RS '07. 4 tkl LY. **96** Jesse Fifita (6'1" 276 rFr). Tonu Tuimaleali'ifano (6'1" 260 So).

DT 92 Mitchel Hunt Jr. 6-2 271 PS#215. DNP '07. 1 st, 9 gm, 3 tkl LY. **79** Brennan Olander (6'1" 274 Jr). 6 tkl 2Y. Latu Moala (6'1" 294 Sr) PS#174JC. 5 tkl LY. Castro Masaniai (6'2" 299 rFr).

DE 74 Kevin Frahm So. 6-2 255 PS#83. 4 tkl, 13 gm rFr. **77** Evan Hull (6'4" 256 Jr). 3 tkl rFr. Taylor Henry (6'1" 222 rFr). Matt LaGrone (6'6" 240 Jr). Nev trans. Andrew Seumalo (6'3" 238 rFr).

SLB 32 KEATON KRISTICK SR. 6-3 226 PS#92. 32 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 82 tkl, 3.5 sk, 10.5 tfl, **2nd Tm P10** LY. Rueben Robinson PS#78. **29** Zane Norris (6'2" 200 rFr). Paul Jones (6'2" 207 So). 229 So) 19 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. Walker Vave (6'2" 230 Jr) PS#347. 2 tkl, 6 gm 2Y. Keo Camat (6'2" 233 Jr) PS#308.

MLB 59 Dwight Roberson Jr. 6-0 238 PS#79. 12 tkl rFr. 61 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. David Pa'aluhi (5'11" 230 So) PS#274. 13 tkl rFr. Limited spg. David Ross (6'0" 185 So) **PS#52**. Brian Watkins (5'9" 174 rFr).

WLB 35 KEITH PANKEY JR. 6-0 211 PS#427. 10 tkl, 11 gm true. 43 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 13 st LY. **43** Tony Wilson (6'1" 219 rFr) PS#109. ? '09 (knee). **39** Kameron Krebs (6'0" 207 rFr).

CB 4 James Dockery Jr. 6-1 175 PS#143. 12 tkl rFr. Inj LY. **17** Brandon Hardin (6'2" 206 So) PS#274. 13 tkl rFr. Limited spg. David Ross (6'0" 185 So) **PS#52**. Brian Watkins (5'9" 174 rFr).

CB 21 Tim Clark Sr. 6-0 170 2 tkl rFr. 3 st, 32 tkl, 9 pd '07. 2 st, 17 tkl, 3 pbu LY. Patrick Henderson (5'10" 175 Sr) PS#256. 18 tkl 3Y. **20** Keynan Parker (5'11" 168 rFr) PS#391RB.

SS 28 Suaesi Tuimaunei Jr. 6-1 208 PS#298. 21 tkl, 2 st 2Y. **5** Cameron Collins (6'2" 216 So) PS#130. 13 tkl as rFr. Dax Dilbeck is PS#67QB. **14** Kaua Olds (5'10" 180 rFr).

FS 10 Lance Mitchell So. 6-2 205 PS#113. 11 tkl as rFr. **47** Anthony Watkins (6'1" 214 rFr) PS#128. GS '07. RS LY. **26** Josh LaGrone (6'1" 181 rFr) PS#494. GS '07. RS LY.

P 7 JOHNNY HEKKER SO. 6-5 211 PS#157. 59 punts (39.7), 23 inside 20, net 33.1 as true, improved as ssn went on. **37** Ryan Allen (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#86. Walked on in fall.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Michael Philipp 6-3 320 PS#13
LB	Michael Doctor 6-0 195 PS#28
WR	Reggie Dunn 5-11 185 PS#76JC
LB	Rueben Robinson 6-3 215 PS#78
WR	Markus Wheaton 6-1 175 PS#84
OL	John Braun 6-6 240 PS#118
DB	Sean Martin 6-0 170 PS#129
DB	Dax Dilbeck 6-1 171 PS#67QB
QB	Cody Vaz 6-2 198 PS#68
OL	Grant Enger 6-6 250 PS#135
DB	Kyrell Hudson 6-0 185 PS#147
DL	Mana Rosa 6-3 250 PS#178
WR	Micah Hatfield 6-0 153 PS#144
QB	Jack Lomax 6-2 165 PS#90
WR	Kevin Cummings 6-2 165 PS#148
OL	Joshua Andrews 6-2 257 PS#191
OL	Michael Beaton 6-2 284 PS#196
RB	Jovan Stevenson 5-11 195 PS#109 '08
DB	Jordan Poyer 6-0 172 PS#290
DB	Rashaad Reynolds 6-0 170 PS#149QB
RB	Ashton Jefferson 6-2 195 PS#263
DB	Zeke Sanders 6-1 181 PS#360
OL	Tyler Thomas 6-4 285 PS#360
DL	Josh Kaiwi 6-2 250 PS#367
WR	Obum Gwacham 6-6 205 PS#583

OREGON STATE BEAVERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#55

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Portland St	A					Vikings went 4-7 LY as a member of the Big Sky Conf including a 48-9 loss to Wash St. Beavers have won 9 of 12 season openers including a 41-14 win vs PSU in '05.
Sep. 12	at UNLV	A					The Beavers are 23-17-1 all-time vs current MWC teams but just 1-3 vs UNLV. Oregon State has dropped their last 6 road openers by a 36-18 avg score.
Sep. 19	Cincinnati	A					Despite a 310-229 edge, OSU was hammered 2 yrs ago on the road as Cincy was aided by 7 OSU TO's. The Beavers are 6-8 all-time vs current Big East schools.
Sep. 26	Arizona	A					LY after hooking the gm-tying XP w/3:58 remaining, OSU K Kahut drilled a 24 yd FG as time expired. QB Moevao missed the gm & RB Rogers missed the last 3Q's.
Oct. 3	at Arizona St	G					In their last visit to Tempe, the Beavers blew a 19-0, 1Q lead to the Sun Devils losing 44-32. The road team is just 1-8 while OSU is 4-19-1 vs ASU since 1980.
Oct. 10	Stanford	A					LY trailing by 8 pts in the final seconds, OSU WR Catchings fumbled into the EZ as he att'd to score the potential gm-tying TD. The Beavers have won 6 of their L/8 vs SU.
Oct. 17							
Oct. 24	at USC	G					Beavers upset USC for the 2nd time in the last 3 ssns LY in Corvallis as USC trailed 21-0 at the half and were unable to convert on a last minute TD att with OSU Safety Laybourn getting the gm-clinching int.
Oct. 31	UCLA (HC)	A					Last year Oregon St HC Riley earned his 1st career coaching victory against the Bruins as he entered the game 0-9 including 4 losses when he was a DC at USC.
Nov. 7	at California	A					The road tm has won 5 of the L/6 in this series including OSU's upset of #2 Cal in '07. OSU HC Riley began his coaching career with Cal in '75 as a graduate assistant.
Nov. 14	Washington	A					Huskies owned this series from '75-'03 winning 25 of the 27 gms vs the Beavers but OSU has now won the L/5 including LY's 34-13 win in Seattle as WR Rodgers tallied 216 all-purp yds & 3 TD's.
Nov. 21	at Washington St	A					In their last trip to Pullman, OSU forced 8 Cougar TO's (7 int) on their way to a 52-17 rout of WSU. The Beavers have outscored WSU by a 118-30 margin the LY.
Nov. 28							
Dec. 3	at Oregon (Thur)	A					OSU had their Rose Bowl dreams crushed LY in the "Civil War" as UO put up 65 pts & 694 yds in the victory. The road tm in this series had lost 10 straight prior to visiting tm victories the L2Y.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Derek Anderson 11,249 '01-'04
2. Jonathan Smith 9,680 '98-'01
3. Erik Wilhelm 9,383 '85-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ken Simonton 5,044 '98-'01
2. Yvenson Bernard 3,862 '04-'07
3. Steven Jackson 3,625 '01-'03

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Hass 3,924 '02-'05
2. James Newson 3,572 '00-'03
3. Sammie Stroughter 2,653 '04-'08

MIKE RILEY (Career 56-42)

9th Year at Oregon St ('97-'98 & '03-'08) Riley's Bowl Record: 5-0

Riley's records AT OREGON ST

56-42	Straight Up	3-9	Vs Top 10
33-17	Home	8-22	Vs Top 25
18-25	Away	5-4	Vs BCS Teams
5-0	Neutral	14-2	Off A Bye
33-34	Vs Conference	20-20	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (28,23,3)
Lost: 20 (8,12,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,931 (#53)

PAC-10

RB Jacquizz Rodgers

STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (45,674) (#69)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	5-6	8-5	8-5	7-5	5-6	10-4	9-4	9-4	72-40
Home	6-0	4-1	6-1	6-1	3-2	3-3	5-2	5-1	5-1	43-12
Away	4-1	1-5	2-3	1-4	3-3	2-3	4-2	3-3	3-3	23-27
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	6-1
vs Conf	7-1	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	3-5	6-3	6-3	7-2	45-30
vs Non-Conf	4-0	2-1	4-1	4-1	2-2	2-1	4-1	3-1	2-2	27-10
ATS	9-2	5-5	6-6	6-6	8-4	3-6-1	7-6	8-4	9-4	61-43-1
Home Fav	4-0	1-1	5-1	3-3	2-1	1-2-1	2-1	4-1	3-2	25-12-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-0	1-0	5-5
Away Favorite	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-2	3-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	2-1	9-12
Away Dog	3-0	3-1	0-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	2-1	2-2	2-1	16-12
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	5-2
vs Conf	7-1	5-3	3-5	5-3	6-2	3-5	5-4	6-3	6-3	46-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-2	3-1	1-3	2-2	0-1-1	2-2	2-1	3-1	15-14-1
Off SU Win	8-2	2-2	5-3	3-4	5-1	1-3-1	4-5	5-3	6-2	39-25-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-2	1-3	3-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	2-1	3-1	20-16

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jacquizz Rodgers	259	1291	38	1253	11	4.8
James Rodgers	46	442	34	408	5	8.9
Ryan McCants	85	363	26	337	2	4.0
Jeremy Francis	35	173	8	165	1	4.7
Sammie Stroughter	7	61	9	52	0	7.4
Sean Canfield	6	2	30	-28	0	-4.7
Lyle Moevao	36	59	177	-118	2	-3.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Lyle Moevao	361	214	59.3	2534	19	13
Sean Canfield	84	56	66.7	703	6	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sammie Stroughter	70	1040	14.9	7	55
Shane Morales	54	743	13.8	8	34
James Rodgers	51	607	11.9	4	75
Jacquizz Rodgers	29	247	8.5	1	41
Jeremy Francis	15	120	8.0	1	24
John Reese	10	109	10.9	0	22
Darrell Catchings	7	95	13.6	0	31
Brady Camp	12	92	7.7	2	20
Chris Johnson	6	60	10.0	0	21
Damola Adeniji	1	39	39.0	1	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Johnny Hekker	59	2342	39.7	8	33.1	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Justin Kahut	36-38	8-10	4-5	4-9	0-0	16-24	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Greg Laybourn	113	0.5	1.5	1	3
Keaton Kristick	82	3.5	10.5	4	0
Victor Butler	65	12	9.5	0	0
Dwight Roberson	61	2	5.5	0	0
Bryant Cornell	61	0	1	3	1
Slade Norris	57	10	8.5	2	0
Keith Pankey	43	1	4.5	0	0
Stephen Paea	41	5	6	1	0
Austin Hall	40	0	0	1	0
Al Afalava	36	0	2	8	2
Brandon Hughes	35	0	2.5	11	1
Keenan Lewis	35	0	1	9	4
Pernnell Booth	22	1	3	0	0
David Pa'aluhi	19	2.5	1.5	0	0
Tim Clark	17	0	0	3	0
Isaiah Cook	17	0.5	0	0	1
Suaesi Tuimaunei	15	0	1	0	0
Casey Noack	14	0	2	0	0
Cameron Collins	13	0	0	0	0
Brandon Hardin	13	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sammie Stroughter	35	359	10.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Rodgers	33	818	24.8	1
Patrick Henderson	10	281	28.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Las Vegas	-2	New Mexico	55-14
04	Insight	-4	Notre Dame	38-21
06	Sun - #24	-3'	Missouri	39-38
07	Emerald	-5	Maryland	21-14
08	Sun - #24	-1	Pittsburgh - #18	3-0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Oregon St's All-Time Bowl Record 8-4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	30.5	407	158	4.2	249	60.3	13.3	21	+1	2008	3	23.1	312	131	3.8	181	51.7	13.5	39
7	27.8	372	175	4.2	197	56.2	13.3	36	0	2007	8	22.6	307	71	2.1	236	53.2	13.5	44
9*	27.8	360	118	3.5	242	60.9	13.0	35	+8	2006	7	22.2	334	110	3.5	224	54.2	15.0	47
7	26.6	419	123	3.2	296	58.2	15.7	32	-14	2005	6	33.2	407	108	3.1	299	52.7	12.3	22
4*	26.7	380	71	2.2	309	53.9	14.2	37	+3	2004	7	24.5	313	117	3.4	196	43.9	12.8	32
9*	33.3	463	135	3.3	328	51.3	13.9	33	-8	2003	5	23.2	288	84	2.5	204	44.1	12.5	33
7	31.8	412	149	3.9	263	47.2	12.9	29	+8	2002	8	20.5	293	94	2.6	199	48.7	14.3	31

2008 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
30,223	at Stanford	29	28-86	3.1	34-54	404	2	18	48-210	4.4	10-17	91	2	-3
108,159	at Penn St	19	32-92	2.9	25-41	250	2	23	38-239	6.3	14-27	215	0	-1
45,059	Hawaii	28	50-217	4.3	20-36	268	0	14	20-57	2.9	16-35	154	2	+3
42,839	USC	22	45-176	3.9	18-28	167	1	16	22-86	3.9	18-29	227	1	+2
45,599	at Utah	20	32-92	2.9	21-31	313	3	18	38-136	3.6	17-31	201	4	+1
45,289	Washington St	26	43-323	7.5	13-26	225	0	8	42-53	1.3	7-17	79	5	-2
63,996	at Washington	19	35-230	6.6	18-22	191	0	16	28-101	3.6	17-32	276	1	+4
44,109	Arizona St	22	38-109	2.9	23-34	261	1	14	32-78	2.4	15-28	217	5	-1
83,478	at UCLA	18	48-201	4.2	16-22	222	0	17	27-48	1.8	20-43	189	3	+2
45,969	California	20	42-194	4.6	14-28	145	1	11	30-85	2.8	12-27	147	5	+1
48,503	at Arizona	17	33-166	5.0	20-32	224	1	19	41-139	3.4	16-22	158	3	0
46,319	Oregon	25	31-89	2.9	27-51	374	5	22	51-385	7.5	12-18	309	3	-4
49,037	† Pittsburgh	15	30-80	2.7	21-43	193	5	10	37-89	2.4	9-28	89	5	-1
TOTALS		280	487-2055	4.2	270-448	3237	21	206	454-1706	3.8	183-354	2352	39	+1
AVERAGES		21.5	37-158	4.2	21-34	249	4.7%	15.8	35-131	3.8	14-27	181	11.0%	0.1

2004 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at LSU - #4	+17'	21-22	OT
–	at Boise St	+8	34-53	
–	New Mexico	-13'	17-7	
–	at Arizona St - #22	+7'	14-27	
–	California - #10	+7	7-49	
–	at Washington	-7	29-14	
–	Washington St	-8	38-19	
–	at Arizona	-7	28-14	
–	USC - #1	+18	20-28	
–	at Stanford	-2	24-19	
–	Oregon	-3'	50-21	

2005 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Portland St	NL	41-14	
–	Boise St	-3	30-27	
–	at Louisville - #11	+13'	27-63	
–	Arizona St - #18	+6'	24-42	
–	Washington St	-1'	44-33	
–	at California - #18	+15'	23-20	
–	at UCLA - #8	+9'	28-51	
–	Arizona	-9'	27-29	
–	at Washington	-3	18-10	
–	Stanford	-6	17-20	
–	at Oregon - #10	+13	14-56	

2006 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	E Washington	NL	56-17
–	at Boise St	+7'	14-42
–	Idaho	-25'	38-0
–	California - #20	+9	13-41
–	Washington St	+3	6-13
–	at Washington	+9'	27-17
–	at Arizona	-2'	17-10
–	USC - #3	+10	33-31
–	Arizona St	-2	44-10
–	at UCLA	-1'	7-25
–	at Stanford	-14'	30-7
–	Oregon	-3	30-28
–	at Hawaii - #24	+8	35-32

2007 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #25 Score
–	Utah	-6'	24-7
–	at Cincinnati	-3'	3-34
–	Idaho St	NL	61-10
–	at Arizona St	+11	32-44
–	UCLA	-2'	14-40
–	Arizona	-3	31-16
–	at California - #2	+14	31-28
–	Stanford	-13'	23-6
–	at USC - #13	+15	3-24
–	Washington	-5	29-23
–	at Washington St	+3	52-17
–	at Oregon - #18	E	38-31 2OT

2008 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
–	at Stanford	-3	28-36
–	at Penn St - #19	+15	14-45
–	Hawaii	-13	45-7
–	USC - #1	+25	27-21
–	at Utah - #15	+11'	28-31
–	Washington St	-30	66-13
–	at Washington	-16	34-13
–	Arizona St	-15'	27-25
–	at UCLA	-7'	34-6
#23	California	-3'	34-21
#21	at Arizona	+3	19-17
#17	Oregon - #19	-3	38-65

OREGON DUCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Ducks have had three 1st round DC's at QB since 1987 in Chris Miller, Akili Smith and Joey Harrington and a #2 DC in Kellen Clemens. Dennis Dixon (PS#10) was having Heisman-type season in '07 but he suffered a torn ACL in the 4Q vs ASU. Dixon hit 68% with a 20-4 ratio (583 rush). A banged up Brady Leaf took his place but he was injured. The next week rFr Cody Kempt (PS#78) and Justin Roper (PS#91) played despite taking very few reps with the Duck offense up to that point (scout tm). They struggled vs UCLA and Oreg St. Roper led the Ducks to a Sun Bowl win with 4 TD's and finished with 342 (52.5%) and a 6-2 ratio. Last year Nate Costa (6'1" 215 Jr, PS#56, ACL inj '07) was the clear frontrunner but was lost in Aug. Roper started but was inj'd in game 3 and late JUCO signee Jeremiah Masoli (5'11" 214) started the last 10. Roper is a pro-style QB while Masoli is more mobile. Masoli was inj in the 1H vs Boise and they went to two true frosh who joined the team in the spring. Chris Harper (PS#17) struggled and Darron Thomas burned his RS on the last play of the 3Q and hit 13 of 25 for 210. Just when it looked like Thomas would take command, he was injured in a car accident. Masoli remained the starter even when Roper returned healthy. He was solid setting a school rush record for QB's (718, 5.7) and had 10 rushing TD's incl 3 in the Holiday Bowl. He threw for 1,744 (56.9%) with a 13-5 ratio (#3 rusher). Roper threw for 610 (52.7%) but with just a 3-4 ratio. The great news is that everyone returns including Costa and not listed below are Thomas (6'3" 200 So, PS#22) and Robbie Pestal (5'11" 205 rFr).

RUNNING BACKS - Former HC Mike Bellotti used to stock this position with JUCO's but stopped that practice from 2005-'07. Jonathan Stewart (PS#1) led with 981 (5.4) in '06 and Jeremiah Johnson (PS#68) added 644 (6.3). In 2007 my magazine was the only one to have Stewart on the Preseason AA Team and he lived up to it, despite inj's, rushing for 1,722 (6.2) including a Sun Bowl record 253. Johnson rushed for 344 (6.4) but was lost in Wk 6. Andre Crenshaw rushed for 415 (5.1) as the new #2 back. In '08 they had to replace Stewart (#1DC) but Bellotti brought in LeGarrette Blount (PS#10JC) who is a powerful back that he compared to Reuben Droughns. Johnson was inj vs Utah St and Blount rushed for 132 vs the Aggies and then 132 vs Purdue (Johnson 96). Their worst game came vs USC in which the 2 comb for 45 yards (2.0) and their best was vs Oreg St (comb 331, 9.7) as Johnson set a Civil War record with 219 (23 for half). Johnson (1201, 7.1, 13 TD's) and Blount (1002, 7.3, 17 TD's) became the 2nd UO duo to each top 1,000 and Blount set UO's single ssn rush TD record (17). Remene Alston had 161 (7.7) but was lost after 7. Surprisingly Crenshaw had just 121 (5.3). This year they lose Johnson and while I expect a big year out of Blount, they go from two 1,000+ yd RB's to just one.

RECEIVERS - The Ducks had to replace #5 and #6 DC's in '07 and then suffered a spate of injuries. Their top WR Jaison Williams (PS#57) had 984 (14.5) in '06 and 844 (15.3) in '07. Last year they had to replace their #3 and #4 rec's. Dropped passes were a problem. Williams had 3 drops vs Cal and Bellotti promoted Drew Davis (PS#21, 3 rec prior) over Williams. Unfortunately Davis tore his ACL. Terence Scott (PS#18JC) led with 751 (15.0) and had 128 rush (14.2). Jeff Maehl had 421 (10.8) and TE Ed Dickson (#2 in '07, 453, 10.5) had 508 (14.5). Williams' numbers dropped to 473 (13.1). This year they lose Williams (11 st) and Scott (13 st) while backup TE NaDerris Ward (PS#5) moves to the OL. Not listed below are Will Murphy (6'2" 165 rFr), Justin Hoffman (6'1" 207 rFr), Sean Daly (6'3" 170 rFr), Sam Doman (6'4" 228 Jr, PS#188QB) and TE David Paulson (6'4" 250 So, PS#26). While the numbers were not typical for Duck WR's last year, they are less experienced but will have THREE VHT's in former QB Harper (PS#17), USC transfer Jamere Holland (PS#3) and JUCO Tyrece Gaines (PS#52).

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1999-2001 the Ducks led the Pac-10 in fewest sacks allowed. They surprisingly avg 35 sacks allowed the next 3 years including the most sacks in the conf in 2004 (41) but have since returned to form. With just one starter back in '05 they yielded 20. In '06 with all 5 starters back they avg 5.0 ypc rush (16 sk). In '07 they had to replace 2 starters (one 1st Tm P10) but added VHT Fenuki Tupou (PS#13JC). Tupou's emergence allowed LT Max Unger to move to C. Bellotti said '07's O-line was the best in school history and they paved the way for 252 ypg rush (5.3), their best total since 1955. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but actually improved to 280 ypg rush and an FBS high 6.2 ypc (5.4% sk). This year they lose 1st Tm P10 C Unger (13 st, 4Y st'r, #2DC SEA), HM P10 RG Mark Lewis (13 st, 2Y st'r), 2nd Tm P10 OT Tupou (11 st, 2Y st'r, #5DC PHI), G/C Jeff Kendall (7 st), OT Jacob Hucko (1 st) and OG John Teague (7 gm). Only 4 of the top 10 are back and they lose their top 2 OL so it will be tough to come close to last year's outstanding numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After an inexperienced D-line allowed 4.3 ypc rush (worst S/'97) in '06, they had to replace 2 starters in 2007. Nick Reed led the Pac-10 in sacks (12) and UO improved to allowing 133 ypg rush allowed (3.6) with 38 sacks. Last year they returned 22 sacks and 2.5 starts, losing just 6.5 sacks from the DL. Reed earned 1st Tm AA (13 sk, 7 tfl, 5 FR) and the Ducks improved to 119 ypg (3.1) with 39 sacks. This year they lose DE Reed (13 st, 53 tkl, #7DC SEA), DT Cole Linehan (13 st, 24 tkl, 2 sk), DT Ra'Shon Harris (13 st, 47 tkl, 3 sk, #6DC PIT) and DT Mike Speed (13 tkl, 2.5 sk). JUCO Will Tukuafu was 2nd Tm P10 (7.5 sk) plus they add 3 top-notch JUCO's and should get better production from junior Kenny Rowe (PS#19). This has the makings of a decent group but it is less experienced and loses its star.

LINEBACKERS - For years the Ducks have listed themselves in a 4-2-5 but their SS was basically an SLB. Last year they finally changed to that terminology. They had to replace 3 players in '08 who combined for 16 starts (#7, #10, #13 tkl'r). They ret'd their #4 and #8 tacklers. John Bacon lost his spot to soph Casey Matthews after 6 and soph Spencer Paysinger surprisingly won a starting spot. This year they lose Jerome Boyd (13 st, 80 tkl, 3 sk) and Bacon (18 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Kiko Alonso (6'4" 225 rFr, PS#102), Blake Thompson (5'11" 220 So), Jennings Stewart (6'3" 200 rFr) and Tyler Briffett (5'11" 210 rFr). They add PS#7JC Bryson Littlejohn and while Paysinger and Matthews are not the biggest or fastest LB's, they are both productive and this unit has more experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Heading into LY, UO had snagged 4 straight Top 20 finishes in my pass D rankings (#8 in '07). The '08 numbers were surprising as they only had to replace their starting FS. The 3 starters (CB's Walter Thurmond & Jarius Byrd and ROV Patrick Chung) combined for just one missed start yet the Ducks fell to #47. This year they lose 1st Tm P10 Chung (13 st, 92 tkl, 6 pbu, #2DC NE) and 1st Tm P10 Byrd (13 st, 83 tkl, 5 int, 14 pbu, #2DC BUF). They return 3rd Tm P10 Thurmond and FS TJ Ward (#1 tkl'r, moved to ROV in spg). Adding depth are William Wallace (5'10" 178 So), Max Pond (6'0" 181 rFr) and TY's true frosh. With their top 2 gone, they are less experienced. Normally I would call for a drop in the rankings but the Ducks' history says they could move up.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2007 UO had to replace their P and K but brought back their excellent ST coord Tom Osborne who left for a 6 year stint at Ariz St. In his last 6 years here ('95-'00), they finished #30, #22, #4, #15, #13 and #47 in my ST rankings. In his first year back they moved up to #32. Last year they did lose their outstanding KR Stewart (26.7) and PR Brown (10.4) but still finished #27. Senior P Josh Syria's net dropped slightly (36.7 to 35.4). Matt Evensen had 27 TB's on KO but only hit 11 of 18 FG's (2 miss 50+, long 52) and Morgan Flint was 7 of 9 (0-1 from 40+). LS JUCO Zach Taylor had some trouble with short snaps and lost his job on PK's for 2 games to Jeff Kendall. Kendall had bad snaps vs Ariz St and Taylor got the job back. Jairus Byrd proved to be an outstanding PR (12.3) and Patrick Chung (25.6) and Walter Thurmond (25.1) were solid on KR. With ST cch Osborne on hand, they should have another fine finish even with the loss of their P, K and top PR.

COACHES - Mike Bellotti had the most wins (116-55) of any current Pac-10 HC at their current school but stepped aside prior to spring practice. He is the school's all-time career win leader with 12 bowls in 14 years. His 72 Pac-10 wins are the 3rd most in conf history. In '07 the new OC was Chip Kelly who had been the OC at New Hampshire S/'99. His offense produced 41.9 ppg in '08 and he takes over as the HC. DC Nick Aliotti was the architect of the "Gang Green" D that started the UO revival and ret'd to the school after being the DC at UCLA in '98. He is now back for his 11th year. The new OC is Mark Helfrich, who was a late addition to the staff as he didn't join the Ducks until after spring practice. Helfrich was the OC/QB coach at Colo the last 3 years and will also coach the QB's here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In '01 the Ducks were ranked in the preseason AP poll for the first time and went 11-1 narrowly missing out on playing in the BCS Title game. The next 2 yrs, despite starting 6-0 and 4-0, they finished just 7-6 and 8-5. In '04 the first game set the tone as UO outgained Indiana 495-198 but due to 7 TO's came up short 30-24. UO bottomed out when they needed a win to become bowl eligible and were waxed by Oreg St, 50-21. It broke a streak of 10 straight winning years. In '05 I had UO as the #4 Most Improved Team in the country and also listed them as one of my Surprise Teams. They nearly made it to a BCS bowl despite losing their starting QB. With a healthy QB Clemens, they avg'd 487 ypg but without him, just 371. It was a senior-laden team and their most exp since the '01 Fiesta Bowl squad. They led USC at the half in a battle of unbeatens but lost. They thrashed Oreg St 56-14 in the finale and lobbied hard for the open BCS spot but were relegated to the Holiday Bowl. A disappointed 10-1 team (#6) was beaten by Okla in a thrilling bowl. That '05 squad did benefit from +13 in turnovers (pg 312) and 4 close wins. In '06 they had 13 ret starters and got a gift vs Okla (poor officiating). UO stood 7-2 when they traveled to face #7 USC and still had a shot at the P10 Title. They then dropped their final 4 including an embarrassing bowl loss to BYU (38-8). They were -10 in TO's and had a 12.1 defensive ypp in '06 (see pg 299). I called UO one of my Surprise Teams and a darkhorse National Title contender in '07 despite coming off a 7-6 season. Had QB Dixon stayed healthy, he would have won the Heisman and UO would have played in the National Title game despite being picked 6th in the preseason P10 media poll. After losing to #6 Cal, but beating #9 USC and #6 Ariz St in a five week span they rose to #2 when they played a Thurs night game at Ariz. Dixon tore ACL in the ASU game and tried to play vs UA but couldn't to get through it and then his backup was inj. With a QB mess, the Ducks lost their last 3. They rebounded for an impressive 56-21 win over USF in the bowl. Last year the Ducks had five P10 road games but 7 of my then-8 sets of power ratings called them the 2nd best team in the P10. Despite the tough schedule, I gave them a shot of topping '07's 9 win total. After blowing out UW 44-10 they put up 66 pts and a school record 688 yds vs Utah St. They trailed Purdue 20-3 but rallied for a 2OT win. Hosting Boise, they were down to their 5th string QB and lost 37-32. After waxing WSU, USC (off a bye) got revenge for the previous year's loss winning 44-10. UO got past UCLA by 7 and pounded Ariz St 54-20. At Cal, UO lost by 10 in a downpour. UO trailed Stan 28-27 but got a TD and 2 pt conv with :06 left to win. They had 411 yards in the 1H vs Ariz and led 45-17 (55-45 win). OSU was without Jacquizz Rodgers and Bellotti came in 14-2 off a bye and UO destroyed the Beavers 65-38. In the bowl they trailed Okla St 17-7 at half but rallied for a 42-31 win and a 10 win season (#10 AP). UO outgained conf foes by 69.5 ypg (3rd best) but do have just 9 ret starters. They benefitted from 2 net close wins and only had 8 starts lost to inj (10th fewest). UO has 5 P10 HG's and they will most likely be ranked in the Top 15 at the start of the year. However with a new HC and 9 ret starters, they will not match 2008's 10 win total.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 8 JEREMIAH MASOLI JR. 5-11 214 PS#351JC. 10 st, 1744 (57%), 13-5 ratio, 718 rush LY. **11** Justin Roper (6'6" 204 Jr) PS#91. 4 st, 952 (53%), 9-6 ratio 2Y. Nate Costa ACL inj L2Y.

RB 9 LeGarrette Blount Sr. 6-2 240 **PS#10JC.** 13 gm, 1002 (7.3), HM P10 LY. **21** LaMichael James (5'9" 180 rFr) **PS#41.** Andre Crenshaw (5'11" 196 Sr) PS#152. 1 st, 551 (5.0) 3Y.

WR 3 Chris Harper So. 6-3 230 **PS#17.** 122 (13.6) true. **89** Aaron Pflugrad (5'10" 174 Jr) PS#214. Lavasier Tuinei PS#128JC. Rory Cavaille (6'3" 207 Sr). 6 rec 3Y.

WR 19 Jamere Holland Jr. 6-1 185 **PS#3. USC trans.** 1 st, 53 (13.2) LY. Tyrece Gaines (6'3" 204 Jr) **PS#52JC.** Blake Cantu (6'0" 190 Fr) PS#124. Garrett Embry (6'1" 200 So) PS#107.

WR 23 JEFF MAEHL JR. 6-1 175 PS#117. 16 st, 539 (11.2) 2Y. **10** DJ Davis (6'1" 205 Jr) **PS#21.** 9 gm (ACL) LY. Diante Jackson **PS#34.** Michael Mackie (6'5" 208 So) PS#429. 1 rec rFr.

TE 83 ED DICKSON SR. 6-5 243 PS#21. 13 st, 498 (10.6) 2Y. 13 st, 508 (14.5), **2nd Tm P10** LY. Malachi Lewis (6'4" 220 Jr) **PS#27RB.** 5 rec 2Y. Dion Jordan (6'7" 240 rFr) PS#51

C 77 Carson York rFr. 6-5 285 **PS#34.** Karrington Armstrong PS#128. **64** Max Forer (6'3" 271 Jr). 2 gm 2Y. **LS 87** Zach Taylor (6'5" 225 Sr) PS#143JC. 13 gm LS LY.

RG 69 Bo Thran Jr. 6-5 295 PS#182. 1 gm rFr. 5 st (4 LG, 1 RT), 12 gm LY. Trevor Fox PS#151. **70** Ramsen Golpashin (6'4" 280 So). 1 gm rFr. **56** Cody Gates (6'4" 299 rFr).

LG 54 Jordan Holmes Jr. 6-5 285 PS#193. 8 gm rFr. 4 st, 10 gm LY. **76** Charlie Carmichael (6'4" 295 So) PS#105DL. 1 gm as rFr. **65** Lance Barker (6'1" 245 rFr). Walk-on.

RT 68 CE KAISER JR. 6-4 290 PS#204. 4 gm rFr. 10 st, 12 gm LY. NaDerris Ward (6'5" 266 Jr) **PS#5TE Georgia trans.** DNP LY, from TE. **61** Nick Cody (6'5" 270 rFr) PS#86DL.

LT 79 Mark Asper Jr. 6-7 323 PS#241. 1 st RT, 7 gm LY. **74** Darrion Weems (6'5" 310 So) **PS#48.** 2 gm as bkup OT as rFr. Everett Benyard (6'7" 315 Fr) is **PS#62.**

K 25 Morgan Flint Sr. 5-9 163 PS#92. 3 KO'07. 7-9 FG, L/39 LY. **41** Daniel Padilla (6'2" 210 So) PS#75. 3-4 FG, L/43 true. RS LY. Justin Dougherty (6'6" 220 Sr) PS#422JC.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 39 WILL TUKUAFU SR. 6-4 272 **PS#45JC.** 11 st, 36 tkl, 8.5 tfl '07. 13 st. 59 tkl, 17.5 tfl, **2nd Tm P10** LY. **88** Brandon Bair (6'7" 250 Jr) PS#95. 14 tkl 2Y. Terrell Turner (6'3" 248 So) PS#172.

DT 90 Blake Ferras Sr. 6-6 290 PS#140JC. 1 tkl LY. Andrew Iupati (6'1" 299 Jr) **PS#81JC. 96** Mike Bellagamba (6'2" 267 Sr) PS#401JC. 1 tkl LY. Chris DiVincenzo (6'5" 203 Jr).

DT 59 Terrance Montgomery Jr. 6-2 291 PS#107JC. In for spg. **50** Simi Toeaina (6'4" 318 Sr). 3 tkl 3Y. **99** Conrad Davis (6'3" 260 Jr) PS#513JC. Michael DiVincenzo (6'2" 250 Sr). 1 tkl 2Y.

DE 99 Zac Clark Jr. 6-2 256 **PS#63JC.** In for spg. **58** Kenny Rowe (6'3" 230 Jr) **PS#19.** 18 tkl, 6 tfl 2Y. **98** Dominic Glover (6'5" 252 So) PS#71. Matt Simms (6'3" 219 So).

WLB 35 SPENCER PAYSINGER JR. 6-3 216 4 tkl rFr, 12 st, 95 tkl, 12 tfl LY. **56** Josh Kaddu (6'3" 201 So) PS#278. 5 tkl true. **52** Terrance Pritchett (6'2" 214 So) PS#74. 3 gm (susp), 3 tkl LY.

MLB 55 CASEY MATTHEWS JR. 6-2 235 PS#70. 1 st, 18 tkl, 4 tfl true. 7 st, 67 tkl, 13 tfl LY. DeWitt Stuckey (5'11" 222 So) PS#61. 6 gm true. Brandon Hanna (6'2" 233 So) PS#113. 4 tkl rFr.

SLB 43 Bryson Littlejohn Jr. 6-1 227 **PS#7JC. 38** Eddie Pleasant (5'11" 223 So) PS#118. 1 st, 16 tkl rFr. **54** Riley Showalter (6'3" 225 Sr). 12 tkl 2Y. Tyrell Irvin (6'1" 219 Jr) PS#502JC. 1 gm LY.

CB 6 WALTER THURMOND III SR. 6-0 180 PS#165. 25 st, 170 tkl, 33 pd 2Y. 12 st, 66 tkl, 13 pd LY. **18** Anthony Gildon (6'1" 175 So) PS#68. 1 tkl true. RS LY. Scott Grady (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#116.

CB 37 Talmadge Jackson Jr. 5-10 182 PS#205. 9 tkl true. 1 st, 30 tkl, 6 pd LY. **17** Willie Glasper (5'11" 188 Sr) **PS#7.** 1 st, 33 tkl 2Y. 21 tkl LY. **31** Kenjon Barner (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#115.

ROV 2 TJ WARD SR. 5-11 201 21 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 101 tkl, 9 pd, HM P10 LY. **14** Javes Lewis (6'1" 185 So) PS#423. 19 tkl rFr. Brian Butterfield (6'0" 182 Jr). 2 tkl. Pono Kam (6'1" 188 Sr).

FS 20 John Boyett rFr. 5-10 190 **PS#39. 1** Marvin Johnson (5'11" 199 Jr) PS#167. 24 tkl 2Y. **27** Titus Jackson (6'0" 192 Sr) PS#220. 6 tkl 3Y. Chad Peppars (5'10" 185 Jr) PS#377. 1 tkl '07.

P NA Jackson Rice Fr. 6-3 225 **PS#9. 26** Tim Taylor (5'11" 182 Jr). 1 punt (39.0), tm net 35.4 LY. **81** Mark Speck (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#455. **93** Rob Beard (6'0" 214 rFr) PS#74.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Bryson Littlejohn 6-1 227 PS#7JC
DB	Cliff Harris 5-11 168 PS#19
WR	Tyrece Gaines 6-3 204 PS#52JC
DL	Zac Clark 6-2 256 PS#63JC
WR	Diante Jackson 6-2 200 PS#34
DL	Andrew Iupati 6-1 299 PS#81JC
LB	Boseko Lokombo 6-3 226 PS#39
OL	Everett Benyard 6-7 315 PS#62
DL	Taylor Hart 6-6 256 PS#75
LB	Michael Clay 5-11 220 PS#52
DL	Terrance Montgomery 6-2 291 PS#107JC
DB	Avery Patterson 5-10 171 PS#80
WR	Lavasier Tulnei 6-5 200 PS#128JC
DL	Anthony Anderson 6-4 222 PS#139
OL	Karrington Armstrong 6-2 296 PS#128
WR	Braxton Lane 5-11 192 PS#114
OL	Trevor Fox 6-5 287 PS#151
K	Jackson Rice 6-3 225 PS#9
K	Mike Bowlin 6-3 192 PS#11
DL	Wade Keliikipi 6-3 285 PS#199
DL	Justin Brown 6-2 268 PS#214
OL	Jamaal Burrell 6-4 276 PS#240
QB	Daryle Hawkins 6-4 190 PS#161
DB	Brian Jackson 5-10 193 PS#389
WR	Nick Cole 6-3 185 PS#959
DL	Keaton Arden 6-5 225 PS#969

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#11

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UO	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 3	at Boise St (Thur)	A						In their 1st ever meeting LY, UO nearly came back from a 37-13 4Q deficit only to fall to the Broncos by 5. Oregon is 8-1 in season openers (6 vs BCS teams).
Sep. 12	Purdue	A						Trailing 20-6 at the half, Oregon stormed back to tie PU at the end of reg. RB Blount's 3 yd TD run in the 2OT gave the Ducks the 6 pt win. UO is just 14-26 vs current Big Ten tms.
Sep. 19	Utah	A						In their last meeting in 2003, the #19 Ducks dropped a heartbreaking 17-13 loss to the Utes in Salt Lake City. Oregon is 28-2 at home vs non-conf teams including a loss LY.
Sep. 26	California	A						UO has lost 3 straight & 4 of the L/5 after failing to get past the Bears LY. The game had 8 TO's (Cal-5, UO-3) & was played in a continuous rain storm that caused flooding on parts of the turf.
Oct. 3	Washington St	A						Ducks have won 8 of the L/11 vs WSU including LY's 63-14 victory in Pullman where RB's Johnson & Blount each ran for 3 TD's. Oregon finished with a 507-271 yd edge.
Oct. 10	at UCLA	G						The Ducks are 6-2 with the home team winning 3 straight. In their last visit here, Oregon QB's completed just 7 of 28 passes for 60 yds & 3 int's in the 16-0 loss.
Oct. 17								
Oct. 24	at Washington	A						After LY's 44-10 victory, the Ducks have now won a school record 5 consecutive gms vs rival UW. In UO's last trip to Seattle, the Ducks broke a school record w/465 rush yds.
Oct. 31	USC	A						In the Trojans last visit, UO took advantage of an energized crowd & a USC QB making his 1st career start to knock off the Trojans 24-17. Ducks have won 4 of L/6 vs USC in Eugene.
Nov. 7	at Stanford	G						Oregon RB Blount punched in a 3 yd TD run with :06 remaining giving UO the 7 pt victory LY in Eugene. The Ducks have won 7 straight vs SU by an avg of 23 ppg.
Nov. 14	Arizona St	A						Last year the Ducks amassed 537 ttl yds (304 rush) in the 54-20 clubbing of ASU in Tempe. Oregon has won 4 straight against the Sun Devils (all by 12+ pts).
Nov. 21	at Arizona	G						LY UO QB Masoli accounted for 5 TD's in the Ducks 55-45 win (UO led 45-17 at the H). UA played spoiler the previous 2 seasons vs UO including ending the #2 Ducks' BCS hopes last time in Tucson.
Nov. 28								
Dec. 3	Oregon St (Thur)	A						113th meeting of the "Civil War". Visitor has won the L/2 after the home team had won 10 straight. The Ducks spoiled OSU's Rose Bowl hopes LY in the 65-38 victory (tms combined for 1,157 yds).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bill Musgrave 8,343 '87-'90	1. Derek Loville 3,296 '86-'89	1. Samie Parker 2,761 '00-'03
2. Danny O'Neil 8,301 '91-'94	2. Jonathan Stewart 2,891 '05-'07	2. Tony Hartley 2,744 '96-'99
3. Kellen Clemens 7,555 '02-'05	3. Terrence Whitehead 2,832 '02-'05	3. Keenan Howry 2,698 '99-'02

CHIP KELLY (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Oregon — Kelly's Bowl Record: 0-0

Kelly's records AT OREGON

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (20,25,4)
Lost: 20 (10,8,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,444 (#32)

PAC-10

QB Jeremiah Masoli

STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (54,000) (#50)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	Mike Bellotti 1995	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Chip Kelly	8 Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP		11-1	7-6	8-5	5-6	10-2	7-6	9-4	10-3		67-33
Home		5-1	5-3	5-1	3-3	5-1	5-1	5-2	5-1		38-13
Away		5-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	5-0	2-4	3-2	4-2		26-16
Neutral		1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0		3-4
vs Conf		7-1	3-5	5-3	4-4	7-1	4-5	5-4	7-2		42-25
vs Non-Conf		4-0	4-1	3-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	4-0	3-1		25-8
ATS		7-5	5-7	8-5	7-4	7-4	6-6	9-4	7-6		56-41
Home Favorite		1-5	3-3	1-2	3-3	4-0	3-2	5-1	3-3		23-19
Home Dog		0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0		3-2
Away Favorite		3-0	1-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	1-1	2-2	2-1		13-8
Away Dog		2-0	1-2	1-1	4-1	1-0	2-2	1-0	1-2		13-8
Neutral		1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0		4-3
vs Conf		5-3	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-4	5-4	5-4		38-29
vs Non-Conf		2-2	2-2	3-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	4-0	2-2		18-12
Off SU Win		6-4	3-3	5-3	4-1	5-4	3-4	6-2	5-4		37-25
Off SU Loss		1-0	1-4	2-2	3-2	1-0	2-2	2-2	1-2		13-14

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jeremiah Johnson	168	1252	51	1201	13	7.1
LeGarrette Blount	**137**	**1038**	**36**	**1002**	**17**	**7.3**
Jeremiah Masoli	**127**	**851**	**133**	**718**	**10**	**5.7**
Remene Alston	**21**	**166**	**5**	**161**	**1**	**7.7**
Chris Harper	**35**	**167**	**30**	**137**	**2**	**3.9**
Terence Scott	9	128	0	128	1	14.2
Andre Crenshaw	**23**	**126**	**5**	**121**	**1**	**5.3**
Justin Roper	**17**	**106**	**21**	**85**	**1**	**5.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeremiah Masoli	**239**	**136**	**56.9**	**1744**	**13**	**5**
Justin Roper	**91**	**48**	**52.7**	**610**	**3**	**4**
Darron Thomas	**33**	**16**	**48.5**	**268**	**3**	**1**
Chris Harper	**9**	**4**	**44.4**	**40**	**1**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terence Scott	50	751	15.0	5	76
Ed Dickson	**35**	**508**	**14.5**	**3**	**45**
Jaison Williams	36	473	13.1	4	48
Jeff Maehl	**39**	**421**	**10.8**	**5**	**65**
Chris Harper	**9**	**122**	**13.6**	**2**	**62**
DJ Davis	**5**	**85**	**17.0**	**0**	**45**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Syria	53	2252	42.5	8	35.4(t)	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Evensen	35-37	3-4	6-8	1-3	1-3	11-18	52
Morgan Flint	**28-28**	**4-4**	**3-4**	**0-1**	**0-0**	**7-9**	**39**

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
TJ Ward	**101**	**1**	**4.5**	**8**	**1**
Spencer Paysinger	**95**	**2**	**10**	**6**	**2**
Patrick Chung	92	2	4.5	6	1
Jairus Byrd	83	0	1.5	14	5
Jerome Boyd	80	3	4	5	0
Casey Matthews	**67**	**2**	**11**	**2**	**0**
Walter Thurmond	**66**	**0**	**1**	**8**	**5**
Will Tukuafu	**59**	**7.5**	**10**	**2**	**0**
Nick Reed	53	13	7	2	0
Ra'Shon Harris	47	3	6	0	0
Talmadge Jackson	**30**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**2**
Cole Linehan	24	2	1	1	0
Willie Glasper	**21**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Javes Lewis	**19**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
John Bacon	18	1	1.5	0	0
Eddie Pleasant	**16**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Marvin Johnson	**14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Mike Speed	13	2.5	0	0	0
Kenny Rowe	**10**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jairus Byrd	26	320	12.3	1
Aaron Pflugrad	**3**	**43**	**14.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Walter Thurmond	**21**	**528**	**25.1**	**0**
Patrick Chung	12	307	25.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Sun	+4'	Minnesota - #24	30-31
05	Holiday - #6	-3	Oklahoma	14-17
06	Las Vegas	+3'	BYU - #19	8-38
07	Sun	+6	USF - #23	56-21
08	Holiday - #15	+1'	Oklahoma St - #13	42-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5	41.9	485	280	6.2	205	54.7	11.6	20	+5	2008	7	28.2	390	119	3.1	270	57.8	13.8	39
7*	38.2	468	252	5.3	216	59.1	12.3	24	+9	2007	7	23.6	382	133	3.6	249	53.0	16.2	38
7	29.5	423	182	5.0	241	59.3	14.4	16	-10	2006	6	26.5	322	149	4.3	173	55.0	12.1	30
7*	34.5	439	134	3.8	305	62.9	12.7	20	+13	2005	7	23.2	358	134	3.9	224	56.9	15.4	31
8*	25.6	397	159	4.1	238	59.0	15.5	41	-2	2004	5	25.6	339	122	3.3	217	52.9	13.2	33
7*	27.4	385	132	3.5	253	57.8	14.1	35	-5	2003	6	26.8	367	107	3.1	260	52.2	13.7	37
6	32.1	374	146	4.0	228	51.9	11.6	29	+5	2002	6	27.8	409	118	3.0	291	57.3	14.7	33

2008 STATS BY GAME

UO 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
58,778	Washington	23	44-256	5.8	16-28	240	0	18	43-95	2.2	17-35	147	3	0
58,060	Utah St	34	53-408	7.7	24-35	280	1	18	31-88	2.8	23-35	218	4	-2
54,666	at Purdue	26	43-306	7.1	20-47	197	0	25	45-201	4.5	26-50	207	4	-1
58,713	Boise St	29	52-227	4.4	16-32	237	2	16	35-38	1.1	25-37	386	2	-2
30,927	at Wash St	26	53-346	6.5	9-19	161	1	18	32-79	2.5	22-41	192	3	+4
82,765	at USC	18	39-60	1.5	20-33	179	4	28	39-155	4.0	24-36	443	2	0
58,728	UCLA	18	46-323	7.0	5-19	42	3	18	37-63	1.7	27-43	288	6	+1
69,406	at Arizona St	25	43-304	7.1	21-30	233	1	18	32-107	3.3	24-45	226	3	0
61,432	at California	21	50-206	4.1	11-32	84	2	16	40-132	3.3	20-39	216	1	+2
58,013	Stanford	19	41-307	7.5	11-21	144	0	19	49-187	3.8	15-22	138	1	-3
58,369	Arizona	18	30-206	6.9	21-27	298	1	30	52-199	3.8	29-46	328	3	+2
46,319	at Oregon St	22	51-385	7.5	12-18	309	3	25	31-89	2.9	27-51	374	5	+4
59,106	† Oklahoma St	22	40-307	7.7	18-32	258	2	27	37-119	3.2	28-51	350	2	0
TOTALS		301	585-3641	6.2	204-373	2662	20	276	503-1552	3.1	307-531	3513	39	+5
AVERAGES		23.2	45-280	6.2	16-29	205	5.4%	21.2	39-119	3.1	24-41	270	7.3%	0.4

UO Pre #23 2004 RESULTS — Post-

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#24	Indiana	-20'	24-30
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+28	7-31
–	Idaho	-35	48-10
–	Arizona St - #21	-2'	13-28
–	at Washington St	+3'	41-38
–	Arizona	-11	28-14
–	at Stanford	+3'	16-13
–	Washington	-19'	31-6
–	at California - #4	+20	27-28
–	UCLA	-6'	26-34
–	at Oregon St	+3'	21-50

UO Pre– 2005 RESULTS — Post #12

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Houston	-7'	38-24
–	Montana	NL	47-14
–	Fresno St - #23	-2'	37-34
#24	USC - #1	+21	13-45
–	at Stanford	-7	44-20
#25	at Arizona St - #17	+10	31-17
#20	Washington	-17	45-21
#15	at Arizona	-11'	28-21
#15	California - #23	-2'	27-20 OT
#11	at Washington St	-4'	34-31
#10	Oregon St	-13	56-14

UO Pre #21 2006 RESULTS — Post–

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#21	Stanford	-12	48-10
#20	at Fresno St	-3'	31-24
#18	Oklahoma - #15	-4'	34-33
#14	at Arizona St	+1	48-13
#11	at California - #16	+5	24-45
#18	UCLA	-8'	30-20
#16	at Washington St	-3'	23-34
#25	Portland St	NL	55-12
#24	Washington	-16	34-14
#21	at USC - #7	+8'	10-35
–	Arizona	-14'	10-37
–	at Oregon St	+3	28-30

UO Pre– 2007 RESULTS — Post #23

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Houston	-16	48-27
–	at Michigan	+7	39-7
#19	Fresno St	-16'	52-21
#13	at Stanford	-18'	55-31
#11	California - #6	-6'	24-31
#9	Washington St	-19	53-7
#7	at Washington	-13	55-34
#5	USC - #9	-2'	24-17
#4	Arizona St - #6	-7'	35-23
#2	at Arizona	-10'	24-34
#9	at UCLA	-1'	0-16
#18	Oregon St	E	31-38 2OT

UO Pre #21 2008 RESULTS — Post #10

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#21	Washington	-13'	44-10
#18	Utah St	-35'	66-24
#16	at Purdue	-7	32-26 2OT
#17	Boise St	-10	32-37
–	at Washington St	-21'	63-14
#23	at USC - #9	+16	10-44
–	UCLA	-19'	31-24
–	at Arizona St	-3'	54-20
#23	at California	+2	16-26
–	Stanford	-14	35-28
–	Arizona	-6	55-45
#19	at Oregon St - #17	+3	65-38

STANFORD CARDINAL

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Trent Edwards (PS#5) was the #3DC of BUF in '07 despite being injured after the 7th game in '06. TC Ostrander started the first 4 in 2007 but was injured. Tavita Pritchard (3 car att) was forced to start vs USC and while he hit just 11 of 30 for 149, he did hit the key 4th down TD pass for the amazing upset. Ostrander threw for 1,422 (57%) with a 7-3 ratio while Pritchard threw for 1,114 (50%) with a 5-9 ratio. Last year Pritchard split snaps in the first few games with the mobile Alex Loukas (PS#39) and Mich transfer Jason Forcier (PS#42). They almost took the RS off of true frosh Andrew Luck (PS#8) but Pritchard was a much improved QB. He held on to his job despite throwing for just 310 with a 1-3 ratio in the first 3. When Pritchard was inj'd vs Ariz, Loukas led a late drive for the game winning TD. He then alternated with Pritchard vs UCLA and Stanford had their worst ever passing total in school history (51 yds). Pritchard saw most of the action after that throwing for 1,633 (58%) with a 10-13 ratio while Loukas threw for 131 (50%) and rushed for 186 (5.2). Forcier played in just 4 (13 att). This year they add true frosh Josh Nunes (PS#17) and only lose Forcier. I expect Luck (352 yd, 5 TD spg gm) to win the job and for Stanford to improve its passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006, true frosh Toby Gerhart (PS#17) started 1 and rushed for 375 (3.5). Anthony Kimble led but with just 470 (4.1). Gerhart rushed for 140 (11.7) in just 1 gm in '07 but RS (inj). Kimble led with 509 (4.4) and Jeremy Stewart (PS#318) added 343 (3.3). In last year's magazine I called for Gerhart to jump to the forefront and have the highest rushing total for a SU RB since Tommy Vardell (1,084, '91). Gerhart did not let me down as he set the school record for rushing yards in a season with 1,136 (5.4) including 15 TD's reminding some of "TD Tommy." Kimble had 717 (6.0) while Stewart added 76 (5.4). Not listed below are Blaise Johnson (5'11" 190 Sr) and FB's Josh Catron (6'0" 234 Sr), Andrew Fowler (6'2" 233 Jr) and Liam McNally (5'11" 214 rFr). Gerhart may leave SU if he receives a lucrative MLB contract and #2 RB Kimble has graduated. Gerhart is one of the best in the Pac-10 but if he leaves, the job may fall to Tyler Gaffney (PS#13), one of 3 VHT true frosh coming in this year.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 due to injuries, true frosh Richard Sherman led with 581 (17.1) and at one point their top 4 WR's were a pair of true frosh and 2 walk-ons. In '07, Sherman led again with 651 (16.7). Last year they had to replace 2 of their top 3 WR's and Sherman missed 7 with a knee injury. Soph Ryan Whalen (1 rec true) led with 508 (12.4) while Doug Baldwin (11 rec true) had 332 (14.4). This year they lose TE Austin Gunder (6 st, 145 yd) and WR Nate Wilcox-Fogel (0 rec) and Sherman moved to CB in the spring but could play both ways. ND trans Konrad Reuland (PS#1) RS last year and should have a big impact. Not listed below are Stephen Carr (6'3" 223 Jr, PS#104) and Griff Whalen (6'0" 198 So). True frosh Chris Owusu (PS#77) missed the first 5 with injury but still took off his RS (5 rec). Harbaugh actually signed the nation's top TE class with four of the top 23 and also signed two VHT WR's. This group is much more experienced than last year and has added talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06, injuries decimated this unit as 9 different players started with only 2 starting more than 10. SU avg just 65 ypg rushing (2.1), its worst S/'93 and yielded a IA worst 50 sacks (15.8%!). In '07 SU was more experienced but did lose ret starting LT Allen Smith (12 st '06) after 3. The unit opened holes for 111 ypg (3.0), its best total in 5 years but did allow 48 sacks (11.3%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters but brought in Okla transfer Chase Beeler (PS#51). They had 6 VHT's in the 3 deep as LT Smith DNP (frac kneecap). This time the Cardinal showed big-time improvement with 200 ypg rush (4.9) while allowing just 21 sacks (7.3%). This year they lose 2nd Tm Pac-10 C Alex Fletcher (PS#16, 4Y st'r) and 1st Tm P10 LT Ben Muth (12 st, 2Y st'r). OL coach Chris Dalman left for the NFL. They do lose their top 2 OL from the most important positions (C and LT) but have 5 back who started 6+ including 4 VHT's as Smith was granted a 6th year (suffered another knee inj in spring) and if RB Gerhart stays, they should come close to last year's fine standards.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Cardinal had to replace two starters (#5 and #6 DC's) from its 3 man front which allowed 4.0 ypc rush in '05. While 3 players started all 12, Stanford still allowed 211 ypg rush and its 4.9 ypc was the worst in at least 2 decades. The D also had just 14 sacks. In 2007 SU switched to a 4-man front and moved in starting OLB Udeme Udofia so they had 4 starters returning. DT Ekom Udofia (PS#3) was lost after 6 starts but SU still trimmed the ypg allowed to 169 (4.2) with 37 sks as Stanford was #3 in the Pac-10 in sks/gm. Last year they had to replace four players (comb 19 st, 88 tkl, 6.5 sk). SU allowed 153 ypg rush (4.3) with 34 sacks. This year they lose DE Pannel Egboh (10 st, 31 tkl, 1.5 sk) but have 7 of the top 8 back and should have their best D-line in at least 4 years.

LINEBACKERS - In 2007, Clinton Snyder was the #2 tackler while Pat Maynor was #3 and those two combined for 14 sacks and 17 tfl. Last year the LB unit ret'd intact but MLB Nick Macaluso missed six. OLB Snyder played some inside and his sack total dropped to 3 and he also fractured his ankle in Wk 12. This year they lose HM Pac-10 WLB Maynor (11 st, 69 tkl, 4 sk) and Thaddeus Chase (8 tkl). Not only do 5 of the top 6 return, but they add rFr Fred Craig (PS#31) and true frosh Shayne Skov (PS#11) and have four back with 6+ career starts. Not listed below is Jeff Bowlsby (6'2" 216 rFr). While a little less experienced, they could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Despite the team not having a winning record from 2002-'06, the Cardinal preformed well in my pass D rankings finishing #37, #36, #20, #68 and #45. In '07 they dropped to #76 having to replace 3 players (comb 29 st). Wopamo Osaisai set the school's record in the 100M (10.39) but lost his job late to Kris Evans (7 pbu L/5). FS Bo McNally led in tackles (114). The new starting SS Austin Yancy (6 st WR '06) had not played defense since middle school. Last year they had to replace two players who comb for 13 CB starts and then SS Yancy RS (2 st'r back). Taylor Skaufel won the FS job with McNally moving to Yancy's SS spot but started just 4 due to inj and poor play. The Cardinal dropped to #88. This year they lose 2nd Tm P10 CB Osaisai (12 st, 67 tkl, 8 pbu). Not only do they return 3 starters but they also get Yancy and Skaufel back. SU adds RB Delano Howell (PS#27), who Harbaugh compared to Troy Polamalu, and Richard Sherman (15 car st, 81 rec) moves over from WR. The Cardinal should have its best finish in my pass D rankings in at least 3 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In former HC Buddy Teevens' final 2 years they finished #22 and #9 in my ST rankings ('03 & '04). In Walt Harris' 2 years they were #17 then plummeted to #111 but improved to #27 in Harbaugh's first season. Last year they had to replace their P and K. RFr P David Green (PS#9) was not 100% at the start of the year but took over and their net increased from 36.8 to 37.7. K Aaron Zagory (starting K in '06, lost job in '07) hit 14 of 17 FG's (long 52). They were solid on KR. This year they only lose Zagory (2 TB, 36 KO) but could improve in my ST rankings (#19 LY).

COACHES - Jim Harbaugh was a QB at Michigan and in the NFL ('87-'01). He was 29-6 at San Diego (IAA non-scholarship) from '04-'06 and won Mid Major National Titles in his last 2 years there. After starting 2-4 in his first 6, he went 27-2. His OC is former Cardinal WR David Shaw, who was Harbaugh's WR/pass gm coord in '06 and an NFL ass't with the Ravens, Raiders and Eagles from '97-'05. Last year Harbaugh brought in co-DC's in Ron Lynn and Andy Buh. Lynn was an NFL DC with the Chargers, Bengals and the Redskins and was the DB coach with 3 NFL teams from '97-'04. Prior to Buh's arrival at Stanford in 2007 (LB coach), he coached at Nevada ('97-'99) and SDSt ('02-05).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Over the last 8 years Stanford has had 4 HC's and things bottomed out in the second year of Harris' tenure ('06), when they slumped to 1-11. For the 5th straight year they were dead last in the Pac-10 in conf ypg (-168.5) which was 90 yards worse than the #9 team. SU did start playing in its newly remodeled stadium which trimmed the capacity to 50,000. Part of the problem was that they were taking on the NCAA's toughest schedule but the 11 straight losses tied a school record (1959-'60). SU was -11 in TO's and had poor ypp and also had 15 starters returning in 2007. For the sixth straight year SU finished at the bottom of the Pac-10 in conf ypg (-175.9) which was 109.4 yards worse than #9! In some games, SU was non-competitive but they did pull some surprises. They got their first home shutout since 1972 when they blanked 2006 bowl team SJSt, 37-0. They also led TCU 31-17 but came up 2 pts short. They then upset Ariz 21-20 on the road costing the Cats a bowl bid. They won The Axe for the first time in 6 years knocking off Cal 20-13 in front of an almost full stadium. The story of the year though was when the Cardinal upended #2 USC for arguably the biggest upset in college football history. Last year Stanford had 9 of their top 11 tacklers back and was #5 in the FBS in tfl per game in '07. SU was picked 9th in the preseason media poll and their 15 ret starters were the most in the Pac-10. After having no sellouts the first 2 years in their new stadium, they put a money back guarantee on the season tickets. They opened the season strong with RB Gerhart rushing for 147 vs Oreg St in a game that cost the Beavers a berth in the Rose Bowl. SU was outgained 490-301 but OSU fumbled in the EZ for a TB at the end. After being blasted by ASU and TCU on the road, SU trailed SJSt 10-7 at the half but rallied for a 23-10 win (363-219 yd edge). Taking on former SU coach Willingham, they benefitted from UW losing QB Jake Locker in the 2Q to injury (tied at 14 at the time). SU trailed ND 28-7 after 3Q's in their 7 point loss then beat Arizona for the 6th time in the last 8 getting a TD with :25 left to win 24-23 with the winning drive led by bkup QB Loukas. They led UCLA 14-3 in the 2Q and 20-16 with 2:31 left but they allowed an 87 yd drive for a TD and lost by 3. After beating WSU 58-0 they were 5-4 including 4-0 at home for the first time S/'77. SU nearly upset the Ducks in Auzten leading 28-27 but UO got a TD with :06 left. Once again they were tied with USC 17-17 but lost by 22 getting a TD on the final play. This time, in The Big Game, Cal led 37-3 and SU had its 7th straight losing season. SU was -22.9 ypg in Pac-10 play (6th best). While they had 3 close losses, they also had 3 close wins. The Cardinal have 17 ret starters and had 30 starts lost to inj (21st in FBS). From '05-'08 SU's recruiting classes were ranked no higher than #40 but this year it is #16. SU has 7 HG's this year (5 in '08) and 13 fifth year Sr's. They do take on 7 teams who had bowl wins in '08. The Cardinal make my Most Improved List which should mean their first bowl game since 2001.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN CARDINAL

QB 12 ANDREW LUCK rFR. 6-4 225 **PS#8. 14 Tavita Pritchard** (6'4" 215 Sr) PS#78. 19 st 2Y, 2747 (54.6%)15-21 ratio. **15** Alex Loukas (6'4" 223 Jr) PS#39. 320 yds offense LY.

RB 7 TOBY GERHART SR. 6-1 237 **PS#17.** 515 (4.4) '06 & '07. 10 st LY, 1136 (5.4), **1st Tm P10.** Tyler Gafffney **PS#13. 34** Jeremy Stewart (6'0" 218 Jr) 419 (3.5) 468 KR yds 2Y.

FB 48 OWEN MARECIC JR. 6-1 241 12 st as true, 32 ttl yds. 8 st LY, 25 rec yds. HM P10. **TE 88 Konrad Reuland** (6'6" 252 Jr) **PS#1.** 7 gm at ND in '07. Zach Ertz is **PS#9.**

WR 89 DOUG BALDWIN JR. 5-11 189 PS#227. 11 rec true, 555 KR yds. 10 st LY, 332 (14.4). **81** Chris Owusu (6'2" 199 So) PS#77. 1 st true, 5 rec. Jamal-Rashad Patterson **PS#25.**

WR 8 RYAN WHALEN JR. 6-2 203 PS#289. 6 st LY, 508 (12.4). **87** Warren Reuland (6'5" 207 So) PS#61. 3 rec true. **10** Marcus Rance (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#110. Jemari Roberts **PS#28.**

TE 83 JIM DRAY SR. 6-5 253 **PS#10.** 11 st rFr. 19 rec (9.4) 6 st '07 - ACL. 6 st LY, 2 rec. **82** Coby Fleener (6'6" 241 So) PS#158. 3 st rFr, 13 rec (13.5). **Levine Toilolo PS#5.**

C 72 CHASE BEELER SR. 6-3 276 **PS#51.** 1 st, 5 gm true. 85 snaps. 18 KD @ **Okla.** Transfer '07. 7 st LG LY (miss 3.5 inj). **70** Bert McBride (6'3" 303 Jr) PS#252. 1 st, 9 gm 2Y.

RG 52 David DeCastro rFr. 6-5 307 **PS#40. 53** Derek Hall (6'5" 311 Jr) PS#121DL. Moved OL LY, 1 gm. **78** Brad Hallick (6'6" 282 So) **PS#95. 66** Matt Bentler (6'5" 293 So) PS#120. 1 gm rFr.

LG 71 ANDREW PHILLIPS JR. 6-5 294 **PS#46.** 4 gm rFr. 11 st RG LY. **64** Sam Schwartzstein (6'3" 272 rFr) PS#217. **75** Joe Dembesky (6'5" 288 Jr) PS#123. **LS 56** Zach Nolan (6'4" 221 Jr).

RT 63 CHRIS MARINELLI SR. 6-7 298 PS#41TE. 5 st rFr. 12 st RT '07. HM P10. 11 st LY (7RT, 3LG, 1RG). **77** Tyler Mabry (6'7" 287 So) PS#210. 3 gm. **79** George Halamandaris (6'7" 311 So) PS#166.

LT 61 Matt Kopa Sr. 6-6 297 **PS#33DL.** 3 tkl rFr. 11 gm '07. 6 st (5RT, 1 LG) LY. **67 Allen Smith** (6'4" 296 Sr) **PS#34. 12 st '06.** 3 st - inj L2Y. Jonathan Martin (6'6" 282 rFr) **PS#94.**

K 18 Travis Golia So. 6-0 192 PS#77. Two 53 yd FG HS. 0 TB on 26 KO true. **39** Nate Whitaker (5'9" 186 rFr). **38** David Green **PS#9. 19** Adrian Rosenkranz (6'0" 169 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN CARDINAL

DE 94 Thomas Keiser So. 6-5 253 PS#365. 1 st rFr, 24 tkl, 6 sk, **1st Tm Frosh AA. 93** Chase Thomas (6'4" 228 rFr) PS#90. Added 18 lbs. RS. Trent Murphy (6'6" 235) PS#156.

DT 98 MATTHEW MASIFILO SO. 6-3 264 PS#145. 4 st rFr, 22 tkl. **95 Brian Bulcke** (6'4" 273 Sr) Canadian. 8 st, 3Y, 46 tkl. 4 sk '08. **74** James McGillicuddy (6'3" 307 Sr) **PS#24.** 2 tkl '08.

NT 54 EKOM UDOFIA SR. 6-2 322 **PS#3.** 12 st rFr, 43 tkl, 6 st '07 (inj). 8 st LY, 30 tkl, 2 tfl. **92** Sione Fua (6'2" 307 Jr) **PS#52.** 7 st, 17 tkl, 3 sk LY. **70** Padric Scott (6'1" 258 rFr) PS#180OL.

DE 80 ERIK LORIG SR. 6-4 265 **PS#11TE.** 3 rec rFr, 9 st '07. 37 tkl, 2 sk, 5.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 39 tkl, 6 tfl, HM P10. **41** Tom McAndrew (6'5" 262 Sr) 35 gm, 1 st, 41 tkl, 3 sk, 3 tfl 3Y.

WLB 43 CHIKE AMAJOYI JR. 6-0 233 PS#235. 6 st true, 47 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl. 5 st LY, 51 tkl, 2 tfl. **31 Fred Craig** (6'2" 210 rFr) **PS#31. 57** Max Bergen (6'2" 227 So) 12 gm, 10 tkl, 1 sk rFr.

MLB 50 Nick Macaluso Jr. 6-3 242 **PS#33.** 6 st rFr, 23 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 6 st LY, 20 tkl, 4 tfl. **Shayne Skov PS#11. 55** Johnathan Frink (6'2" 239 So) PS#69. **45** Alex Menke (6'2" 207 rFr).

SLB 20 CLINTON SNYDER SR. 6-4 231 PS#130. 11 st, 83 tkl true. 11 st '07, **96 tkl, 8 sk,** 6.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 58 tkl, 3 sk. **42** Will Powers (6'4" 244 Sr) PS#53. 6 st, 28 tkl, 3Y. **51** Alex Debniak (6'2" 220 So).

CB 24 KRIS EVANS SR. 6-0 191 4 st '07, 40 tkl, 7 pbu. 12 st LY, 67 tkl, 5 tfl. **9 Richard Sherman** (6'3" 199 Sr) PS#102. **15 st** WR 3Y, 81 rec (16.5). **28** Harold Bernard (6'2" 187 rFr) PS#101.

CB 3 Michael Thomas So. 5-11 188 PS#151. 39 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu as true. **2** Corey Gatewood (5'11" 191 Jr) PS#93. 4 tkl true. **37** Mark Mueller (6'3" 197 Jr) 10 tkl. Quinn Evans (5'10" 177 rFr) PS#172.

SS 23 AUSTIN YANCY JR. 6-4 217 6 st WR true, 16 rec. **12 st** '07, 49 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. Inj LY. **Delano Howell** (5'11" 195 So) **PS#27.** 2 st WR true, 153 ttl yd. Johnson Bademosi (6'1" 195 So).

FS 22 BO McNALLY SR. 6-0 210 PS#122. 12 st '07, 114 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 6 pbu. 12 st LY, 76 tkl, 6 tfl. **32** Sean Wiser (6'2" 198 So) PS#82. L/8 st rFr, 60 tkl, 2 pbu. **40** Taylor Skaufel (6'0" 195 Jr) 4 st, 61 tkl 2Y.

P 38 DAVID GREEN SO. 6-1 199 **PS#9.** 53 punt as rFr. 39.9 avg & solid net of 37.7, 17 inside 20 despite missing start of year. **36** Daniel Zychlinski (6'3" 222 rFr) PS#74.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Tyler Gaffney	6-0 210 PS#13
LB	Shayne Skov	6-3 235 PS#11
TE	Levine Toilolo	6-8 248 PS#5
QB	Josh Nunes	6-4 205 PS#17
WR	Jamal-Rashad Patterson	6-3 202 PS#25
WR	Jemari Roberts	6-3 205 PS#28
QB	Taysom Hill	6-2 210 PS#26
RB	Usua Amanam	5-10 180 PS#32
TE	Zach Ertz	6-6 248 PS#9
RB	Stepfan Taylor	5-11 205 PS#36
DL	Terrence Stephens	6-2 295 PS#48
TE	Jordan Najvar	6-6 240 PS#16
OL	Khalil Wilkes	6-3 285 PS#57
WR	Drew Terrell	5-11 185 PS#62
TE	Ryan Hewitt	6-4 228 PS#23
OL	Kevin Danser	6-6 275 PS#111
DL	Trent Murphy	6-6 235 PS#156
LB	Geoff Meinken	6-4 265 PS#160DL
DB	Jarek Lancaster	6-1 213 PS#155LB
DL	Josh Mauro	6-6 235 PS#217
DB	Terrence Brown	6-1 170 PS#415
DL	Ben Gardner	6-4 240 PS#464

STANFORD CARDINAL

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#22

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	at Washington St	A				
Sep. 12	at Wake Forest	A				
Sep. 19	San Jose St	G				
Sep. 26	Washington	G				
Oct. 3	UCLA	G				
Oct. 10	at Oregon St	A				
Oct. 17	at Arizona	G				
Oct. 24	Arizona St (HC)	G				
Oct. 31						
Nov. 7	Oregon	G				
Nov. 14	at USC	G				
Nov. 21	California	G				
Nov. 28	Notre Dame	G				
Dec. 5						

This is the 4th consecutive season Stanford has opened vs a conf opponent. In a heavy downpour LY on the Farm, SU shutout WSU 58-0 outgaining them by a 456-225 clip.

First meeting. Stanford has gone 4-7 all-time vs current ACC teams. This will mark just SU's 3rd reg season trip to the EST S/'98 (BC in '02, Navy in '05).

SU leads the all-time series 48-14-1 including LY's come-from-behind victory at home. Last year RB Gerhart led the way with a career high 148 yds rush (6.7).

Stanford has upset the Huskies in 2 of the last 3 seasons including their only victory of the season in 2006 when they held Washington to just 161 total yards.

In '07, UCLA racked up 624 ttl yds spoiling Jim Harbaugh's Stanford coaching debut. The Cardinal have lost 12 of the last 16 to the Bruins including 5 straight.

SU has lost 7 of the L/10 vs the Beavers but were able to pull out the victory at home LY. Harbaugh played QB with the San Diego Chargers under OSU HC Riley from '99-'00.

The Cardinal have won 6 of their last 8 matchups against the Wildcats including last yr's late come-from-behind victory in front of a sold out homecoming crowd.

Sun Devils have outscored the Cardinal 120-23 over the L/3 ssns holding Stanford to an avg 204 ypg. The Cardinal are 9-16 in the series but the HT has gone 8-1.

SU actually led the L/2 ssns vs the Ducks including LY when UO scored the game-winning TD with :06 left. The Cardinal have dropped 7 straight to UO including 5 by 24+ pts.

Cardinal QB Pritchard made his 1st career start at USC guiding one of the greatest upsets in NCAA history knocking off the #2 Trojans & ending their streak of 35 straight home victories 2 yrs ago in the Coliseum.

This will mark the 103rd edition of the "Big Game". SU leads all-time 50-42-10. The Cardinal upset the Bears on the Farm in '07 ending Cal's 5 gm win streak vs SU (longest streak since 1919-'23).

This will mark the 13th consecutive ssn that these 2 programs have met (ND has won 7 straight). LY Stanford trailed 28-7 into the 4Q before getting two 4Q TD's.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Steve Stenstrom 10,531 '91-'94
2. John Elway 9,349 '79-'82
3. John Paye 7,669 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darrin Nelson 4,033 '77-'78, '80-'81
2. Brad Muster 2,940 '84-'87
3. Anthony Bookman 2,523 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Walters 3,986 '96-'99
2. DeRonnie Pitts 2,942 '97-'00
3. Justin Armour 2,482 '91-'94

JIM HARBAUGH (Career 9-15) (FCS 29-6)
3rd Year at Stanford Harbaugh's Bowl Record: 0-0

Harbaugh's records AT STANFORD

9-15	Straight Up	1-1	Vs Top 10
6-7	Home	1-5	Vs Top 25
3-8	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	2-1	Off A Bye
7-11	Vs Conference	7-7	Off A Loss

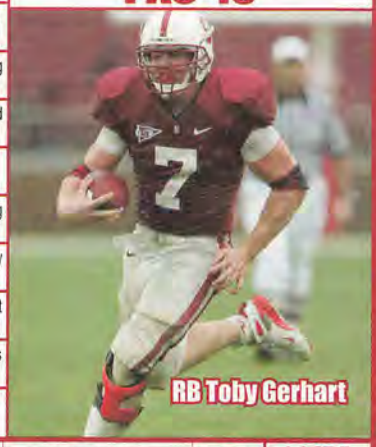
2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,23,3)
Lost: 12 (6,5,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,258 (#67)

PAC-10


RB Toby Gerhart

STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (50,000) (#63)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-3	2-9	4-7	4-7	5-6	1-11	4-8	5-7	39-64
Home	3-3	5-1	2-3	3-3	3-3	1-5	0-5	2-6	4-1	23-30
Away	2-3	4-1	0-6	1-4	1-4	4-1	1-6	2-2	1-6	16-33
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	1-7	2-6	2-6	4-4	1-8	3-6	4-5	27-48
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-2	12-16
ATS	8-3	7-5	4-6-1	6-5	6-5	7-2-1	3-9	5-7	7-5	53-47-2
Home Fav	1-2	2-3	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	12-8
Home Dog	3-0	1-0	1-2	3-2	1-1	3-2	0-4	2-4	3-0	17-15
Away Favorite	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-3-1
Away Dog	3-1	2-0	1-4-1	2-3	2-3	4-0	3-3	2-2	2-4	21-20-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	6-2	2-7	3-6	6-3	38-36-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	15-11-1
Off SU Win	2-2	4-5	0-1-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	0-1	1-2	2-3	17-18-1
Off SU Loss	5-1	2-0	3-5	2-4	3-3	4-1	3-7	4-4	4-2	30-27

Ty Willingham 1995 | Buddy Teevens | Walt Harris | Jim Harbaugh

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Toby Gerhart	210	1176	40	1136	15	5.4
Anthony Kimble	120	745	28	717	6	6.0
Alex Loukas	36	223	37	186	1	5.2
Tavita Pritchard	66	284	171	113	1	1.7
Doug Baldwin	4	89	8	81	1	20.2
Jeremy Stewart	14	81	5	76	0	5.4
Delano Howell	16	61	2	59	1	3.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tavita Pritchard	254	147	57.9	1633	10	13
Alex Loukas	20	10	50.0	131	1	1
Jason Forcier	13	5	38.5	62	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryan Whalen	41	508	12.4	1	37
Doug Baldwin	23	332	14.4	4	61
Coby Fleener	13	176	13.5	0	32
Austin Gunder	17	145	8.5	1	18
Anthony Kimble	15	120	8.0	1	18
Toby Gerhart	13	114	8.8	0	21
Richard Sherman	8	108	13.5	0	39
Delano Howell	9	94	10.4	0	27
Chris Owusu	5	80	16.0	0	41

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Green	53	2116	39.9	17	37.7	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Aaron Zagory	35-37	6-7	4-4	3-5	1-1	14-17	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Bo McNally	76	2	4	1	4
Pat Maynor	69	4	4.5	5	0
Wopamo Osaisai	67	0	3.5	8	0
Kris Evans	67	1	4	2	2
Sean Wiser	60	0.5	0.5	2	0
Clinton Snyder	58	3	3.5	1	0
Chike Amajoyi	51	0	2	1	0
Erik Lorig	39	3	3	2	0
Michael Thomas	39	1	0.5	2	1
Pannel Egboh	31	1.5	2	0	0
Ekom Udofia	30	0	2	0	0
Taylor Skaufel	26	0	0	1	0
Tom Keiser	24	6	1	2	0
Matthew Masifilo	22	0	0.5	1	0
Tom McAndrew	20	3	2	0	0
Nick Macaluso	20	0	4	0	0
Brian Bulcke	18	4	0	0	0
Sione Fua	17	3	3	0	0
Max Bergen	10	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Doug Baldwin	18	155	8.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy Stewart	14	328	23.4	0
Chris Owusu	14	326	23.3	0
Delano Howell	11	284	25.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Blockbuster - #13	-1	Penn St - #21	24-3
95	Liberty	-3'	East Carolina	13-19
96	Sun	+7'	Michigan St	38-0
99	Rose - #22	+14	Wisconsin - #4	9-17
01	Seattle - #11	-6	Georgia Tech	14-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Stanford's All-Time Bowl Record 9-10-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	26.3	352	200	4.9	152	56.4	13.4	21	-4	2008	8	27.4	380	153	4.3	227	63.1	13.8	34
7	19.6	322	111	3.0	211	53.5	16.5	48	+3	2007	8	28.3	435	169	4.2	266	61.2	15.4	37
8*	10.6	232	65	2.1	167	52.8	21.9	50	-11	2006	6	31.4	388	211	4.9	177	60.3	12.3	14
10*	24.5	316	92	2.6	224	61.4	12.9	42	+4	2005	5	30.6	442	156	4.0	286	60.8	14.4	32
5	22.0	327	81	2.5	246	50.9	14.9	41	+8	2004	9	21.2	392	143	3.6	249	59.7	18.5	30
3*	16.9	283	96	2.5	187	47.6	16.7	33	+1	2003	8	29.5	434	138	4.0	296	54.5	14.7	22
7	20.5	311	133	3.4	178	51.5	15.2	38	-5	2002	2	34.3	385	133	3.7	252	56.0	11.2	23

2008 STATS BY GAME

SU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
30,223	Oregon St	18	48-210	4.4	10-17	91	2	29	28-86	3.1	34-54	404	2	+3
59,441	at Arizona St	17	30-113	3.8	14-31	120	2	28	36-127	3.5	27-36	345	2	-1
25,531	at TCU	10	29-71	2.4	11-21	122	3	24	53-233	4.4	20-36	145	0	-3
33,293	San Jose St	17	36-204	5.7	13-28	159	1	16	35-54	1.5	23-26	165	8	0
61,968	at Washington	21	36-244	6.8	16-24	222	0	27	38-140	3.7	18-36	237	2	0
80,795	at Notre Dame	20	37-161	4.4	18-28	182	5	20	27-83	3.1	29-40	347	1	-4
30,689	Arizona	21	48-286	6.0	16-24	152	1	16	23-77	3.3	22-34	259	3	-3
64,883	at UCLA	16	44-250	5.7	5-13	51	1	24	37-86	2.3	23-41	285	7	-1
26,662	Washington St	22	55-344	6.3	7-13	112	0	14	28-73	2.6	18-32	152	4	+5
58,013	at Oregon	19	49-187	3.8	15-22	138	1	19	41-307	7.5	11-21	144	0	+3
50,425	USC	21	41-202	4.9	14-27	165	1	21	43-282	6.6	11-18	136	3	0
70,086	at California	23	37-123	3.3	23-39	312	4	17	38-287	7.6	7-11	101	1	-3
TOTALS		225	490-2395	4.9	162-287	1826	21	255	427-1835	4.3	243-385	2720	34	-4
AVERAGES		18.8	41-200	4.9	14-24	152	7.3%	21.3	36-153	4.3	20-32	227	8.8%	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	San Jose St	-17'	43-3
–	BYU	-4	37-10
–	USC - #1	+22	28-31
–	Washington	-13'	27-13
–	at Notre Dame	+5	15-23
–	at Washington St	+1'	23-17
–	Oregon	-3'	13-16
–	at UCLA	+4'	0-21
–	at Arizona St - #23	+10'	31-34
–	Oregon St	+2	19-24
–	at California - #4	+24'	6-41

2005 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Navy	-3	41-38
–	UC Davis	NL	17-20
–	Oregon	+7	20-44
–	at Washington St	+14	24-21
–	at Arizona	+4'	20-16
–	Arizona St	+10'	45-35
–	UCLA - #8	+7	27-30 OT
–	at USC - #1	+34	21-51
–	at Oregon St	+6	20-17
–	California	+5'	3-27
–	Notre Dame - #6	+15	31-38

2006 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oregon - #21	+12	10-48
–	at San Jose St	-9'	34-35
–	Navy	-1	9-37
–	Washington St	+10	10-36
–	at UCLA	+23'	0-31
–	at Notre Dame - #12	+29	10-31
–	Arizona	+3'	7-20
–	at Arizona St	+23	3-38
–	USC - #9	+28	0-42
–	at Washington	+19	20-3
–	Oregon St	+14'	7-30
–	at California - #21	+29'	17-26

2007 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UCLA - #14	+16'	17-45
–	San Jose St	-7'	37-0
–	Oregon - #13	+18'	31-55
–	Arizona St - #23	+14'	3-41
–	at USC - #2	+41	24-23
–	TCU	+6	36-38
–	at Arizona	+13	21-20
–	at Oregon St	+13'	6-23
–	Washington	+3	9-27
–	at Washington St	+11	17-33
–	Notre Dame	-4'	14-21
–	California	+13'	20-13

2008 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Oregon St	+3	36-28
–	at Arizona St - #15	+14	17-41
–	at TCU	+14	14-31
–	San Jose St	-8	23-10
–	at Washington	+3	35-28
–	at Notre Dame	+6'	21-28
–	Arizona	+7	24-23
–	at UCLA	-2'	20-23
–	Washington St	-30	58-0
–	at Oregon	+14	28-35
–	USC - #6	+24	23-45
–	at California	+8'	16-37

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '06, Rudy Carpenter (4-1 as a starter, 17-2 ratio in '05) was banged up and had an up-and-down year. He threw for 2,523 (55.4%) with a 23-14 ratio. Backup Danny Sullivan hit 6 of 15. Carpenter adapted well to the new offense in '07 throwing for 3,202 (61.8%) with a 25-10 ratio while Sullivan hit 19 of 29 for 212 (7 gm). True frosh Samson Szakacsy (PS#31) RS. In '08's season opener Carpenter tied a school record with 13 straight completions while Sullivan came off the bench and hit just 1 of 8 for (-1). Carpenter's streak of 43 consec starts was the longest active in the FBS. He threw for 733 in the first 2 but inj'd his ankle and played very little vs USC (Sullivan 4 of 17, 2 int). Carpenter finished #2 behind Danny White for all-time wins at ASU (26) and as the #2 career passer. He threw for 2,493 (61%) with a 16-9 ratio while Sullivan hit just 15 of 43 (35%). Szakacsy will be a contender for the starting job along with true frosh Brock Osweiler. Not listed below is Jimmy Barnes (6'5" 247 Sr, PS#26). Osweiler (6'8") was in for the spring and was once committed to Gonzaga's basketball team. HC Erickson said, "He's very athletic, you wouldn't know that he's 6'8" because of his mobility." This group is a lot less experienced but might not drop as far as you would think. Sullivan was #1 post spring.

RUNNING BACKS - Erickson had two Pac-10 rushing champions in 4 years at Ore St. In 2005 true frosh Keegan Herring (PS#44, 4.3 spd) broke ASU's frosh rushing record with 870 (5.5). In '06 they added JUCO Ryan Torain and the powerback with speed led with 1,229 (5.5). Herring had 4 starts (549, 5.8) and true frosh Dimitri Nance (PS#139) had 229 (4.1). Shaun DeWitty (PS#49) added 95 (4.1). Everyone ret'd in '07 and Torain had 553 (5.0) in six starts until inj. Herring rushed for 815 (5.3) while Nance added 500 (3.8). Last year ASU lost Torain (#5DC). Herring was the most explosive RB but missed 3 and rushed for 401 (3.8) with 2 starts. In one of the few games he was close to 100%, he rushed for 144 vs UW. Despite the presence of VHT true frosh Ryan Bass (PS#4), it was Nance who led with 410 (3.9) and 6 starts. DeWitty had 4 starts and rushed for 270 (4.4), becoming the go-to-guy at the end of the year due to Nance's fumbling issues (cast on hand). Bass only played in 7 rushing for 120 (4.6) and wasting a year of eligibility. Former walk-on James Morrison (5'11" 219 rFr) was impressive this spring and is a big, physical back. Not listed below are Jarrell Woods (5'10" 215 Sr) and Avory Battle (5'9" 211 So). This year they only lose Herring and should have improved numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 soph Chris McGaha led with 830 (13.6) and Michael Jones (318, 15.9 in '06) was #2 with 769 (16.7). Both ret'd last year but ASU lost projected starting TE Dane Guthrie in July. This time it was Jones who led with 744 (12.2) while McGaha had 501 (14.3). Kerry Taylor (PS#34), who had 53 yds as a true, was #3 with 405 (15.0) and Andrew Pettes (PS#13) filled in at TE (151, 7.2). This year they lose Jones (12 st), Nate Kimbrough (10 rec), Pettes (9 st) and TE Wes Evans (4 st, 5 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Dustin Driscoll (5'10" 185 Jr), Brian Matsumoto (6'0" 177 Sr), Bryant Piva (6'0" 182 Jr) and Ryan Skorupka (6'0" 225 Jr, PS#218LB). Even with the loss of 2 starters (incl #1), I'll call this unit close as 3 of the top 4 rec are back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Sun Devils' O-line was banged up in each of the final 3 years of former HC Dirk Koetter's regime. In 2007 Erickson inherited a veteran unit with ASU being the only Pac-10 team that had all 5 OL starters returning. The starters included 4 seniors and a junior but by the end of the year soph Shawn Lauvao took over at LG. Two things greatly puzzled me about the Sun Devils in '07. The first would be the stats put up by the O-line. The rush ypg dropped to 137 (3.2) while allowing a mind numbing 55 sacks (12.9%). The other puzzling thing was ASU still managed to put up 32.3 ppg. Last year they basically lost 3.5 starters (#2DC) and had 2 starters returning in Lauvao and 2 year starter RG Paul Fanaika (359 lb). They did have the 3rd largest OL in the FBS (325 lb) but just 33 career starts (12th lowest). ASU did improve allowing "just" 34 sacks (8.6%) but the rushing numbers dropped to 89 ypg (2.9). This year they lose Fanaika (12 st, #7DC PHI) but have 9 of the top 10 back (7 w/st exp). Not listed below are Isaiah Williams (6'7" 342 So) and LS's Clay Davie (6'0" 218 So) and Cameron Kastl (6'4" 231 rFr). ASU is now up to 15 scholarship linemen, a big improvement over the past 2 years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sun Devils' rush D numbers have been almost identical the last 3 years allowing 3.6, 3.7 and 3.5 ypc. Last year they had 3 starters back and expected 3 VHT newcomers to contribute but Spencer Gasu (PS#53JC) had just 1 tackle and Eugene Germany (PS#15) DNQ. True frosh DT Lawrence Guy (PS#12OL) did start 8 earning 1st Tm Fr AA (10 tfl). This year they lose DT David Smith (9 st, 14 tkl), DE Luis Vasquez (PS#2JC, 12 st, 35 tkl, 4 sk) and DT Paul 'Unga (16 tkl, 2 st). Not listed below are Zeb Togiai (6'2" 293 rFr, PS#128), David Bertrand (6'1" 265 Sr, Ariz transfer), Bo Moos (6'0" 288 So) and Zach Brown (6'2" 224 Sr). They add another VHT true frosh in Corey Adams (PS#13) and should come close to last year's standards.

LINEBACKERS - Last year ASU had 5 back with starting experience including its #2, #4 and #6 tacklers but did have to replace Tm MVP Robert "The Beast" James (1st Tm P10, #5DC). Gerald Munns started the first 3 in his place but then was OFY (personal). He was the P10 DPW vs Stan. This year they lose their #2 tkl'r in Morris Wooten (8 st, 72 tkl, 2 sk) and Anthony Reyes (19 tkl). Mike Nixon (#1 tkl'r) led the P10 in int with 5 and is back at WLB. He is joined by Travis Goethel (#3 tkl'r) and Munns also returns. I look for true frosh Vontaze Burfict (PS#3) to take one of the starting spots. Not listed below are Mike Callaghan (6'2" 211 Jr), Jeff Bereuter (6'3" 223 Jr, PS#174), John McDonald (6'0" 229 rFr) and Tom DeMichele (6'0" 216 rFr). This looks like an improved LB corps.

DE Dexter Davis

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU had an inexperienced secondary in '06 but still finished #34 in my pass D rankings. In '07 they had to replace two starters and two backups and their star SS Josh Barrett started just 8 (38 tkl). ASU climbed to #5. Last year they had to replace 6 players (comb 28 st, #4 & #7 DC's). They did return 2nd Tm P10 FS Troy Nolan whose 6 int were the most here since 1999. ASU also signed JUCO CB Terell Carr (IFS) who had 9 st (46tkl, 4pd) and they finished #20. This year they lose 2nd Tm P10 FS Nolan (12 st, 4 int, 6 pbu, #4 tkl'r, #7DC HOU), SS Rodney Cox (10 st, 37 tkl, 4 pbu) and S Angelo Fobbs-Valentino (5 tkl). Five return with starting experience and not listed below are Cameron Harkey (5'10" 181 Sr), Justin Garza (5'9" 187 So) and Gerald Flunder (5'10" 190 rFr). The Sun Devils should be strong again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ASU had the Pac-10's best ST coord, Tom Osborne. In 2006 despite their return game being wiped out by injuries, his unit fashioned a #14 finish. In '07 Osborne went back to Oregon and the Sun Devils had to replace their top KR, PR and outstanding K. RFr K Thomas Weber had a phenomenal year hitting 24 of 25 FG's (two 50+) and won the Lou Groza Award! Weber even took over as P in the 2H of year (tm net 32.8). Rudy Burgess had just the Sun Devils' 2nd home KR TD in 21 years (23.1). The Sun Devils still dropped to #44. Last year they had to replace Burgess. Weber connected on 14 straight FG's but then had one blk'd vs UNLV in OT. He finished 19 of 25 but was 3 of 7 from 40+. Weber avg 41.4 (team net 33.8) and had 8 TB on 60 KO. Kyle Williams did well at KR (23.3) while he and Nate Kimbrough combined to avg 15.0 on PR. Surprisingly, ASU dropped to #70 but with everyone back, should have their best finish in 3 years.

COACHES - Dennis Erickson took over in '07 (3rd Pac-10 team). He was the HC at Idaho, Wyoming, Wash St, Miami, Fl and Ore St then back at Idaho again in '06. He has a 163-75-1 record overall as a college HC and spent 7 years in the NFL as HC of Seattle and the 49ers. He won National Titles with Miami in '89 and '91 and his 2000 OSU squad finished 11-1 and ranked #4. Erickson became the first ASU coach to have his team ranked in his first year and became the 2nd Pac-10 coach to start 5-0 in the conference tying Cal's Steve Mariucci (1996). Erickson is 26-22 vs ranked teams (2-9 S/'01). He also became the first coach to win Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors at 3 diff schools. His OC is Rich Olson who was the OC at Miami, Fl in '06 & '92-'94. He also spent 10 years in the NFL. The DC is Craig Bray who was the DC under Erickson at OSU from 2000-'02 and his DB coach at WSU from '87-'88.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Dirk Koetter's first three seasons the Sun Devils were just 17-20. In 2004 I called them one of the most improved teams in the country. They started out 8-2 with their only two losses to #1 USC and #7 Cal (lost by 72-7 margin) and finished 9-3. In '05 they were 3-1 and appeared on their way to beating USC leading 24-3 at the half but lost. They then stumbled to a 7-5 finish. The '06 team, despite having just 12 starters back, made it to their 3rd straight bowl for the first time here since 1985-'87. Koetter moved his record to 4-2 vs Arizona but was fired prior to the bowl and the team finished 7-6. They had a couple of embarrassing performances like their 48-13 loss at home to Oregon and their 44-10 loss at Ore St. Erickson inherited 9 ret starters on offense including QB Rudy Carpenter. Despite ASU coming off a 4-5 year in Pac-10 play, I looked at their schedule and said in "Phil's Forecast" that they had a great shot at opening the year 8-0! The Sun Devils did not disappoint me despite getting off to some slow starts. Five times ASU overcame double digit deficits to come away with victories and when they knocked off #18 Cal at home, they moved to 8-0 (#6) and finished 10-2 but were blown out by Texas in the Holiday Bowl (finished #16). Last year the Sun Devils had Georgia on their non-conf slate and had five Pac-10 road games. While they were Pac-10 co-champs in '07 at 7-2, they were only +10.1 ypg (6th best). They had 13 returning starters but lost 24 lettermen (38%). While I did not have the Sun Devils in my preseason Top 25, they did enter the season ranked #15 and looked to be in good shape blowing out N Ariz and Stan. They clearly looked ahead to their meeting with preseason #1 Georgia and lost to UNLV in OT, after leading 20-10 allowing a 74 yd drive for a TD with :18 left. On a 99° night in the desert they had a chance to make a national statement but were whipped by the Bulldogs trailing 21-3 at half and being outgained 461-212. The UNLV loss started a six game losing streak which tied the school record set in 1929. They did miss a 2 point conv which would have tied Ore St during their streak. The streak nearly went to 7 as they trailed lowly Wash 19-16 in the 3Q but then exploded for a 39-19 win. While they only led WSU 10-0 at half, they won 31-0. The next week vs UCLA they got a misleading final with an NCAA record 4 def TD's. They were outgained 306-122 but won 34-9. If they had beaten Ariz they would have made it to a bowl but were outgained 389-162 in a 31-10 loss and went from Pac-10 co-champs to tied for 6th. ASU was -29.0 ypg in Pac-10 play (#8). Surprisingly last year's losing squad benefitted from +5 in turnovers and only had 12 starts lost to injury all year. They also had a fortunate ypp, have just 13 returning starters and lose their QB. On the positive side they did have 2 net close losses. They played a school record 10 true frosh last year and Erickson has never suffered consec losing seasons as a HC. This is not an overwhelming ASU team, but has an excellent def front 7 and could get off to a 5-1 start in a much better '09 season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 10 Samson Szakacsy So. 6-4 205 PS#31. DNP LY. **4.6 spd. 15** Danny Sullivan (6'4" 242 Sr). 409 (46%), 3-3 ratio 3Y. **17** Brock Osweiler (6'8" 237 Fr) PS#53. In for spring.

RB 36 SHAUN DeWITTY SR. 6-2 210 **PS#49.** 119 (4.1) 2Y. RS '07. 4 st, 270 (4.4) LY. **31 Dimitri Nance** (5'10" 218 Sr). 7 st, 1139 (3.9) 3Y. **21** Ryan Bass (5'9" 205 So) **PS#4.** 120 (4.6) true.

WR 6 Kyle Williams Sr. 5-10 186 PS#134. 8 st, 811 (15.6) 3 yrs. HM P10 KR LY. **9** AJ Pickens (5'10" 172 rFr) PS#85. **2** Brandon Smith (6'2" 195 Sr) PS#115. 2 st, 9 rec 3Y.

WR 13 CHRIS McGAHA SR. 6-1 199 17 st, 1068 (13.9), 2Y. 12 st, 501 (14.3) LY. **86** TJ Simpson (6'1" 189 So) PS#102. 11 gm, 2 rec rFr. JJ Holliday PS#150. **23** Tony Simmons (6'0" 185 Jr).

WR 5 KERRY TAYLOR JR. 6-0 197 **PS#34.** 13 gm, 53 (6.6) true. 5 st, 405 (15.0) LY. **4** Gerell Robinson (6'4" 230 So) **PS#11.** 10 gm, 26 (8.7) true. Allante Battle (5'9" 202 rFr) PS#88.

TE 89 Dan Knapp So. 6-5 258 PS#170. 2 st, 29 (9.7) true. **87** Steven Figueroa (6'4" 251 rFr) PS#34. Jovon Williams (6'4" 225 Sr) PS#110. 4 rec 2Y. Stanley Malamala (6'3" 267 Sr).

C 52 GARTH GERHART SO. 6-1 302 PS#138. 3 st, 3 gm (inj) rFr. **56 Thomas Alteiri** (6'1" 301 Sr) **PS#96.** 3 gm, 2Y. 12 st LY. **LS 57** Thomas Ohmart (6'1" 243 So). 12 gm true.

RG 73 Zach Schlink So. 6-4 331 **PS#42.** 1 st, 5 gm true then out year (inj). Adam Tello (6'3" 290 So) PS#172. 4 st, 6 gm rFr. **70** Mike Marcisz (6'5" 298 So) PS#413.

LG 59 JON HARGIS JR. 6-3 312 PS#72DL. 2 st, 20 tkl, 3 tfl at DT rFr. 12 st@LT LY. **72** Andrew Sampson (6'3" 299 rFr) **PS#71. 79** Brent Good (6'2" 342 Sr). 12 gm LY.

RT 74 TOM NJUNGE SR. 6-5 272 PS#243JC. 4 st, 6 gm LY. **66** Matt Hustad (6'5" 292 So) PS#217. Patrick Jamison (6'3" 280 rFr) **PS#84. 60** Chris Scott (6'1" 282 So) PS#505.

LT 67 SHAWN LAUVAO SR. 6-3 305 PS#476. 5 gm rFr. 9 st, 13 gm '07. 12 st (8@LG, 4@RT), HM P10 LY. Kyle Johnson (6'7" 292 rFr) PS#102. **68** Trent Marsh (6'1" 318 So).

K 28 THOMAS WEBER JR. 6-1 207 PS#68. 24-25 FG, L/53, 46-48 xp, **GrozaWinner** rFr. 19-25, L/49, HM P10 LY. **45** Zach Richards (6'1" 197 So). McCabe Tonna (6'0" 200 Jr).

DE 58 DEXTER DAVIS SR. 6-2 255 PS#147. 26 st, 73 tkl, 24 tfl, 2Y. 12 st, 40 tkl, 15 tfl, **1st Tm P10** LY. Dean DeLeone is **PS#93JC. 55** Jamarr Robinson (6'2" 247 Jr) PS#107. 8 gm, 2Y.

DT 50 LAWRENCE GUY SO. 6-5 293 **PS#12.** 8 st, 12 gm, 44 tkl, 10 tfl, **1st Tm Fr AA** as true. Jonathan English (6'0" 282 Jr) PS#76. 1 st, 14 tkl, 2Y. Otis Jones (6'1" 285 rFr) PS#194.

DT NA Corey Adams Fr. 6-3 292 **PS#13.** Great pass rusher. **77** Saia Falahola (6'1" 298 Jr) PS#245. 2 tkl (inj) rFr. 4 st, 12 gm, 18 tkl LY. Spencer Gasu (6'1" 289 Sr) **PS#53JC.** 1 gm LY.

DE 34 James Brooks So. 6-5 278 PS#83. 11 tkl, 3.5 tfl rFr. **92** Jamaar Jarrett (6'5" 268 So) **PS#50.** 9 tkl, 1.5 tfl as true. Toa Tuitea (6'3" 246 rFr) PS#235. Leo Montt (6'1" 260 Sr).

SLB 44 TRAVIS GOETHEL SR. 6-3 237 PS#66. 16 st, 100 tkl, 2Y. 12 st, 71 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 6 pd LY. **41** Shelly Lyons (6'2" 225 So) PS#128. 36 tkl true, **21** Colin Parker (6'1" 228 So) **PS#60.** 4 tkl rFr.

MLB NA Vontaze Burfict Fr. 6-3 245 **PS#3. 47** Gerald Munns (6'4" 242 Sr) PS#63. 2 st, 15 tkl true. 1 st, 20 tkl '07. 3 st then out yr, 16 tkl LY. **30** Derrall Anderson (6'2" 231 So).

WLB 25 MIKE NIXON SR. 6-3 224 **PS#13.** 9 st, 90 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 90 tkl, 8 tfl, **1st Tm P10** LY. **48** Brandon Magee (5'11" 226 So) **PS#37.** 11 tkl true. Oliver Aaron (6'0" 205 So) PS#280. 8 tkl rFr.

CB 5 TERELL CARR SR. 5-9 177 **PS#89JC.** 9 st, 12 gm, 46 tkl, 4 pd LY. **31** Pierre Singfield (5'11" 196 Sr) PS#446JC. 3 st, 22 tkl LY. Travis Smith (5'11" 188 Sr) PS#134. 11 tkl, 2Y.

CB 3 OMAR BOLDEN JR. 5-10 195 PS#80. 9 st, 33 tkl true. 12 st, 49 tkl, 9 pd LY. LeQuan Lewis is PS#173JC. **23** Josh Jordan (6'1" 173 So) PS#131. 6 tkl true. Deveron Carr (5'11" 184 rFr).

SS 2 Ryan McFoy Sr. 6-1 209 PS#188. 10 st, 67 tkl 3Y. **19** Max Tabach (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#144JC. 12 tkl. Keelan Johnson (6'0" 199 rFr) PS#102. Jonathan Clark (6'0" 187 So) PS#237.

FS 9 Clint Floyd So. 5-10 198 PS#76. 2 st, 7 tkl as true. **8** Jarrell Holman (6'0" 200 Sr) PS#225JC. 11 tkl, 2Y. Matthew Tucker is PS#69. Shane McCullen is PS#107.

P 38 TREVOR HANKINS JR. 6-3 229 2 gm, 7 punts (37.1) as true. Thomas Weber (6'1" 207 Jr) PS#68. 47 punts (39.3), 32.8 tm net rFr. 59 punts, 41.4, 33.8 tm net LY. Concentrating on PK.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Vontaze Burfict 6-3 245 PS#3
DL	Corey Adams 6-3 292 PS#13
DL	Dean DeLeone 6-2 245 PS#93JC
TE	Christopher Coyle 6-3 235 PS#17
RB	Jamal Miles 5-10 180 PS#70
DB	Matthew Tucker 6-1 197 PS#69
QB	Brock Osweiler 6-8 237 PS#53
OL	Kody Koebensky 6-4 303 PS#87
DB	Shane McCullen 6-2 208 PS#107
RB	Cameron Marshall 5-11 210 PS#93
DB	Osahon Irabor 5-11 183 PS#118
LB	Anthony Jones 6-2 218 PS#105
DB	LeQuan Lewis 5-11 193 PS#173JC
DL	William Sutton 6-2 275 PS#151
RB	Marcus Washington 6-1 195 PS#136
WR	JJ Holliday 6-0 165 PS#150
TE	Max Smith 6-2 258 PS#56
OL	Fred Thornton 6-4 310 PS#314
OL	Evan Finkenberg 6-6 265 PS#463
DL	Gregory Smith 6-3 240 PS#448
LB	Kipeli Koniseti 6-3 235 PS#952
WR	Jarrid Bryant 6-4 185 PS#1565

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#48

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Idaho St	G				
Sep. 12						
Sep. 19	ULM	G				
Sep. 26	at Georgia	G				
Oct. 3	Oregon St	G				
Oct. 10	at Washington St	A				
Oct. 17	Washington	G				
Oct. 24	at Stanford	G				
Oct. 31	California (HC)	G				
Nov. 7	USC	G				
Nov. 14	at Oregon	A				
Nov. 21	at UCLA	G				
Nov. 28	Arizona	G				
Dec. 5						

First meeting. Bengals went 1-11 as a member of the Big Sky Conf LY including a 49-7 loss to Boise St & 42-27 loss to Idaho. ASU is 24-14-4 vs current Big Sky Conf teams.

First meeting. The Sun Devils are 5-1 vs current SBC tms w/an avg score of 34-13. Entering the season, ASU has gone 19-4 at home vs non-conference opponents.

ASU is 0-4 against the SEC including LY's defeat to the Bulldogs getting outgained 461-212. First trip to the Southeastern United States since visiting Miami in 1997.

Dennis Erickson was the HC at Oregon St from '99-'02. The home team is 8-1 & last year the Sun Devils failed on a game-tying 2 pt conversion in Corvallis.

In LY's matchup, ASU recorded its 1st shutout since blanking #1 ranked Neb on Sept. 21, 1996. Sun Devils have now won 5 straight vs WSU. ASU HC Erickson was the HC at WSU from '87-'88.

The Sun Devils have won 5 straight by an avg of 16 ppg but actually trailed the struggling Huskies LY mid-3Q before putting up 23 unanswered pts to pull away for the victory.

ASU QB Carpenter threw for 345 yds & 3 TD's in LY's 41-17 mauling of the Cardinal. The Sun Devils have now outscored Stanford 120-23 over the past 3 seasons.

The Sun Devils were unable to get anything going in LY's loss in Berkeley (236 ttl yds, 3 TO's). In Cal's last visit to Tempe, ASU outscored Cal 17-0 in the 2H in the come-from-behind win.

ASU has lost 9 straight to USC including Thanksgiving night in Tempe 2 ssns ago as they were held to a ssn low 259 yds of ttl offense including just 16 yds rush on 35 att (0.5).

In the largest crowd to attend a football gm in Oregon in '07, the #4 Ducks prevailed over #6 ASU. Arizona St has now lost 4 straight to Oregon by a 42-18 avg.

In LY's game vs the Bruins, ASU tied an NCAA record for defensive TD's with 4. Sun Devils won their 1st gm in Pasadena S/'96 last time here holding off a late Bruin charge.

The Sun Devils have won 3 of 4 but last year's loss kept them from bowl eligibility. The last 2 games ('05 & '07) in Tempe have both been decided by only a FG.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Andrew Walter 10,617 '01-'04
2. Rudy Carpenter 10,491 '05-'08
3. Jake Plummer 8,827 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Woody Green 4,188 '71-'73
2. Freddie Williams 3,424 '73-'76
3. JR Redmond 3,299 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Derek Hagan 3,939 '02-'05
2. John Jefferson 2,993 '74-'77
3. Shaun McDonald 2,867 '00-'02

DENNIS ERICKSON (Career 131-60-1) (FCS 32-15)
3rd Year at Arizona St Bowls: 5-6
Wyoming '86, Wash St '87-'88, Miami, Fl '89-'94, Oregon St '99-'02, Idaho '06

Erickson AT ARIZONA ST/OVERALL

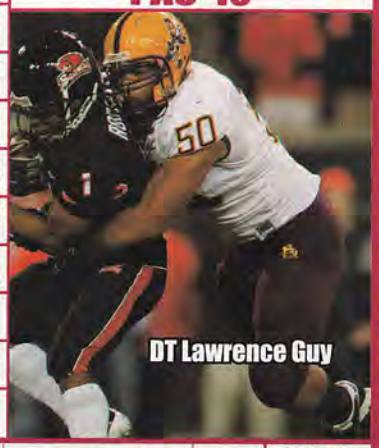
15-10 / 131-60-1	SU	0-3 / 15-10	Vs Top 10
11-4 / 80-18	Home	1-5 / 26-22	Vs Top 25
4-5 / 47-38	Away	1-2 / 33-17	Vs BCS Tms
0-1 / 4-4-1	Neutral	2-4 / 20-18	Off A Bye
11-7 / 61-39-1	Vs Conf	3-5 / 25-24-1	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (20,24,2)
Lost: 15 (7,8,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,837 (#28)
PAC-10


DT Lawrence Guy

STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (71,706) (#27)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	4-7	8-6	5-7	9-3	7-5	7-6	10-3	5-7	61-50
Home	3-3	4-3	5-2	4-2	6-0	4-3	4-2	7-1	4-3	41-19
Away	3-2	0-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	2-2	3-3	3-1	1-4	18-27
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	3-5	1-7	5-3	2-6	5-3	4-4	4-5	7-2	4-5	35-40
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	3-3	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	3-1	1-2	26-10
ATS	6-4-2	5-6	8-5	2-9	7-5	6-6	7-5	6-7	4-6-1	51-53-3
Home Fav	2-1	4-2	3-2	1-2	4-2	3-3	2-2	5-2	2-2	26-18
Home Dog	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	6-5-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	9-7
Away Dog	1-1-1	1-3	1-3	0-4	2-2	0-1	2-2	0-1	1-2-1	8-19-2
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	4-2-2	2-6	5-3	2-6	3-5	4-4	5-4	4-5	4-4-1	33-39-3
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-0	3-2	0-3	4-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	18-14
Off SU Win	3-1-2	1-3	6-2	0-4	5-3	3-3	3-4	5-5	2-3	28-28-2
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-3	2-2	2-5	1-2	2-3	4-1	0-2	2-3-1	19-23-1

Bruce Snyder 1992 – Dirk Koetter – Dennis Erickson

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dimitri Nance	105	419	9	410	3	3.9
Keegan Herring	105	423	22	401	3	3.8
Shaun DeWitty	62	283	13	270	0	4.4
Ryan Bass	26	123	3	120	0	4.6
Kyle Williams	6	42	0	42	0	7.0
Jarrell Woods	6	19	0	19	0	3.2
Rudy Carpenter	52	84	234	-150	1	-2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Rudy Carpenter	351	213	60.7	2493	16	9
Danny Sullivan	43	15	34.9	151	1	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Michael Jones	61	744	12.2	4	52	
Chris McGaha	35	501	14.3	1	46	
Kerry Taylor	27	405	15.0	3	52	
Kyle Williams	19	364	19.2	4	51	
Andrew Pettes	21	151	7.2	3	22	
Nate Kimbrough	10	131	13.1	0	27	
Dimitri Nance	20	111	5.6	0	12	
Shaun DeWitty	9	77	8.6	0	22	
Jovon Williams	3	33	11.0	0	22	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Thomas Weber	59	2442	41.4	7	33.8(t)	2	23
Trevor Hankins	7	260	37.1	0	–	0	0
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Thomas Weber	29-30	9-10	7-8	3-7	0-0	19-25	49

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Nixon	90	1	7	5	5
Morris Wooten	72	2	5	1	1
Travis Goethel	71	0	7.5	4	2
Troy Nolan	64	0	2.5	6	4
Omar Bolden	49	0	1	7	2
Terell Carr	46	0	3	3	1
Lawrence Guy	44	2	8	0	0
Dexter Davis	40	11	4	1	0
Rodney Cox	37	0	1	4	0
Shelly Lyons	36	0	1.5	2	0
Luis Vasquez	35	4	6.5	2	0
Pierre Singfield	22	0	1	2	0
Anthony Reyes	19	0	0	0	0
Saia Falahola	18	0	0.5	0	0
Ryan McFoy	18	0	1.5	2	0
Gerald Munns	16	0	2.5	0	1
Paul 'Unga	16	0	0	1	0
David Smith	14	0.5	3	0	0
Jonathan English	12	0	3.5	1	0
Max Tabach	12	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kyle Williams	14	238	17.0	0	
Nate Kimbrough	12	151	12.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kyle Williams	27	630	23.3	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Holiday	+18'	Kansas St - #6	27-34
04	Sun - #21	+8	Purdue	27-23
05	Insight	-9	Rutgers	45-40
06	Hawaii	+7	Hawaii	24-41
07	Holiday - #12	+2'	Texas - #17	34-52

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	22.8	309	89	2.9	220	57.7	13.6	34	+5	2008	7	22.7	335	127	3.5	209	57.0	14.8	23
9*	32.3	400	137	3.2	263	61.9	12.4	55	+3	2007	5	22.5	345	116	3.7	229	52.8	15.3	29
8*	26.8	368	170	4.4	198	54.4	13.7	37	-1	2006	4	25.1	328	117	3.6	211	54.5	13.1	35
7	36.8	519	146	3.9	373	63.3	14.1	36	+7	2005	5	29.9	469	180	4.4	289	59.6	15.7	22
7*	29.8	435	118	3.3	317	57.6	14.6	39	+5	2004	6	24.5	359	123	3.5	236	53.7	14.6	36
9*	24.8	391	117	3.5	274	52.5	15.8	25	-4	2003	7	27.3	405	151	3.8	254	55.0	14.8	30
4	32.3	393	89	2.5	304	54.8	12.2	49	+4	2002	8	29.1	363	119	3.4	244	49.9	12.5	52

2008 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
62,707	N Arizona	19	23-94	4.1	23-36	387	1	19	42-139	3.3	19-36	169	2	-1
59,441	Stanford	28	36-127	3.5	27-36	345	2	17	30-113	3.8	14-31	120	2	+1
59,852	UNLV	18	36-131	3.6	13-23	242	2	20	37-135	3.6	22-36	210	0	-1
72,955	Georgia	14	19-4	0.2	23-36	208	4	24	39-176	4.5	16-28	285	1	-1
58,302	at California	16	32-71	2.2	20-35	165	3	18	33-79	2.4	17-28	198	1	-2
84,956	at USC	16	36-75	2.1	15-37	154	3	16	40-210	5.3	15-29	177	2	+1
69,406	Oregon	18	32-107	3.3	24-45	226	3	25	43-304	7.1	21-30	233	1	0
44,109	at Oregon St	14	32-78	2.4	15-28	217	5	22	38-109	2.9	23-34	261	1	+1
57,013	at Washington	19	40-182	4.6	22-31	218	2	16	28-52	1.9	15-42	227	4	+2
61,490	Washington St	21	36-141	3.9	20-31	257	3	10	24-7	0.3	18-30	123	3	+2
61,005	UCLA	10	24-21	0.9	13-26	101	3	18	35-89	2.5	26-44	217	5	+3
58,704	at Arizona	12	23-38	1.7	13-31	124	3	25	40-105	2.6	25-37	284	1	0
TOTALS		205	369-1069	2.9	228-395	2644	34	230	429-1518	3.5	231-405	2504	23	+5
AVERAGES		17.1	31-89	2.9	19-33	220	8.6%	19.2	36-127	3.5	19-34	209	5.7%	0.4

2004 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
–	UTEP	-24'	41-9
–	at Northwestern	+2	30-21
–	Iowa - #16	-1'	44-7
#22	Oregon St	-7'	27-14
#21	at Oregon	+2'	28-13
#15	at USC - #1	+10'	7-45
#21	UCLA	-7'	48-42
#20	at California - #7	+17	0-27
#23	Stanford	-10'	34-31
#20	Washington St	-13	45-28
#18	at Arizona	-14	27-34

2005 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#20	Temple	-31'	63-16
#15	LSU - #5	-1	31-35
#18	Northwestern	-14'	52-21
#18	at Oregon St	-6'	42-24
#14	USC - #1	+16	28-38
#17	Oregon - #25	-10	17-31
–	at Stanford	-10'	35-45
–	Washington	-17	44-20
–	at Washington St	-2'	27-24
–	at UCLA - #14	+3'	35-45
–	Arizona	-10	23-20

2006 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#24	N Arizona	NL	35-14
#25	Nevada	-14'	52-21
#22	at Colorado	-11'	21-3
#22	at California - #21	+8'	21-49
–	Oregon - #14	-1	13-48
–	at USC - #3	+19	21-28
–	Stanford	-23	38-3
–	at Washington	-2	26-23 OT
–	at Oregon St	+2	10-44
–	Washington St	+1	47-14
–	UCLA	-5'	12-24
–	at Arizona	+2'	28-14

2007 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #16 Score
–	San Jose St	-15	45-3
–	Colorado	-15	33-14
–	San Diego St	-28	34-13
–	Oregon St	-11	44-32
#23	at Stanford	-14'	41-3
#18	at Washington St	-9	23-20
#14	Washington	-11'	44-20
#7	California - #18	-3	31-20
#6	at Oregon - #4	+7'	23-35
#9	at UCLA	-6'	24-20
#7	USC - #11	+3	24-44
#13	Arizona	-6'	20-17

2008 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#15	N Arizona	-35	30-13
#15	Stanford	-14	41-17
#15	UNLV	-24	20-23 OT
–	Georgia - #3	+7	10-27
–	at California	+8'	14-24
–	at USC - #8	+28	0-28
–	Oregon	+3'	20-54
–	at Oregon St	+15'	25-27
–	at Washington	-14'	39-19
–	Washington St	-36'	31-0
–	UCLA	-10	34-9
–	at Arizona	+10'	10-31

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2007 rFr Jake Locker (PS#8) became the first UW QB to start the first game of his career since Sonny Sixkiller in 1970. Locker guided the team to impressive wins in his first 2 starts while rushing for 83 and 84 yds. He even had 102 vs a powerful Ohio St defense. While Locker is a dangerous runner, he wasn't a polished passer early and threw a lot of deep balls which accounts for his 47.3% with a 14-15 ratio of '07. Locker set the modern-era Pac-10 record for rushing yards by a QB and would have easily topped 1,000 but was inj vs Ore St and missed Cal (986, 5.7). Locker hurt his hamstring in Aug and was not 100% to open '08. He did lead the Huskies on a dramatic 76 yd TD drive vs BYU only to get penalized for celeb on his TD run which cut the deficit to 1 (UW missed 35 yd xp). Locker was then lost for the season vs Stanford (thumb). RFr Ronnie Fouch (PS#55) got his first start on the road vs Ariz and as you would expect, he struggled. On the year Fouch completed just 45.2% with a 4-13 ratio. His backup was walk-on Taylor Bean (6'1" 199 So). When Fouch was inj in the 2Q vs Cal, Bean hit 8 of 17 for 80 and his TD run was the team's only score. This year the unit returns intact and added to the mix are Luther Leonard (6'2" 193 rFr, PS#58), Justin Gunn (6'4" 210 rFr) and true Keith Price (Sarkisian recruit). Last year's 6 TD passes were the school's fewest since 1969 and even though Sarkisian's pro-style offense is not the perfect fit for the mobile Locker, I look for much improved numbers.

QB Jake Locker

RUNNING BACKS - UW had six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989-1997 but didn't have another until Louis Rankin ended the drought with 1,294 (5.6) in '07. Brandon Johnson finished as the #2 RB with 196 (3.8). Last year Johnson was injured in the spring. True frosh Chris Polk (PS#18) was moved from WR and started the first 2 but had just 33 (1.6) as he was also inj and RS. Due to injuries, Johnson's 9 games were the most for the RB's and he had just 194 (2.6). True frosh Terrance Dailey (PS#79) burned his RS to play vs Ariz and the next week had the RB's first 100 yard effort vs Ore St. RFr Willie Griffin (PS#107) had the RB's 2nd 100 yard effort vs WSU (112, 4.3). Dailey rushed for 338 (4.5) but was dismissed in the spring of '09. True frosh David Freeman (PS#129) was the most impressive RB with 152 (5.6) but played in just 4. This year everyone but Dailey returns and not listed in the PSL are Demitrius Bronson (5'10" 215 Fr, PS#69), Freeman (5'7" 190 So), Griffin (5'8" 198 So) and FB Tobias Togi (5'11" 221 So, PS#279). Also coming back is Curtis Shaw (PS#77) who RS. This should be a vastly improved RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Huskies were very inexperienced in this unit in '08 having lost 8 of their top 9 rec. TE Michael Gottlieb was the leading returnee with 136 (11.3) and the only WR with a catch in '07 was D'Andre Goodwin (29 yd). Gottlieb missed the first 2 and finished #4 with 197 (13.1). Goodwin led with 692 (11.5) and their deep threat was true frosh Jermaine Kearse (PS#27) who had 301 (15.1). True frosh Devin Aguilar (PS#47) was #3 with 246 (12.3). This year they lose Gottlieb (9 st), Charles Hawkins (118, 11.8), TE Walt Winter (1 st, 0 rec), Chancellor Young (0 rec) and Alvin Logan (11 st, 6 rec) who moves to S. Sarkisian inherits a vastly more experienced unit with great depth. Not listed in the PSL below are Vince Taylor (6'2" 198 rFr, PS#73), Tony Chidiac (5'10" 181 Jr) and TE Marek Domanski (6'6" 237 rFr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - UW has not had a lot of success health-wise on the O-line. In former HC Willingham's second season (2006) they had their starting OL intact for the first 5 which was the first time this unit had been intact for over a 4 game stretch S/'01. In 2007 with QB Locker rushing for 986 (5.7) they had their best ypg rushing (203) since 2000 and their best ypc (4.9) since 1990 while allowing 24 sacks (6.2%). UW has not produced a 1st Tm Pac-10 OL since 2001. Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup. They did lose starting RG Casey Bulyca after 5 and LG Ryan Tolar (12 st in '07 as rFr) only started the last 7 after Bulyca went down. C Juan Garcia (inj spg) struggled with shotgun snaps causing some fumbles and threw off the timing on some passing routes. UW plummeted to 99 ypg (2.8), their lowest since 2002 (74, 2.1), while allowing 31 sacks (8.5%). This year they lose Garcia (13 st, 3Y st'r), LG Jordan White-Frisbee (12 st), Bulyca and backup Robert Lukevich (1 gm). Despite being slightly less experienced, this unit can only improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UW has produced a lot of top-notch DL's including Steve Emtman, Jason Chorak and Larry Tripplett. The 4 players who were primary starters at the end of '06 all ret'd in '07. The unit also maintained its health so it was very surprising to see them allow 184 ypg (4.9). Last year expectations were low as they lost 5 of their top 6 and the unit was undersized. Four true frosh played and they were overmatched at times. UW yielded a ghastly 241 ypg (worst S/'75) and 5.7 ypc, the worst in school history. This year they lose DT Johnie Kirton (3 st, 27 tkl) and DT Senio Kelemete (4 st, 4 tkl) who moves to the OL. Not listed below are Daniel Kanczugowski (6'3" 319 rFr) and Pete Galbraith (6'1" 250 So). They do have 4 VHT's in the 2 deep including 349 lb JUCO Johnny Tivao at DT so this group is bigger, stronger, faster and much more experienced and should be one of the most improved DL's in the country.

LINEBACKERS - UW has had to replace 2 starters from this unit the last 2 years. One of those lost starters last year was EJ Savannah who unexpectedly departed over the summer. This year the unit is in it's best shape in a long time. Trenton Tuiasosopo was granted a 6th year so they return their #1, #3 and #4 tacklers plus get back Savannah (#1 tkl'r '07). Not listed below are Bradly Roussel (5'11" 207 rFr, PS#78), Brandon Huppert (6'1" 227 Jr), Jonathan Amosa (5'11" 206 rFr) and TJ Poe (6'1" 217 Sr). They only lose Chris Stevens (3 st, 33 tkl) and figure to be one of the most improved LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 the Huskies were #107 in my pass D rankings allowing 276 ypg with 24 TD's allowed (most in school history). A more experienced group moved up to #57 in '06. In '07 they only had 3 of the top 7 back and reset the school record allowing a 27-11 ratio (#93). Last year UW had to replace one starter but had 7 back with starting exp. They then lost starting CB Byron Davenport (7 st '07) and Jason Wells (5 st '07) prior to the year. SS Darin Harris (8 st '07) was lost after 2 starts. Victor Aiyewa won the starting spot in Aug but missed 7. The Huskies finished #113 allowing 211 ypg (66.8%) with a 24-7 ratio. This year they lose CB Mesphin Forrester (10 st, 56 tkl, 2 int) and SS Harris (2 int, 13 tkl). Not listed in the PSL below are Marquis Persley (6'0" 184 So), Greg Walker (5'11" 198 rFr), Taylor Lappano (5'9" 195 rFr) and Warren Woods (5'11" 192 rFr). This unit returns 9 with starting experience and after being decimated the L2Y by injuries, should make substantial improvement in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Willingham inherited a group that was just #105 in my ST rankings in 2004 and his four units finished #102, #95, #91 and #113. Ryan Perkins hit 15 of 20 FG's (L/45) in '07 and 7 of 11 (L/38) in '08. P Jared Ballman had his avg drop from 40.9 (36.2 net) in '07 to 38.3 (31.6 net). Ballman also had 12 TB on 40 KO. The return game was below average (18.7 KR, 4.7 PR). This year they lose Ballman and Perkins (due to inj) but really, there is only one way to go.

COACHES - The Tyrone Willingham era did not go as expected. In his 4 years UW did not catch very many breaks game-wise or injury-wise. He finished just 11-37. This year the new HC is Steve Sarkisian who was with USC the last 7 years. He spent '07 and '08 as asst HC and OC, and was the Trojans' QB coach in his first 5 yrs. Sarkisian spent 2004 as the Oakland Raiders' QB coach. The OC is Doug Nussmeier who was the OC at Fresno St last year. Sarkisian was surprisingly able to hire Nick Holt as DC. Holt was the HC at Idaho from 2004-'05 and left there to return to USC as the DC the last two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 former HC Rick Neuheisel stepped into a great situation. The 1998 Huskies had just 9 returning starters, played the 8th toughest schedule in the country, were injury-plagued and had some close losses which prompted Jim Lambright's dismissal. The '99 team went 7-5 and then in 2000 went 11-1 including a Rose Bowl win over Purdue. Neuheisel went 8-4 and 7-6 in his final 2 years ('01-'02) and then he left UW on probation and low on scholarships. Then-HC Kevin Gilbertson kept alive UW's streak of 27 non-losing winning seasons (3rd best streak IA in '03). They had finished either 1st or 2nd in the Pac-10 in eighteen of those 27 years (winning or having a share of the Pac-10 eight times). Unfortunately, the last 5 years the Huskies have been injury-plagued and short on both scholarships and luck. Gilbertson was let go after 2004 with a 7-16 record and now Willingham departs after going just 11-37 in four years with the Huskies. Coming into '08, 18 of Willingham's 35 signed players from '05 or '06 were gone for one reason or another. Last year was an unthinkable season. UW was picked 8th in the Pac-10 and after being blown out by Oregon 44-10, almost beat #15 BYU. QB Locker was called for a celeb pen after the potential tying TD and BYU blocked the 35 yard xp. The next week they had their biggest losing margin at home since 1929 when #3 Okla spanked them 55-14. The injury bug continued as Jake Locker was injured in the 2Q vs Stanford when the game was tied at 14 and they lost by 7. The Huskies had only one game the rest of the year that was decided by 20 or less. Willingham resigned after the USC 56-0 loss where they were a 45 point underdog which was the largest in school history. That made UW 0-8 and its only chance of victory came in the Apple Cup. Wash St drove 69 yds for a FG to force OT as 2 missed FG's in the 2H cost the Huskies in the 2OT loss. UW became the first ever team to go 0-9 in Pac-10 play. They have suffered a school record 14 straight losses. UW also played the most true frosh in team history (12). While UW had the worst record in the Pac-10, they were not really the worst team as their -170.6 ypg was 102.1 ypg better than WSU. There are plenty of positives heading into '09. UW had 3 net close losses, was -17 in TO's, had horrible ypp's on both off and def (pg 299) and was #2 in the FBS in starts lost to inj (50). It appears that Steve Sarkisian is going to look like a genius in his first year. While UW did not make my Most Improved List (teams I expect to go from losing records to bowl eligibility), it was mostly due to their schedule (#16) as they draw LSU and ND in non-conf games but Washington is arguably the MIT in the country.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

QB 10 JAKE LOCKER JR. 6-3 222 **PS#8.** 12 st, 2062 (47%), 986 rush rFr. 4 st (inj) LY. **8** Ronnie Fouch (6'1" 203 So) PS#55. Scout Tm POY true. 8 st, 1339 (45%). Keith Price PS#87.

RB 1 CHRIS POLK rFR. 5-11 200 **PS#18.** 2 st but inj & RS. **14** Curtis Shaw (5'10" 186 So) PS#77. 13 gm true. RS LY. **6** Brandon Johnson (5'9" 207 Jr) PS#58. 390 (3.1) 2Y.

FB 30 PAUL HOMER SR. 6-1 239 PS#134. 11 st, 54 (2.5) 2Y. 6 st LY. **35** Brandon Yakaboski (5'11" 205 So) PS#131. 2 gm (ACL) LY. **47** Austin Sylvester (6'1" 245 Jr) 12 gm LY.

WR 11 D'ANDRE GOODWIN JR. 5-11 175 PS#326. 11 st, 721 (10.9) 2Y. HM P10 LY. **7** Cody Bruns (5'11" 168 So) **PS#34.** 3 rec true. **82** Jordan Polk (5'8" 161 So) PS#82. 4 rec true.

WR 15 JERMAINE KEARSE SO. 6-1 180 **PS#27.** 2 st, 301 (15.1) true. **9** Devin Aguilar (6'0" 195 So) **PS#47.** 3 st, 12 gm, 246 (12.3) true. **5** Anthony Boyles (6'3" 190 rFr) PS#84.

TE 80 Kavario Middleton So. 6-5 255 **PS#3.** 5 st, 12 rec true. **4** Chris Izbicki (6'3" 249 So) **PS#11.** Susp LY. Dorson Boyce is PS#132JC. **87** Romeo Savant (6'5" 250 So).

C 65 RYAN TOLAR JR. 6-5 321 **PS#77.** 12 st LG rFr. 7 st RG, 11 gm LY. **51** Mykenna Ikehara (6'3" 291 rFr) PS#208. **LS 49** Danny Morovick (6'4" 213 Sr) PS#427JC. 37 gm 3Y.

RG 93 Senio Kelemete So. 6-4 260 **PS#66.** 4 st DT, 8 gm, 4 tkl true. Morgan Rosborough (6'6" 382 Sr) PS#248. 21 gm 3Y. Daniel Mafoe PS#105JC. Gregory Christine (6'2" 286 Jr) PS#445.

LG 79 BEN OSSAI SR. 6-6 332 PS#282. 32 st LT 3Y. From 31% to 19% body fat. Matt Sedillo (6'3" 320 Jr). 5 gm 2Y. Scott Shugert (6'5" 324 So) PS#285. Brendan Lopez (6'0" 232 So).

RT 73 Drew Schaefer rFr. 6-5 275 **PS#75. 67** Skyler Fancher (6'5" 294 So) PS#485. 1 st, 8 gm as rFr. **69** Nick Scott (6'4" 337 Sr). Drake transfer. 2 gm here LY.

LT 71 CODY HABBEN JR. 6-6 316 PS#113. 3 st LT as rFr. 12 st (11 RT, 1 LT) LY. Terence Thomas (6'8" 305 rFr) PS#110. **68** Mark Armelin (6'5" 304 So). Ben Hayes (6'3" 213 So).

K 17 Erik Folk So. 5-11 199 PS#32. No gm action rFr. Eric Guttorp (5'7" 167 So) Walk-on. **89** Cory Rutkowski (6'2" 205 So). No gm action rFr. **11** Kevin Howe (6'1" 185 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

DE 59 DARRION JONES SR. 6-2 245 2 tkl true. RS '06. 9 st, 18 tkl 2Y. **50** Kalani Aldrich (6'7" 240 So) PS#144. 1 tkl, 5 gm rFr. **89** Conrad Remington (6'1" 225 So) Walk-on. DNP LY.

DT 74 ALAMEDA TA'AMU SO. 6-2 348 **PS#22.** 5 st, 21 tkl true. Johnny Tivao **PS#100JC. 91** Tyrone Duncan (6'2" 278 So) PS#101. 1 gm LY. **52** Nick Wood (6'3" 299 So) PS#132. 5 gm LY.

DT 99 CAMERON ELISARA JR. 6-3 269 **PS#27.** 12 gm, 2 tkl '07. 12 gm, 7 st, 24 tkl LY. **96** De'Shon Matthews (6'4" 260 Jr) PS#102. 11 gm, 4 tkl 2Y. **79** Craig Noble (6'3" 300 rFr) PS#67.

DE 66 DANIEL TE'O-NESHEIM SR. 6-4 263 PS#239. 25 st, 92 tkl, 25 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 65 tkl, 11.5 tfl, **1st Tm P10** LY. **92** Everrette Thompson (6'6" 255 So) **PS#30.** 3 st, 11 gm, 18 tkl, 5 tfl true.

OLB 40 MASON FOSTER JR. 6-1 229 PS#404. 4 st, 25 tkl true. 12 st, 105 tkl, 12 tfl, HM P10 LY. 5 Matt Houston (6'0" 232 Jr). 1 st, 7 tkl 2Y. **97** Fred Wiggs (6'1" 231 Jr) 13 tkl 2Y.

ILB 9 DONALD BUTLER SR. 6-1 242 PS#285. 4 st, 76 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 69 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **57** Trenton Tuiasosopo (6'2" 243 Sr) **PS#31.** 8 st, 45 tkl 2Y. **7** st, 71 tkl LY. Kurt Mangum (6'0" 234 rFr) PS#100.

OLB 22 EJ SAVANNAH SR. 6-1 234 PS#55. 22 tkl rFr. 10 st, 111 tkl, 14 tfl '07. Not w/tm LY. **24** Joshua Gage (6'2" 226 Sr). 4 st, 24 tkl 2Y. **31** Cort Dennison (6'1" 230 So) 2 tkl rFr.

CB 19 Matt Mosley Jr. 5-10 180 PS#223 WR. 3 st, 12 tkl rFr. 3 st, 15 tkl LY. **6** Vonzell McDowell (5'9" 178 Jr) PS#77. 4 st, 19 gm, 32 tkl 2Y. **27** Adam Long (5'10" 168 rFr) PS#355.

CB 28 QUINTON RICHARDSON SO. 6-0 200 PS#47 RB. 11 st, 32 tkl, 8 pd rFr. Dominique Gaisie is PS#106JC. Justin Glenn (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#152. Anthony Gobern is PS#153. GS LY.

SS 8 NATE WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 207 PS#113. 1 st, 32 tkl true. 12 st, 76 tkl, HM P10 LY. David Batts **PS#75JC.** Victor Aiyewa (6'1" 209 Jr). 1 st, 25 tkl 2Y. Alvin Logan (6'2" 218 So) PS#90.

FS 36 JOHRI FOGERSON SO. 6-2 190 PS#148. 3 st, 6 gm (inj). 23 tkl true. **26** Jason Wells (6'2" 206 Sr). 12 st, 66 tkl 2Y. RS (knee) LY. Tripper Johnson (6'1" 210 Sr). MLB 8Y. 6 st, 50 tkl LY.

P NA Will Mahan Jr. 5-11 200 PS#112JC. Avg 39.2 ypp at JC. **46** Andrew Lutton (6'2" 197 Jr). **94** Kiel Rasp (6'3" 217 So) PS#34. **18** Justin Gunn (6'4" 210 rFr) PS#278 QB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	David Batts 6-1 200 PS#75JC
DL	Johnny Tivao 5-10 349 PS#100JC
OL	Daniel Mafoe 6-3 339 PS#105JC
CB	Dominique Gaisie 5-9 165 PS#106JC
WR	James Johnson 6-0 183 PS#58
P	Will Mahan 5-11 200 PS#112JC
TE	Dorson Boyce 6-2 246 PS#132JC
DB	Nate Fellner 6-1 200 PS#99
DB	Desmond Trufant 6-0 170 PS#101
TE	Marlion Barnett 6-2 210 PS#29
LB	Andru Pulu 6-1 244 PS#94
DL	Talia Crichton 6-3 232 PS#184
QB	Keith Price 6-1 182 PS#87
DB	Anthony Gobern 6-0 176 PS#153 '08
TE	Kimo Makaula 6-2 240 PS#63
LB	Tim Tucker 6-1 240 PS#222
DL	Semisi Tokolahi 6-2 319 PS#279
DB	Will Shamburger 6-0 190 PS#337
DL	Chris Robinson 6-0 271 PS#652
LB	Jordan Wallace 6-0 210 PS#1220

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#16

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	LSU	A				
Sep. 12	Idaho	A				
Sep. 19	USC	A				
Sep. 26	at Stanford	G				
Oct. 3	at Notre Dame	G				
Oct. 10	Arizona	A				
Oct. 17	at Arizona St	G				
Oct. 24	Oregon	A				
Oct. 31						
Nov. 7	at UCLA	G				
Nov. 14	at Oregon St	A				
Nov. 21						
Nov. 28	Washington St	A				
Dec. 5	California	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cody Pickett 10,220 '99-'03
2. Brock Huard 6,391 '96-'98
3. Damon Huard 5,886 '92-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Napoleon Kaufman 4,106 '91-'94
2. Joe Steele 3,168 '76-'79
3. Greg Lewis 2,903 '87-'90

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Reggie Williams 3,598 '01-'03
2. Mario Bailey 2,306 '88-'91
3. Jerome Pathon 2,275 '95-'97

Only 2nd meeting ('83 UW lost). Washington is 2-5 vs current SEC tms. The Huskies have only had 3 non-conf BCS tms visit S/'04 dropping all 3 by an avg of 26 ppg.

First meeting since 2005. UW is 35-2-2 all-time vs the Vandals winning the 5 games S/'00 by an avg score of 43-14. UW has gone 52-6-2 vs current WAC members.

UW HC Sarkisian was the OC w/USC the L/2 ssns (4 yrs on staff). In the 1st gm after the announcement of Willingham's termination at yr's end, USC shutout UW 56-0 at the Coliseum.

Husky QB Locker was lost for the ssn throwing a block downfield in LY's loss to the Cardinal. In UW's last trip to the farm, RB Rankin rushed for a career-high 255 yds (best by a UW RB in 11 yrs).

The Huskies have lost all 7 games vs the Irish being outscored by a 38-11 avg. In LY's gm, UW's offense didn't reach midfield until 6:00 remained in the game.

Jake Locker set career highs in passing (336) & rushing (157) in UA's last visit to Seattle. UW leads the all-time series 16-8-1 but have now dropped 2 straight & 4 of the L/6.

Huskies have led the Sun Devils each of the L/2 seasons in the 3Q but were unable to hold on in either contest. Washington has lost 5 straight to ASU by an avg of 16 ppg.

Washington has dropped 5 straight to Oregon by an avg of 25 ppg. In the Ducks last trip here, UW allowed an amazing 465 rush yds (661 ttl yds) in the 55-34 loss.

In the last trip here, the tm's were tied at 10 at HT before they combined for 41 4Q pts. The Huskies have dropped 10 of the L/12 matchups including 6 straight in the Rose Bowl.

In a gm that featured 4 ejections & QB Locker being taken away by ambulance after an apparent neck injury, OSU held off a late UW charge to pull out the win in the last matchup in Corvallis ('07).

Huskies dropped a 2OT heartbreaker LY as WSU came back from a 10-0 HT deficit scoring the gm-tying FG at the end of reg while also benefitting from 3 missed FG's by UW including 1 in the 2OT.

UW won 19 straight in this series from '77-'01 but has dropped 6 of 7 since. Huskies became the 1st P10 tm to go 0-12 as Cal hammered UW 48-7 allowing just 200 ttl yds.

STEVE SARKISIAN (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Washington — Sarkisian's Bowl Record: 0-0

Sarkisian's records AT WASHINGTON

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (0-12)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (19,25,1)
Lost: 16 (9,5,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,640 (#29)

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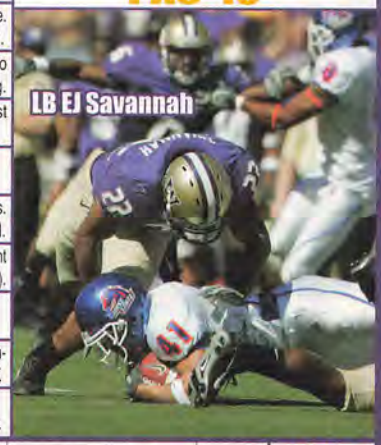

STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500) (#23)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	8-4	7-6	6-6	1-10	2-9	5-7	4-9	0-12	44-64
Home	6-0	6-0	5-2	5-2	1-5	1-5	3-3	2-5	0-7	29-29
Away	4-1	2-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	1-3	2-4	2-4	0-5	14-32
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	7-1	6-2	4-4	4-4	0-8	1-7	3-6	2-7	0-9	27-48
vs Non-Conf	4-0	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-3	17-16
ATS	5-5-2	6-6	5-8	5-7	2-9	4-7	6-5-1	6-7	1-11	40-65-3
Home Fav (Rick Neuheisel 1999)	1-3-1	2-2	1-5	3-2	0-3	1-0	0-3	0-2	0-1	8-21-1
Home Dog (Keith Gilmore)	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-4	2-1	3-2	1-5	13-14
Away Fav (Jim Willingham)	1-1-1	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	3-6-1
Away Dog (Steve Sarkisian)	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-4	2-2	4-1-1	1-3	0-4	14-21-1
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2
vs Conf	1-5-2	3-5	3-5	3-5	2-6	3-5	5-4	3-6	0-9	23-50-2
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-1	2-3	2-2	0-3	1-2	1-1-1	3-1	1-2	17-15-1
Off SU Win	4-4-2	3-5	3-4	1-4	0-1	0-2	3-0-1	1-3	0-0	15-23-3
Off SU Loss	0-1	2-1	1-4	4-2	2-7	4-4	3-4	4-4	1-10	21-37

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Oahu Classic	+3'	Air Force - #16	25-45
99	Holiday	+10'	Kansas St - #7	20-24
00	Rose - #4	-1'	Purdue - #14	34-24
01	Holiday - #21	+13	Texas - #9	43-47
02	Sun	-3	Purdue	24-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Washington's All-Time Bowl Record 14-14-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	13.3	263	99	2.8	164	47.3	19.9	31	-17	2008	3	38.6	452	241	5.7	211	66.8	11.7	16
6	29.2	394	203	4.9	191	46.0	13.5	24	-1	2007	6	31.6	446	184	4.9	262	64.4	14.1	35
6*	21.8	322	128	3.8	194	48.0	14.7	19	-8	2006	8	25.9	380	140	4.0	240	61.3	14.7	27
10*	21.5	358	135	3.9	223	52.5	16.6	27	-3	2005	9	30.6	419	143	3.8	276	66.8	13.7	25
4	14.0	311	120	3.2	191	40.1	22.2	23	-19	2004	7	30.4	369	184	4.4	186	60.0	12.2	27
7*	26.0	389	120	3.1	270	55.7	15.0	35	-4	2003	7	26.3	385	152	4.1	233	51.7	14.6	33
8*	30.6	421	74	2.1	346	59.9	13.7	37	+1	2002	5	26.3	357	98	2.8	259	55.8	13.6	36

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terrance Dailey	75	353	15	338	1	4.5
Willie Griffin	63	230	11	219	1	3.5
Brandon Johnson	76	226	32	194	3	2.6
Jake Locker	56	275	95	180	3	3.2
David Freeman	27	161	9	152	0	5.6
Jordan Polk	9	65	5	60	0	6.7
Taylor Bean	5	24	12	12	1	2.4
Ronnie Fouch	44	72	177	-105	1	-2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ronnie Fouch	250	113	45.2	1339	4	13
Jake Locker	93	50	53.8	512	1	0
Taylor Bean	19	8	42.1	80	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
D'Andre Goodwin	60	692	11.5	1	53
Jermaine Kearse	20	301	15.1	2	62
Devin Aguilar	20	246	12.3	0	32
Michael Gottlieb	15	197	13.1	1	32
Charles Hawkins	10	118	11.8	0	31
Kavario Middleton	12	82	6.8	0	16
Tony Chidiac	7	64	9.1	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Ballman	65	2489	38.3	18	31.6	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Perkins	17-18	3-5	4-6	0-0	0-0	7-11	38
Jared Ballman	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-6	0-0	2-6	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mason Foster	105	1	11	2	1
Nate Williams	76	0	0	5	1
Trenton Tuiasosopo	71	0	1	2	1
Donald Butler	69	2	5	0	0
Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	65	8	3.5	0	0
Mesphin Forrester	56	0	2	4	2
Tripper Johnson	50	0	0.5	2	1
Chris Stevens	33	3	1	0	0
Quinton Richardson	32	0	1.5	7	1
Johnie Kirton	27	0	2	0	0
Cameron Elisara	24	0	0	0	0
Johri Fogerson	23	0	0.5	1	0
Alameda Ta'amu	21	0	0	0	0
Everrette Thompson	18	2	3	0	0
Darrion Jones	17	0	1.5	0	0
Joshua Gage	17	0	0.5	0	0
Victor Aiyewa	17	0	0	0	0
Matt Mosley	15	0	2	1	0
Darin Harris	13	0	0	1	0
Vonzell McDowell	12	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Aguilar	8	36	4.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jordan Polk	32	595	18.6	0
Quinton Richardson	18	352	19.6	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UW 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
58,778	at Oregon	18	43-95	2.2	17-35	147	3	23	44-256	5.8	16-28	240	0	0
64,611	BYU	22	35-133	3.8	17-32	204	4	25	28-137	4.9	30-41	338	0	+2
67,716	Oklahoma	23	34-87	2.6	23-38	249	4	28	47-274	5.8	19-24	317	0	-3
61,968	Stanford	27	38-140	3.7	18-36	237	2	21	36-244	6.8	16-24	222	0	0
55,624	at Arizona	12	28-63	2.3	12-28	181	1	28	51-256	5.0	17-21	193	3	-2
63,996	Oregon St	16	28-101	3.6	17-32	276	1	19	35-230	6.6	18-22	191	0	-4
70,437	Notre Dame	9	23-26	1.1	11-25	98	4	25	49-252	5.1	15-28	207	2	+1
80,216	at USC	15	30-71	2.4	14-33	113	1	25	46-297	6.5	16-20	188	0	-3
57,013	Arizona St	16	28-52	1.9	15-42	227	4	19	40-182	4.6	22-31	218	2	-2
59,738	UCLA	10	30-96	3.2	7-24	39	3	20	50-157	3.1	13-22	135	3	-2
32,211	at Wash St	20	58-224	3.9	11-16	99	1	15	37-171	4.6	17-30	167	4	0
50,038	at California	12	44-104	2.4	11-25	96	3	20	44-431	9.8	10-22	118	2	-4
TOTALS		200	419-1192	2.8	173-366	1966	31	268	507-2887	5.7	209-313	2534	16	-17
AVERAGES		16.7	35-99	2.8	14-31	164	8.5%	22.3	42-241	5.7	17-26	211	5.1%	-1.4

2004 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Fresno St	-1'	16-35
–	UCLA	E	31-37
–	at Notre Dame	+11'	3-38
–	at Stanford	+13'	13-27
–	San Jose St	-17'	21-6
–	Oregon St	+7	14-29
–	at USC - #1	+35	0-38
–	at Oregon	+19'	6-31
–	Arizona	-1'	13-23
–	California - #5	+30'	12-42
–	at Washington St	+12	25-28

2005 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Air Force	-3	17-20
–	California - #16	+9	17-56
–	Idaho	-13'	34-6
–	Notre Dame - #16	+12	17-36
–	at UCLA - #20	+21'	17-21
–	at Oregon - #20	+17	21-45
–	USC - #1	+30	24-51
–	at Arizona St	+17	20-44
–	Oregon St	+3	10-18
–	at Arizona	+13	38-14
–	Washington St	+3	22-26

2006 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	San Jose St	-20	35-29
–	at Oklahoma - #15	+17	20-37
–	Fresno St	+3'	21-20
–	UCLA	+3	29-19
–	at Arizona	+3'	21-10
–	at USC - #3	+19	20-26
–	Oregon St	-9'	17-27
–	at California - #11	+24	24-31 OT
–	Arizona St	+2	23-26 OT
–	at Oregon - #24	+16	14-34
–	Stanford	-19	3-20
–	at Washington St	+8'	35-32

2007 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Syracuse	-3'	42-12
–	Boise St - #22	+3	24-10
–	Ohio St - #10	+3'	14-33
–	at UCLA	+6	31-44
–	USC - #1	+20'	24-27
–	at Arizona St - #14	+11'	20-44
–	Oregon - #7	+13	34-55
–	Arizona	-3'	41-48
–	at Stanford	-3	27-9
–	at Oregon St	+5	23-29
–	California	+7	37-23
–	Washington St	-6	35-42
–	at Hawaii - #11	+13	28-35

2008 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oregon - #21	+13'	10-44
–	BYU - #15	+8'	27-28
–	Oklahoma - #3	+20'	14-55
–	Stanford	-3	28-35
–	at Arizona	+24	14-48
–	Oregon St	+16	13-34
–	Notre Dame	+10	7-33
–	at USC - #7	+45	0-56
–	Arizona St	+14'	19-39
–	UCLA	+7	7-27
–	at Washington St	-7	13-16 2OT
–	at California	+35'	7-48

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WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

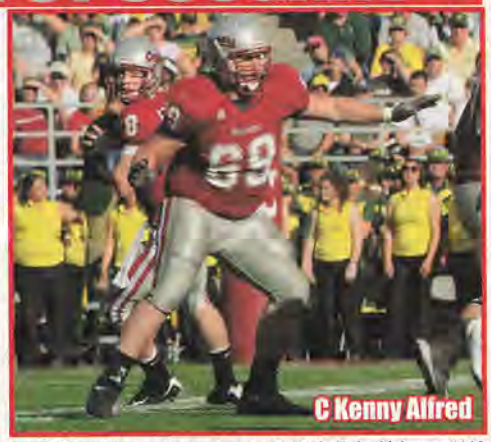
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Cougars have had a storied history of QB's including 1st round DC's like Drew Bledsoe, Ryan Leaf and Jack Thompson and other stars like Timm Rosenbach and Mark Rypien. In 2004 Alex Brink started the final 5 and over the next 3 years became the school's all-time career passing leader (#3 in the Pac-10). In his senior year ('07) he threw for 3,818 (60.6%) with a 26-15 ratio. In his first 3 yrs Gary Rogers (PS#28) had 27 games of experience, mostly as a holder with a comb 244 yds (46%) and a 3-3 ratio. Rogers battled K-St transfer Kevin Lopina (PS#38) last year. Besides being inexperienced, the unit was also hit hard by injuries and at midseason HC Wulff even held an open tryout for a scout team QB and Peter Roberts won. Rogers started the 1st 2 but was benched for Lopina. Lopina suffered a wrist injury vs Baylor and a back inj vs Port St and missed 3. Rogers suffered a spinal injury that ended his career in that same Port St gm. RFr Marshall Lobbestael earned Pac-10 OPW throwing for 149 after both QB's went down vs Port St. In Lobbestael's 3rd start he tore his ACL. Lopina ret'd but he was far from 100% and he threw for just 841 (57%) with an 0-11 ratio on the year. Wulff took the RS off of true frosh JT Levenseller and in the final 4 he threw for 134 (50%, 0-2 ratio). As a team, the Cougars threw for just 146 ypg (53%, 6-21 ratio), their lowest total in over 2 decades. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Dan Wagner (6'0" 217 So). This group is far more experienced (only lose Rogers) and should be one of the most improved QB positions in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 rFr Dwight Tardy (PS#119) led with 667 (4.6) starting 10 games. In '07 Tardy had a monster day vs UCLA (214), which was allowing 79.6 ypg rush, but tore his ACL on a 51 yd TD and missed the final 4. He still led with 676 (4.7). Christopher Ivory missed four but finished with 313 (5.2). Last year they both ret'd but neither was 100% to start. Ivory played in just 5 (136, 4.9). Tardy, playing at 80-90%, had 481 (3.6) and rFr Logwone Mitz (6'1" 224 So, PS#136) had 441 (4.9) who is a bruising runner. JUCO Chantz Staden (5'10" 202, PS#102) rushed for 141 (2.7) and Marcus Richmond (6'1" 220 Jr PS#83) added 69 (4.6). Not listed in the PSL is Casey Thometz (6'0" 210 Sr). This year Tardy and Ivory should both be healthier and they add Cal transfer James Montgomery (PS#21) who rushed for 171 (4.8) in '07 (Scout Tm Off POY here in '08). I look for big improvement in the RB numbers.

RECEIVERS - Jason Hill led the team in rec's in both '04 and '05 while Michael Bumpus was #2 both years. In '06 Hill (#2) and Bumpus (#3) missed some time and Brandon Gibson led with 731 (14.9). In '07 they had to replace Hill. Bumpus led in rec's with 70 (11.3) breaking Hugh Campbell's career record for rec. Gibson led the Pac-10 in rec ypg (107.3) and finished with 1,180 (17.6). Last year three of the top 4 departed. Gibson turned down an early shot at the NFL. Due to instability at QB, he only had 673 (11.8) but was clearly the best player on the offense. Jeshua Anderson was #2 with 305 (9.2). TE Devin Frischknecht missed 3 but was #3 with 221 (13.0) and TE Ben Woodard had 201 (12.6). This year they lose Gibson (13 st, #6DC PHI), Woodard (6 st), Frischknecht (7 st) and Benny Ward (2 rec). Not listed below are Colin Huemmer (6'3" 192 Sr), Michael Vandenkolk (5'11" 175 rFr), Anthony Houston (6'3" 205 Jr, PS#75DB), Nick Proen (6'0" 193 So, PS#218DB), Reid McEllrath (6'5" 223 Sr), Randy Johnson (6'5" 222 Jr) and TE Aaron Gehring (6'5" 249 Jr). While this unit will have improved production, the talent is down with the loss of their all-time career leader in receiving yardage.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Believe it or not, even in the midst of a 4-7 season in 2005, the Cougars' O-line opened holes for 212 ypg rush (5.3). With somewhat inexperienced and banged up O-lines in Coach Doba's final two years, the numbers dropped to 128 (3.9) in '06 and 116 (3.7) in '07. Wulff had 8 of the top 10 back (3 st'r) last year. Surprisingly the Cougars numbers slid even further to 95 ypg (2.7) and the sacks went up to 43 (22 in '07) which was #116 in the FBS (11.9%). This year they lose one of their top OL's in LT Vaughn Lesuma (11 st, 2Y st'r) and backup Will Hunter (5 gm) but do return 8 of the top 10 (7 w/st exp). This is the 2nd year of Wulff's system and this should be a much improved O-line.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DEFENSIVE LINE - When I think of Wash St, I think of fierce pass rushing D-lines and the Cougars always had a top-notch unit under Doba. Even in '07 when the unit was hit extremely hard with injuries, they yielded 163 ypg (3.9) which was their worst total since 2000. Last year they had to replace 4 DL (comb 30 st, 106 tkl). Once again the unit was hit hard by injuries but it was surprising that they dropped all the way to 248 ypg and 5.8 ypc allowed. That was their highest ypc allowed in over 20 years (4.5 previous high). This year the losses are heavy again. They lose DT Fevaea'i Ahmu (11 st, 40 tkl, 2 sk), DE Matt Mullennix (13 st, 50 tkl, 1.5 sk), DT Matt Eichelberger (9 st, 19 tkl), DE Mike Graise (10 tkl), DT Adam Hineline (1 st, 8 tkl), DE Bryce Buslach (2 tkl, 1 sk) and DE Andy Mattingly moves back to LB. Only 2 of the top 8 return, although Wulff did sign a couple JC's last year who both RS. Despite the heavy losses, this unit can only get better.

LINEBACKERS - This was the position Wulff felt the most comfortable with heading into last year as 3 starters ret'd including their #3, #4 and #5 tacklers. This year they lose HM Pac-10 MLB Greg Trent (#1 tkl'r, 13 st, 88 tkl, 10.5 tfl, 1 int) who was the team's defensive MVP, Cory Evans (#3 tkl'r, 7 st, 25 tkl, 1 sk) and Kendrick Dunn (#8 tkl'r, 3 st, 43 tkl, 4 tfl). They have more exp than you would think as 2 players return who started 9 each last year in Louis Bland and Myron Beck and they also add DE Andy Mattingly who has 10 sts (135 tkl, 9 sk) the last 2 years. Since they return 29 career starts and their #5 and #7 tacklers, I will count them as having 2 starters returning. While less experienced, this group can only improve upon last year's 43.8 ppg allowed. Not listed below are Deon Ford (6'1" 233 So, PS#151WR) and Jarred Walker (6'3" 213 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 with seven of their top eight returning, WSU finished #2 in my pass D rankings. They slipped to #40, then #78 but were back to #31 in '06. In '07 they had to replace 3 starters and dropped to #77. Last year they had to replace one starter and 3 backups. Returning starting CB Devin Giles lost his job (2 st), SS Alfonso Jackson missed 4 and SS Chima Nwachukwu (12 st CB '07) had only 7 starts under the new coaching staff. FS Xavier Hicks was susp the first 3 but WSU still moved up slightly to #71. Of course, teams didn't have to pass the ball that much as they gouged the Cougars for 248 ypg rush (5.8) and actually att 98 less pass att than in '07. This year they lose Jackson (7 st) and CB Markus Dawes (5 st, 22 tkl). They add Cal transfer Brandon Jones (PS#80) and have six back with starting experience. I list them as having 4 starters back as FS Hicks (78 tkl) and SS Nwachukwu (57 tkl) had a lot more tackles than SS Jackson (24 tkl). Not listed below are Kevin Frank (5'11" 184 rFr, PS#120WR), Shane Thomas (5'10" 190 Jr) and Kyle McCartney (6'0" 195 rFr) who may also see time at WR in spg.

SPECIAL TEAMS - It was an up-and-down 5 years for Doba's ST units but in his last 2 years they finished just #112 and #100. Last year they had to replace their K, top KR and PR. Entering spring, Wulff said he was amazed by how many kids did not know how to get in the proper stance on ST. Punter Reid Forrest avg 40.5 (34.8 net) in '07 and 41.2 (34.6 net) last year. Wade Penner missed an xp vs Okla St and Nico Grasu took over and hit 9 of 13 FG (long 47). Patrick Rooney had 7 TB's on 34 KO's. Chantz Staden got a lot of attempts at KR (22.6) but not as many as PR (4.2). WSU finished #106 which actually was not bad considering the personnel shortages they had.

COACHES - Paul Wulff was the HC at E Wash for 8 years earning Big Sky Coach of the Year Honors on three different occasions. Wulff was an OL here from 1986-'89 playing under Jim Walden, Dennis Erickson and Mike Price. His OC is Todd Sturdy who also came over from EW in '07 where they ran the no-huddle spread offense. Prior to EW, he was the HC at St Ambrose Univ (Iowa) for 12 years. The co-DC's are Chris Ball and Jody Sears. This is Ball's 3rd stint at WSU while Sears served as DC at EW for 5 years under Wulff.

PHIL'S FORECAST

WSU had the second best record among Pac-10 schools from 2001-2004 at 35-14. In the Mike Price era the team had at least 13 returning starters four times and in each of those years, made it to a bowl (including Rose Bowls in 1997 and 2002). In Bill Doba's first season they had the magical 13 starters returning and despite a tough schedule, finished 10-3 including their upset win over #5 Texas in the Holiday Bowl. It was amazingly WSU's 3rd straight Top 10 finish, the first Pac-10 team to do so since 1974. And they accomplished that despite being picked 7th in the conf. They only had 6 starters back in '04 and as expected, went 5-6. In '05 the Cougars had 15 starters back but were one of the most snake-bitten teams in the country. It was a team that could have easily finished with 10 or 11 wins. Despite their 1-7 record in Pac-10 play, they were only -14.5 ypg (#5). In '06 the Cougars had to replace RB Jerome Harrison (1,900 yd '05) but did have 14 returning starters. Their motto was "finish" after blowing three 4Q leads the year before. At one point WSU was 6-3 with their only losses being to #4 Auburn, #3 USC and #10 Cal. Doba looked like he might be the Pac-10 Coach of the Year as they were ranked for the first time since '03. Unfortunately a banged up Cougar team ended up losing their last 3 and UCLA was picked for a bowl over WSU (both 6-6). In '07, playing one of the NCAA's toughest schedules, they were a respectable 5-7 but Doba was fired. Despite their 3-6 conference record, they were only -4.8 ypg. Last year I mentioned that first year HC's usually struggle and need to learn the players and the general consensus was the cupboard was left bare for Wulff. WSU had 25 players arrested in an 18 month span and entered the season with 73 scholarship players. Former coach Jim Walden said that if Wulff won four games with the talent on hand, he should have been Coach of the Year. I pinned them last in the Pac-10 and WSU was on the wrong end of a blowout almost every week. After losing the first three by a combined 150-33 they beat FCS Portland St 48-9. They then lost by 49, 25, 53, 69 and 58. Interestingly, they had the 4th longest streak of avoiding shutouts in NCAA history (280 gms dating back to 1984). Not only did that end in a 69-0 loss to USC, but the next week they were shutout again by Stanford 58-0. It looked like a winless Pac-10 season as Washington led for 59:00 but the Cougars got a FG with no time left to force OT and the Huskies missed two 4Q FG's. WSU won it in 2OT (See Hardcore). While the Cougars escaped the basement, they were outgained in Pac-10 play by an amazing -272.7 ypg and with 3 games left had already become the very first Pac-10 team to give up over 500 points in a season (they gave up 570). This is Wulff's 2nd year and he has 15 returning starters. Last year's squad was -25 in TO's (see pg 312) and had extremely poor ypp's (pg 299). They also had 37 starts lost to inj (18th most). All those factors point to an improved record but the squad is clearly a year or 2 away from contending for bowl eligibility.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN CRIMSON)

QB 9 KEVIN LOPINA SR. 6-3 234 PS#38. 8 st (inj), 841 (57%), 0-11 ratio LY. Marshall Lobbestael (6'3" 206 So) PS#124. 3 st (inj), 571 (52%) LY. JT Levenseller (6'1" 187 So) PS#195.

RB 24 JAMES MONTGOMERY JR. 5-10 202 **PS#21. Cal trans. 31** Dwight Tardy (5'10" 208 Sr) PS#119. 26 st, 1824 (4.3) 3Y. **23** Christopher Ivory (6'0" 225 Sr) PS#187. 4 st, 534 (5.9) 3Y.

WR 85 JESHUA ANDERSON JR. 6-2 188 PS#164. 1 st, 372 (31.0) true. 11 st (inj), 305 (9.2) LY. NCAA Champ 400M hurd. **3** Michael Willis (6'2" 219 Sr) PS#113. 16 tkl 2Y. RS '07. 4 rec LY.

WR 28 KEVIN NORRELL SO. 5-9 199 PS#360. 6 st, 13 gm, 124 (11.3) true. **2** Daniel Blackledge (6'1" 182 Jr) PS#149. 4 st, 10 rec 2Y. **25** Easton Johnson (5'11" 202 Jr). 14 tkl at S LY.

WR 84 Jared Karstetter So. 6-4 203 PS#123. 3 st, 90 (15.0) true. Johnny Forzani PS#458JC. IFS. Jeffrey Solomon (6'0" 196 Jr) PS#83, Former walk on. Tyler Thompson (6'3" 189 rFr).

TE 43 Tony Thompson Sr. 6-2 241 18 gm LS 2Y. 1 st @ TE, 30 (7.5) LY. **40** Skylar Stormo (6'4" 253 rFr) PS#61. Andrei Lintz (6'5" 251 rFr) PS#63. Zach Tatman (6'5" 245 Sr) PS#470LB.

C 69 KENNY ALFRED SR. 6-2 300 **PS#61**. 20 st 2Y. 13 st, **3rd Tm P10** LY. **57** Chris Prummer (6'1" 269 Jr). **LS 63** Zach Enyeart (6'1" 265 Jr). 24 gm 2Y. Kevin Baffney (6'1" 222 rFr).

RG 72 BJ GUERRA SO. 6-3 311 PS#106. 5 st, 13 gm rFr. **79 Brian Danaher** (6'3" 284 Jr). 1 gm rFr. 8 st, 10 gm (inj) LY. **56** Kevin Freitag (6'3" 301 So) PS#112. 2 gm rFr.

LG 73 ANDREW ROXAS JR. 6-2 306 PS#189. 1 st @ C, 9 gm true. 8 st @ LG, 10 gm LY. **54** Zack Williams (6'4" 293 Jr) **PS#100JC**. RS here LY. **68** Mike Bruce (6'4" 304 So).

RT 76 MICAH HANNAM JR. 6-4 284 PS#211. 12 st @ RT rFr. 13 st @ RT LY. **66** Reed Lesuma (6'4" 311 Sr). JUCO. 5 gm here 2Y. **60** Michael Spears (6'1" 256 So). Walk on in spg.

LT 78 Steven Ayers So. 6-4 315 PS#118. 5 st (4 @ LG, 1 @ LT), 11 gm LY. **67** Joe Eppele (6'8" 306 Jr) PS#497. 12 gm rFr. 2 st, 10 gm LY. **75** Tyson Pencer (6'6" 297 rFr) PS#138.

K 18 NICO GRASU JR. 6-0 221 JUCO. 9-13 FG, L/47, GW FG vs UW here LY. **28** Patrick Rooney (5'11" 202 Sr) PS#454JC. 34 KO, 7 TB LY. **47** Jordan Burke (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#77.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN CRIMSON)

DE 93 KEVIN KOOYMAN SR. 6-6 246 PS#81. 2 st, 18 gm, 16 tkl, 4.5 sk 2Y. 7 st, 31 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **97** Adam Coerper (6'4" 250 rFr) PS#132. Scout Tm D POY LY. **6** Cory Mackay (6'4" 257 rFr) ? '09 (inj).

DT 90 Toby Turpin Jr. 6-4 284 PS#117. 4 tkl as rFr. 4 st, 12 gm, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **99** Jessy Sanchez (6'2" 259 Jr) PS#276JC. RS here LY. **41** Dan Spitz (6'7" 260 rFr) PS#205.

DT 95 Bernard Wolfgramm Jr. 6-3 288 **PS#80JC.** RS here LY. Brandon Rankin (6'5" 260 Jr) **PS#98JC**. JUCO D POY LY. Acads? **94** Josh Luapo (6'0" 321 Jr) PS#349JC. GS LY. In for spg.

DE 98 Jesse Feagin Sr. 6-2 266 PS#256JC. 3 tkl, 9 gm here '07. RS (acad) LY. **92** Casey Hamlett (6'2" 239 Jr) PS#67. Walk-on in spg. Travis Long (6'4" 245 Fr) PS#131.

SLB 45 ANDY MATTINGLY SR. 6-4 255 PS#99. 10 st, 145 tkl, 15 tfl 3Y. **13 Myron Beck** (5'11" 202 Jr) PS#175JC. 9 st (inj), 34 tkl LY. **47** Marshal Pirtz (6'0" 244 So) PS#181. 4 tkl rFr.

MLB 44 Mike Ledgerwood So. 6-0 224 PS#408. 10 gm, 14 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. **51** Jason Stripling (5'11" 225 Sr) PS#450. 2 gm (inj), 10 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **43** Alex Hoffman-Ellis (6'1" 236 So) PS#669JC.

WLB 46 LOUIS BLAND SO. 5-10 202 PS#66. 9 st, 12 gm, 55 tkl, 9 tfl, **Frosh AA** LY. **53** Hallston Higgins (5'11" 222 Jr) PS#409. 1 st, 18 tkl 2Y. **54** Sam Tennant (6'0" 217 Sr). 7 gm 3Y.

CB 32 DEVIN GILES SR. 6-0 173 PS#410JC. 12 st, 59 tkl, 8 pd here '07. 2 st, 19 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **18** Brandon Jones (5'9" 178 Jr) PS#80. **Cal trans.** Terrance Hayward (6'0" 187 rFr) PS#456.

CB 10 ROMEO PELLUM JR. 5-10 179 PS#190. 9 tkl true. 12 st, 65 tkl, 8 pd LY. **9** Tyrone Justin (5'11" 156 So) PS#443. 6 st, 20 tkl rFr. **36** Daniel Simmons (5'10" 187 rFr) PS#391.

SS 21 CHIMA NWACHUKWU JR. 5-11 201 PS#378. 12 st, 73 tkl true. 7 st, 13 gm, 57 tkl, 3 pd LY. **33** Tyree Toomer (5'11" 194 So) PS#456. 4 st, 13 gm, 34 tkl LY. Jay Matthews (6'1" 207 rFr) PS#355.

FS 26 XAVIER HICKS SR. 6-0 211 PS#69. 3 st, 60 tkl, 2Y. 10 st (susp), 78 tkl, 7 pd LY. **5** Eric Block (6'0" 196 So) PS#102. 1 tkl, 2 gm rFr. **30** LeAndre Daniels (6'1" 203 rFr).

P 8 REID FORREST JR. 6-0 193 Rugby style. 46 punts (40.5), tm net 34.8 rFr. 77 punts (41.2), tm net 34.6 LY. **19** Dan Wagner (6'0" 217 So). 8 punts (39.0), 2 gms rFr.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Brandon Rankin 6-5 260 PS#98JC
WR	Gino Simone 6-0 170 PS#66
LB	Darren Markle 6-1 232 PS#86
DB	Nolan Washington 5-10 175 PS#119
DL	Travis Long 6-4 245 PS#131
DB	Anthony Carpenter 6-1 177 PS#134
QB	Jeff Tuel 6-3 207 PS#77
DB	Casey Locker 5-11 175 PS#171
LB	Andre Barrington 6-1 205 PS#146
RB	Arthur Burns 5-10 210 PS#144
DL	Quayshawne Buckley 6-4 285 PS#180
DB	Jamal Atofau 5-10 185 PS#201
DL	Chris Mastin 6-2 210 PS#200
DL	Josh Luapo 6-0 321 PS#349JC '08
OL	Timothy Hodgdon 6-3 285 PS#179 '08
OL	William Prescott 6-5 285 PS#238
DL	Justin Clayton 6-4 250 PS#239
OL	Sebastian Valenzuela 6-2 315 PS#284
DL	Jordan Pu'u Robinson 6-4 256 PS#283
DB	Asi Hosea 5-10 178 PS#325
WR	Johnny Forzani 6-1 195 PS#458JC
RB	Carl Winston 5-9 200 PS#299
LB	Terell Thompson 6-2 215 PS#368
QB	David Gilbertson 6-2 200 PS#343
LB	Sekope Kaufusi 6-4 230 PS#609
OL	Alex Reitnouer 6-5 240 PS#481 '08

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#20

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Stanford	A					
Sep. 12	Hawaii *(Seattle)*	A					
Sep. 19	SMU	A					
Sep. 26	at USC	G					
Oct. 3	at Oregon	A					
Oct. 10	Arizona St (HC)	A					
Oct. 17							
Oct. 24	at California	A					
Oct. 31	† Notre Dame *(San Antonio)*	A					
Nov. 7	at Arizona	G					
Nov. 14	UCLA	A					
Nov. 21	Oregon St	A					
Nov. 28	at Washington	A					
Dec. 5							

The home team has won 2 straight in this series after dropping the previous 7. WSU was shutout for the 2nd consecutive gm LY vs SU after going 280 contests scoring at least once.

The Cougars have won 4 of the last 6 as the host in Seattle. Fifth all-time meeting (series tied 2-2). WSU has gone 90-26-4 vs current WAC members.

First meeting. The Cougars are 2-2 all-time vs current CUSA opponents. Wash St has won 11 straight vs non-conf teams in Pullman by an avg of 25 ppg.

Cougars were unable to get past their 45 yd line in LY's 69-0 thrashing (worst margin of defeat in tm history). WSU last beat USC in '02, a 30-27 OT win. WSU trails the all-time series 8-56-4.

WSU has lost 2 straight & 4 of 5 including LY's 63-14 embarrassment when 3rd string QB Lobbestael made his 1st career start after QB's Lopina & Rogers went down the wk prior.

WSU HC Wulff played center with the Cougars under current ASU HC Erickson from 1987-'88. Cougars are just 3-9 in this series including LY when they were shutout for the 3rd time in a 4 gm span.

WSU has now lost 4 straight vs Cal after winning 4 consecutive from '99-'02. In their last 2 trips to Berkeley, the Cougars have lost by 3 & 4 pts.

In their only meeting in '03, #19 Irish kicked a FG in OT to pull out the 29-26 win in South Bend. The Cougars are 1-5 facing non-conf BCS teams losing by an avg of 22 ppg.

Cougars are 13-23 vs UA including 3 consecutive losses. In their last trip to Tucson, the WSU def allowed 567 yds of offense (221 rush) in the 48-20 loss to the Wildcats.

Cougars have won 6 of their L/8 gms vs the Bruins including UCLA's last trip to Pullman where WSU had 545 yds of ttl offense while limiting the Bruins to 267 in the 27-7 victory.

In their last matchup in Pullman, WSU's all-time leading passer Brink was int'd 6X (5 in the 1H) in his final HG as WSU was hammered 52-17. WSU has lost 4 of L/5 matchups vs OSU.

Wulff became the 1st WSU HC to win the "Apple Cup" in his 1st ssn since Jim Sweeney in '68. In their last trip to Seattle, QB Brink drove WSU 84/7pl to score the winning TD w/:31 left.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Alex Brink 10,913 '04-'07	1. Rueben Mayes 3,519 '82-'85	1. Brandon Gibson 2,756 '05-'08
2. Jason Gesser 8,830 '99-'02	2. Steve Broussard 3,054 '86-'89	2. Jason Hill 2,704 '03-'06
3. Jack Thompson 7,818 '75-'78	3. Shaumbe Wright-Fair 2,938 '89-'92	3. Hugh Campbell 2,452 '60-'62

PAUL WULFF (Career 2-11) (FCS 53-40)
2nd Year at WASHINGTON ST — Wulff's Bowl Record: 0-0

Wulff's records AT WASHINGTON ST

2-11	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
2-5	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
0-6	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
1-8	Vs Conference	2-8	Off A Loss

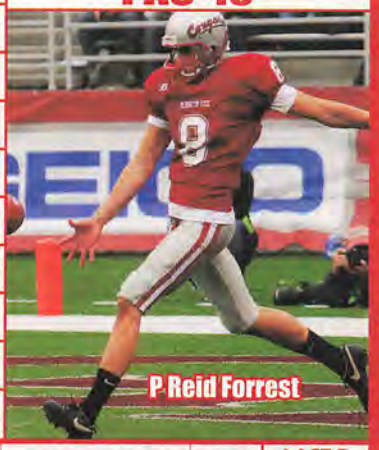
2008 RECORD: (2-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (24,14,3)
Lost: 19 (8,11,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,719 (#74)

PAC-10



STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (35,117) (#84)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	10-2	10-3	10-3	5-6	4-7	6-6	5-7	2-11	56-52
Home	1-5	5-1	6-1	5-0	2-4	2-4	3-4	4-2	2-5	30-26
Away	3-2	4-1	4-1	3-3	3-2	2-3	3-2	1-5	0-6	23-25
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	7-1	6-2	3-5	1-7	4-5	3-6	1-8	33-42
vs Non-Conf	2-1	4-0	3-2	4-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	1-3	23-10
ATS	6-5	7-4	7-5	6-7	3-8	5-5	6-6	6-6	4-8	50-54
Home Fav	0-1	2-2	3-2	2-3	1-4	0-2	1-3	2-2	0-0	11-19
Home Dog	2-3	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-4	12-10
Away Favorite	0-0	3-1	3-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	11-6
Away Dog	4-1	1-0	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	2-4	2-4	15-16
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	6-2	3-5	1-7	4-4	5-4	5-4	3-6	36-39
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	14-15
Off SU Win	2-2	5-3	6-4	3-6	0-4	1-1	3-3	1-3	1-1	22-27
Off SU Loss	4-2	1-1	1-0	3-0	2-4	4-3	3-2	5-2	3-6	26-20

Mike Price: 1998
Bill Doba: 2003
Paul Wulff: 2008

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwight Tardy	133	544	63	481	3	3.6
Logwone Mitz	90	497	56	441	3	4.9
Chantz Staden	52	160	19	141	2	2.7
Christopher Ivory	28	150	14	136	1	4.9
Marcus Richmond	15	75	6	69	0	4.6
Kevin Lopina	59	194	176	18	3	0.3
JT Levenseller	10	17	54	-37	0	-3.7
Marshall Lobbestael	24	16	115	-99	0	-4.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Lopina	153	87	56.9	841	0	11
Marshall Lobbestael	103	53	51.5	571	4	4
Gary Rogers	68	34	50.0	352	2	4
JT Levenseller	34	17	50.0	134	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Gibson	57	673	11.8	2	43
Jeshua Anderson	33	305	9.2	2	30
Devin Frischknecht	17	221	13.0	1	53
Ben Woodard	16	201	12.6	0	42
Kevin Norrell	11	124	11.3	0	28
Jared Karstetter	6	90	15.0	0	48
Dwight Tardy	18	87	4.8	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Reid Forrest	77	3174	41.2	10	34.6(t)	1(t)	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nico Grasu	13-14	4-5	3-4	2-4	0-0	9-13	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Greg Trent	88	1	9.5	1	1
Xavier Hicks	78	0	1	5	2
Romeo Pellum	65	0	2	6	2
Chima Nwachukwu	57	0	0.5	2	1
Louis Bland	55	2	7	2	1
Matt Mullennix	50	1.5	2.5	0	0
Andy Mattingly	44	1	3	2	1
Kendrick Dunn	43	1	3	1	0
Fevaea'i Ahmu	40	2	0	1	0
Tyree Toomer	34	2	2	2	0
Myron Beck	34	0	2	2	1
Kevin Kooyman	31	1	3	0	0
Cory Evans	25	1	0	3	0
Alfonso Jackson	24	0	1	5	0
Markus Dawes	22	0	0	1	0
Toby Turpin	20	3	0.5	1	0
Tyrone Justin	20	0	0.5	3	0
Matt Eichelberger	19	0	1.5	2	0
Devin Giles	19	0	0	2	0
Mike Ledgerwood	14	0.5	2	0	0
Easton Johnson	14	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chantz Staden	12	51	4.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chantz Staden	43	970	22.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Alamo - #24	-5'	Baylor	10-3
97	Rose - #8	+7	Michigan - #1	16-21
01	Sun - #13	-6'	Purdue	33-27
02	Rose - #7	-6'	Oklahoma - #8	14-34
03	Holiday - #15	+9'	Texas - #5	28-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Wash St's All-Time Bowl Record 6-4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5	12.7	241	95	2.7	146	52.9	19.0	43	-25	2008	8	43.8	443	248	5.8	196	57.9	10.1	16
7*	25.7	436	116	3.7	320	58.9	17.0	22	-2	2007	5	32.4	421	163	3.9	259	61.0	13.0	27
6*	24.6	388	128	3.9	260	60.5	15.8	29	+6	2006	8	23.1	357	114	3.4	243	55.9	15.5	36
9*	33.5	489	212	5.3	277	56.7	14.6	18	-5	2005	6	31.5	443	154	3.8	289	59.3	14.1	34
4	25.0	369	128	3.4	241	48.6	14.7	32	-1	2004	2	27.9	367	133	3.2	233	55.8	13.1	32
6	30.3	386	115	3.1	271	54.4	12.7	28	+8	2003	7	19.8	319	91	2.7	228	48.1	16.1	50
7*	33.2	422	129	3.9	293	59.6	12.7	30	-4	2002	6	22.8	342	87	2.5	255	57.0	15.0	55

2008 STATS BY GAME

WSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
50,830	Oklahoma St	14	34-114	3.4	12-25	82	2	22	42-174	4.1	20-27	193	1	0
27,906	California	9	35-57	1.6	13-30	110	2	20	40-391	9.8	14-24	114	0	-3
25,595	at Baylor	19	39-77	2.0	23-38	263	7	20	42-426	10.1	7-16	129	1	-5
23,920	Portland St	36	51-277	5.4	22-41	361	1	15	11-8	0.7	20-49	238	3	-1
30,927	Oregon	18	32-79	2.5	22-41	192	3	26	53-346	6.5	9-19	161	1	-4
65,469	at UCLA	11	25-26	1.0	15-31	151	4	19	37-100	2.7	23-37	225	0	-1
45,289	at Oregon St	8	42-53	1.3	7-17	79	5	26	43-323	7.5	13-26	225	0	+2
25,118	USC	4	37-88	2.4	6-9	28	0	28	49-362	7.4	16-21	263	0	-3
26,662	at Stanford	14	28-73	2.6	18-32	152	4	22	55-344	6.3	7-13	112	0	-5
24,118	Arizona	12	29-94	3.2	10-20	114	3	28	57-317	5.6	11-15	214	1	-2
61,490	at Arizona St	10	24-7	0.3	18-30	123	3	21	36-141	3.9	20-31	257	3	-2
32,211	Washington	15	37-171	4.6	17-30	167	4	20	58-224	3.9	11-16	99	1	0
42,312	at Hawaii	14	37-120	3.2	8-17	76	5	20	34-63	1.9	19-34	315	5	-1
TOTALS		184	450-1236	2.7	191-361	1898	43	287	557-3219	5.8	190-328	2545	16	-25
AVERAGES		14.2	35-95	2.7	15-28	146	11.9%	22.1	43-248	5.8	15-25	196	4.9%	-1.9

2004 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at New Mexico	-3'	21-17
–	Colorado (Seattle)	-3	12-20
–	Idaho	-25	49-8
–	at Arizona	-3'	20-19
–	Oregon	-3'	38-41
–	Stanford	-1'	17-23
–	at Oregon St	+8	19-38
–	USC - #1	+24'	12-42
–	at UCLA	+14	31-29
–	at Arizona St - #20	+13	28-45
–	Washington	-12	28-25

2005 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Idaho	-29	38-26
–	at Nevada	-9	55-21
–	Grambling St (Seattle)	NL	48-7
–	at Oregon St	+1'	33-44
–	Stanford	-14	21-24
–	UCLA - #12	+5	41-44 OT
–	at California - #25	+12	38-42
–	at USC - #1	+29'	13-55
–	Arizona St	+2'	24-27
–	Oregon - #11	+4'	31-34
–	at Washington	-3	26-22

2006 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Auburn - #4	+14	14-40
–	Idaho	-17	56-10
–	Baylor (Seattle)	-13	17-15
–	at Stanford	-10	36-10
–	USC - #3	+16'	22-28
–	at Oregon St	-3	13-6
–	California - #10	+8'	3-21
–	Oregon - #16	+3'	34-23
–	at UCLA	+1'	37-15
#25	Arizona	-16	17-27
–	at Arizona St	-1	14-47
–	Washington	-8'	32-35

2007 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Wisconsin - #7	+14	21-42
–	San Diego St (Seattle)	-14	45-17
–	Idaho	-24'	45-28
–	at USC - #1	+25	14-47
–	at Arizona	+3	20-48
–	Arizona St - #18	+9	20-23
–	at Oregon - #9	+19	7-53
–	UCLA	+6	27-7
–	at California	+14'	17-20
–	Stanford	-11	33-17
–	Oregon St	-3	17-52
–	at Washington	+6	42-35

2008 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Oklahoma St (Seattle)	+7	13-39
–	California	+13'	3-66
–	at Baylor	+3	17-45
–	Portland St	-12'	48-9
–	Oregon	+21'	14-63
–	at UCLA	+17	3-28
–	at Oregon St	+30	13-66
–	USC - #6	+42'	0-69
–	at Stanford	+30	0-58
–	Arizona	+41	28-59
–	at Arizona St	+36'	0-31
–	Washington	+7	16-13 2OT
–	at Hawaii	+28'	10-24

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 BIG EAST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Matt Grothe, USF	Tony Pike, Cincinnati	Jarrett Brown, W Virginia	Bill Stull, Pittsburgh
RB	Victor Anderson, Louisville	Mike Ford, USF	Shariff Harris, Pittsburgh	Jordan Todman, Connecticut
RB	Noel Devine, W Virginia	Isaiah Pead, Cincinnati	Kordell Young, Rutgers	Delone Carter, Syracuse
WR	Jock Sanders, W Virginia	Jonathan Baldwin, Pittsburgh	Vidal Hazelton, Cincinnati	Josh Chichester, Louisville
WR	Doug Beaumont, Louisville	Carlton Mitchell, USF	Mike Williams, Syracuse	Oderick Turner, Pittsburgh
WR	Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	Tim Brown, Rutgers	Jessie Hester, USF	Alric Arnett, W Virginia
TE	Nate Byham, Pittsburgh	Ben Guidugli, Cincinnati	Shamar Graves, Rutgers	Mike Owen, Syracuse
C	Ryan Blaszczyk, Rutgers	Moe Petrus, Connecticut	Chris Jurek, Cincinnati	Robb Houser, Pittsburgh
OG	Art Forst, Rutgers	Mark Wetterer, Louisville	Alex LaMagdelaine, Connecticut	Josh Jenkins, W Virginia
OG	John Malecki, Pittsburgh	Zach Hurd, Connecticut	Zach Hermann, USF	Joe Thomas, Pittsburgh
OT	Anthony Davis, Rutgers	Jeff Adams, Louisville	Jeff Linkenbach, Cincinnati	Daron Rose, USF
OT	Jason Pinkston, Pittsburgh	Mike Hicks, Connecticut	Tucker Baumbach, Syracuse	Kevin Haslam, Rutgers
DE	Greg Romeus, Pittsburgh	Jabaal Sheard, Pittsburgh	Jason Pierre-Paul, USF	Curtis Young, Cincinnati
DT	Arthur Jones, Syracuse	Terrell McClain, USF	Alex Silvestro (DE), Rutgers	Derek Wolfe, Cincinnati
DT	Scooter Berry, W Virginia	Mick Williams, Pittsburgh	Chris Neild, W Virginia	LT Walker, Louisville
DE	George Selvie, USF	George Johnson, Rutgers	Lindsey Witten, Connecticut	Jared Kimmel, Syracuse
LB	Scott Lutrus, Connecticut	Kion Wilson, USF	JT Thomas, W Virginia	Manny Abreu, Rutgers
LB	Reed Williams, W Virginia	Jon Dempsey, Louisville	Greg Williams, Pittsburgh	Andre Revels, Cincinnati
LB	Ryan D'Imperio, Rutgers	Lawrence Wilson, Connecticut	Derrell Smith, Syracuse	Shane Murray, Pittsburgh
CB	Aaron Berry, Pittsburgh	Brandon Hogan, W Virginia	Devin McCourty, Rutgers	Dominique Battle, Cincinnati
CB	Jerome Murphy, USF	Jasper Howard, Connecticut	Johnny Patrick, Louisville	Daniel Covington (SS), Louisville
SS	Joe Lefeged, Rutgers	Aaron Webster, Cincinnati	Dom DeCicco, Pittsburgh	Sidney Glover, W Virginia
FS	Robert Vaughn, Connecticut	Nate Allen, USF	Robert Sands, W Virginia	Mike Holmes, Syracuse
K	Jake Rogers, Cincinnati	Maikon Bonani, USF	Dave Teggart, Connecticut	San San Te, Rutgers
P	Rob Long, Syracuse	Delbert Alvarado, USF	Teddy Dellaganna, Rutgers	Desi Cullen, Connecticut
KR	Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	Dontavia Bogan, USF	Trent Guy, Louisville	Mike Holmes, Syracuse
PR	Jasper Howard, Connecticut	Doug Beaumont, Louisville	Theo Wilson, USF	DJ Woods, Cincinnati

Louisville
RB Victor Anderson

West Virginia
LB Reed Williams

Pittsburgh
CB Aaron Berry

Rutgers
DE George Johnson

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 BIG EAST FORECAST

1. RUTGERS - My power poll actually ranks the Knights' the 3rd best in the Big East talent-wise but they have the perfect schedule. Of the 4 teams I rate in the upper half of the Big East, RU hosts each of the other 3 (WV, Pitt, USF) and they catch Pitt on a short week, USF in the cold of November and W Virg the week after their Backyard Brawl. Rutgers was a league best +62.4 ypg in the Big East last year. Schiano gets his first ever Big East Title despite losing his QB and 2 star receivers, .

2. PITTSBURGH - It has taken longer than Pitt fans expected but Wannstedt will contend for the Big East Title in '09. The Panthers' 15 returning starters are the most in the league and their 69% of lettermen returning is also #1. They have my #1 rated D in the Big East and get 4 home games in conf play. Six of my 9 sets of power ratings call them the most talented team in the league. Unfortunately they face Rutgers and WV on the road and that has me calling for them to come up just short but Pittsburgh should have their best overall record under Wannstedt.

3. USF - USF has underachieved the last 2 years. Last season the Bulls were +23.6 ypg in the Big East and at one point ranked #10 in the country but somehow finished just 2-5 in conf play. This year USF does have 4 conf road games, two of them are vs my other 2 favorites (Pitt and Rutgers) which is the reason why I have them pegged for 3rd. This is a team that easily could win the Big East but I've yet to see them play up to their talent level wk by wk through the season. If you check out the team page you will see I'm calling for their first double digit win season in their FBS history.

4. WEST VIRGINIA - One of the most vocal and passionate fan bases is located in Morgantown and I'm probably aggravating them a bit by calling for the Mountaineers to be #4 in the Big East, despite the fact that they have not finished lower than 2nd since 2001. It's not that I feel WV is a bad team, in fact I rate them the #2 defense and they probably have the best QB/RB/WR's in the league. They must keep QB Brown and RB Devine healthy as I'm not thrilled with the backups. Last year WV was 5-2 in the Big East but -0.6 ypg and benefitted from +12 in TO's. They also return just 59% of their lettermen, the lowest in the league and have 4 Big East road games. I'm also not wild about the switch to the passing offense. Last year WV threw the ball 40 more times but actually had 111 yds less passing and their ppg dropped from 39.6 to 24.5 (why mess with a good thing?). While I still call WV one of the top team's in the Big East and look for an upper half finish, it will be their lowest finish in the Big East standings since 2001.

5. CINCINNATI - Brian Kelly is 10-4 in 2 years in the Big East and last year I pointed out that one of my 9 sets of power ratings called for the Bearcats to go 11-2 in the regular season and that they did. This year they will be explosive on offense and amazingly UC was 6-1 in the Big East last year despite starting 4 different QB's and being -8 in turnovers. On the negative side, UC did catch some breaks with 4 net close wins in BE play and this year return just 1 starter on D losing 11 of their top 13 tacklers. They also have 4 BE road games and I'll call for a drop to the lower half of the Big East standings.

6. CONNECTICUT - I think the Huskies will get their best QB play in a couple of years but they do lose their top offensive and defensive players in RB Brown and CB Butler. Conn has 4 BE home games and are 11-2 in Rentschler Field the last 2 seasons. Conn has finished higher than I have picked them each of the last 2 years (a sign of good coaching) but with just 12 returning starters and 21 lettermen lost, they may take a step back in '09.

7. LOUISVILLE - I can make a strong case for the Cards finishing higher as they were -12 in TO's and at one point in '08 were 5-2 with their lone Big East loss due to the fact that their QB was injured in the 3Q in a game they led vs Conn. Their year-end losses could be chalked up to some devastating injuries on the defense including 3 DB starters out vs Rutgers. UL is now coming off of their first losing season since 1997 and teams in that situation usually rebound quickly. On the negative side, they break in a new QB and 4 of their 7 Big East games are on the road.

8. SYRACUSE - The last 3 years Syracuse has been 1-6 each year in the Big East and also dead last in ypg in conf play at -157.6, -187.0 and -141.0. They do have 14 returning starters and I like the direction Marrone is taking this team but they have a ton of ground to make up in the conf. I'll call for them to finish in the basement a 5th consecutive year.

Big East Notes: Since the ACC raided the Big East for 3 of its top teams this league has outperformed most folks expectations (including mine). They had TWO BCS bowl berths in 2006 and had the best record of any league in matchups vs other BCS conf schools at 12-6. The Big East then went 5-0 in bowls that year. In 2007 they finished with 3 Top 25 teams despite their non conf BCS record slipping to 7-8 but were 3-2 in the bowls and WV thrashed Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. Coming into last year 3 of the 8 teams had been ranked in the Top 3 at some point in the previous two years. Last year SIX of their 8 teams (75%) made it to the post season and they did it again with a 4-2 bowl mark. They were 7-7 in non conf BCS play (tie 3rd best). Their record of 12-4 (75%) in bowls the last 3 years is by far the best of any league. Another very impressive stat is that they had 27 draft picks this year (3.375 per tm) which is the highest picks per team in the NCAA (SEC had 37 picks or 3.08 per tm). It will be strange watching WV this year without 4 year starting QB Pat White and the leagues top 2 RB's both opted to leave early for the NFL. With an unbalanced schedule 4 teams get 4 Big East HG's and the other 4 only get 3. The home teams were 17-11 last year in league play. Four of the leagues 8 coaches have been with their schools for 5 plus years with Jim Leavitt (13 yr) and Randy Edsall (11 yr) being the longest tenured and the only new HC this year is Doug Marrone at Syracuse.

2008 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
34	Rutgers	34.3	1	405.0	1	119.9	7	3.7	5	285.1	1	61.4	1	11.8	7	6	1	11	3
36	West Virginia	23.1	4	333.3	6	196.7	1	4.8	1	136.6	7	59.9	4	14.4	5	6	1	9	1
39	USF	19.4	6	349.6	4	130.1	6	3.7	6	219.4	4	60.4	3	18.0	2	17	7	18	6
47	Pittsburgh	29.9	2	346.4	5	132.4	5	3.5	7	214.0	5	58.9	5	11.6	8	12	4	15	4
52	Louisville	18.3	7	371.0	2	138.7	3	3.9	4	232.3	3	58.5	6	20.3	1	20	8	15	4
59	Cincinnati	23.6	3	356.3	3	97.4	8	3.1	8	258.9	2	61.0	2	15.1	4	14	6	19	7
61	Connecticut	21.6	5	308.3	7	167.0	2	4.3	3	141.3	6	43.4	7	14.3	6	12	4	10	2
104	Syracuse	16.0	8	250.0	8	136.3	4	4.4	2	113.7	8	42.2	8	15.6	3	9	3	22	8

2008 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
21	Pittsburgh	22.7	5	321.4	3	125.4	3	3.7	5	196.0	5	52.9	3	14.2	5	16	4	15	4
22	Connecticut	21.3	4	292.9	1	127.0	5	3.5	4	165.9	1	47.9	1	13.8	3	16	6	14	5
24	USF	23.1	6	326.0	4	125.4	3	3.3	1	200.6	6	56.9	5	14.1	4	11	5	17	3
29	Cincinnati	19.1	3	296.4	2	114.6	2	3.4	3	181.9	2	48.7	2	15.5	6	10	3	21	1
34	West Virginia	15.6	1	333.9	5	138.1	6	4.1	6	195.7	4	53.1	4	21.4	8	17	1	13	6
50	Rutgers	18.3	2	342.6	6	112.0	1	3.3	2	230.6	7	64.5	7	18.7	7	11	2	21	1
83	Louisville	34.4	8	415.7	8	170.4	7	4.9	7	245.3	8	62.3	6	12.1	1	7	8	8	8
95	Syracuse	31.6	7	391.0	7	205.6	8	5.3	8	185.4	3	65.0	8	12.4	2	8	7	10	7

2008 BIG EAST CONFERENCE LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/GM
Donald Brown, Connecticut	13	367	2083	18	5.7	160.2
LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh	13	308	1488	21	4.8	114.5
Noel Devine, West Virginia	**13**	**206**	**1289**	**4**	**6.3**	**99.2**
Curtis Brinkley, Syracuse	12	237	1164	7	4.9	97.0
Vic Anderson, Louisville	**12**	**183**	**1047**	**8**	**5.7**	**87.3**
Pat White, West Virginia	12	191	974	8	5.1	81.2
Kordell Young, Rutgers	**8**	**142**	**554**	**5**	**3.9**	**69.3**
Jacob Ramsey, Cincinnati	**14**	**152**	**664**	**2**	**4.4**	**47.4**
Jourdan Brooks, Rutgers	**11**	**100**	**516**	**6**	**5.2**	**46.9**
Matt Grothe, USF	**13**	**146**	**591**	**4**	**4.0**	**45.5**
John Goebel, Cincinnati	**14**	**133**	**607**	**7**	**4.6**	**43.4**
Brock Bolen, Louisville	12	124	505	7	4.1	42.1

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	**36**	**994**	**2**	**27.6**
Dontavia Bogan, USF	**29**	**770**	**0**	**26.6**
Jason McCourty, Rutgers	17	438	0	25.8
Trent Guy, Louisville	**13**	**324**	**1**	**24.9**
Jordan Todman, Connecticut	**15**	**363**	**0**	**24.2**
Darius Butler, Connecticut	20	471	0	23.6
Mike Holmes, Syracuse	**41**	**941**	**1**	**23.0**
LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pittsburgh	23	493	0	21.4
Mark Rodgers, West Virginia	**22**	**464**	**0**	**21.1**
Aundre Wright, Pittsburgh	**26**	**547**	**0**	**21.0**
Max Suter, Syracuse	**26**	**547**	**0**	**21.0**
Robbie Frey, Connecticut	**14**	**280**	**0**	**20.0**

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Mike Teel, Rutgers	396	243	61.4	13	3418	8.6	25	148.1
Pat White, West Virginia	274	180	65.7	7	1842	6.7	21	142.3
Matt Grothe, USF	**380**	**240**	**63.2**	**14**	**2911**	**7.7**	**18**	**136.8**
Tony Pike, Cincinnati	**324**	**199**	**61.4**	**11**	**2407**	**7.4**	**19**	**136.4**
Bill Stull, Pittsburgh	**330**	**188**	**57.0**	**10**	**2356**	**7.1**	**9**	**119.9**
Hunter Cantwell, Louisville	377	221	58.6	16	2493	6.6	16	119.7
Cameron Dantley, Syracuse	**251**	**121**	**48.2**	**5**	**1298**	**5.2**	**11**	**102.1**
Tyler Lorenzen, Connecticut	162	79	48.8	8	869	5.4	3	90.1

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Mike Mickens, Cincinnati	10	4	14
Aaron Berry, Pittsburgh	**10**	**3**	**13**
Jasper Howard, Connecticut	**9**	**4**	**13**
DeAngelo Smith, Cincinnati	10	2	12
Dom DeCicco, Pittsburgh	**7**	**4**	**11**
Brandon Hogan, West Virginia	**7**	**3**	**10**
Ellis Lankster, West Virginia	7	3	10
Brandon Underwood, Cincinnati	6	4	10
Tyrone McKenzie, USF	8	1	9
Mortty Ivy, West Virginia	6	3	9
Carlton Williams, USF	6	3	9
Woodny Turenne, Louisville	3	5	8
Jason McCourty, Rutgers	6	2	8
Devin McCourty, Rutgers	**7**	**1**	**8**
Connor Barwin, Cincinnati	8	0	8
Cody Brown, Connecticut	8	0	8
Robert McClain, Connecticut	**5**	**3**	**8**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/GM
Matt Grothe, USF	**13**	**146**	**591**	**380**	**2911**	**3502**	**269.4**
Mike Teel, Rutgers	13	24	-73	396	3418	3345	257.3
Pat White, West Virginia	12	191	974	274	1842	2816	234.7
Tony Pike, Cincinnati	**12**	**56**	**47**	**324**	**2407**	**2454**	**204.5**
Hunter Cantwell, Louisville	12	39	-115	377	2493	2378	198.2
Bill Stull, Pittsburgh	**12**	**35**	**-136**	**330**	**2356**	**2220**	**185.0**
Donald Brown, Connecticut	13	367	2083	0	0	2083	160.2
Tyler Lorenzen, Connecticut	9	73	284	162	869	1153	128.1
LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh	13	308	1488	2	14	1502	115.5
Cameron Dantley, Syracuse	**11**	**41**	**-56**	**251**	**1298**	**1242**	**112.9**
Noel Devine, West Virginia	**13**	**206**	**1289**	**0**	**0**	**1289**	**99.2**
Curtis Brinkley, Syracuse	12	237	1164	1	3	1167	97.3
Vic Anderson, Louisville	**12**	**183**	**1047**	**0**	**0**	**1047**	**87.3**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	LONG
Dave Teggart, Connecticut	**6**	**15**	**13**	**86.7**	**47**
Pat McAfee, West Virginia	13	20	17	85.0	52
Conor Lee, Pittsburgh	13	24	20	83.3	44
Patrick Shadle, Syracuse	12	17	14	82.4	53
Maikon Bonani, USF	**11**	**21**	**15**	**71.4**	**49**
San San Te, Rutgers	**13**	**17**	**12**	**70.6**	**50**
Jake Rogers, Cincinnati	**14**	**23**	**16**	**69.6**	**54**
Tony Ciaravino, Connecticut	7	15	9	60.0	47
Ryan Payne, Louisville	**8**	**6**	**3**	**50.0**	**34**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/PG	AVG/REC	YDS/GM
Kenny Britt, Rutgers	12	87	1371	7	7.3	15.8	114.3
Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	**14**	**81**	**1276**	**11**	**5.8**	**15.8**	**91.1**
Dominick Goodman, Cincinnati	13	84	1028	7	6.5	12.2	79.1
Doug Beaumont, Louisville	**12**	**62**	**750**	**0**	**5.2**	**12.1**	**62.5**
Jessie Hester, USF	**13**	**54**	**579**	**3**	**4.2**	**10.7**	**44.5**
Tim Brown, Rutgers	**13**	**27**	**565**	**6**	**2.1**	**20.9**	**43.5**
Taurus Johnson, USF	13	38	498	6	2.9	13.1	38.3
Tiquan Underwood, Rutgers	13	40	494	5	3.1	12.4	38.0
Alric Arnett, West Virginia	**13**	**35**	**466**	**6**	**2.7**	**13.3**	**35.8**
Jock Sanders, West Virginia	**13**	**53**	**462**	**7**	**4.1**	**8.7**	**35.5**
Derek Kinder, Pittsburgh	13	36	422	3	2.8	11.7	32.5
Carlton Mitchell, USF	**13**	**28**	**405**	**1**	**2.2**	**14.5**	**31.2**
Jonathan Baldwin, Pittsburgh	**13**	**18**	**404**	**3**	**1.4**	**22.4**	**31.1**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kevin Huber, Cincinnati	14	60	2697	45.0
Pat McAfee, West Virginia	13	62	2772	44.7
Rob Long, Syracuse	**12**	**66**	**2898**	**43.9**
Teddy Dellaganna, Rutgers	**13**	**55**	**2268**	**41.2**
Dave Brytus, Pittsburgh	13	60	2443	40.7
Cory Goettsche, Louisville	**12**	**63**	**2521**	**40.0**
Desi Cullen, Connecticut	**13**	**59**	**2351**	**39.8**
Delbert Alvarado, USF	**13**	**48**	**1905**	**39.7**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Connor Barwin, Cincinnati	11	91
Cody Brown, Connecticut	11	62
Greg Romeus, Pittsburgh	**7.5**	**56**
Lamonte Nelms, Cincinnati	6.5	51
Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	6	41
Julius Williams, Connecticut	6	38
Ryan D'Imperio, Rutgers	**5.5**	**43**
Jabaal Sheard, Pittsburgh	**5.5**	**39**
George Selvie, USF	**5.5**	**38**
Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati	5.5	21
Earl Heyman, Louisville	5	44
John Holmes, West Virginia	5	38
Lindsey Witten, Connecticut	**5**	**36**
Jarriett Buie, USF	5	32

TFL

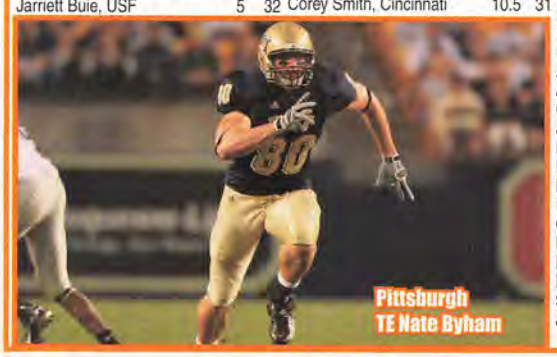
	NO	YDS
Scott McKillop, Pittsburgh	17.5	62
Cody Brown, Connecticut	16.5	72
Connor Barwin, Cincinnati	16	109
Greg Romeus, Pittsburgh	**15.5**	**81**
Tyrone McKenzie, USF	15	36
Lamonte Nelms, Cincinnati	14	68
George Selvie, USF	**13.5**	**72**
Arthur Jones, Syracuse	**13**	**60**
Peter Tverdov, Rutgers	13	53
Ryan D'Imperio, Rutgers	**12.5**	**51**
Julius Williams, Connecticut	11	54
Jabaal Sheard, Pittsburgh	**10.5**	**56**
Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	10.5	53
Corey Smith, Cincinnati	10.5	31

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Theo Wilson, USF	**8**	**103**	**1**	**12.9**
TJ Porter, Pittsburgh	16	184	0	11.5
Jasper Howard, Connecticut	**28**	**306**	**1**	**10.9**
Doug Beaumont, Louisville	**20**	**191**	**0**	**9.6**
DeAngelo Smith, Cincinnati	23	219	0	9.5
DJ Woods, Cincinnati	**12**	**113**	**0**	**9.4**
Ellis Lankster, West Virginia	20	171	0	8.6
Marcus Edwards, USF	34	262	0	7.7
Aaron Berry, Pittsburgh	**14**	**76**	**0**	**5.4**

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG/GM
Scott McKillop, Pittsburgh	13	82	55	137	10.5
Tyrone McKenzie, USF	13	76	40	116	8.9
Scott Lutrus, Connecticut	**13**	**64**	**42**	**106**	**8.2**
Kevin Malast, Rutgers	13	39	62	101	7.8
Ryan D'Imperio, Rutgers	**13**	**41**	**52**	**93**	**7.2**
Mortty Ivy, West Virginia	13	43	47	90	6.9
Austin Ransom, Pittsburgh	13	45	44	89	6.8
Jake Flaherty, Syracuse	12	44	37	81	6.8
Courtney Greene, Rutgers	13	45	42	87	6.7
Jon Dempsey, Louisville	**12**	**53**	**27**	**80**	**6.7**
Mike Mickens, Cincinnati	11	46	24	70	6.4
Derrell Smith, Syracuse	**12**	**36**	**37**	**73**	**6.1**
Mike Mele, Syracuse	**12**	**33**	**39**	**72**	**6.0**
Ryan Manalac, Cincinnati	14	43	39	82	5.9
Quinton Andrews, West Virg	13	45	32	77	5.9
Mike Holmes, Syracuse	**12**	**49**	**19**	**68**	**5.7**
Lawrence Wilson, Conn	**13**	**42**	**31**	**73**	**5.6**
Daniel Covington, Louisville	**12**	**48**	**18**	**66**	**5.5**
Sidney Glover, W Virginia	**11**	**34**	**27**	**61**	**5.5**
Joe Lefeged, Rutgers	**13**	**41**	**31**	**72**	**5.5**



2008 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
Cincinnati	6	1	165	134	11	3	362	282	+59.9	+19.0	+39.6
Pittsburgh	5	2	209	159	9	4	352	279	+25.0	+24.0	-77.0
West Virginia	5	2	162	109	9	4	319	221	-0.6	+109.2	+129.2
Rutgers	5	2	240	128	8	5	377	245	+62.4	+41.5	+28.9
Connecticut	3	4	151	149	8	5	324	257	+15.4	-83.2	-106.0
USF	2	5	136	162	8	5	359	260	+23.6	+45.7	+51.6
Louisville	1	6	128	241	5	7	296	358	-44.7	+31.0	+91.4
Syracuse	1	6	112	221	3	9	217	392	-141.0	-187.0	-157.6

Coach of the Year: Brian Kelly, Cincinnati

2007 BIG EAST STANDINGS

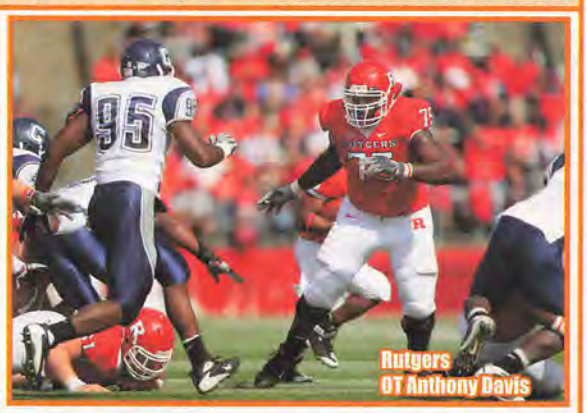
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
W Virginia	5	2	240	126	11	2	515	235
Connecticut	5	2	169	165	9	4	344	247
Cincinnati	4	3	209	170	10	3	472	244
USF	4	3	240	167	9	4	451	304
Rutgers	3	4	171	195	8	5	426	292
Louisville	3	4	193	231	6	6	422	377
Pittsburgh	3	4	141	169	5	7	274	291
Syracuse	1	6	131	271	2	10	197	418

Coach of the Year: Brian Kelly, Cincinnati

2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	6	1	247	141	12	1	491	212
West Virginia	5	2	259	186	11	2	505	282
Rutgers	5	2	182	146	11	2	387	186
USF	4	3	145	133	9	4	299	220
Cincinnati	4	3	152	141	8	5	274	255
Pittsburgh	2	5	172	207	6	6	381	274
Connecticut	1	6	140	238	4	8	257	324
Syracuse	1	6	81	186	4	8	209	295

Coach of the Year: Greg Schiano, Rutgers



PHIL'S BIG EAST UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Pittsburgh	4	8	1	2	2	5	1	6	5
West Virginia	3	1	6	5	3	3	2	8	7
Syracuse	8	3	5	5	7	7	5	4	8
Rutgers	6	3	7	1	4	1	6	3	2
Cincinnati	2	3	2	7	5	8	6	1	1
Louisville	7	2	3	3	5	6	6	7	6
Connecticut	5	3	8	4	8	2	3	5	3
USF	1	3	4	7	1	4	3	2	4

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Ryan Hart started 32 straight games and departed as the Knights' all-time career leading passer. In his final year ('05) he threw for 2,135 (60.8%) with an 18-8 ratio. Mike Teel, who has a stronger arm than Hart, threw for 683 (50.5%) with a poor 2-10 ratio in 3 starts in '05. Teel was 23-0 as a high school starter and finished his college career 29-13. Teel was maligned in 2006 throwing for 2,135 (55.4%) with a 12-13 ratio. Jabu Lovelace (PS#63) only played in 3 (1 pass). Mich St transfer Domenic Natale (PS#29, 2 gm '05) sat out '06 and missed '07. Teel is a pocket passer and his longest rush was just 8 yards. Teel was #1 in the NCAA in pass eff after 3 in '07 but hurt his thumb and in the 2H of the year he threw for just 171 ypg (52.6%). He was healthy in the bowl and threw for 303. Lovelace threw for 69 (7 of 23). Last year they added true frosh DC Jefferson (PS#20) and Steve Shimko (PS#74). In the first 7 Teel had a poor 3-7 ratio. Teel was booed by the home crowd vs Morgan St and Conn but had a great 2H of the season. He set a school record with 6 TD's vs Pitt's #10 pass D (361 yd). In the final 6 he threw for 343 ypg (68.5%). He threw for 447 and matched a Big East record with 7 TD's vs L'ville and this time got a standing ovation. He then won Bowl MVP. Lovelace broke his leg early. Natale played in 5 (8 pass att, 6 rush). This year they lose their new all-time career leading passer Teel (#6DC SEA) and while the unit should have a better 1H of the year, they will not be able to match Teel's 2H numbers as this group is a lot less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - From 2002-'04 Rutgers avg just 92 ypg rush (2.5) but in '05 true frosh Ray Rice became the 2nd 1,000 yard rusher here in 30 years (Terrell Willis '93 & '94) with 1,120 (5.7). In '06 he set RU and Big East records with 1,794 (5.4) and reset the record a year later with 2,012 (5.3). His top backup was little-used Mason Robinson (5'10" 190 Jr) who had 202 (5.6). My biggest question mark on the team in '08 was who would replace him. The coaching staff was very high on Kordell Young (PS#78) and he did have 94 vs Fresno but then missed 4 (inj). He started 7 of the last 8 and led with 554 (3.9). Jourdan Brooks (6'1" 245) gave them a big back option as he rushed for 134 (6.1) vs Navy and finished with 516 (5.2). RFr Joe Martinek (PS#49) emerged in the 2H of the year and had 404 (5.3) while Robinson (PS#59) added 139 (3.4), but worked at WR in spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Andres Morales (6'2" 250 Jr PS#98LB), FB Damion Moore (6'0" 220 rFr), RB Tyrone Putman (5'10" 185 So), and FB Anthony Lisanti (5'11" 210 So). This year the unit returns intact making it vastly more experienced.

RECEIVERS - The Knights had to replace their all-time career leading receiver in Tres Moses in '06 and then their leading returning WR was lost in Wk 4 and TE Clark Harris led with 493 (14.5). The backup WR's were 5 frosh, 2 soph and a junior. Kenny Britt (PS#73) did not catch a pass until Wk 8 but still led the WR's with 440 (15.2). Tiquan Underwood had 290 (12.6) and true frosh Tim Brown, who may be the fastest player ever at Rutgers (4.29 spd), avg 25.2 on 8 rec. In '07 TE Harris departed but Underwood set a school record with 248 vs Buffalo and had 673 in the first 5. He set the single season record (Moses 1,056 '04) but he did not top it until the bowl (427 L/8). Britt then surpassed Underwood also in the bowl and finished with 1,232 (19.9!). Brown had 340 (14.2). Last year Britt reset the record with 1,371. He finished his career as the BE's all-time leader in yds (3,043 - 34 gm) and was 2nd in FBS in rec ypg (114.3). Underwood was #3 with 494 (12.4). Brown was #2 and avg'd a team high 20.9 on his 27 rec. TE Kevin Brock added 300 (11.5). This year they lose Britt (13 st, #1DC TEN), Underwood (11 st, #7DC JAC), Dennis Campbell (5 st, 13 rec) and TE's Brock (6 st) and Craig McGovern. Not listed below are TE's Beau Bachety (6'4" 250 rFr), Marquis Hamm (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#107DL) with true Mohamed Sanu (PS#109DB) and rFR Brandon Jones (PS#262). With the loss of their top 3 players, this group is clearly weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 RU had 8 of their top 10 back and rushed for 180 ypg (4.7) while allowing only 8 sacks (#1 in IA, 2.7%). In 2007, they had to replace two starters including a #5DC and a Rimington finalist. They did get the big addition of true frosh Anthony Davis (PS#7) and he started the final 8. The Knights improved again to 198 ypg (4.8) with 11 sacks (2.9%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters. Their 28 career starts were the 10th lowest in FBS and I noted that after 4 years of improving their ypc, they would take a step back. They had 128 ypg rush (3.9) although they did allow just 19 sacks (4.6%). Last year they added another true frosh VHT in Art Forst (PS#25) and he started 8 at RG. This year they must replace Mike Gilmartin (6 st) but have everyone else back including their star LT, C and LG making this the best OL in the Big East.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Knights allowed 5.4 ypc rush, their worst total in over a decade but they showed improvement the next 5 years allowing 4.7, 4.2, 4.3, 3.3 and just 2.9 ypc in 2006. In 2007 they had to replace two DL starters but returned AA DT Eric Foster as well as 2nd Tm BE DE Jamaal Westerman and I expected a big impact from DE George Johnson (PS#15TE). Surprisingly, the unit regressed allowing 4.0 ypc (157 ypg). Last year they had to replace one starter (Foster) and DE Gary Watts (5 st, 4 sk in '07) took a RS. The more experienced group improved to 136 ypg (3.8) but the sacks dropped to 29. This year they lose 2nd Tm BE DE Westerman (12 st, 33 tkl, 6 sk) and DT Peter Tverdov (12 st, 44 tkl, 4 sk). Two full-time starters are back and I like the 3 deep at DT as well. Not listed in the PSL below are Evan Lampert (6'3" 250 So) and Remo Fioranelli (6'3" 255 Jr). Despite being lightly experienced, this could be an improved group.

LINEBACKERS - After replacing 2 LB starters in '07, they only had to replace 1 starter last year (#4 tkl'r) and returned their #2 and #3 tacklers plus 2 projected starters who missed '07. This year they lose Kevin Malast (#1 tkl'r, 13 st) and Marc Orosz (3 tkl, 3 gm). Not only do 5 of the top 6 return, but they get Michigan transfer Marcus Witherspoon (PS#16) and I expect a bigger season from Manny Abreu (PS#15) who is two years removed from an '07 injury.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With inexperienced secondaries in both '04 and '05 the Knights finished just #104 and #111 in my pass D rankings. With 7 of their top 8 back in 2006 they moved up to #42. In 2007 they had 3 starters back and moved up to #32. Last year they only had to replace one starter (9 st). Surprisingly Rutgers dropped to #106. This year they lose CB Jason McCourty (13 st, 52 tkl, 6 pbu, #6DC TEN), 1st Tm BE FS Courtney Greene (51 consec st, 87 tkl, #7DC SEA), S Glen Lee (11 tkl) and Davon Smart (14 tkl). This group is less experienced but could move up in my pass D rankings.

CB Devin McCourty

SPECIAL TEAMS - RU climbed to #40 in my ST rankings in '04 and then rose to #21 in 2005 and 2006. Jeremy Ito hit 22 of 29 FG's and his 57 career FG's made were already a school record heading into 2007. They had to replace their P and top KR & PR but it was still surprising that they plummeted to #103 in 2007. Last year they lost K Ito and ST coach Darren Rizzi. The return game was avg but they had reservations about using starting CB Jason McCourty although he avg 25.8 on KR in the 2H of the year. In his first year as K San San Te hit 12 of 17 (long 50). Teddy Dellaganna had 1 TB on 73 KO but greatly improved the team's net punting from 30.7 to 34.3. The unit rose to #57. This year they lose their top 2 KR's but could improve.

COACHES - HC Greg Schiano enters his 9th year here after being the Miami, FL DC in 2000. Schiano is a New Jersey native who also coached in the NFL (Chicago '96-'98). Following the '02 season he received a contract extension through '07 despite a 3-20 record (0-14 BE). RU earned their first ever Top 10 ranking in 2006 and Schiano was named the FWAA's Coach of the Year. If Schiano was going to leave RU, it would have been in 2006 when Miami (FL) offered him $2.2 mill/yr, but he signed a contract extension here through 2016. He also turned down an offer from Michigan in '07. Schiano took over the DC duties himself in 2005 after his DC left for the NFL but this year he handed over the def play calling to Co-DC's Bob Fraser (LB coach) and Ed Pinkham (DB coach). OC John McNulty left for the Ariz Cardinals this year and Schiano appointed co-OC's in Kyle Flood (OL coach) and Kirk Ciarrocca (QB coach). Flood and Ciarrocca were together for 3 years at Delaware (2002-'04).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into 2006, Rutgers had just 5 winning seasons the previous 24 years despite the fact that they are the only FBS college football team located in the highly populated NY/New Jersey area. HC Greg Schiano endured a 25 game Big East losing streak. In 2004 they opened 4-2 including a loss to IAA N Hamp but lost their final 5, all to bowl squads. In 2005 I called for Rutgers to achieve their 2nd bowl game in school history. They were +70.4 ypg in BE. They went 7-4 but blew a 24-10 lead in the bowl vs Ariz St. In 2006 RU was picked #4 in the BE preseason media poll, its first ever upper half prediction. They entered the national rankings for the first time in 30 years at 4-0 and after beating L'ville, rose to #7 with talk of a possible BCS Title Game. They suffered a letdown (1 of 4 unbeatens) vs Cincy. They still could have won the Big East with a win at WV but lost in 3OT's going from a possible BCS bowl down to the Texas Bowl. Schiano did a great job and they bagged their first bowl win in their 137 year history and finished #12. Their 11 wins tied the 1976 team's record. The D allowed just 14.3 ppg (best S/'80) and the off avg 29.8 ppg (best S/'93). RU doubled season ticket sales heading into '07 and made the preseason AP rankings (#16) for the first time. RU opened 3-0 and moved into the Top 10 (2nd time schl hist) but lost to Maryland. They were 7-5 but destroyed Ball St 52-30 in the International Bowl. Rutgers became the first offense in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yard passer, 2,000 yard rusher and two 1,000 yard rec in the same season. Rutgers finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd last in the Big East at 3-4. Ray Rice opted to leave for the NFL. Last year thanks in part to a soft non-conf schedule, I called for RU to get back to a bowl and said they had a shot at matching '07's 8 win total. That forecast looked dead wrong as the Knights opened the season 1-5 with 3 of their 5 losses by 2, 7 and 3 and fans were booing at home and recruits were changing commitments. They did edge past Conn 12-10 at home with UC missing a 42 yd FG at the end (phew!). Senior QB Teel exploded over the 2H and out of nowhere, a Rutgers team that averaged 13.2 ppg vs FBS foes after the 1st 7 gms would score 43.3 over the last 6. They beat Pitt by 20 on the road and USF by 33 and steamrolled L'ville 63-14. They inched past NCSt in the bowl and amazingly got back to 8 wins. RU was the first BCS conf team to go from 1-5 to a bowl S/'03 and just the 7th in FBS history. While they finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd at 5-2, RU was a BE best +62.4 ypg and ended on a 7 game win streak. They had just 6 starts lost LY to inj (5th fewest). RU has just 13 returning starters and while not a dominant team, they have enough talent to have a double digit win season vs one of the weakest schedules in the FBS. I will call for the Knights to get their first ever NY Day bowl game.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN SCARLET — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN SCARLET — DEFENSE

QB 11 Domenic Natale Sr. 6-2 210 **PS#29**. 3-8 for 36 yd LY. **10** DC Jefferson (6'6" 240 rFr) **PS#20**. **15** Jabu Lovelace (6'2" 215 Sr) PS#63. 78 pass 3Y. Steve Shimko (6'5" 230 rFr) PS#74.

RB 8 KORDELL YOUNG JR. 5-9 185 PS#78. 196 rush (4.2) '06-'07. 8 st, 554 (3.9) LY. **39** Jourdan Brooks (6'1" 245 So) PS#93. 3 st, 516 (5.2). Joe Martinek (6'0" 215 So) **PS#49**. 404 (5.3).

WR 2 TIM BROWN SR. 5-8 165 PS#127. 4.29 spd. 11 st, 1107 (18.8) 3Y. Mason Robinson (5'10" 190) PS#59RB Moved from RB spg. **FB Jack Corcoran** (6'1" 230 Sr) 11 st, 221 tfl yd L2Y.

WR 5 Tim Wright rFr. 6-4 205 PS#101. Aaron Hayward (6'0" 195 Fr) **PS#50**. **85** Eddie Poole (6'3" 185 rFr) PS#326. Mark Harrison PS#110. Phil Lewis (6'2" 175 Fr).

WR 84 Marcus Cooper rFr. 6-2 180 PS#127. **83** Keith Stroud (6'3" 200 rFr) PS#240. **18** Julian Hayes (6'1" 215 Jr) 1 rec LY. **16** Andrew DePaola (6'2" 205 Sr). Pat Brown (6'1" 175 Sr).

TE 3 Shamar Graves Jr. 6-3 230 PS#74 WR. 3 rec '07. 5 st, 16 rec (14.2) LY. **87** Fabian Ruiz (6'4" 245 So) PS#83. Paul Carrezola is PS#18. Malcolm Bush is PS#20.

C 61 RYAN BLASZCZYK SR. 6-4 295 PS#129. 13 st at C '07. 13 st at C LY. **65** Matthew Hardison (6'4" 280 So) PS#132LB. Marlon Romulus (6'3" 285 Jr). **LS** Andrew DePaola (6'2" 205 Sr).

RG 77 ART FORST SO. 6-8 310 **PS#25**. 8 starts at RG as true. **70** Desmond Wynn (6'6" 275 So) PS#154DL MIP offense in spring. Jamal Wilson (6'5" 305 Fr) PS#142.

LG 60 CALEB RUCH SO. 6-4 285 PS#182. 10 st (4RG, 6LG) LY. **74** Howard Barbieri (6'5" 295 Jr) 3 st LG, 11 gm LY. **72** Keith Newell (6'6" 290 So) **PS#65**. David Osei (6'4" 260 Fr)

RT 78 KEVIN HASLAM SR. 6-7 295 6 st (5RG, 1LT) 13 gm in '07. 13 st (3LG, 1LT, 9RT) LY. **71** Devon Watkis (6'7" 320 rFr) PS#137. **79** Richard Muldrow (6'6" 290 So) **PS#83**.

LT 75 ANTHONY DAVIS JR. 6-6 325 **PS#7**. L8 st at RG as true. **2nd Tm BE** LY, 12 st at LT. Desmond Stapleton (6'5" 280 So) **PS#96**. Mo Lange (6'7" 310 Jr) PS#240. 10 gm LY.

K I SAN SAN TE SO. 5-9 180 PS#66. Hit 12-17 FG L/50, 45-48 xp LY. Limited in spg-back surgery. **93** Teddy Dellaganna (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#520JC. 41.2 punt avg LY.

DE 31 GEORGE JOHNSON SR. 6-4 260 **PS#15**. 9 st, 32 tkl, 6.5 tfl '07. 13 st, 39 tkl, 10 tfl LY. **57** Sorie Bayoh (6'3" 245 Jr) 16 tkl 2Y. **92** Gary Watts (6'3" 245 Sr) 5 st, 23 tkl, 6.5 tfl '07 (inj'd). RS LY.

DT 48 Blair Bines Sr. 6-2 260 PS#96. 15 tkl '06-'07. 1 st, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **52** Eric LeGrand (6'2" 240 So) **PS#44LB**. 14 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. Justin Francis (6'4" 260 So) 7 tkl true. RS LY.

DT 94 Scott Vallone rFr. 6-3 270 **PS#56**. Med RS-foot inj LY. **96** Charlie Noonan (6'2" 265 Jr) PS#271OL. 14 tkl 2Y. Antwan Lowery **PS#54**. **95** Wayne Thomas (6'5" 270 So) **PS#59**.

DE 45 ALEX SILVESTRO JR. 6-4 250 PS#77LB. 3 st, 13 tkl as true. 13 st LY, 43 tkl, 8 tfl. **99** Jonathan Freeny (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#381. 1 st, 22 tkl, 1.5 tfl 2Y. Isaac Holmes **PS#46**.

LB 58 Marcus Witherspoon rFr. 6-2 225 **PS#16**. Trans from **Michigan**. **50** Antonio Lowery (6'2" 225 Jr) PS#95. 26 tkl 2Y. **30** Edmond Laryea (6'1" 215 Jr) PS#196RB. 2 tkl as true '06.

LB 44 RYAN D'IMPERIO SR. 6-3 240 PS#74. 1 st, 16 tkl '06-'07. **2nd Tm BE** LY, 13 st, 93 tkl, 5.5 sk, 7 tfl. **56** Marvin Booker (6'2" 200 So) PS#96. Jim Dumont (6'1" 215 Jr) 9 tkl 2Y.

LB 51 MANNY ABREU SO. 6-3 245 **PS#15**. 7 st, 33 tkl, 4 tfl. Damaso Munoz (6'0" 215 Sr) **15 st**, 112 tkl, 10 tfl L2Y. Morgan Carter (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#88. Al-Ghaffaar Lane (6'3" 215 So) PS#91.

CB 4 David Rowe So. 6-0 195 PS#131. 23 tkl, 2 sk true. **35** Billy Anderson (6'0" 185 Sr) 1 st, 7 tkl 3Y. Abdul Smith (6'0" 190 Fr) PS#83. **43** Ramy Nubani (5'10" 195 Jr) 10 tkl.

CB 21 DEVIN McCOURTY SR. 5-11 185 PS#385. 13 st, 63 tkl, 7 pbu '07. 12 st, 57 tkl, 7 pbu LY. **23** Brandon Bing (5'11" 165 Jr) 10 tkl L2Y. **41** Al-Majid Hutchins (5'11" 180 So).

SS 26 JOE LEFEGED JR. 6-1 200 PS#90. 38 tkl, 3.5 sk as true. 11 st, 72 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **47** Patrick Kivlehan (6'2" 205 So) 1 tkl, 9 gm LY. **27** Wayne Warren (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#46QB.

FS 29 Zaire Kitchen Sr. 6-2 215 PS#352. 26 tkl from '06-'07. 4 st, 32 tkl, 2 tfl in '08. **20** Khaseem Greene (6'1" 195 rFr). Duron Harmon PS#65. **22** Colin McEvoy (6'1" 210 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y.

P 93 TEDDY DELLAGANNA JR. 6-2 210 PS#520JC. 37.2 avg at JC. 55 punts, 41.2 avg, 34.3 net, 18 inside 20 LY. 1 TB on 73 KO's, 4 OOB. **91** Tyler Thomas (5'10" 210 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Tom Savage 6-5 225 PS#12
DL	Isaac Holmes 6-3 290 PS#46
RB	De'Antwan Williams 5-8 195 PS#37
DL	Antwan Lowery 6-4 325 PS#54
WR	Aaron Hayward 6-0 195 PS#50
DB	Duron Harmon 6-1 190 PS#65
DL	Andre Civil 6-3 240 PS#67
TE	Paul Carrezola 6-2 250 PS#18
TE	Malcolm Bush 6-4 230 PS#20
DB	Abdul Smith 6-0 190 PS#83
DL	Jamil Merrell 6-4 220 PS#107
DL	Michael Larrow 6-4 250 PS#108
DB	Logan Ryan 6-0 185 PS#103
DB	Mohamed Sanu 6-2 215 PS#109
LB	Ka'Lial Glaud 6-2 220 PS#90
LB	Steve Beauharnais 6-2 235 PS#93
WR	Mark Harrison 6-3 230 PS#110
LB	Jamal Merrell 6-4 200 PS#118
OL	Jamal Wilson 6-5 305 PS#142
RB	Robert Joseph 6-2 230 PS#138
DB	Quron Pratt 6-0 175 PS#196
OL	David Osei 6-4 260 PS#362
DL	Junior Solice 6-3 230 PS#376

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

New Brunswick, NJ
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#106

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score RU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 7	Cincinnati (Mon)	A					LY Cincy entered avg'g 32 ppg, the Knights held them to a reg ssn low 13 pts & 0-11 on 3rd down. Rutgers has dropped the L/3 with the last win here in '05.
Sep. 12	Howard	A					In their last & only gm in '06, RU had a 357-172 yd edge on their way to 4-0 & ranked (#23) for the 1st time since 1976. The Bison finished 1-10 LY as a MEAC member.
Sep. 19	FIU	A					LY Rutgers became the 7th team in NCAA history to start 1-5 & go to a bowl game. First meeting not only vs FIU but vs a Sun Belt Conf school as well.
Sep. 26	at Maryland	G					Rutgers is 20-55-1 vs current ACC teams including a home loss to NC LY. Scarlett Knights are 3-5 vs Maryland their last meeting was a 34-24 loss in 2007.
Oct. 3	Texas Southern	A					
Oct. 10							Bonus: Rutgers earned their 5th victory all-time over a ranked foe on the road (at Pitt) & first since 1988 (at #15 Penn St).
Oct. 16	Pittsburgh (Fri)	A					Rutgers has won 4 straight by an avg of 11 ppg. LY QB Teel set a school record w/6 TD passes including tossing 3 to Kenny Britt (5 rec 143 yds) & 2 to Tim Brown (4 rec 132 yds).
Oct. 23	at Army (Fri)	A					Rutgers has won 5 straight by an avg of 27 ppg & has won 9 of the last 11. Coming into '09, Rutgers has outscored New York opp's 268-62 on an 8 gm win streak.
Oct. 31	at Connecticut	G					Knights lead this series 19-9 & have won 3 of the last 4. LY Rutgers held UC to a ssn low 117 rush yds including holding the NCAA rush leader Brown to 107 (just 7 in 2H!).
Nov. 7							Bonus: The Knights have entered the Top 10 of the AP Poll twice in its history & each time has suffered an upset loss the following game.
Nov. 12	USF (Thur)	A					Last time here Rutgers defeated the #2 ranked Bulls 30-27 before a record crowd 44,267. The Scarlet Knights have won 3 straight in this series but the. Home tm is just 1-3.
Nov. 21	at Syracuse	A					Rutgers is 6-16 vs Syracuse since '87 but has won 5 out of last 6. The last 2 years Rutgers has trailed 14-0 but rallied back for dominating wins.
Nov. 27	at Louisville (Fri)	A					Knights are 6-2 vs UL. The HT has won 4 straight. The 671 yds LY were the most ever by a Schiano coached tm & the 63 pts were the most Rutgers has ever scored in a BE game.
Dec. 5	West Virginia	A					The Knights will look for their 1st win over West Virginia since '94 (0-14). Rutgers has won 4 straight home finales with an avg score of 41-12.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Mike Teel 9,383 '05-'08
2. Ryan Hart 8,482 '02-'05
3. Scott Erney 7,188 '86-'89

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ray Rice 4,926 '05-'07
2. Terrell Willis 3,114 '93-'95
3. "JJ" Jennings 2,935 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kenny Britt 3,043 '06-'08
2. Tres Moses 2,522 '01-'05
3. Andrew Baker 2,268 '81-'84

GREG SCHIANO (Career 46-51)

9th Year at Rutgers
Schiano's Bowl Record: 3-1

Schiano's records AT RUTGERS

46-51	Straight Up	2-7	Vs Top 10
28-24	Home	3-15	Vs Top 25
15-26	Away	6-8	Vs BCS Teams
3-1	Neutral	10-10	Off A Bye
20-35	Vs Conference	17-30	Off A Loss

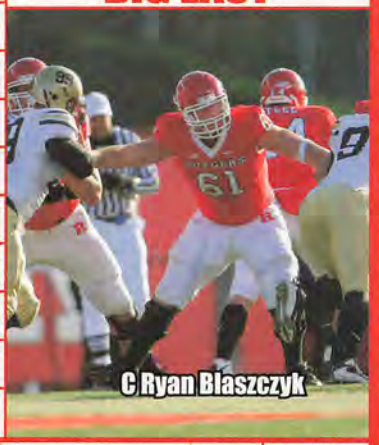
2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (19,25,3)
Lost: 19 (9,8,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,378 (#55)

BIG EAST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STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (54,000) (#51)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	1-11	5-7	4-7	7-5	11-2	8-5	8-5	49-59
Home	2-4	1-6	1-5	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-0	5-3	5-2	30-28
Away	1-4	1-3	0-6	2-4	1-4	3-2	4-2	2-2	2-3	16-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-1
vs Conf	0-7	0-7	0-7	2-5	1-5	4-3	5-2	3-4	5-2	20-42
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	1-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	6-0	5-1	3-3	29-17
ATS	4-6	4-7	6-5	10-1-1	4-6	5-6	9-3	6-6	8-4	56-44-1
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	3-1	2-3	4-2	13-11
Home Dog	1-3	2-3	3-1	4-1	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	15-11
Away Favorite	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-3	0-2	2-0	0-1	4-6
Away Dog	2-3	0-3	3-3	4-0-1	2-3	1-1	4-0	0-2	4-0	20-15-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	3-1
vs Conf	2-5	1-6	4-3	6-1	2-4	3-4	4-3	2-5	7-0	31-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	2-2	4-0-1	2-2	2-2	5-0	4-1	1-4	25-13-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	1-0	3-0-1	0-3	3-4	6-3	2-4	6-1	22-19-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-5	5-5	6-1	3-3	2-1	2-0	3-2	2-2	29-23

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YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34
05	Insight	+9	Arizona St	40-45
06	Texas - #16	-8'	Kansas St	37-10
07	International	-10'	Ball St	52-30
08	Papajohns.com	-6'	NC State	29-23

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Rutgers' All-Time Bowl Record 3-2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	29.0	398	128	3.9	270	60.2	13.7	19	+1	2008	8	18.8	327	136	3.8	191	58.7	17.3	29
7*	32.8	449	198	4.8	251	56.1	13.7	11	-6	2007	6	22.5	328	157	4.0	171	50.7	14.6	41
7	29.8	345	180	4.7	165	55.4	11.6	8	+11	2006	6	14.3	252	101	2.9	151	51.9	17.6	41
9*	28.7	397	162	4.3	235	57.7	13.9	19	-3	2005	8	25.6	372	133	3.3	239	61.2	14.6	47
9*	24.5	394	83	2.5	311	64.1	16.1	20	-7	2004	7	31.2	429	178	4.3	251	60.6	13.7	31
7*	27.4	369	139	3.3	230	59.1	13.4	23	-6	2003	7	29.5	379	163	4.2	216	51.6	12.9	27
8*	13.9	214	52	1.5	162	45.5	15.4	51	-13	2002	8	33.1	405	207	4.7	198	51.4	12.2	15

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kordell Young	142	604	50	554	5	3.9
Jourdan Brooks	100	531	15	516	6	5.2
Joe Martinek	76	432	28	404	4	5.3
Mason Robinson	41	157	18	139	1	3.4
Kenny Britt	7	78	3	75	1	10.7
Jabu Lovelace	7	32	9	23	0	3.3
Mike Teel	24	49	122	-73	2	-3.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Mike Teel	396	243	61.4	3418	25	13
Domenic Natale	8	3	37.5	36	0	0
Jabu Lovelace	3	0	0.0	0	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kenny Britt	87	1371	15.8	7	93	
Tim Brown	27	565	20.9	6	74	
Tiquan Underwood	40	494	12.4	5	26	
Kevin Brock	26	300	11.5	2	25	
Shamar Graves	16	227	14.2	3	32	
Dennis Campbell	13	183	14.1	1	36	
Jack Corcoran	19	176	9.3	2	22	
Mason Robinson	12	125	10.4	0	28	
Kordell Young	6	55	9.2	0	14	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Teddy Dellaganna	55	2268	41.2	9	34.3	2	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
San San Te	45-48	6-7	5-6	0-3	1-1	12-17	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Malast	101	0.5	6	2	1
Ryan D'Imperio	93	5.5	7	3	1
Courtney Greene	87	1	0.5	3	2
Joe Lefeged	72	1	3	2	0
Devin McCourty	57	0	1.5	7	1
Jason McCourty	52	0	0.5	6	2
Damaso Munoz	45	1.5	1.5	1	1
Peter Tverdov	44	4	9	2	0
Alex Silvestro	43	2	6	2	0
George Johnson	39	2	8	0	1
Jamaal Westerman	33	6	4.5	1	0
Manny Abreu	33	1.5	2.5	1	0
Zaire Kitchen	32	1	1	1	0
David Rowe	23	2	0	0	0
Jonathan Freeny	19	1	0.5	1	0
Antonio Lowery	16	0	0	0	0
Blair Bines	15	0	2.5	0	0
Eric LeGrand	14	0	1.5	0	0
Davon Smart	14	0	0	1	0
Sorie Bayoh	14	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dennis Campbell	11	66	6.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jason McCourty	17	438	25.8	0	
Tiquan Underwood	18	337	18.7	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

RU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
42,508	Fresno St	22	34-106	3.1	20-39	263	1	16	39-206	5.3	11-24	216	2	-2
42,502	North Carolina	23	29-140	4.8	25-43	243	1	18	38-157	4.1	14-23	221	1	-4
37,821	at Navy	17	33-206	6.2	13-20	131	0	16	51-272	5.3	5-8	89	0	-2
42,411	Morgan St	18	39-93	2.4	12-21	204	4	8	31-32	1.0	10-21	77	3	+1
59,122	at West Virginia	14	26-72	2.8	15-33	198	1	17	50-175	3.5	14-19	158	0	0
32,370	at Cincinnati	15	29-62	2.1	20-36	192	3	15	31-97	3.1	21-29	239	4	0
42,491	Connecticut	17	34-76	2.2	19-35	218	1	14	36-117	3.3	14-20	236	2	0
51,161	at Pittsburgh	20	30-71	2.4	15-24	371	3	20	34-138	4.1	22-34	348	4	+1
42,172	Syracuse	27	38-207	5.4	26-36	276	1	7	26-133	5.1	5-19	35	5	-2
47,216	at USF	20	35-127	3.6	19-30	294	2	25	28-76	2.7	31-48	328	4	+4
42,212	Army	25	30-162	5.4	23-34	359	2	11	47-217	4.6	2-4	2	1	0
42,347	Louisville	25	33-224	6.8	21-26	447	0	15	31-48	1.5	24-34	270	2	+2
38,582	† NC State	21	33-118	3.6	22-38	319	0	19	27-95	3.5	16-39	268	1	+3
TOTALS		264	423-1664	3.9	250-415	3515	19	201	469-1763	3.8	189-322	2487	29	+1
AVERAGES		20.3	33-128	3.9	19-32	270	4.6%	15.5	36-136	3.8	15-25	191	9.0%	0.1

2004 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Michigan St	+4'	19-14
–	New Hampshire	NL	24-35
–	Kent St	-12'	29-21
–	at Syracuse	+6	31-41
–	at Vanderbilt	+6	37-34
–	Temple	-13	16-6
–	at Pittsburgh	+5'	17-41
–	West Virginia - #15	+14'	30-35
–	at Boston College - #24	+14'	10-21
–	at Navy	+3'	21-54
–	Connecticut	+3	35-41

2005 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Illinois	-2'	30-33 OT
–	Villanova	NL	38-6
–	at Buffalo	-21	17-3
–	Pittsburgh	+1'	37-29
–	West Virginia	+3'	14-27
–	at Syracuse	+2	31-9
–	at Connecticut	-3'	26-24
–	Navy	-6'	31-21
–	USF	-2'	31-45
–	at Louisville - #23	+21	5-56
–	Cincinnati	-13'	44-9

2006 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
–	at North Carolina	+4	21-16
–	Illinois	-11'	33-0
–	Ohio	-16'	24-7
–	Howard	NL	56-7
#23	at USF	-4	22-20
#24	at Navy	+2'	34-0
#19	at Pittsburgh	+6	20-10
#16	Connecticut	-19'	24-13
#15	Louisville - #3	+6	28-25
#7	at Cincinnati	-6'	11-30
#15	Syracuse	-15'	38-7
#13	at West Virginia - #15	+10	39-41 3OT

2007 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre #16 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#16	Buffalo	-32	38-3
#15	Navy	-16'	41-24
#13	Norfolk St	NL	59-0
#10	Maryland	-18'	24-34
#21	Cincinnati - #20	-4	23-28
–	at Syracuse	-17'	38-14
–	USF - #2	+1'	30-27
#25	West Virginia - #6	+6'	3-31
–	at Connecticut - #16	+1'	19-38
–	at Army	-19'	41-6
–	Pittsburgh	-12	20-16
–	at Louisville	+2'	38-41

2008 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Fresno St	-3'	7-24
–	North Carolina	-6	12-44
–	at Navy	-5'	21-23
–	Morgan St	-29	38-0
–	at West Virginia	+14	17-24
–	at Cincinnati	+7'	10-13
–	Connecticut	-1'	12-10
–	at Pittsburgh - #17	+9'	54-34
–	Syracuse	-14	35-17
–	at USF	+8	49-16
–	Army	-18	30-3
–	Louisville	-10'	63-14

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '07 Pitt had to replace Tyler Palko (PS#10) who finished 2nd all-time at Pitt in total off ahead of Dan Marino. In his final year, Palko threw for 2,871 (68.3%) with a 25-9 ratio. The ret QB's had only 10 career pass att's with all of them by PS#25 Bill Stull. Stull hit his first 7 passes but suffered a thumb inj in the 3Q of the opener and was OFY (177 pass, 70%). Kevan Smith started the next 3 and vs Grambling threw for 202 and in that game Pat Bostick's (PS#9) first pass of his career was int'd. Smith (PS#58) hit just 3 of 9 vs Conn and was injured. Bostick took over the starting job the rest of the year. They ran a conservative game plan as Bostick threw mostly short passes. When he struggled vs Rutgers, Smith led the comeback hitting 7 of 11 for 81. Smith was injured again (shoulder) and Bostick finished with 1,500 (61.5%) but with an 8-13 ratio. Smith threw for 415 (56.2%) with a 1-4 ratio. All 3 QB's returned last year but their goal was to RS Bostick. They also added JUCO Greg Cross who has 4.55 speed (2,217 pass at JC '07). Stull threw for 2,356 (57.0%) but with a 9-10 ratio. Surprisingly they pulled the RS off Bostick for some late action vs Navy but 2 weeks later when Stull was injured, Bostick beat ND. This year they lose Smith (baseball) and also Cross (to WR). Not listed in the 3 deep is Andrew Janocko (6'1" 200 So, PS#209). The unit has 2 QB's who have been full-time starters so Pitt should have their most productive passing game in at least 3 years.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Pitt avg just 98 ypg rushing (2.6). Wannstedt turned to two true frosh in '05, diminutive LaRod Stephens-Howling (PS#51), who led with 434 (4.5), and Rashad Jennings (411, 4.8). Good-sized true frosh Conredge Collins (PS#20) had just 8 rush att. Jennings opted to transfer (Liberty #7DC) and Stephens-Howling rushed for 893 (5.0) in '06. Collins had 115 (4.0) and true frosh Kevin Collier (PS#49) took off his RS and played in 8 (115, 3.5). Wannstedt said he wanted a bigger back and brought in LeSean McCoy (PS#8, 210 lbs) who averaged 7.1 ypc at Milford. McCoy had a phenomenal year breaking the Big East Frosh rushing record finishing with 1,328 (4.8) with 33 rec (7.4). Stephens-Howling had 320 (4.1). Collins moved to FB and rushed for 110 (3.3) while Collier RS. Last year I called for McCoy to have an even bigger year and he rushed for 1,488 (4.8) with 21 TD's and added 32 rec (9.5). Stephens-Howling had 312 (4.1). Collier battled injury and played in just 2 with 25 (6.2). This year they lose McCoy (13 st, #2DC PHI), Stephens-Howling (#7DC ARZ) and Collins (5 st, 85, 4.0). They lose their top 2 rushers of the last 2 years and despite decent talent will clearly be weaker.

RECEIVERS - Under former HC Walt Harris, Pitt was gaining the reputation of "WR U" as they had a WR lead the Big East in receiving 7 times in an 8 year stretch (1997-2004). The top 3 returned in '07 but Derek Kinder (#1 rec) was lost in Aug. Oderick Turner was inconsistent early (drops) then suffered a hip flexor and Marcel Pestano saw his numbers drop to 190 (12.7). TJ Porter (3 rec in '06) led Pitt in rec's in '07 with 37 (8.9) and Turner in yards with 496 (13.8). TE Darrell Strong had 328 (11.3) and TE Nate Byham (PS#2) added 210 (14.0). Last year they lost Pestano and Strong but true frosh Jonathan Baldwin (6'5" 220 with 4.4 spd) was clearly the team's most dangerous WR and was #2 in yards despite being just #7 in rec with 18 (22.4). Kinder led with 422 (11.7). Porter (PS#101) was #3 with 357 (14.3) and Byham had 260 (13.0). This year they lose Kinder (12 st, #7DC CHI) and Porter who left the program in April. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Justin Virbitsky (6'4" 240 rFr) and Mike Cruz (6'5" 270 rFr, PS#96DL). I look for Baldwin to be one of the top WR's in the Big East this year and they add in former QB Cross (PS#17JC) and true Todd Thomas (PS#23).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year they brought in Tony Wise who was the OL coach for the NYJ (18 years in NFL). Wannstedt also brought in JUCO Robb Houser. They had to replace three starters including #1 and #4 DC's but did have six back with starting experience. The numbers were similar to 2007 as they had 139 ypg rush (3.7) with 32 sacks allowed (8.4%). They did lose C Houser (inj) after 7 starts. This year they must replace C/LG CJ Davis (13 st, 43 consecutive sts), LG Dominic Williams (6 st) and LT Chase Clowser (1 st). They have four starters returning and a pair of soph VHT's in Lucas Nix (PS#10) and Chris Jacobson (PS#14) who should have a bigger impact. This is the best OL Wannstedt has had here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Wannstedt's first two years, they had inexperienced and injury plagued D-lines allowing 4.3 and 4.6 ypc. In 2007 they basically had 4 starters back and allowed just 130 ypg (3.2). Last year they had to replace two starters including 2nd Tm BE DE Joe Clermond (10.5 sk). They put up similar numbers allowing 124 ypg (3.6) with 33 sacks. This year they lose NT Rashaad Duncan (55 tkl, 13 st, MVP DL) and Tommie Duhart (1 st, susp) but have 4 back who have been full-time starters (NT Mustakas 12 st '06) plus VHT rFr DE Shayne Hale (PS#8LB). Not listed in the PSL are DT Keith Coleman (6'4" 300 rFr) and DE's Doug Fulmer (6'4" 255 Sr, PS#171) and Brandon Lindsey (6'2" 230 So, PS#56LB), who moves here from LB. Much like the OL, this is the best D-line Wannstedt has had here.

DE Greg Romeus

LINEBACKERS - Pitt has had two FWAA AA LB's the last 3 years in HB Blades (2006) and Scott McKillop (2008). In 2007 the unit had to replace all 3 starters including #4 and #6 DC's but McKillop led the NCAA in tpg (12.6) and the other two starters were Adam Gunn (PS#55) and Shane Murray. Last year Gunn and Murray played in just one game each due to injury so they actually had just 1 starter back. McKillop had 137 tackles and 17.5 tfl and moves on (#5DC SF) along with #2 tackler Austin Ransom (13 st, 89 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and Brian Kaiser (11 tkl). Not only do 4 of the top 6 return, but they get back both '07 starters. Normally with the loss of the top two tacklers including a 1st Tm AA, a unit would have a drop off but if Gunn and Murray are both healthy, they actually have 3 full-time starters returning, which is two more than they had last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt has ranked in the top 3 of the NCAA in ypg pass D twice in Wannstedt's 4 years. With a pair of NFL caliber CB's in '05, Pitt finished #24 in my pass D rankings. Pitt lost 3 starters in 2006 and even with star CB Darrelle Revis, dropped to #91. In 2007 they had to replace Revis (#1DC) and another starter but moved up to #43. Last year they had to replace two starters. DB coach Hafley called CB Buddy Jackson "one of the best pure athletes in the Big East" but he has yet to emerge. Returning starting CB Aaron Berry (PS#45) earned 2nd Tm BE honors as Pitt finished #42. This year they lose FS Eric Thatcher (13 st, 64 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 back including 4 VHT's in the 2 deep. Not listed in the PSL below is Marco Percora (5'10" 180 rFr). Pitt's 16 int's in '08 were the most since their 2004 Fiesta Bowl team.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 P Adam Graessle had an outstanding net of 37.5 and Pitt moved up to #13 in my ST rankings. In 2007 they had to replace Graessle and brought in Purdue transfer Dave Brytus (PS#3, 37.4 net '05). K Conor Lee broke the school record of 75 consec PAT's and hit 18 of 22 FG's (long 48). The team also blocked 4 kicks. Overall Pitt surprisingly dropped to #55 (Brytus' net 34.5). Last year Lee completed his career without missing a single xp (113) and set a school record with 20 FG's (long 44). Brytus improved his net to 37.1 but the return game was avg. Luke Briggs had 3 TB on 66 KO. Pitt moved up to #29 but this year they lose Lee and Brytus. Keep your eyes on rFr Kevin Harper (PS#17) who hit a 61 yd FG in HS and had 80% TB's on KO's. I also expect more production from KR Aundre Wright (fastest on tm). Pitt blocked a school record 10 kicks last year and although those numbers are hard to repeat they might not drop as far as expected.

COACHES - Dave Wannstedt was Jimmy Johnson's asst at Okla St and Miami, FL and the DC and asst HC during the Dallas Cowboys' Super Bowl years. He was the Chicago Bears HC from '93-'98 then HC of the Dolphins from 2000-'04. His 41-23 regular season record from '00 to '03 as Miami's HC was 5th best in that span. Wannstedt was captain of Pitt's '73 Fiesta Bowl team. In February Wannstedt brought in a new OC in Frank Cignetti (Cal's OC LY). Cignetti is a Pittsburgh native and was the QB coach with the 49ers in 2007, the OC at NC in 2006 and the OC at Fresno ('02-'05). Last year DC Paul Rhoads left for Auburn but Wannstedt brought in Phil Bennett, who had been SMU's HC (6Y) and ran top-notch units as a DC at Kan St and TCU.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Walt Harris' final five years, Pitt went to five consecutive bowls including the Fiesta Bowl as the Big East Champs in 2004. Nine of the team's 13 losses from 2002-2004 were by 8 or less. In their Fiesta Bowl season Harris was named Big East Coach of the Year as Pitt was the least experienced team in the conf with just 9 starters back. In 2004 Pitt was a BE worst -57.5 ypg in conf play but benefitted from +13 in TO. Harris took the Stanford job and Pitt excited the alumni by bringing in Dave Wannstedt. Unfortunately, Wannstedt was not only the first Pitt coach to lose his debut since 1986, but Pitt opened 0-3 (1st time S/'84) even with 16 ret starters. Pitt was fortunate to finish 4-3 in the Big East (-45.5 ypg) but they had their first losing season S/'99. In 2006 they had 11 starters returning and they opened 6-1 (best start S/'82). In their showdown vs #19 Rutgers, Pitt lost at home and then blew a 14 point 4Q lead vs Conn which cost them a bowl. Pitt led WV 27-24 at the half and L'ville 14-7 in the 1Q but finished with 5 straight losses. They were 2-5 in the Big East (-77.0 ypg). That 2006 squad had a veteran QB and avg 31.8 ppg, their best since 1981. In 2007 they had no experience at QB then lost starting QB Stull to injury. They opened just 2-4 but then knocked off #23 Cincy. Against both L'ville and Rutgers they were inside the opp's 10 at the end but came up short having TD's called back on penalties. Wannstedt appeared gone after a 4-7 start with #2 WV on deck in the season finale. Pitt was a 29 point dog but after they pulled the upset he was retained. Pitt did outgain Big East foes by 24 ypg in '07 and last year lost just 13 lettermen (fewest Big East) and had 13 ret starters. Pitt made my Most Improved List and as you would expect, had their first winning season under Wannstedt. Pitt was #25 in the preseason poll but was stunned by BG in the opener. After barely getting past Buffalo they were outgained 361-259 by Iowa but prevailed. They actually trailed Syr 24-16 and converted on 4th & inches at their 33 and rallied for a 10 point win. Fortunes changed when they knocked off #10 USF on the road. After destroying Navy they were 5-1 for the fourth time this decade and rose to #17. They lost to Rutgers by 20 at home but then got a big comeback vs ND (trailed 17-3 at the half), winning in 4OT. They beat L'ville 41-7 but then traveled to #19 Cincy and lost 28-21. Pitt beat WV in The Backyard Brawl getting a TD with :52 left and routed Conn 34-10 to finish 9-3. Pitt lost to Oreg St 3-0, in the lowest scoring bowl S/'59. On the season Pitt finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd in the BE at 5-2 (+25.0 ypg). Pitt has 15 ret starters (most in BE) but did benefit from +2 net close wins LY (pg 299). Pitt has my #1 rated D in the BE and one of my 9 sets of power ratings calls for them to go 12-0 incl 6 of them calling for a double digit win season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 11 BILL STULL SR. 6-3 215 **PS#25.** 6 gm, '05-'06. RS '07. 12 st, 2356 (57%), 9-10 ratio LY. Pat Bostick (6'3" 220 Jr) **PS#9.** 1770 (60%), 9-17 ratio 2Y. Tino Sunseri (6'2" 200 rFr) **PS#29.**

RB 43 Shariff Harris So. 6-1 215 PS#59. 21 (1.8), 13 gm rFr. Dion Lewis is PS#110. 4.4 spd. Chris Burns (5'11" 190 rFr) PS#56. **24** Kevin Collier (5'11" 195 Jr) **PS#49.**

WR 14 Greg Cross Sr. 6-2 210 **PS#17JC.** Former QB. **3** Aaron Smith (6'0" 180 So) **PS#26. FB** Henry Hynoski (6'2" 250 So) **PS#31.** RS '07. 5 gm LY. Joe Capp (5'10" 220 Jr).

WR 82 JONATHAN BALDWIN SO. 6-5 220 **PS#15.** 404 (22.4) true. Cedric McGee (6'1" 205 Sr) PS#101. 6 st, 306 (8.3) 3Y. Cameron Saddler (5'7" 170 rFr) PS#50. Aundre Wright (5'11" 180 So).

WR 88 ODERICK TURNER SR. 6-3 205 PS#97. 22 st, 1156 (14.5), 2Y. 8 st, 298 (14.2) LY. Todd Thomas **PS#23.** Mike Shanahan (6'5" 220 rFr) PS#81. Caleb Wilson (5'10" 180 rFr).

TE 80 NATE BYHAM SR. 6-3 255 **PS#2.** 12 st, 260 (13.0), **1st Tm BE LY. 2** Dorin Dickerson (6'2" 230 Sr) **PS#8.** 2 st, 174 (13.4) LY. John Pelusi (6'3" 260 Sr) PS#55. 8 st, 83 (8.3), 2Y.

C 64 ROBB HOUSER SR. 6-2 285 **PS#88JC.** 1st 7 st @ C then inj & out year LY. **53** Alex Karabin (6'1" 290 Jr). 15 gm as bkup L2Y. Wayne Jones (6'2" 315 So). No gm LY.

RG 74 JOHN MALECKI SR. 6-3 280 PS#110DL. 24 tkl, 2 4 gm on D '06/'07. 13 st @ RG. Off MIP Awd LY. **75** Ryan Turnley (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#130. Jared Martin (6'2" 285 Jr) PS#276.

LG 54 CHRIS JACOBSON SO. 6-3 290 **PS#14.** 2 gm as rFr, DNL. **56 Joe Thomas** (6'5" 300) **PS#67.** 14 st @ RG, 2Y, **13 st** @ RT LY. **78** Josh Novotny (6'3" 275 Sr). Navy transfer.

RT 52 Lucas Nix So. 6-6 300 **PS#10.** 6 gm bkup as true. **60** Greg Gaskins (6'4" 295 So) PS#165. No gm action as rFr. John Fieger (6'5" 295 So) PS#202. No gm action rFr.

LT 77 JASON PINKSTON JR. 6-4 300 **PS#24DL.** 7 gm true. Med RS '07. 12 st @ LT, missed bowl (shoulder) LY. No spg. **67** Dan Matha (6'6" 285 So) **PS#43.** No gm action rFr.

K 47 Kevin Harper rFr. 5-10 170 **PS#17.** Set state record with 61 yd FG in HS. **31** Dan Hutchins (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#102. No FG, 3Y. Luke Briggs (5'9" 180 Jr). 66 KO, 3 TB LY.

DE 91 GREG ROMEUS JR. 6-5 265 41 tkl, 11.5 tfl, Frosh AA rFr. 13 st, 51 tkl, 7.5 sk, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm BE** LY. **90** Tony Tucker (6'2" 235 So) **PS#40.** 4 tkl. Justin Hargrove (6'3" 250 So) **PS#52.**

DT 95 MICK WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 285 **PS#47.** 7 st, 31 tkl, 8 tfl, 2Y. 9 st, 25 tkl, 4.5 sk, 4 tfl LY. **78** Derrell Jones (6'2" 320 Sr) PS#71. **98** Chas Alecxih (6'5" 275 So). 4 gms, 1 tkl LY.

NT 93 Gus Mustakas Sr. 6-3 280 PS#285. 12 st, 31 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 2Y. Med RS '07. 3 st, 14 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **94** Myles Caragein (6'2" 275 So). 9 tkl rFr. Craig Bokor (6'3" 290 Sr). 2 tkl, 2Y.

DE 97 JABAAL SHEARD JR. 6-4 250 PS#95. 3 tkl, 9 gm true. 13 st, 45 tkl, 5.5 sk, 5 tfl, 7 pbu LY. **46** Shayne Hale (6'4" 240 rFr) **PS#8. 45** Tyler Tkach (6'3" 265 Jr) PS#149. 11 tkl, 2Y.

SLB 38 GREG WILLIAMS SO. 6-3 225 PS#92. 12 st, 47 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 6 pd rFr. **44** Nate Nix (6'3" 235 Jr) **PS#55.** 4 tkl, 9 gm rFr. 13 gm, 14 tkl LY. Jonathan Taglianetti (6'0" 205 rFr).

MLB 8 Adam Gunn Sr. 6-2 230 **PS#55.** 21 tkl, 2Y. 12 st, 59 tkl, 6 tfl '07. 1 st, Med RS LY. **6** Steve Dell (6'1" 235 Sr) PS#164. 17 tkl, 3Y. Dan Mason is **PS#26. 53** Joe Trebitz (6'3" 200 rFr).

WLB 15 Shane Murray Sr. 6-1 220 PS#157. 12 st, 65 tkl 2Y. Inj'd LY. Max Gruder (6'2" 235 So). 5 tkl LY. Tristan Roberts (6'0" 230 So) PS#169. 7 tkl rFr. Manny Williams (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#102.

CB 7 JOVANI CHAPPEL SR. 5-9 180 **PS#40.** 24 tkl 2Y. 8 st, 45 tkl, 3 pd LY. **26** Ricky Gary (5'9" 175 Jr) PS#54. 8 st, 16 tkl 2Y. Buddy Jackson (6'0" 175 So). Jeremiah Davis (5'10" 185 rFr).

CB 17 AARON BERRY SR. 5-11 175 21 tkl, 9 pd 2Y. 41 tkl, 13 pd, **2nd Tm BE** LY, susp spg. **22** Antwuan Reed (5'10" 180 So) PS#64. 7 tkl true. Jarred Holley (5'10" 170 rFr). Dan Cafaro (5'10" 170 Sr).

SS 31 DOM DeCICCO JR. 6-3 220 PS#71. 6 tkl true. 11 st, 56 tkl, 7 pbu, 4 int LY. **20** Irvan Brown (6'0" 205 Sr) PS#96. 7 tkl, 3Y. No spg '09 (inj). **23** Ronald Hobby (5'10" 175 rFr) PS#110.

FS 4 Elijah Fields Jr. 6-2 220 **PS#55.** 2 st, 18 tkl LY. **41** Andrew Taglianetti (5'11" 175 So). 13 gms, 3 blk'd punts, 9 tkl true. **10** Justin Edwards (6'1" 195 rFr). RS LY.

P 31 Dan Hutchins Jr. 5-11 190 PS#102. PK as rFr. 2 punts (41.0), long of 47 LY. **26** Aaron Hassett (5'11" 180 rFr). Avd'd 44 ypp at Ray Guy Camp. **38** Pat Costello (5'11" 175 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Todd Thomas 6-2 205 PS#23
RB	Ray Graham 5-9 185 PS#33
LB	Dan Mason 6-0 225 PS#26
DL	Jack Lippert 6-4 250 PS#51
TE	Brock DeCicco 6-5 235 PS#12
DL	Tyrone Ezell 6-4 270 PS#68
DL	Bernardo Nunez 6-2 235 PS#116
LB	Shane Gordon 6-1 225 PS#100
OL	Cory King 6-6 315 PS#126
RB	Dion Lewis 5-8 190 PS#110
OL	Ryan Schlieper 6-5 280 PS#132
OL	Juantez Hollins 6-5 270 PS#155
WR	Ed Tinker 6-2 200 PS#89 '08
OL	Fernando Diaz 6-2 275 PS#170
QB	Kolby Gray 6-2 185 PS#108
WR	Devin Street 6-3 180 PS#167
LB	Carl Fleming 6-1 210 PS#221DB
DB	Kevin Adams 6-1 205 PS#238
RB	Jason Douglas 5-7 170 PS#257
DB	Jason Hendricks 6-0 190 PS#701

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#54

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PITT	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Youngstown St	G				
Sep. 12	at Buffalo	A				
Sep. 19	Navy	G				
Sep. 26	at NC State	G				
Oct. 2	at Louisville (Fri)	A				
Oct. 10	Connecticut	G				
Oct. 16	at Rutgers (Fri)	A				
Oct. 24	USF	G				
Oct. 31						
Nov. 7	Syracuse	G				
Nov. 14	Notre Dame	G				
Nov. 21						
Nov. 27	at West Virginia (Fri)	A				
Dec. 5	Cincinnati	G				

Pittsburgh has won 10 of their last 12 home openers with an avg win of 24 ppg. The Penguins finished 4-8 last year. Pitt defeated YSU in 2005 41-0.

The Panthers outgained Buffalo 132-43 in the 4Q outscoring them 10-0 to pull away LY. Pittsburgh is 52-10-1 vs current MAC teams but lost to BG 27-17 last year.

Pitt has won 5 of the L/6 & holds a 21-13-3 edge in this series that began in 1912. LY Navy came in avg'g 312 rush ypg but were held to 194. Pitt rolled up ssn high 499 ttl yds.

Pitt is 5-2-1 vs NCSt & defeated the Pack 34-19 in their last mtg in '01 Tangerine Bowl. Panthers are 3-15 in reg season non-conf BCS road games since 1992.

Last yr Pitt snapped a 7 game losing streak to the Cards that dates back to 1990. LY Pitt turned 4 Louisville turnovers into scores including two 4Q defensive TD's.

The Panthers had just 36 yds at the half but scored 24 pts in the 3Q to blow open a close game in last year's win. The home team has dropped B2B gms after going 3-0.

These 2 have met every yr since 1985 & Pitt is 19-7 but has lost the last four. LY's 54 pts were the most given up by a Pitt tm since their 60-6 loss to ND in '96.

Last year the Panthers upset #10 USF holding the Bulls to 245 total yds. Last time here Pitt led 14-10 at half time but USF turned three 2H int's into TD's.

Pitt & Syracuse have met every year since 1955, the Panthers have won 6 of L/7. Pitt trailed LY until the 1st min of the 4Q (24-16) as SU's #102 rush def held them to 103 yds (3.8).

The Panthers are 3-12 since 1988 & 19-44-1 all-time in this series. LY Pitt rallied from a 17-3 1H deficit defeating ND 36-33 in 4OT, the longest gm in school history.

LY Pitt trailed 15-7 in the 4Q & scored twice including a 1 yd TD run with :52 left. Pitt spoiled #2 WV's National Title hopes here in '07 which has been called the biggest upset in Pitt history.

The winner earns the "River City Rivalry" Trophy & Cincy snapped Pitt's 7 gm (7-1) win streak LY. LY Pitt gave up a ssn high 7 sks & was 2 of 10 on 3rd downs in the loss.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Alex Van Pelt 11,267 '89-'92
2. Dan Marino 8,597 '79-'82
3. Tyler Palko 8,343 '02-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Tony Dorsett 6,526 '73-'76
2. Curvin Richards 3,192 '88-'90
3. Craig Heyward 3,086 '84, '86-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Antonio Bryant 3,061 '99-'01
2. Dietrich Jells 3,003 '91-'95
3. Latef Grim 2,680 '98-'00

DAVE WANNSTEDT (Career 25-23)
5th Year at Pittsburgh (Wannstedt's Bowl Record: 0-1)

Wannstedt's records AT PITTSBURGH

25-23	Straight Up	2-2	Vs Top 10
16-10	Home	3-7	Vs Top 25
9-12	Away	3-6	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	2-7	Off A Bye
14-14	Vs Conference	10-10	Off A Loss

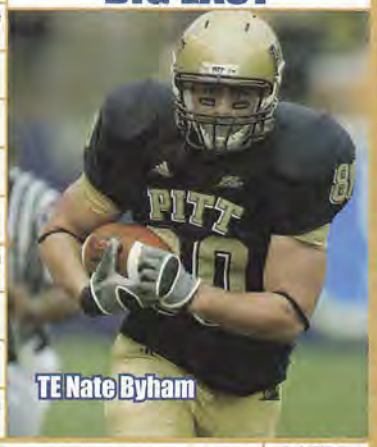
2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (19,29,1)
Lost: 22 (11,8,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,352 (#45)

BIG EAST



STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,050) (#35)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-5	9-4	8-5	8-4	5-6	6-6	5-7	9-4	64-46
Home	5-1	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-4	4-3	4-2	38-19
Away	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	0-5	3-2	1-4	5-1	24-23
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	5-2	5-2	4-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	5-2	36-26
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-3	4-2	1-3	4-1	2-3	4-2	28-20
ATS	5-7	7-4	6-7	5-8	6-5	5-5	5-6	6-5	7-6	52-53
Home Fav	2-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	2-0	4-1	2-2	1-3	1-3	16-20
Home Dog	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	9-6
Away Favorite	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-4	1-1	0-2	3-2	0-0	1-1	10-12
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	0-0	4-1	3-1	14-11
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	3-4	5-2	3-4	3-4	3-3	4-3	2-5	4-3	4-3	31-31
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	3-3	21-22
Off SU Win	4-3	5-1	5-3	3-5	4-4	2-3	4-2	3-0	5-4	35-25
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-3	1-3	1-3	1-1	3-1	0-4	2-5	2-1	13-24

Walt Harris, 2007 · Dave Wannstedt

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Tangerine	E	NC State	34-19
02	Insight - #24	+2'	Oregon St	38-13
03	Continental Tire	+3	Virginia	16-23
04	Fiesta - #19	+15	Utah - #5	7-35
08	Sun - #18	+1	Oregon St - #24	0-3

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Pittsburgh's All-Time Bowl Record 10–15

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	27.1	342	139	3.7	203	55.9	12.6	32	-3	2008	5	21.5	317	124	3.6	193	54.3	14.8	33
7	22.8	319	141	3.6	178	60.5	14.0	28	-5	2007	6	24.3	297	130	3.2	167	55.3	12.3	35
6*	31.8	372	123	3.9	249	68.7	11.7	23	+8	2006	5	22.8	363	181	4.6	182	63.0	15.9	21
9*	24.3	336	117	3.2	219	55.9	13.8	30	-4	2005	7	22.1	338	185	4.3	153	49.8	15.3	22
2	27.1	358	98	2.6	260	56.0	13.2	40	+13	2004	7	24.0	395	140	3.8	255	56.4	16.5	22
8*	29.9	406	118	3.2	288	58.8	13.6	43	+5	2003	6	23.9	403	185	4.5	218	57.2	16.8	21
8	25.5	358	143	3.4	215	52.3	14.1	46	+10	2002	5	17.8	296	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6	30

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LeSean McCoy	308	1571	83	1488	21	4.8
LaRod Stephens-Howling	77	339	27	312	5	4.1
Conredge Collins	21	93	8	85	0	4.0
Aundre Wright	5	41	7	34	1	6.8
Kevin Collier	4	26	1	25	0	6.2
Pat Bostick	7	1	37	-36	0	-5.1
Bill Stull	35	24	160	-136	1	-3.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Bill Stull	330	188	57.0	2356	9	10
Pat Bostick	41	22	53.7	270	1	4
Kevan Smith	3	1	33.3	4	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Derek Kinder	36	422	11.7	3	61	
Jonathan Baldwin	18	404	22.4	3	60	
TJ Porter	25	357	14.3	0	64	
LeSean McCoy	32	305	9.5	0	34	
Oderick Turner	21	298	14.2	1	38	
Nate Byham	20	260	13.0	1	34	
Cedric McGee	23	201	8.7	0	17	
Dorin Dickerson	13	174	13.4	2	41	
LaRod Stephens-Howling	11	109	9.9	0	16	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Dave Brytus	60	2443	40.7	20	37.1(1)	1	22
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Conor Lee	38-38	8-8	6-6	6-9	0-1	20-24	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Scott McKillop	137	4	13.5	4	2
Austin Ransom	89	2.5	6	0	1
Eric Thatcher	64	0	1.5	5	1
Dom DeCicco	56	0	0	7	4
Rashaad Duncan	55	1.5	4	2	0
Greg Romeus	51	7.5	8	3	0
Greg Williams	47	3.5	3	4	2
Jabaal Sheard	45	5.5	5	7	0
Jovani Chappel	45	0	1	1	2
Aaron Berry	41	1	2.5	10	3
Mick Williams	25	4.5	4	4	0
Elijah Fields	18	0	0.5	1	0
Gus Mustakas	14	1	1	1	0
Nate Nix	14	0	0	0	0
Ricky Gary	12	0	0	4	0
Brian Kaiser	11	0	0	0	0
Myles Caragein	9	0	0.5	0	0
Andrew Taglianetti	9	0	0	0	0
LaRod Stephens-Howling	9	0	0	0	0
Antwuan Reed	7	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
TJ Porter	16	184	11.5	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Aundre Wright	26	547	21.0	0
LaRod Stephens Howling	23	493	21.4	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

PITT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
45,063	Bowling Green	27	35-129	3.7	29-51	264	4	15	28-64	2.3	26-42	190	2	-3
42,494	Buffalo	22	31-111	3.6	22-34	241	2	22	32-125	3.9	21-34	223	3	0
50,321	Iowa	13	37-130	3.5	11-25	129	2	19	39-158	4.1	19-34	203	6	-1
27,549	at Syracuse	23	46-241	5.2	17-29	166	0	12	27-126	4.7	9-17	137	2	+1
50,307	at USF	24	45-146	3.2	17-28	228	2	14	35-116	3.3	11-21	129	4	-1
37,970	at Navy	22	42-244	5.8	15-23	255	2	12	47-194	4.1	4-8	57	1	-1
51,161	Rutgers	20	34-138	4.1	22-34	348	4	20	30-71	2.4	15-24	371	3	-1
80,795	at Notre Dame	17	47-178	3.8	15-30	168	2	20	39-115	2.9	23-44	271	1	-3
44,055	Louisville	14	34-90	2.6	16-28	230	0	17	30-96	3.2	19-38	203	3	+5
35,098	at Cincinnati	15	26-35	1.3	18-29	229	7	22	38-87	2.3	26-32	309	2	-1
63,019	West Virginia	23	44-190	4.3	12-23	156	2	13	32-157	4.9	15-28	143	0	-1
39,535	at Connecticut	9	34-87	2.6	10-19	141	0	16	44-225	5.1	6-31	80	1	+2
49,037	† Oregon St	10	37-89	2.4	9-28	89	5	15	30-80	2.7	21-43	193	5	+1
TOTALS		239	492-1808	3.7	213-381	2644	32	217	451-1614	3.6	215-396	2509	33	-3
AVERAGES		18.4	38-139	3.7	16-29	203	8.4%	16.7	35-124	3.6	17-30	193	8.3%	-0.2

PITT 2004 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Ohio	-17'	24-3
–	Nebraska	+4'	17-24
–	Furman	NL	41-38 OT
–	at Connecticut	+6'	17-29
–	at Temple	-12	27-22
–	Boston College	+8	20-17 OT
–	Rutgers	-5'	41-17
–	at Syracuse	+4	31-38 2OT
–	at Notre Dame - #24	+11	41-38
–	West Virginia - #21	+3	16-13
#19	at USF	-6'	43-14

PITT 2005 RESULTS

Pre #23 Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#23	Notre Dame	-3	21-42
–	at Ohio	-14	10-16 OT
–	at Nebraska	+9	6-7
–	Youngstown St	NL	41-0
–	at Rutgers	-1'	29-37
–	Cincinnati	-12'	38-20
–	USF	-1	31-17
–	Syracuse	-12'	34-17
–	at Louisville - #24	+20'	20-42
–	Connecticut	-12	24-0
–	at West Virginia - #12	+14	13-45

PITT 2006 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Virginia	-3'	38-13
–	at Cincinnati	-7'	33-15
–	Michigan St	-3	23-38
–	The Citadel	NL	51-6
–	Toledo	-16'	45-3
–	at Syracuse	-7	21-11
–	at UCF	-10'	52-7
–	Rutgers - #19	-6	10-20
–	at USF	-4'	12-22
–	at Connecticut	-7'	45-46 2OT
–	West Virginia - #8	+10'	27-45
–	Louisville - #8	+10	24-48

PITT 2007 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	E Michigan	-20	27-3
–	Grambling St	NL	34-10
–	at Michigan St	+11'	13-17
–	Connecticut	-8'	14-34
–	at Virginia	+6	14-44
–	Navy	-4	45-48 2OT
–	Cincinnati - #23	+9'	24-17
–	at Louisville	+9'	17-24
–	Syracuse	-13	20-17
–	at Rutgers	+12	16-20
–	USF	+9	37-48
–	at West Virginia - #2	+29	13-9

PITT 2008 RESULTS

Pre #25 Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#25	Bowling Green	-13	17-27
–	Buffalo	-13	27-16
–	Iowa	E	21-20
–	at Syracuse	-14'	34-24
–	at USF - #10	+13'	26-21
#23	at Navy	-2'	42-21
#17	Rutgers	-9'	34-54
–	at Notre Dame	+4'	36-33 4OT
#25	Louisville	-6'	41-7
#20	at Cincinnati - #19	+6	21-28
–	West Virginia	+3	19-15
#23	at Connecticut	+2'	34-10

USF BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - USF returned their top 2 QB's in 2006 but rFr Matt Grothe (PS#55) sparked the offense in the 2H of the opener and surprisingly took control of the job. Comparisons were made to Marquel Blackwell, who replaced then-starter Glen Gauntt in the opener in '99 and started the last 42 of his career. Grothe led 8 game-winning drives on the final poss in HS and led game winning drives here late in the 4Q's vs FIU and UCF. He was #17 in IA in total offense at one point but was banged up. He avg'd 70.3 ypg rushing in the first 6 but just 28.6 ypg the last 7 but still led USF (622). He threw for 2,576 (63.7%) with a 15-14 ratio. In 2007 Grothe was banged up in Aug and in the first 4 rushed for just 126 (2.5). He had 424 (5.8) in gms 5-8 and his 872 set a USF QB rushing record. He also set a school record with 382 passing vs Cincy but had 4 int in that game. He threw for 2,670 (59.2%) with just a 14-14 ratio. Grant Gregory played in 7 throwing for 280. Last year Grothe was healthier and in the first 7 threw for 1,552 (65%) and 12 TD's. In the first 8 he had just 5 int but threw 3 vs both Cincy and Rutgers. For the season he threw for 2,911 (63.2%) with an 18-14 ratio and was also the #1 rusher (591, 4.0). Backup Gregory had 20 pass att and 16 rushes while true frosh BJ Daniels (PS#76) played in 2 (5 pass) but received a medical RS. Evan Landi (6'3" 214 rFr, PS#234DB) RS and will see time at WR. This year they lose Gregory but Grothe opted to return (proj #6DC). In his career, Grothe has a 47-42 ratio and I'll call for him to have by far the best ratio of his career in 2009.

RUNNING BACKS - The Bulls had a 1,000 yard rusher in both 2004 and 2005 in PS#16JC Andre Hall who after just two years left as the school's all-time career leading rusher. I expected them to sign another JUCO but they have not and the RB position has been hurt by injuries and lack of production the last three years. In 2006 walk-on Ben Williams led the RB's with 436 (3.6). In 2007 Alabama transfer Mike Ford (PS#46) led the RB's with 645 (4.7) while Williams added 425 (4.0). True frosh Jamar Taylor (PS#42) had 1 start and 147 (3.1) while Aston Samuels (5'10" 177 Jr, PS#377) had 167 (8.0). Last year Ford had 61 in the opener but just 27 over the next 3. He had 64 vs NCSt, 73 vs Pitt and 51 vs Syr but was banged up. He finally returned healthy with 62 vs WV and finished with 407 (4.0). Moise Plancher finished with 322 (4.7). Williams (ankle inj) had 308 (4.3) while Taylor had 300 (4.8). FB Richard Kelly (6'0" 249 Jr) added 115 (5.0). This year they lose Williams (7 st) and FB Mike Padilla (10 yd). Not listed in the PSL below are Demetris Murray (5'10" 205 rFr, PS#90) and Joel Miller (6'0" 185 So). If this group can remain healthy, they should have much improved production and they add a pair of HT true frosh (PS#66 and PS#67).

RECEIVERS - USF has had a receiving corps filled with size and speed the last 4 years. They had to replace their top receiver in 2007 and Carlton Mitchell who is 6'4" and holds the school record in 400M (47.28) led with 537 (14.5). Jessie Hester (PS#29, father Jessie played NFL) was #2 with 418 (11.9) despite only 3 starts. Taurus Johnson (PS#90) was #3 with 407 (12.0) and Amarri Jackson was #5 with 256 (11.6). TE Cedric Hill was #4 with 264 (11.5). Colby Erskin, who is the team's fastest player, missed with an ACL. Jackson was the only departure in '08 but surprisingly the numbers were down. Hester led with 579 (10.7), Johnson had 498 (13.1), Mitchell had 405 (14.5) and soph AJ Love emerged and had 370 (11.9). This year they lose Johnson (7 st), TE Hill (10 st, 194, 12.1) and Marcus Edwards (9 st, 259, 13.6). Not listed in the PSL below are Erskin (5'9" 185 Sr), Jeffrey Wilson (6'0" 170 So), Tyler Stowell (6'4" 185 So), Justin Wilkins (6'1" 203 So) and Antwon Hanks (6'3" 200 Sr). While they do lose more players than last year, I felt the group underperformed and should be improved as they return 4 of their top 5 rec's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 USF had their most experienced OL since 2004 and opened holes for 185 ypg rushing (4.3) allowing 28 sacks (6.6%) as QB Grothe's 872 rush yards helped. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 13 starts but had 7 of their top 10 back. RG Zach Hermann (13 st '07) missed 7 games (6 st). It was surprising that even with a mobile QB USF avg just 165 ypg (4.2) while allowing 29 sacks (7.1%). This year they have to replace C Jake Griffin (13 st, 2Y st'r), LT Ryan Schmidt (12 st, 3Y st'r), 2nd Tm BE LG Matt Huners (12 st, 2Y st'r) and 2nd Tm BE RT Marc Dile (12 st, 3Y st'r). Last year's squad had 87 career starts returning and this year they have just 43 (#100 in FBS). They do however get a significant addition in Florida St transfer Daron Rose (PS#15) who started 11 at LT in '07 at FSU as well as JC's Jamar Bass (PS#116) and Carlos Savala (PS#125) but are still less experienced.

DE George Selvie

DEFENSIVE LINE - USF is always tough vs the rush with their "worst" showing in FBS ball being 3.9 ypc allowed in 2005. In 2007 DE George Selvie broke the Big East single season tfl record with 31.5 (1 away from NCAA record) while leading the Big East with 14.5 sacks. Surprisingly USF slipped to 131 ypg (3.6) with the D having just 31 sacks. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter while Selvie, facing constant double teams, had just 5.5 sacks. He and Terrell McClain were both injured vs FIU and not 100% for weeks after. USF did allow just 95 ypg (2.8) but posted just 23 sacks. This year they lose DE Jarriett Buie (13 st, 31 tkl, 5 sk), DT Sampson Genus (4 st, 9 tkl) who moves to the OL and DT Marvin Peoples (2 tkl). Not only do 3 starters return but I expect Selvie to return to 2007's form while David Bedford (PS#46JC) is in his 2nd year of the program and they have 3 super VHT newcomers in Jason Pierre-Paul (PS#3JC, 24.5 sk 2Y), Ryne Giddens (PS#7) and Leslie Stirrups (PS#68JC). Not listed in the PSL below are Patrick Hampton (6'3" 225 So, PS#252), David Fonua (6'2" 263 So) and Rony Delisca (6'2" 220 So). This should be one of the top D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Last year USF had 2 LB starters returning and while they had to replace their #2 tackler (1st Tm BE), they did add VHT JUCO Kion Wilson (PS#22) who started 11 and was the #3 tkl'r. USF has a 3-man LB corps but often plays a NB instead of an SLB. This year they lose 1st Tm BE Tyrone McKenzie (#1 tkl'r, 14.5 tfl, 1 int, #3DC NE), Brouce Mompremier who started 5 but was lost for the year vs FIU and Houston Hess (4 tkl). They add Jaquian Williams (PS#14JC) and get back Donte Spires (PS#76JC) who RS in '08.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2006 and 2007 USF possessed perhaps the NCAA's best set of CB's in Trae Williams and Mike Jenkins. The two shutdown corners and allowed USF to blitz often. USF was #21 in my pass D rankings in 2006 and with just 2 starters back in 2007, still moved up to #7 with an amazing 23 int's. Last year those two had to be replaced (#1, #5DC). Comments prior to the year showed that USF was very comfortable with their new CB's but they suffered a large drop to #49. This year they lose CB Tyller Roberts (13 st, 30 tkl, 6 pbu), 2nd Tm BE SS Carlton Williams (13 st, 56 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu), S Danny Verpaele (3 st, 17 tkl, broke foot) and S Louis Gachette (4 st, 37 tkl). Once again they return 2 starters but lose less to the NFL draft and should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - HC Jim Leavitt has had some top-notch ST units as they were #17 in my ST rankings in '01, #14 in '02 and #9 in '03. Surprisingly the last 5 years have been a different story. In 2004 they dropped to #58 and then finished #55, #97 and #78. Last year all of the key players were back and they managed to move up to #56. Delbert Alvarado avg 41.6 on punts in '07 (34.7 net) and while his avg dropped to 39.7 last year, the tm net improved to 36.4. Alvarado hit just 1 of 4 FG's and was replaced by true frosh Maikon Bonani (PS#36) who hit 15 of 21 (long 49). Justin Teachey had 7 TB on 31 KO but was lost for the year with Bonani filling in with 2 TB's on 29 KO. Dontavia Bogan took over the KR duties and did well (26.6) while Marcus Edwards avg 7.5 and 7.7 on PR's the last 2 years. This year the only loss is Edwards, so I look for continued improvement.

COACHES - Jim Leavitt has a 87-52 record in 12 years at USF and is 60-35 the last 8 years in IA. His name pops up often for available HC jobs. USF signed him to a 7 year deal through 2014 worth $12.6 million. Leavitt brings in his 3rd OC in three years in Mike Canales who has been the passing game coord here the L2Y. His DC, Wally Burnham, left for Iowa St. Joining USF is Joe Tresey who was the DC at Cincy the last 2 years and was fired for reportedly interviewing for the DC job at Miami. His co-DC is David Blackwell who was the LB coach at Clemson the last 6 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

On Sept 6, 1996, 75 players assembled for the 1st practice ever as the Bulls established their football program and in 1997 they played their first game. Jim Leavitt has done a tremendous job as they went 8-3 in their first year of IA ball in 2001 and the following year actually got four votes in the AP poll after they beat BG. In 2002 they were an outstanding 9-2 with their only losses to Ark and Okla on the road. In 2003 they joined CUSA and went 5-3 in conf play, but won three double OT games (-44.6 ypg). In 2004 I called for them to have their first losing record since 1997. The D yielded a school worst 31.9 ppg and they finished 4-7. In '05 they joined the Big East and lost a conf high 28 lettermen and were picked 7th in the preseason Big East poll. After being -10 in turnovers in '04 they improved to +5 and earned a bowl bid at 6-5 (tied 3rd BE). USF had just a 13-17 record vs IA teams from '03-'05. In 2006 they had their youngest team since Leavitt's first year and he said every spot was up for grabs except for the LB's and CB's. In the season finale they won at WV which cost WV the BE Title and a BCS bowl and then beat EC 24-7 in the bowl. They finished 9-4 despite QB Grothe having an injury plagued season. In 2007 they had both WV and L'ville at home and I called them a darkhorse National Title contender. They upset #17 Auburn on the road in OT and beat #5 WV at home **and climbed to 6-0 and #2**. USF was the talk of the national media and they were favored in every remaining game. Unfortunately they dropped 3 straight. After rebounding to win their final 3, they complained of chilly practice conditions prior to the Sun Bowl and were destroyed by Oregon 56-21. USF tied for 3rd in the Big East at 4-3 but was #2 in ypg (+45.7). The Bulls were +9 in TO's but had 17 returning starters in '08 and had their first ever AP preseason ranking at #19. Things started out great as they knocked off #13 Kansas at home and **rose to #10 after their blowout of NCSt, 41-10**. They hosted Pitt on a Thurs night and were stunned 26-21. Two weeks later #14 USF lost at L'ville by 4 and in their final game in the rankings, #24 USF was beat by Cincy on the road by 14. They had an ugly loss to Rutgers 49-16 and at 1-4 USF was tied for last in the Big East, but got past Conn by 4 at home. They did outgain WV 356-280 but lost. The 2008 squad had 22 seniors (14 starters). They blasted Memphis in the bowl, 41-14 and were +23.6 ypg in Big East play despite being 2-5. USF has lost more games as a favorite than any other team in the NCAA in the last few years. This year's squad has just 12 returning starters and last year they were -8 in TO's. I feel USF underachieved the L2Y and this time needs to live up to their talent level. The Bulls do have QB Grothe and one of the top D-lines in the country and are also 1 of 7 teams in the FBS to face 2 FCS teams. I'll call for them to have their first ever double digit win season in FBS play and highest ever finish in the post season rankings.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 8 MATT GROTHE SR. 6-0 205 PS#55. 25 st, 5246 (61%), 29-28 ratio, 1940 rush 2Y. 13 st, 2911 (63%), 18-14, 830 rush LY. **7** BJ Daniels (6'1" 212 rFr) PS#76. 2 gm, Med RS LY.

RB 26 MIKE FORD JR. 6-2 225 **PS#46**. 6 st, 1052 (4.4) 2Y. **33** Jamar Taylor (5'9" 200 Jr) **PS#42**. 4 st, 447 (4.1) 2Y. **3** Moise Plancher (5'9" 200 Sr). 2 st, 365 (4.4) 3Y.

WR 81 DONTAVIA BOGAN JR. 6-1 183 PS#456. 1 st, 190 (15.8) true. 2 st, 354 (13.6) LY.

11 AJ Love (6'2" 202 Jr) PS#452. 12 st, 481 (12.3) 2Y. Theo Wilson (6'0" 207 Sr) PS#185JC. 9 gm LY.

WR 2 CARLTON MITCHELL JR. 6-4 212 PS#147. 5 st, 537 (14.5) rFr. 405 (14.5) LY.

4 Daniel Bryant (6'2" 185 rFr) PS#72. Med RS LY. **6** Ed Alcin (6'2" 185 Jr) PS#287. 3 rec.

WR 87 JESSIE HESTER SR. 6-0 180 **PS#29.** 3 st, 418 (11.9) rFr. 3 st, 579 (10.7) LY.

80 Patrick Richardson (6'0" 175 So) PS#275. 68 (9.7) rFr. Jason Sherman (6'4" 207 Jr) PS#215. 1 rec.

TE 82 Ben Busbee Sr. 6-3 242 PS#191. 8 st, 131 (11.9) 3Y. **89** Jeff Hawkins (6'4" 247 rFr) PS#68. Andreas Shields (6'6" 220 rFr) PS#85. Andrew Ketchel (6'5" 240 Jr) PS#116. 2 st LY.

C 64 Jacob Sims Jr. 6-5 285 9 gm rFr. 8 st (2LT, 6RG) LY. **66** Kevin McCaskill (6'2" 304 So) **PS#69.** 4 gm rFr. **62** Sampson Genus (6'1" 314 Jr) PS#369. 6 gm true. 4 st, DT LY, 9 tkl.

RG 61 ZACH HERMANN JR. 6-3 304 13 st rFr. 6 st (inj) LY. Danous Estenor (6'3" 298 So) PS#227. 1 st, 3 gm true. **69** Josh Garvin (6'4" 294 rFr) PS#228. **LS** Michael Walsh (5'10" 205 So).

LG 63 Jamar Bass Jr. 6-4 290 PS#116JC. **79** Chaz Hine (6'4" 292 So) PS#415. 7 gm rFr. **73** Damien Edwards (6'6" 314 rFr) PS#440. Darren Powe (6'3" 260 So) PS#363. 3 gm LY.

RT 72 Carlos Savala Jr. 6-6 310 PS#125JC. 420 bench. **74** Mark Popek (6'7" 305 rFr) PS#366. Weight room Award. **70** Mike McGowan (6'5" 285 So) PS#156TE. 1 gm (inj) rFr.

LT HA Daron Rose Jr. 6-5 299 **PS#15.** 11 st, 14 gm 2Y. Left **Florida St** for JC LY. **77** Jatavious Jackson (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#176. Jeremiah Warren (6'4" 320 So) PS#239.

K 28 MAIKON BONANI SO. 5-9 174 PS#36. 15-21 FG, long of 49, 31-32 xp as true. **25** Delbert Alvarado (6'0" 209 Sr). 5-9 FG, L/56 true. 19-29 FG, L/47 '07. 1-4 FG, L/20 LY.

DE 95 GEORGE SELVIE SR. 6-4 250 PS#555. 13 st, 84 tkl, 14.5 tfl rFr. 13 st, 59 tkl, 31.5 tfl, AA '07. 11 st, 43 tkl, 13.5 tfl, **1st Tm BE** LY. **47** Ryne Giddins is **PS#7.** Julius Forte is PS#127.

NT 97 TERRELL McCLAIN JR. 6-3 306 PS#127. 8 tkl, 4 tfl true. 10 st, 32 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. 560 squat. Leslie Stirrups (6'3" 275 Jr) **PS#68JC. 46** Cory Grissom (6'2" 289 rFr) PS#231.

DT 98 AARON HARRIS SR. 6-4 270 PS#449. 6 st, 10 tkl true. 11 st, 25 tkl, 9.5 tfl '07. 11 st, 23 tkl LY. **91** Keith McCaskill (5'11" 263 So) PS#108. 6 tkl, 3.5 tfl rFr. Kyrhi Thornton PS#186.

DE 90 Jason Pierre-Paul Jr. 6-6 265 **PS#3JC. 94** Craig Marshall (6'5" 260 Jr) PS#217JC. 2 st, 19 tkl, 5.5 tfl here LY. **58** David Bedford (6'5" 260 Jr) **PS#46JC.** 4 tkl here LY.

WLB 57 Jaquian Williams Jr. 6-4 225 **PS#14JC. 56** Donte Spires (6'3" 222 Jr) **PS#76JC.** 1 st, 16 tkl here '07. RS LY. Armando Sanchez (5'11" 220 rFr) PS#203. Chase Geaney (6'0" 203 rFr).

MLB 42 KION WILSON SR. 6-2 235 **PS#22JC.** 11 st, 66 tkl here LY. **55** Michael Lanaris (6'1" 230 rFr) PS#196. Sam Barrington is PS#163. **34** Kenneth Luberice (6'0" 235 So). 13 gm rFr.

SLB 43 Sabbath Joseph Jr. 6-0 230 PS#388. 14 tkl rFr. 19 tkl LY. **49** Chris Robinson (6'3" 245 Sr) PS#562. 28 tkl, 9 tfl rFr. 2 st, 25 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. **47** LaDre Watkins (6'2" 203 rFr). Med RS LY.

CB 2 Quenton Washington So. 5-10 183 PS#220. 2 st, 15 tkl rFr. **4** Tyson Butler (5'11" 184 So) PS#178. 5 tkl rFr. Ricardo Dixon is PS#62. **35** Cameron Perkins (5'10" 180 Sr). 6 tkl LY.

CB 3 JEROME MURPHY SR. 6-1 190 PS#533. 20 tkl rFr. 1 st, 38 tkl, 23 KR (24.3) '07. 12 st, 67 tkl, 7 pd LY. Kevin Williams is PS#102JC. **22** George Baker (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#73.

SS 1 Jerrell Young So. 6-2 205 25 tkl rFr. **12** Jon Lejiste (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#147. **31** Charlton Sinclair (5'11" 190 So) PS#136. GS '07. 12 gm, 5 tkl LY. Kayvon Webster PS#128.

FS 5 NATE ALLEN SR. 6-2 205 PS#96. 2 tkl true. 13 st, 84 tkl, 12 pd '07. 13 st, 53 tkl LY. Alton Voss (6'2" 225 So) PS#51. Not with team LY. Dexter Baldwin (6'2" 213 Sr) PS#466JC.

P 25 DELBERT ALVARADO SR. 6-0 209 5-9 FG as true. 58 punts (41.6) '07. 48 punts (39.7), tm net 36.4 LY. **18** Justin Brockhaus-Kahn (6'3" 227 rFr). Ilia Petrov (5'11" 203 Sr) PS#77, 1 punt 3Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Ryne Giddins	6-4 235 PS#7
DL	Jason Pierre-Paul	6-6 265 PS#3JC
LB	Jaquain Williams	6-4 225 PS#14JC
DL	Leslie Stirrups	6-3 275 PS#68JC
DB	Ricardo Dixon	5-11 168 PS#62
RB	Bradley Battles	5-9 179 PS#66
DB	Kevin Williams	5-10 175 PS#102JC
RB	Adaris Bellamy	5-10 214 PS#67
OL	Jamar Bass	6-4 290 PS#116JC
OL	Carlos Savala	6-6 310 PS#125JC
QB	Victor Marc	5-11 208 PS#59
DL	Julius Forte	6-2 235 PS#127
DB	Kayvon Webster	5-11 181 PS#128
LB	Devekeyan Lattimore	6-1 225 PS#109
DB	Jaquez Jenkins	6-2 177 PS#144
OL	Kamran Joyer	6-3 317 PS#147
LB	Sam Barrington	6-3 220 PS#163
DL	Kyrhi Thornton	6-3 300 PS#186
WR	Sterling Griffin	6-1 174 PS#161
LB	Chase Griffiths	6-3 213 PS#180
RB	Lindsey Lamar	5-9 160 PS#173
DL	Derni Thompson	6-1 245 PS#233
OL	Steve Jacques	6-4 280 PS#260
QB	Isaac Virgin	6-4 235 PS#165
DL	Luke Sager	6-4 240 PS#325
OL	John McGhin	6-3 291 PS#365
WR	Derrick Hopkins	5-7 160 PS#326
TE	Gerard Atkins	6-5 225 PS#135
DL	Anthony Hill	6-4 290 PS#514
DB	Ivan Nicholas	5-10 180 PS#729

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13th Year at USF — Leavitt's Bowl Record: 2-2

Leavitt's records AT USF (FBS)

60-35	Straight Up	3-3	Vs Top 10
37-11	Home	5-8	Vs Top 25
21-22	Away	6-10	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	10-9	Off A Bye
22-22	Vs Conference	19-13	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (20,18,2)
Lost: 20 (10,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,690 (#43)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#66

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Wofford	G					
Sep. 12	at WKU	A					
Sep. 19	Charleston Southern	G					
Sep. 26	at Florida St	G					
Oct. 3	at Syracuse	A					
Oct. 10							
Oct. 15	Cincinnati (Thur)	G					
Oct. 24	at Pittsburgh	G					
Oct. 30	West Virginia (Fri)	G					
Nov. 7							
Nov. 12	at Rutgers (Thur)	A					
Nov. 21	Louisville	G					
Nov. 28	Miami, Fl	G					
Dec. 5	at Connecticut	G					

	CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1.	Marquel Blackwell 9,108 '99-'02	Andre Hall 2,731 '04-'05	Hugh Smith 1,523 '99-'02
2.	Matt Grothe 8,157 '06-Present	Rafael Williams 2,253 '97-'00	Huey Whittaker 1,447 '01-'03
3.	Chad Barnhardt 4,138 '97-'98	Matt Grothe 2,085 '06-Present	Taurus Johnson 1,434 '05-'08

1st meeting. The Terriers made the FCS playoffs at 9-3 including a 23-13 loss to S Carolina. USF is 12-0 in home openers winning by 30 ppg w/the L/6 vs FCS foes.

These 2 played from '97-'00 with USF winning the last 2. WKU joins the Sun Belt this year & the Bulls are 7-2 vs SBC teams but the L/4 wins have been by 28 total pts.

Buccaneers finished 7-5 LY & have yet to defeat an FBS school in 16 tries. USF is 8-0 vs Big South teams including 4-0 vs Charleston Southern with the avg score 40-5.

1st meeting. USF is 3-2 vs current ACC teams defeating NCSt 41-10 last year. USF is 3-0 the L/3 RG's vs non-Big East/BCS schools including beating #17 Auburn in '07.

The Bulls have won all 4 matchups outscoring the Orange 140-33. Last year the Bulls allowed SU 208 yds on 38 plays in the 1H, but zero yds in 18 plays in the 2H.

New USF DC Joe Tresey was fired by Cincy after 2008. USF has lost the last 3. The home team has won 5 of 6 with an avg margin of victory of 13 ppg.

The visitor has won 4 of 6 in this series. USF looks to avenge last year's loss as the #10 ranked team. USF struggled in the 1H with the offense being held to just 62 yds.

The Bulls have held the potent WV run attack to an avg of 153 ypg in their L3Y. These 2 high powered offenses have combined to avg just 35 ppg the L/4 games.

After winning their first meeting, USF has dropped the last three. Last time here the Bulls became the third #2 ranked team to lose in a three week period.

The HT is 6-0 in this series w/USF winning the L/2 at home by 35 ppg. LY USF committed 14 pen's in the loss including a holding pen on a missed FG allowing UL to run out the clock.

In their only other meeting USF fell to #9 Miami in '05, 27-7. Only 2 non-conf BCS teams have visited. USF won both (37-10 vs NC, '07; 37-34 vs Kansas, '08).

The visitor has dropped 5 straight in this series. Last time here the Bulls had a 1&gl at the 5 & a 2&gl from the 1 but couldn't score with under 1:00 left.

STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (65,857)(#34)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	9-2	7-4	4-7	6-6	9-4	9-4	8-5	67-39
Home	6-0	7-0	6-0	4-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	5-1	4-2	43-11
Away	1-4	1-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	3-3	22-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-2
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-3	3-5	4-3	4-3	4-3	2-5	22-22
vs Non-Conf	7-4	8-3	9-2	2-1	1-2	2-3	5-1	5-1	6-0	45-17
ATS	0-0	6-2	7-2	4-5	3-7	6-5	8-4	7-5	5-7	46-37
Home Fav	0-0	4-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-3	16-10
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	6-4
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-3	1-4	9-10
Away Dog	0-0	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-3	3-1	1-2	1-0	1-0	12-11
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-2
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-4	3-5	3-4	5-2	4-3	3-4	22-22
vs Non-Conf	0-0	6-2	7-2	0-1	0-2	3-1	3-2	3-2	2-3	24-15
Off SU Win	0-0	2-2	5-2	2-4	1-3	4-2	4-4	6-3	2-5	26-25
Off SU Loss	0-0	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-4	1-3	4-0	1-2	3-2	18-11

(Became FBS in 2001 / Left I-AA 1997)

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Car Care	+3'	NC State	0-14
06	Papajohns.com	-5	East Carolina	24-7
07	Sun - #23	-6	Oregon	21-56
08	St Petersburg	-11'	Memphis	41-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USF's All-Time Bowl Record 2-2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
10*	27.6	405	165	4.2	240	62.7	14.7	29	-8	2008	7	20.0	288	95	2.8	192	53.2	14.4	23
9*	34.7	414	185	4.3	229	58.7	11.9	28	+9	2007	7	23.4	343	131	3.6	212	51.5	14.7	31
5*	23.0	362	144	3.9	217	63.5	15.7	27	-4	2006	7	16.9	299	115	3.3	183	51.2	17.6	37
6*	23.0	348	203	4.2	145	47.2	15.1	25	+5	2005	8	18.0	311	146	3.9	165	51.9	17.3	37
7*	24.6	353	188	4.6	165	47.7	14.3	23	-10	2004	5	31.9	398	150	3.7	248	58.5	12.5	26
8	25.1	308	130	3.4	178	48.6	12.3	31	-1	2003	6	20.4	316	136	3.0	180	49.1	15.5	29
8*	30.8	387	135	3.7	252	56.4	12.5	19	+21	2002	8	18.5	308	87	2.3	222	52.5	16.7	40

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Grothe	146	830	239	591	4	4.0
Mike Ford	102	417	10	407	5	4.0
Moise Plancher	69	340	18	322	6	4.7
Benjamin Williams	71	323	15	308	5	4.3
Jamar Taylor	62	329	29	300	3	4.8
Richard Kelly	23	115	0	115	1	5.0
Grant Gregory	16	58	18	40	0	2.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Grothe	380	240	63.2	2911	18	14
Grant Gregory	20	10	50.0	104	0	1
BJ Daniels	5	4	80.0	86	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jessie Hester	54	579	10.7	3	27	
Taurus Johnson	38	498	13.1	6	42	
Carlton Mitchell	28	405	14.5	1	47	
AJ Love	31	370	11.9	2	38	
Dontavia Bogan	26	354	13.6	1	36	
Marcus Edwards	19	259	13.6	0	38	
Cedric Hill	16	194	12.1	2	27	
Benjamin Williams	14	175	12.5	0	35	
Ben Busbee	7	99	14.1	2	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Delbert Alvarado	48	1905	39.7	20	36.4(t)	0	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Maikon Bonani	31-32	7-8	5-5	3-7	0-1	15-21	49

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyrone McKenzie	116	1	13.5	8	1
Jerome Murphy	67	0.5	3	5	2
Kion Wilson	66	1	2.5	2	1
Carlton Williams	56	1	1	6	3
Nate Allen	53	1	1	0	1
George Selvie	43	5.5	8	5	0
Louis Gachette	37	0	1	0	0
Terrell McClain	32	3	0.5	0	0
Jarriett Buie	31	5	3	2	0
Tyller Roberts	30	0	1	6	0
Jerrell Young	25	0	1	1	0
Aaron Harris	23	1	3.5	0	0
Craig Marshall	19	1	4.5	1	1
Sabbath Joseph	19	0	2	0	1
Danny Verpaele	17	0	1	3	0
Brouce Mompremier	17	0	1	1	0
Chris Robinson	16	0	1	2	0
Quenton Washington	15	0	1	0	0
Sampson Genus	9	0	0	0	0
Benjamin Williams	8	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Marcus Edwards	34	262	7.7	0
Theo Wilson	8	103	12.9	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Dontavia Bogan	29	770	26.6	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

USF 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
48,058	UT-Martin	25	52-300	5.8	14-19	220	1	6	28-59	2.1	9-26	38	1	-3
46,805	at UCF	25	44-158	3.6	23-41	346	3	12	28-76	2.7	17-32	150	0	-2
58,755	Kansas	25	29-120	4.1	32-45	338	2	22	21-61	2.9	34-51	381	2	+1
16,717	at FIU	21	49-184	3.8	14-22	136	2	9	34-72	2.1	11-21	117	1	0
57,583	at NC State	29	48-245	5.1	21-33	275	0	13	27-26	1.0	9-32	239	1	+3
50,307	Pittsburgh	14	35-116	3.3	11-21	129	4	24	45-146	3.2	17-28	228	2	+1
51,384	Syracuse	26	46-239	5.2	19-26	248	0	11	27-101	3.7	11-27	129	4	0
40,384	at Louisville	21	24-8	0.3	30-40	344	5	20	41-111	2.7	12-21	212	3	-1
31,175	at Cincinnati	19	39-182	4.7	13-31	174	2	23	37-115	3.1	20-28	281	2	0
47,216	Rutgers	25	28-76	2.7	31-48	328	4	20	35-127	3.6	19-30	294	2	-4
42,422	Connecticut	11	37-123	3.3	9-18	124	2	16	43-139	3.2	10-24	119	2	0
48,019	at W Virginia	21	38-167	4.4	18-33	189	1	22	40-139	3.5	14-23	141	2	-2
25,205	† Memphis	29	49-232	4.7	20-30	264	3	15	30-66	2.2	18-35	172	1	-1
TOTALS		291	518-2150	4.2	255-407	3115	29	213	436-1238	2.8	201-378	2501	23	-8
AVERAGES		22.4	40-165	4.2	20-31	240	7.1%	16.4	34-95	2.8	15-29	192	6.1%	-0.6

2004 RESULTS

USF Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Tenn Tech	NL	21-7
–	at South Carolina	+12'	3-34
–	at TCU	+10	45-44 2OT
–	Southern Miss	+6	20-27
–	Army	-15	35-42
–	at Louisville - #16	+30	9-41
–	at UAB	+19	45-20
–	East Carolina	-13	41-17
–	at Cincinnati	+12'	23-45
–	Memphis	+3'	15-31
–	Pittsburgh - #19	+6'	14-43

2005 RESULTS

USF Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Penn St	+21	13-23
–	Florida A&M	NL	37-3
–	UCF	-7'	31-14
–	Louisville - #9	+20'	45-14
–	at Miami, Fl - #9	+21	7-27
–	at Pittsburgh	+1	17-31
–	at Rutgers	+2'	45-31
–	at Syracuse	-7'	27-0
–	Cincinnati	-21	31-16
–	at Connecticut	-7	10-15
–	West Virginia - #12	+8'	13-28

2006 RESULTS

USF Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	McNeese St	NL	41-10
–	FIU	-20	21-20
–	at UCF	-1'	24-17
–	at Kansas	+3'	7-13
–	Rutgers - #23	+4	20-22
–	Connecticut	-6'	38-16
–	at North Carolina	-3	37-20
–	at Cincinnati	-1'	6-23
–	Pittsburgh	+4'	22-12
–	Syracuse	-10	27-10
–	at Louisville - #10	+17	8-31
–	at West Virginia - #7	+21'	24-19

2007 RESULTS

USF Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Elon	NL	28-13
–	at Auburn - #17	+7	26-23 OT
#23	North Carolina	-12'	37-10
#18	West Virginia - #5	+7	21-13
#6	at Florida Atlantic	-17	35-23
#5	UCF	-10'	64-12
#2	at Rutgers	-1'	27-30
#11	at Connecticut	-4'	15-22
#20	Cincinnati	-5	33-38
–	at Syracuse	-16'	41-10
–	Louisville	-9	55-17
–	at Pittsburgh	-9	48-37

2008 RESULTS

USF Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Score
#19	UT-Martin	-41'	56-7
#17	at UCF	-13'	31-24 OT
#19	Kansas - #13	-3'	37-34
#12	at FIU	-28	17-9
#13	at NC State	-9'	41-10
#10	Pittsburgh	-13'	21-26
#19	Syracuse	-23'	45-13
#14	at Louisville	-3'	20-24
#24	at Cincinnati	-2'	10-24
–	Rutgers	-8	16-49
–	Connecticut	-3	17-13
–	at West Virginia	+7	7-13

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Pat White was arguably the most exciting player in college football the last four years but due to his amount of carries, he never played a complete season 100% healthy. White became the first player in NCAA history to win 4 bowls as a starter and broke Missouri QB Brad Smith's NCAA record for career rush yards by a QB with 4,480. In 2007 White threw for 1,724 (66.7%) with a 14-4 ratio while rushing for 1,335 net (6.8). Last year HC Stewart tweaked the offense to add more passing and the team's ppg dropped from 39.6 to 24.5. White threw 58 more times but for just 118 more yards hitting 65.7% with a 21-7 ratio. White rushed for 974 (5.1). Jarrett Brown (who OC Mullen referred to as his "Eric Dickerson") finished the Rutgers game and started vs Syr and was also used as a power RB. Brown rushed for 169 (4.7) while hitting 22 of 30 passes. Bradley Starks was the #3 QB and also played WR (1 pass, 17 rec). This year White (#2DC MIA), who might be the best Mountaineer of all time (set 25 WV, BE or NCAA records), must be replaced. Battling Brown will be Coley White (PS#116), Ian Loy (6'1" 168 rFr) and Josh DePasquale (6'1" 181 So). They also add VHT Eugene Smith (PS#4). While replacing a player of White's caliber is always tough, the stats may not drop as much as you would think.

RUNNING BACKS - Steve Slaton rushed for 1,128 (5.5) including a Sugar Bowl record 204 as a true frosh in '05. In '06 he broke WV's single season record (Avon Cobourne, 1,710 in '02) with 1,744 (7.0) despite being banged up late (3 carries in bowl). In 2007 Slaton started to share his carries with Noel Devine (PS#2) and his numbers dropped to 1,051 (5.0). Slaton did have a fine rookie season in the NFL (#3DC HOU). In '07 Devine avg 8.6 ypc rushing for 627 yards and Jock Sanders had 105 (6.6). Devine led with 1,289 (6.3) in '08 and Sanders had 250 (5.2). Devine has a team high 41" VL, 405 lb bench and 4.3 speed. QB Brown was their power RB and true frosh Mark Rodgers added 80 (5.3). JUCO Zach Hulce (5'9" 193 Jr) missed the year with a torn ACL. Besides tweaking the offense, one of the keys to WV's failure on short yardage was the loss of outstanding FB Owen Schmitt (#5DC). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Mike Poitier (5'8" 157 Sr), Jordan Roberts who had 75 yards in the spring game (5'10" 204 rFr, PS#222), Ryan Clarke (6'0" 228 rFr), Ricky Kovatch (6'2" 239 So), Max Anderson (6'0" 234 Sr) and Matt Lindamood (6'0" 221 rFr). As long as Devine stays healthy, this is an improved group.

RECEIVERS - Last year WV had to replace their top WR who had 733 (11.5) and 12 TD's while the top 4 returnees combined for less than that in Dorrell Jalloh (272, 11.3), Tito Gonzales (219, 21.9), Wes Lyons (111, 15.9) and Jock Sanders (102, 8.5). Those 4 combined for 2 TD's. Sanders played in the slot and led with 53 rec but just 8.7 ypc. Alric Arnett (JC, RS '07) led in rec yards with 466 (13.3). Jalloh improved to 358 (12.3) and QB/WR Bradley Starks added 168 (9.9). This year they lose Jalloh (7 st), Gonzales (5 st, 5 rec) and TE Sammy Morrone (1 st, 0 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Noel Roman (6'0" 243 rFr), Bobby Weston (6'1" 224 rFr), Bryan Logsdon (6'5" 253 So), Andrew Goldblaugh (5'9" 158 rFr), Reginald Rembert (5'7" 154 rFr), Gino Crump (6'1" 214 Jr) and TE Scott Loving (6'2" 222 Sr). They add 2 VHT true frosh and a JUCO and as long as Sanders is reinstated (susp spg) the top 2 guys are back and this unit is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Having a mobile QB always helps the OL stats but WV's OL outdid themselves in 2006 with 303 ypg rush & 6.7 ypc! In 2007 they lost long-time OL coach Rick Trickett to Flor St as well as a 1st Tm AA at C and a 1st Tm BE OG. One of the three returning starters, LT Ryan Stanchek, earned 1st Tm AA honors and the Mounties still averaged 297 ypg (6.2) and trimmed the sack total to 13 (4.9%). Last year the line returned intact. OL coach Johnson liked to substitute his players as often as possible but vs Auburn the starters played almost every snap. Partly due to Stewart wanting to get more passing in the offense, the rushing numbers dropped to 210 ypg (5.3) with 18 sacks (5.9%). Ironically they threw for 9 ypg less despite 40 more att! This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2x 2nd Tm BE C Mike Dent (8 st until inj, 2Y st'r), RG Jake Figner (13 st, 3Y st'r), 2x 1st Tm BE LT Stanchek (13 st, 4Y st'r), LG Greg Isdaner (12 st, 3Y st'r) and backup RT Stephen Maw. They do have 6 VHT's in the 2 deep but this is by far my biggest question mark on the 2009 Mountaineers team.

DEFENSIVE LINE - WV usually has a tough run D and in 2006 allowed just 93 ypg (3.0). Last year they had to replace 2 starters (1st and 2nd Tm BE) from the 3-man group. WV allowed 132 ypg and the ypc rose to 3.6 (113, 3.0 in '07). This year they lose DT Doug Slavonic (8 st, 27 tkl, 2.5 sk), Pat Liebig (3 st, 14 tkl) and Thor Merrow (2 tkl). They not only have their top two DL's back but also add Tevita Finau (PS#18JC '08). Not listed in the 3 deep below are DE Citrine Warren (6'3" 265 Sr) and NT's Glenn Gress (6'2" 252 So), CJ Huffman (6'1" 277 So), Joe Rhein (6'1" 268 So, OL spg) and Joshua Taylor (6'1" 263 So).

LINEBACKERS - WV plays a 3-3 stack D but I limit the secondary outlook to four positions and include the Bandit S in the LB write-up. In fact, 2006's starting BS John Holmes moved to LB in 2007. Last year they had to replace one starter (#3 tkl'r) and 2 backups but had their top 2 tacklers back in Reed Williams (107) and Mortty Ivy (89). Unfortunately Williams had surgery on both shoulders and RS so they had two starters back. This year they lose 1st Tm BE Ivy (#1 tkl'r, 3 int, 7 tfl), Quinton Andrews (13 st, #2 tkl'r, 1 int), John Holmes (1 st, 31 tkl, 1 int, 5 sk), Jim Lewis (5 tkl) and Archie Sims (7 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Casey Vance (5'9" 216 So), Josh Contraguerro (5'11" 209 rFr), Bob Mary (6'0" 215 Jr), Ben Okanume (5'11" 218 rFr) and Andy Thomas (6'0" 203 rFr). This year they have their #4, #7 and #8 tacklers back plus get the return of Williams and have 7 with starting experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WV had to replace three starters in 2006 and finished #64 in my pass D rankings. In 2007 practically the entire unit returned (8 w/starting exp). As you would expect, the unit climbed to #19 with a 15-16 ratio. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters plus 3 backups, plus projected starting SS Charles Pugh was lost over the summer. Stewart did a great job as the unit with 4 career starts returning finished #34 with an 11-17 ratio. They did have the benefit of PS#1JC CB Ellis Lankster being in his 2nd year. Not listed in PSL below are Benji Powers (5'11" 180 So), Kahlil Conteh (5'9" 180 rFr), Anthony Wood (6'0" 197 Sr), Chaz Russell (6'0" 194 Jr), Lawrence Smith (5'9" 186 rFr), Andy Thomas (6'0" 203 rFr) and Nick Cadwell (5'9" 170 rFr). This year they only lose Lankster (2nd Tm BE, 13 st, 68 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu, #7DC BUF) and have 8 back with starting experience.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Mountaineers always finished near the top of my ST rankings under Rodriguez. In his final 5 years they were #38, #35, #32, #8 and #37. Last year they had Pat McAfee who was a Ray Guy finalist at P with a 44.7 avg (40.5 net). McAfee had 8 TB on 64 KO and also connected on 17 of 20 FG's (long 52). They had to replace their top PR and KR and a normally dangerous return game was only slightly above average as WV dropped to #43. A surprising weak spot was their KR defense (28.0). I look for improvement from the return game but having to replace their star, McAfee (#7DC IND), they could see their lowest finish in seven years.

COACHES - After Rich Rodriguez went to Michigan, Bill Stewart was the interim HC for the bowl game vs Oklahoma and when they pulled the 48-28 upset, he was given the job full-time. Stewart was Assoc HC here and is in his 10th year with the team. He hired OC Jeff Mullen away from WF (QB coach). Jeff Casteel enters his 9th year as DC. They also have an Asst HC in Steve Dunlap who was previously the DC at NCSt, Marshall and WV. John "Doc" Holliday left Florida to become an Associate HC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rich Rodriguez went 3-8 in his first season but rebounded to win 9, 8, 8, 11 and 11 and won at least a share of the Big East Title in 4 of the last 5 years (only previous BE Title 1993). In his final 3 seasons WV finished #5, #10 and #6 in the polls. WV caught all the breaks in '05, as they were +14 in turnovers and had 3 net close wins. WV was outFD'd in 4 of their victories and got a miracle win at home vs L'ville. They were +93.1 ypg in BE play but that was just over half of Louisville's margin (+174.6). In 2006 WV fans were thinking National Title as 14 starters returned. They were preseason #5, a new all-time high. My publication was the only one to pick L'ville to win the Big East and they did (WV tie #2). In 2007 they ret'd 15 starters including Heisman candidates QB White and RB Slaton. WV opened #3. They lost to #18 USF but rallied to #2 and if they had beaten Pitt (29 pt fav) they would have played in the National Title game. WV was Big East Co-champs with Conn but was +109.2 ypg which was 192.4 ypg better than Co-champ Conn. The Panthers pulled the upset and then Rodriguez left for Michigan. Bill Stewart engineered a 20 point bowl win over #3 Okla and was given the HC job. I pointed out last year that WV benefitted from +13 in TO's and had only 4 starts lost to injury in 2007. They had just 11 returning starters last year (2nd fewest BE). Stewart also tweaked the playbook adding more passing (why mess with a good thing?), so all signs pointed to a weaker record. WV entered the season #8 and threw the ball 34 times in the opener (22 rush). There was talk about their new high powered pass attack but they were actually outgained by Villanova 399-354. The next week they were pummeled by EC. Shifting back to more of a rush attack, they trailed Colorado 14-0 in CU's first Thurs night HG in 18 years. They rallied to force OT but lost. They appeared to rebound as they beat Marshall, Rutgers and Syracuse. QB White missed Syr and QB Brown was not 100% so the offense struggled. Auburn led them 17-3 and recovered an onside kick but the old WV offense fired up and they dominated the rest of the game piling up 445 yds vs a tough Auburn D. After waxing Conn 35-13 on the road, WV had the Big East under control but Cincy, led by a backup QB beat them at home. WV needed 10 points in :19 to force OT but they lost. After beating L'ville at home they lost to Pitt in the Backyard Brawl again with Pitt getting a TD with :52 left. They got past USF in Pat White's FHG as the Bulls had a FD on the WV14 at the end (WV was outgained 356-280). WV won a tight bowl game vs NC to finish 9-4 which moved them back into the Top 25. WV was 5-2 in the BE but was -0.6 ypg LY. WV has just 12 returning starters again and loses the best QB in school history in Pat White. They also had a beneficial def ypp LY (19.35, pg 299) and were +12 in turnovers. WV has 58.9% of the lettermen returning (lowest BE) and absolutely must keep QB Brown and RB Devine healthy as I feel there would be a significant drop off with their backups. Still, WV could open 6-1 but have 3 tough BE road games down the stretch and probably won't top last year's 9 win total.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 16 Jarrett Brown Sr. 6-4 221 **PS#30.** 16 gm, 725 (62%), 4-3 ratio, 503 rush, 2Y. 1 st, 9 gm, 114 (73%) 1-1 ratio, 169 rush LY. Eugene Smith is **PS#4.** Coley White PS#116.

RB 7 NOEL DEVINE JR. 5-8 175 **PS#2.** 1 st, 627 (8.6), 22 KR true. 12 st, 1289 (6.3). 35 rec, **2nd Tm BE** LY. Mark Rodgers (5'8" 174 So). 80 (5.3). Tavon Austin **PS#17.** Zach Hulce (5'9" 193 Jr). Susp spg '09. **28** Carmen Connolly (5'11" 192 Sr) PS#131. 15 gm, 3Y. Jack Crow (5'10" 165 Sr).

WR 14 BRADLEY STARKS SO. 6-3 188 PS#41QB. 2 st, 168 (9.9) rFr. **4** Wes Lyons (6'8" 231 Sr) PS#44. 254 (11.5), 7 st, 3Y. **FB 6 WILL JOHNSON** (6'2" 232 Jr). 5 st, 9 rec (7.1) LY.

WR 82 ALRIC ARNETT SR. 6-2 187 JUCO. RS '07. 13 st, 466 (13.3) LY. **2** Logan Heastie **PS#16.** 12 JD Woods (6'0" 185 rFr). Deon Long **PS#37.** Terrence Moore (6'3" 185 Jr) PS#115JC.

TE 89 Tyler Urban So. 6-5 244 PS#142LB. 4 st, 79 (19.8), Tm's Rookie of the Year as true. **88** Tyler Rader (6'3" 252 So) PS#416DL. 1 gm as rFr. Chris Snook is **PS#15.**

C 61 Eric Jobe Jr. 6-2 284 PS#180. 13 gm rFr. L/5 st@C, 12 gm in '08. **56** Gino Gradkowski (6'3" 292 So) **PS#76.** 1 gm. Joseph Madsen (6'4" 286 rFr) PS#252.

RG 57 Jeffrey Braun rFr. 6-4 307 PS#94DL. **53** Matt Timmerman (6'3" 282 Jr) PS#484. Limited action LY. **LS** Cody Nutter (6'3" 226 So) PS#172TE. 1 gm LY at FB/TE.

LG 77 Josh Jenkins So. 6-3 298 **PS#2.** 5 gm then inj LY. **65** Chad Snodgrass (6'4" 291 So) **PS#89.** John Bassler (6'4" 297 rFr) PS#212. Joe Rhein (6'1" 268 So). Scout Tm D POY LY.

RT 68 SELVISH CAPERS SR. 6-5 298 PS#29TE. 2 gms TE '06. 6 st@RT, 13 gm '07. 13 st@RT, 56 kd LY. **67** Jon Walko (6'6" 289 Sr) **PS#74.** 4 gm, 3Y. Cole Bowers is **PS#60.**

LT 64 Don Barclay So. 6-4 298 PS#156. 1 st@LG (vs L'ville), 13 gm, 260 plays as rFr. Great tools, foot speed. **50** Levi Pardee (6'6" 302 rFr) PS#490. Nick Kindler **PS#85.**

K NA Josh Lider Sr. 6-2 195 West Wash trans. 10-15 FG, L/48 LY. **14** Tyler Bitancurt (6'1" 188 rFr) **PS#7.** 13-17 FG, L/50, 70 TB 81 KO in HS. **17** Ben Rios (6'2" 215 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 92 Larry Ford Jr. 6-3 255 **PS#78JC.** 13 gm, 6 tkl, 1.5 tfl here LY. **97** Julian Miller (6'4" 248 So) PS#128. 2 st, 21 tkl, 3.5 sk rFr. Chris Palmer PS#155OL. JB Lageman (6'3" 258 rFr).

NT 90 CHRIS NEILD JR. 6-2 298 PS#48TE. 2 st, 13 tkl rFr. 12 st, 47 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 710 pl LY. **96** Tevita Finau (6'5" 290 Jr) **PS#18JC '08. 74** Jim Carmack (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#366JC.

DT 98 SCOOTER BERRY JR. 6-1 280 PS#68LB. 10 st, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl rFr. 13 st, 34 tkl, 5.5 tfl, **2nd Tm BE** LY. **95** DJ Shaw (6'1" 280 Sr) PS#254JC. RS here LY. Jorge Wright (6'2" 270 rFr) PS#464.

WLB 30 JT THOMAS JR. 6-2 224 PS#110.2 tkl, 3 gm '07. 13 st, 65 tkl, 10 tfl LY. **49** Ovid Goulbourne (6'1" 220 Sr) PS#73RB. 7 tkl '06/'07. 25 tkl LY. Ja'tavious Miller (5'10" 215 rFr) PS#169.

MLB 47 REED WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 228 **PS#52.** 62 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 107 tkl, 5.5 tfl '07. 2 st, inj LY. **45** Anthony Leonard (6'1" 240 Jr) PS#64. 13 tkl rFr. 6 st, 59 tkl LY. Donovan Miles (6'1" 231 rFr) PS#82.

SLB 57 Zac Cooper Sr. 6-3 230 PS#86. 3.5 tfl, 2Y. 1 st, 11 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **31** Pat Lazear (6'1" 237 Jr) **PS#44.** 14 tkl true. 3 st, 30 tkl LY. Najee Goode (6'1" 231 So) PS#310QB. 1 st, 12 tkl rFr.

BS 20 Franchot Allen Sr. 6-0 208 22 gms, 21 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 13 gms, 49 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **27** Courtney Stuart (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#266JC. 6 tkl LY. Alex Peluchette (6'2" 181 rFr) PS#170QB.

CB 38 Keith Tandy So. 5-10 198 PS#195. 1 st, 6 gm, 6 tkl rFr. **17** Kent Richardson (5'11" 190 Sr) PS#227. 12 tkl '06/'07. 3 st, 19 tkl LY. Brantwon Bowser (5'11" 191 So) PS#221JC.

CB 22 BRANDON HOGAN JR. 5-10 188 PS#134. 1 st, 12 rec true. 9 st@CB, 60 tkl, 10 pd LY. **10** Guesly Dervil (5'11" 188 Sr) PS#110. 25 tkl, 3Y. **3** Eddie Davis (6'0" 188 Jr) 4 gm LY.

SS 11 SIDNEY GLOVER JR. 5-11 210 PS#105. 18 tkl true. 11 st, 61 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 7 pd LY. **12** Nate Sowers (6'1" 208 Sr) **PS#22QB.** 29 tkl, 4 pd, 3Y. **29** Trippe Hale (5'10" 203 Jr). 24 tkl, 2Y.

FS 28 ROBERT SANDS SO. 6-5 211 PS#172LB. 9 st, 13 gm, 33 tkl true. **24** Eain Smith (5'11" 200 So) PS#118. 4 st, 13 gm, 39 tkl, 1 pbu rFr. Derek Knight (5'11" 203 So) PS#86. 2 gm rFr.

P 37 Scott Kozlowski Sr. 5-11 191 PS#29. 17 punts (39.5) as rFr. 1 gm, bkup '07. No gm action LY. **38** Gregg Pugnetti (6'1" 216 Jr). Good hangtime. Trevor Mathews (6'4" 223 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Eugene Smith 6-3 190 PS#4
DL	Tevita Finau 6-5 290 PS#18JC '08
WR	Logan Heastie 6-2 192 PS#16
RB	Tavon Austin 5-9 170 PS#17
WR	Deon Long 6-0 175 PS#37
DL	Dominik Davenport 6-1 265 PS#61
TE	Chris Snook 6-3 220 PS#15
OL	Cole Bowers 6-6 280 PS#60
LB	Branko Busick 6-1 215 PS#60
WR	Stedman Bailey 5-11 166 PS#65
WR	Terrance Moore 6-3 185 PS#115JC
OL	Nick Kindler 6-7 280 PS#85
OL	Ryan Spiker 6-4 280 PS#106
RB	Daquan Hargrett 5-10 190 PS#105
OL	Jordan Weingart 6-2 290 PS#144
DB	Terence Garvin 6-2 210 PS#162
DB	Jonathan Scott 6-4 190 PS#166
RB	Shawne Alston 6-0 222 PS#146
DL	Chris Palmer 6-4 290 PS#155OL '08
OL	Pat Eger 6-5 275 PS#189
DB	Brodrick Jenkins 5-10 175 PS#194
DB	Darwin Cook 5-11 185 PS#206
LB	Taige Redman 6-2 215 PS#182
DL	Jim Carmack 6-4 280 PS#366JC
DL	Curtis Feigt 6-6 270 PS#348
DB	Pat Miller 6-0 170 PS#386
K	Cameron Starke 5-10 155 PS#136
K	Keith Coffindaffer 5-10 166 PS#280

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

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BILL STEWART (Career 10–4) (FCS 8–25)
2nd Year at W Virginia Stewart's Bowl Record: 2-0

Stewart's records AT WEST VIRGINIA

10-4	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
6-1	Home	1-0	Vs Top 25
2-3	Away	3-1	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	3-1	Off A Bye
5-2	Vs Conference	3-1	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: **(9–4)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (13,19,1)
Lost: 23 (11,9,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,085 (#33)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#59

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WV	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Liberty	A				
Sep. 12	East Carolina	A				
Sep. 19	at Auburn	G				
Sep. 26						
Oct. 1	Colorado (Thur)	A				
Oct. 10	at Syracuse	A				
Oct. 17	Marshall	A				
Oct. 24	Connecticut (HC)	A				
Oct. 30	at USF (Fri)	G				
Nov. 7	Louisville	A				
Nov. 13	at Cincinnati (Fri)	A				
Nov. 21						
Nov. 27	Pittsburgh (Fri)	A				
Dec. 5	at Rutgers	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Marc Bulger 8,153 '96-'99
2. Pat White 6,049 '05-'08
3. Chad Johnston 5,954 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Avon Cobourne 5,164 '99-'02
2. Pat White 4,480 '05-'08
3. Amos Zereoue 4,086 '96-'98

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Saunders 2,608 '95-'98
2. Khori Ivy 2,402 '97-'00
3. Shawn Foreman 2,347 '95-'98

The Mountaineers are 9-1 in home openers winning by an avg of 29 ppg. The Liberty Flames finished a program best 10-2 & ranked #15 LY in the FCS.

W Virginia is 17-3 all-time vs E Carolina but were dominated LY as the #8 team. The Mountaineers failed to score an offensive TD for the 1st time in 79 gms (Oct '01).

WV is 22-17-2 vs current SEC tms & came back from a 14 pt deficit for the win over AU LY (1st mtg). The Mountaineers are 14-7 in road openers since 1988 (5-1 L6Y).

West Virginia has won 6 straight weekday home games. LY both White & Devine topped 100 yds which is the 1st time CU has allowed a 100 yd rusher at home S/'04.

This is played for the Schwartzwalder Trophy, WV is on a 7 gm win streak. LY White was a late scratch & Devine rushed for 188 yds (10.4) although they were outgained 346-268.

WV is 8-0 all-time in the newly formed instate rivalry played for the "Friends of the Coal Bowl" Trophy. The Mountaineers are 12-1 vs current CUSA teams since 2000.

West Virginia is 5-0 vs Connecticut out-scoring the Huskies by an avg of 27 ppg. Last game here #4 WV put up 66 pts vs #20 Conn (most pts in a gm since 2001).

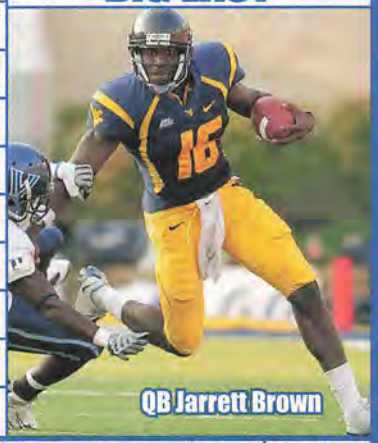
These 2 teams have combined to score an avg of 35 ppg in their 4 matchups. In WV's last trip to Tampa they had a 437-274 yd & 21-13 FD edge, but still lost.

Mountaineers had a season high 376 rush yds LY vs UL (57 yds more than #2). West Virginia is 8-2 vs Louisville & the series has averaged 73 ppg the L/5 gms.

LY WV scored 13 points and rec'd an onside kick in the final 1:11 but lost in OT. Mountaineers are 14-2-1 & 7-0 in Cincy in this series that dates back to 1921.

Last time here WV was a 29 pt fav & a win would have put them in the National Championship. This year will be the 102nd meeting of "The Backyard Brawl" (every yr since '43).

West Virginia is 30-4-2 all-time vs Rutgers winning 14 straight. Coming into 2009, the Mountaineers are 22-6 versus the Big East the L4Y.



STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (60,000) (#44)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	3-8	9-4	8-5	8-4	11-1	11-2	11-2	9-4	77-35
Home	4-3	3-3	4-2	5-2	5-1	5-1	6-1	5-1	6-1	43-15
Away	2-2	0-5	5-1	3-2	3-2	5-0	4-1	5-1	2-3	29-17
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-3
vs Conf	3-4	1-6	6-1	6-1	4-2	7-0	5-2	5-2	5-2	42-20
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-2	3-3	2-4	4-2	4-1	6-0	6-0	4-2	35-15
ATS	4-8	4-7	9-3	6-7	4-7	9-2	5-6-1	7-5-1	4-8	52-53-2
Home Fav (Don Nehlen 1986)	2-1	2-2	3-1	0-4	2-3	2-1	2-3-1	3-3	2-4	18-22-1
Home Dog	1-3	0-2	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-7
Away Favorite (Rich Rodriguez)	0-2	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-2	3-0	3-1	3-2-1	2-3	17-10-1
Away Dog (Bill Stewart 1988)	0-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	9-9
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	3-5
vs Conf	1-6	2-5	7-0	5-2	2-4	7-0	2-4-1	3-4	2-5	31-30-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	2-3	1-5	2-3	2-2	3-2	4-1-1	2-3	21-23-1
Off SU Win	2-4	1-2	6-3	4-4	2-5	7-2	4-5	4-5-1	2-6	32-36-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-4	3-0	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-1-1	2-0	2-2	15-15-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Gator	+10	Florida St - #17	18-30
05	Sugar - #11	+6	Georgia - #8	38-35
06	Gator - #13	-10	Georgia Tech	38-35
07	Fiesta - #11	+7'	Oklahoma - #3	48-28
08	Mieneke Car Care	-2	North Carolina	31-30

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
W Virginia's All-Time Bowl Record 13–15

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
	8*	24.5	360	210	5.3	150	66.2	14.7	18	+12	2008	3	17.0	329	132	3.6	197	56.1	19.3	25
	7*	39.6	456	297	6.2	159	66.4	11.5	13	+13	2007	8	18.1	302	113	3.0	189	56.1	16.7	40
	9*	38.8	461	303	6.7	158	63.9	11.9	15	+7	2006	5	21.7	336	93	3.0	243	57.4	15.5	31
	3	32.1	389	272	5.2	117	63.2	12.1	18	+14	2005	5	17.8	311	110	2.9	201	59.7	17.4	29
	9*	30.1	418	252	5.1	166	57.5	13.9	21	+3	2004	6	20.5	339	141	3.6	198	54.9	16.6	26
	4*	28.9	368	212	4.6	156	51.2	12.8	14	+16	2003	4	22.8	391	131	3.5	260	59.1	17.1	17
	7	30.5	419	284	5.2	135	53.0	13.7	16	+19	2002	6	23.2	336	122	3.5	214	55.3	14.4	15

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Noel Devine	206	1338	49	1289	4	6.3
Pat White	191	1109	135	974	8	5.1
Jock Sanders	48	278	28	250	2	5.2
Jarrett Brown	36	202	33	169	1	4.7
Mark Rodgers	15	82	2	80	0	5.3
Zac Cooper	1	18	0	18	0	18.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Pat White	274	180	65.7	1842	21	7
Jarrett Brown	30	22	73.3	114	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Alric Arnett	35	466	13.3	6	52	
Jock Sanders	53	462	8.7	7	41	
Dorrell Jalloh	29	358	12.3	5	35	
Noel Devine	35	185	5.3	0	17	
Bradley Starks	17	168	9.9	1	35	
Wes Lyons	11	104	9.5	0	19	
Tyler Urban	4	79	19.8	2	25	
Will Johnson	9	64	7.1	1	12	
Tito Gonzales	5	57	11.4	0	22	
Ricky Kovatch	1	19	19.0	0	19	
Selvish Capers	1	2	2.0	0	2.0	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Pat McAfee	62	2772	44.7	16	40.5	0	25
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Pat McAfee	36-36	6-8	4-4	5-6	2-2	17-20	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mortty Ivy	90	0.5	6.5	6	3
Quinton Andrews	77	1	3	6	1
Ellis Lankster	68	0	2.5	7	3
JT Thomas	65	3	7	3	0
Sidney Glover	61	1	3.5	6	1
Brandon Hogan	60	0.5	0	7	3
Anthony Leonard	59	0.5	1	1	1
Franchot Allen	49	1	2.5	0	0
Chris Neild	47	2.5	2	1	0
Eain Smith	39	0	0.5	1	0
Scooter Berry	34	1.5	4	3	0
Robert Sands	33	0	0	0	0
John Holmes	31	5	2	1	1
Pat Lazear	30	0	1	0	1
Doug Slavonic	27	2.5	0	1	0
Ovid Goulbourne	25	0.5	0	0	0
Julian Miller	21	3.5	0	3	0
Nate Sowers	20	0	0.5	2	1
Kent Richardson	19	0	1	0	0
Reed Williams	17	0	2	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ellis Lankster	20	171	8.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Mark Rodgers	22	464	21.1	0
Ellis Lankster	8	195	24.4	0

OFFENSE / DEFENSE — 2008 STATS BY GAME

WV 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
60,566	Villanova	21	22-149	6.8	26-34	205	0	28	50-133	2.7	21-37	266	6	+2
43,610	at E Carolina	12	36-179	5.0	11-18	72	3	20	42-143	3.4	23-29	243	1	-2
51,883	at Colorado	16	52-311	6.0	10-15	43	0	24	45-187	4.2	22-33	179	2	+1
60,154	Marshall	26	42-319	7.6	22-28	174	0	13	25-39	1.6	15-37	119	1	+1
59,122	Rutgers	17	50-175	3.5	14-19	158	0	14	26-72	2.8	15-33	198	1	0
58,133	Syracuse	13	32-216	6.8	14-20	52	2	20	35-139	4.0	25-42	207	3	+1
60,765	Auburn	25	35-271	7.7	13-21	174	2	16	45-149	3.3	13-21	111	1	-1
40,000	at Connecticut	17	51-216	4.2	11-18	121	1	17	25-119	4.8	17-37	166	0	+5
59,834	Cincinnati	19	42-98	2.3	20-38	219	4	12	33-82	2.5	16-30	178	3	-2
34,796	at Louisville	16	41-376	9.2	6-11	122	0	26	38-198	5.2	27-47	276	3	+4
63,019	at Pittsburgh	13	32-157	4.9	15-28	143	0	23	44-190	4.3	12-23	156	2	+1
48,019	USF	22	40-139	3.5	14-23	141	2	21	38-167	4.4	18-33	189	1	+2
73,712	† N Carolina	20	42-123	2.9	26-32	332	4	15	29-93	3.2	16-26	277	1	0
TOTALS		237	517-2729	5.3	202-305	1956	18	249	475-1711	3.6	240-428	2565	25	+12
AVERAGES		18.2	40-210	5.3	16-23	150	5.9%	19.2	37-132	3.6	18-33	197	5.8%	0.9

2004 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#10	East Carolina	-28'	56-23
#10	at UCF	-21	45-20
#7	Maryland - #21	-6	19-16 OT
#6	James Madison	NL	45-10
#6	at Virginia Tech	+3	13-19
#17	at Connecticut	-6'	31-19
#15	Syracuse	-15	27-6
#15	at Rutgers	-14'	35-30
#15	Temple	-28	42-21
#13	Boston College - #21	-7	17-36
#21	at Pittsburgh	-3	13-16

2005 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
–	at Syracuse	+2'	15-7
–	Wofford	NL	35-7
–	at Maryland	+3	31-19
–	East Carolina	-22'	20-15
–	Virginia Tech - #3	+10	17-34
–	at Rutgers	-3'	27-14
–	Louisville - #19	+7	46-44 3OT
#18	Connecticut	-14'	45-13
#16	at Cincinnati	-14	38-0
#12	Pittsburgh	-14	45-13
#12	at USF	-8'	28-13

2006 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
#5	Marshall	-22	42-10
#6	E Washington	NL	52-3
#5	Maryland	-17'	45-24
#4	at East Carolina	-21	27-10
#4	at Mississippi St	-21	42-14
#5	Syracuse	-25'	41-17
#4	at Connecticut	-23	37-11
#3	at Louisville - #5	+1	34-44
#10	Cincinnati	-18	42-24
#8	at Pittsburgh	-10'	45-27
#7	USF	-21'	19-24
#15	Rutgers - #13	-10	41-39 3OT

2007 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#3	W Michigan	-24	62-24
#3	at Marshall	-25	48-23
#4	at Maryland	-16'	31-14
#5	East Carolina	-24	48-7
#5	at USF - #18	-7	13-21
#13	at Syracuse	-27	55-14
#9	Mississippi St	-25'	38-13
#6	at Rutgers - #25	-6'	31-3
#6	Louisville	-17	38-31
#5	at Cincinnati - #21	-5'	28-23
#4	Connecticut - #20	-20	66-21
#2	Pittsburgh	-29	9-13

2008 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
#8	Villanova	-43'	48-21
#8	at East Carolina	-7'	3-24
#21	at Colorado	-3	14-17 OT
–	Marshall	-14'	27-3
–	Rutgers	-14	24-17
–	Syracuse	-21'	17-6
–	Auburn	-3'	34-17
–	at Connecticut	-3'	35-13
#20	Cincinnati	-6'	23-26 OT
–	at Louisville	-7	35-21
–	at Pittsburgh	-3	15-19
–	USF	-7	13-7

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

#60 OG Jason Kelce
#71 LT Jeff Linkenbach

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Deontey Kenner left as the school's career leader in total offense. Gino Guidugli became their career leading passer with 11,453 ('01-'04). In '04 then-coach Mark Dantonio called Dustin Grutza "The QB of the future." In 2005 Grutza became the first UC frosh QB to ever start an opener and he threw for 1,799 (56%) with an 11-11 ratio. In 2006 Grutza threw for 1,632 (60.9%) with a 9-13 ratio splitting time with Nick Davila (1,057). WF transfer Ben Mauk (PS#32) did not enroll until the summer of '07 and it was a 3-QB race between Mauk, Grutza and Tony Pike. Mauk took command at midseason and threw for 3,121 (60.9%) with an outstanding 31-9 ratio (377 rush). Grutza played in two (432, 4-0 ratio) and Pike in 5 (91, 1-3 ratio). Mauk kept appealing for a 6th year but was denied for the last time in Aug '08. Grutza became the starter. Kelly told Pike that unless he stepped up his game he would have a hard time finding playing time. Grutza broke his leg in the 4Q vs Okla and Pike started against Miami. Pike had just 38 career att prior but hit 20 of 24 for 241. Unfortunately, he broke his non-throwing arm vs Akron (gm 4). RFr Zach Collaros (6'0" 209 So, PS#192) came in but it was rFr Chazz Anderson (PS#95) who started vs Marshall. Pike ret'd vs Conn with 6 screws and a plate in his arm but started losing feeling in it and was pulled at half (10-27 for 136) with the Bearcats leading 13-10. They did not score a TD in the 2H with Anderson. Pike guided the upsets of USF and WV. He was inj'd vs L'ville and Grutza ret'd and led a 72 yard game clinching TD drive. Pike started vs Pitt and hit 26 of 32 for 309. In the season finale Pike was ineffective and also threw 4 int in the Orange Bowl. Pike threw for 2,407 (61.4%) with an 19-11 ratio. Grutza threw for 613 (66.7%, 5-1 ratio) while Anderson threw for 520 (61.3%, 2-3 ratio). Not listed below are Brendon Kay (6'4" 227 rFr, PS#42) and Travis Kelce (6'5" 247 rFr, PS#109). This year they lose Grutza but after using 4 different QB's last year, this position should be more stable.

RUNNING BACKS - In each of the last three years the Bearcats have used a RB-by-committee approach. Their leading rusher in 2006 was Greg Moore (709, 4.4). All of the top backs returned in Kelly's first year and it was Butler Benton who led with just 499 (5.0) while Moore had 450 (5.2) and Jacob Ramsey 362 (3.8). Three of the top 4 RB's departed with Ramsey (top returnee) leading in '08 with 664 (4.4) and John Goebel (PS#154) added 607 (4.6) and 283 rec yds (10.9). True frosh Isaiah Pead (PS#52) only played in seven (194, 6.5). Scott Johnson led with 79 vs EK but had just 2 more attempts the rest of the year. Not listed in the PSL below are Darrin Williams (5'7" 180 rFr, PS#121), George Winn (5'11" 202 rFr, PS#144), Scott Johnson (5'10" 204 So, PS#255) and Quentin Hines (5'11" 185 rFr). With everyone back, this unit is more experienced.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 Dominick Goodman led with 869 (12.8) while rFr Marcus Barnett added 862 (13.9). Mardy Gilyard (Scout Tm POY '06) had 536 (14.9) and TE Connor Barwin had 399 (12.9). Gilyard led in '08 with 1,276 (15.8) and 11 TD's while Goodman had 1,028 (12.2) and became UC's all-time leader in rec yds (2,512). Those two accounted for 65% of the rec yards with Barnett #4 at 277 (9.2) and soph TE Ben Guidugli had 229 (12.7). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dan Milligan (5'9" 171 rFr, PS#180) and TE Luca Romeo (6'1" 218 rFr). This year they must replace Goodman (14 st) and Barnett could move to CB. Transfer Vidal Hazelton (PS#6) was #3 in rec at USC in '07 (540, 10.8) and is petitioning for immediate eligibility. If Hazelton is eligible this unit could be just as strong as 2008's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Dantonio's final year (2006) UC's OL paved the way for 134 ypg rush (3.4) while allowing 33 sacks (9.6%). While Dantonio liked big OL's, Kelly wanted a slimmer O-line. Kelly inherited 8 of the top 10 OL's (3 st'rs) and they improved to 148 ypg (4.0) while allowing 23 sacks (5.0%). Last year they had to replace two starters and a C who started the L/4 in '07. With three starters back they surprisingly slipped to 118 ypg (3.6) with 31 sacks (6.6%). One of those returning starters was C Chris Jurek who had lost his spot at the end of '07. This year they lose 2nd Tm AA LG Trevor Canfield (14 st, 3Y st'r, #7DC ARZ), RT Khalil El-Amin (14 st, 2Y st'r) but again have 3 starters returning. The Bearcats should improve upon last year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Brian Kelly had an exp D-line in his first year as the Bearcats allowed just 114 ypg rush (3.2) while the D had 42 sacks. Last year they had to replace both DE's including Anthony Hoke (13 sk). They did return both DT's including 2nd Tm AA Terrill Byrd and moved TE Connor Barwin to DE. They again yielded 114 ypg (3.3) with 39 sacks. This year they shift from a 4-3 to a 3-4. Gone are DE Lamonte Nelms (13 st, 56 tkl, 6.5 sk, 1 int), 1st Tm BE Barwin (14 st, 53 tkl, 11 sk, #2DC HOU), 2nd Tm BE Byrd (13 st, 51 tkl, 5.5 sk) and DT Adam Hoppel (13 st, 31 tkl, 3 sk). VHT Minn transfer Alex Daniels (PS#34) started 1 here in '08 but this unit is a lot less exp and is learning a new system.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Bearcats had to replace their entire 2 deep at LB and that defense allowed 31.4 ppg. Since then they've had experienced units. Last year they had to replace 2 players (#12 and #16 tkl'r) but had back their #2, #3 and #5 tacklers to a 3-man group. This year they switch to a 3-4 and lose all 3 starters. Gone are MLB Ryan Manalac (11 st, 82 tkl, 2.5 tfl), WLB Torry Cornett (14 st, 70 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and SLB Corey Smith (14 st, 67 tkl, 10.5 tfl, 1 int). While their #1, #3 and #4 tacklers are gone, they do return #7 Andre Revels and add Demetrius Jones (PS#6QB). I expect Kelly to form a decent LB corps but they are weaker in '09.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats have finished in the top 43 of my pass D rankings six of the last seven years with 2005 being their only slip (#99). In 2007 they had to replace two starters and were #34 with a 15-26 ratio. CB Mike Mickens earned 1st Tm AA while CB DeAngelo Smith tied for the FBS lead with 8 int. Last year they had to replace both starting S's. They added VHT Ohio St transfer Brandon Underwood (PS#28, 14 st). UC surprisingly slipped to #41. Prior to the year Kelly said he had 3 CB's that could start anywhere but unfortunately those three all depart. Gone are 2nd Tm BE CB Smith (14 st, 53 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu, #5DC DAL), 1st Tm BE Underwood (6 st CB, 8 st FS, 66 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu, #6DC GB), 2nd Tm AA Mike Mickens (11 st, 70 tkl, 10 pbu, 4 int, #7DC DAL) as well as FS Cedric Tolbert (5 st, 26 tkl, 1 int, 2 sk). Not listed below are Trammell Williams (5'9" 185 So), Brent Black (6'1" 194 So) and Rueben Haley (6'0" 188 So). They may add WR Marcus Barnett (25 st 2Y) as well as JUCO Malik James (6'1", 31 tkl, 7 pd at JC LY). There is decent talent but clearly with 3 NFL DC's and 96 career starts lost and with just 12 returning, this group is much less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Brian Kelly's CM ST units were #102, #92 and #58 in my rankings. In Dantonio's 3 years UC was just #106, #113 and #82. In Kelly's first year here they had to replace their P and K but surprisingly moved up to #21 (P Kevin Huber 39.6 net), despite new K Jake Rogers hitting just 11 of 19 (long 55). Rogers missed 2 xp's in '08's opener and Kelly replaced him with Brandon Yingling (6-7 xp's on yr). Rogers reclaimed his job and hit 13 straight FG's (dating back to '07) but then missed 5 straight before hitting 5 of his final 7. He did connect on 3 of 50+ (long 54). Huber avg 45.0 (amazing 41.5 net, #1 FBS). UC had two of the longest droughts in IA, in not having a KR TD S/'97 and a PR TD in 111 games. The PR streak is now 125 but Gilyard had 2 TD's (27.6) on KR. Rogers had 11 TB on 73 KO and Connor Barwin blk'd 2 punts vs Marshall. Kelly uses a lot of 1st stringers on ST's and UC finished #1 LY. This year they lose their star Huber (#5DC CIN) and top PR Smith and figure to drop some.

COACHES - Brian Kelly was the HC at Div II Grand Valley St for 13 years compiling a record of 118-35-2. Kelly never had a losing season with the Lakers and won Div II National Titles in '02 and '03 (#2 '01). He led C Mich to a pair of winning seasons in his 3 years there, including his 2006 MAC Title. In just his 2nd year here he got UC the Big East Title, their first BCS bowl and was mentioned often for other coaching openings. Kelly has signed a 5 year contract extension and was named Big East Coach of the Year in '07 and '08. In Feb, Kelly let DC Joe Tresey go and the new DC is Bob Diaco who was the ST/LB coach at Virginia in '08. Diaco spent '05 on Kelly's staff at CM as co-DC and LB coach. Jeff Quinn remains the OC and has spent the last 18 years along side Kelly.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2007 Cincinnati was the most experienced team in the Big East but had to learn new schemes. UC was last in the Big East in attendance in 2006 (20,373) but improved to 30,246 in 2007. Thanks to a softer non-conf schedule the Bearcats opened 5-0 and were ranked for the first time since 1976! When they knocked off #21 Rutgers on the road they moved to #15 (6-0). After getting upset the next two weeks by UL and Pitt they beat #20 USF and pounded #16 Conn. After a loss to WV they beat Syr to move to 9-3 and then dispatched SM in the PapaJohns.com Bowl. It was the first time in UC history that they finished the season ranked (#17). The school record for points in a season had been 409 ('02) but Kelly's first edition put up 472. The Bearcats benefitted from +16 in TO's and had just 12 returning starters last year (2nd fewest Big East). One of my then 8 sets of power ratings called for an 11-2 season. They were actually picked 5th in the Big East (I had them #4) but they had a dream season. Kelly did a fantastic job as 4 different QB's played due to injury. After losing to #4 Okla by 26 they only led Miami, Oh 24-20 mid-3Q but then UC returned an int 72 yd for a TD to blow it wide open and won 45-20. They hit a 48 yd FG with 7:45 left and held on in a 17-15 win over Akron. Against Marshall they only had a 122-119 yd edge at the half but thanks to TO's led 16-3. They dominated the 2H despite being down to their 3rd string QB. They edged past Rutgers by 3 and while they led Conn 13-10 in the 3Q, they imploded in the 4Q and lost by 24. UC knocked off #24 USF at home 24-10 and beat #20 WV on the road in OT. UL led 20-14 in the 3Q but UC rallied for the win. UC led Pitt 28-7 and held on for a 28-21 win wrapping up the Big East Title before defeating Syr 30-10. With the Orange Bowl bid in hand, they traveled to Hawaii and trailed by 13 in the 4Q but an IR TD spurred the comeback win. It was their first outright conf title since 1964. They climbed to #12 and were favored in the Orange Bowl vs VT but were outgained 398-310 and lost 20-7 and finished #17 (same as '07). Due to their QB problems, their offense averaged just 25.9 ppg (10.4 fewer than in '07). This year they have 8 starters back on offense and more stability at QB. The D is a major question mark with 11 of the top 13 tacklers gone and just 1 ret starter! UC did only outgain BE foes by 59.9 ypg which is low for a 6-1 squad. They benefitted from 5 net close wins (pg 299) and remarkably they were -8 in TO's. The key to '09 will be how quickly the D matures but with a potent off and HC Kelly, they still have a good shot at a 4th straight bowl but will come nowhere near last year's 11 win total.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 15 TONY PIKE SR. 6-6 210 PS#294. 5 gm, 91 (55%) '07. 10 st (inj), 2407 (61%), 19-11 ratio, **2nd Tm BE** LY. **14** Chazz Anderson (6'0" 209 So) PS#95. 2 st, 520 (61%) 2-3 ratio LY.

RB 23 ISAIAH PEAD SO. 5-10 193 PS#52. 194 (6.5) true. **22** John Goebel (6'1" 213 Jr) PS#154. 3 st, 607 (4.6), 26 rec LY. Jacob Ramsey (6'0" 216 Sr) PS#106. 15 st, 1026 (4.1) 2Y.

WR 1 MARDY GILYARD SR. 6-1 187 PS#347. 8 st, 536 (14.9) rFr. 11 st, 1276 (15.8), **2nd Tm BE** LY. **84** OJ Woodard (6'2" 214 So) PS#109. 13 gm rFr. Charley Howard (6'3" 205 Jr) PS#494.

WR 4 Vidal Hazelton Sr. 6-2 210 **PS#6.** 11 st, 586 (10.3) 3Y. **Trans from USC '09.** petition for elig. **3** DJ Woods (6'0" 175 So) PS#55. 168 (12.0) true. Armon Binns (6'4" 200 Jr) PS#257.

WR NA JAMAR HOWARD SO. 6-4 210 **PS#64JC. 85 Marcus Barnett** (6'2" 174 Jr) PS#373. **25 st**, 1139 (12.4) 2Y. 2nd Tm BE '07. CB in spg. Lynell Payne (6'3" 205 rFr) PS#85.

TE 19 BEN GUIDUGLI JR. 6-0 237 PS#241. 2 rec rFr. 14 st, 229 (12.7) LY. **83** Kazeem Alli (6'4" 258 Sr) PS#48. 2 st, 259 (13.0) 3Y. Adrien Robinson (6'4" 244 So) PS#72. 1 rec rFr.

C 56 CHRIS JUREK SR. 6-2 286 PS#603. 1 gm rFr. 9 st , 11 gm '07. 13 st LY. **72** Evan Davis (6'4" 262 So) PS#287. 4 gm true. **LS 93** Mike Windt (6'2" 250 Sr). 13 gm, perfect on 121 snaps LY.

RG 59 Alex Hoffman So. 6-5 293 PS#439. 2 st, 12 gm rFr. **53** Randy Martinez (6'1" 277 So) PS#99. 4 gm as rFr. **69** Frank Becker (6'1" 287 So) PS#287. 2 gm as rFr.

LG 60 JASON KELCE JR. 6-4 290 9 gm rFr. 13 st LY. **66** Sam Griffin (6'4" 260 Jr) PS#265. 2 gm true. 1 st, 5 gm LY. **65** TJ Franklin (6'4" 287 So) PS#90. No gm action LY.

RT 70 CJ Cobb Jr. 6-4 304 PS#496. 12 gm rFr. No gm action (inj), +26 lbs LY. **68** Craig Parmenter (6'5" 289 So) PS#197. DNP LY. **LS 96** Tom DeTemple (6'2" 225 So).

LT 71 JEFF LINKENBACH SR. 6-6 311 PS#332. 13 st rFr. 3 st '07. 14 st LY. **77** Sean Hooey (6'8" 296 Fr) PS#178. Grayshirt LY. In for spring. **51** Alex Apyan (6'2" 205 So). Bkup LS.

K 97 JAKE ROGERS JR. 6-3 205 PS#88. 11-19 FG. L/55, 13 TB/80 KO rFr. 16-23 FG, L/54, 73 KO, 11 TB LY. Patrick O'Donnell is PS#54. **6** Dan Milligan (5'9" 171 rFr) Also WR.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 98 Curtis Young Sr. 6-1 269 3 st, 15 tkl, 3.5 sk true. Inelig '07. 14 gm, 25 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. Monte Taylor PS#242JC. Dan Giordano (6'4" 246 rFr) PS#147. Mark Nelson (6'5" 229 rFr) PS#408.

NT 78 Derek Wolfe So. 6-5 302 PS#187. 3 tkl, 7 gm true. **40** John Hughes (6'2" 305 So) PS#54. 1 st, 20 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **90** Ricardo Mathews (6'3" 294 Sr) PS#216. 1 st, 25 tkl 3Y.

DT 89 Alex Daniels Sr. 6-4 259 **PS#34.** 14 tkl true. 2 st @ TB '06. **Trans from Minny** '07. 1 st, 16 tkl here LY. **94** Rob Trigg (6'3" 264 Jr) PS#192. 7 tkl 2Y. Steve Hancock (6'3" 233 So).

OLB 7 Craig Carey Sr. 6-4 248 PS#212. 3 gm rFr. 11 tkl '07. 4 tkl LY. **54** Walter Stewart (6'5" 226 rFr) PS#425. **58** Brandon Mills (5'10" 266 rFr) PS#405. Joe Homan (5'11" 222 So).

ILB 37 JK Schaffer So. 6-1 223 PS#193. 12 tkl true. **36** Tomaz Hilton (6'3" 215 So) PS#429. 9 tkl rFr. Ricardo Thompson (6'1" 227 So) PS#116. Obadiah Cheatham (6'2" 224 Jr) PS#422.

ILB 50 Andre Revels Sr. 6-0 221 PS#138. 2 st, 71 tkl, 15 pd 2Y. 59 tkl LY. **11** Collin McCafferty (6'3" 222 Jr). 16 tkl 2Y. **35** Marcus Waugh (6'0" 270 Sr) PS#342. Move from TE.

OLB 2 Demetrius Jones Jr. 6-4 214 **PS#6.** RS '06. 1 st QB @ ND, then trans here. **43** Robby Armstrong (6'2" 222 Jr). 10 tkl 2Y. Alex Delisi (6'2" 225 So) PS#178. Wes Richardson (6'0" 193 So).

CB NA Malik James So. 6-1 190 PS#180JC. **31** Bruce Horner (5'11" 171 rFr) PS#254. **41** Jared Rains (5'10" 193 rFr) PS#139. Camerron Cheatham (5'9" 187 rFr) PS#269.

CB 9 Dominique Battle So. 6-0 184 PS#174. 14 gm, 13 tkl true. **85** Marcus Barnett (6'2" 174 Jr) PS#373. 2nd Tm BE WR '07. 14 st WR LY. CB in spg. Everett Horne PS#181.

SS 17 AARON WEBSTER SR. 6-2 211 PS#184. 13 tkl true. 8 tkl '07. 10 st, 60 tkl, 5 pd LY. **36** Quincy Quetant (6'1" 209 rFr) PS#185. **13** Patrick Lambert (6'1" 193 rFr) PS#258.

FS 25 Brad Jones Sr. 6-1 202 PS#82. 1 tkl rFr. 22 tkl '07. 1 st, 14 tkl LY. **26** Drew Frey (6'4" 205 rFr) PS#344. 1 st, 4 gm, 10 tkl LY, Med RS. **33** Deon Reed (6'1" 215 So).

P NA Patrick O'Donnell Fr. 6-5 210 PS#54. **97** Jake Rogers FG L2Y. **61** Dusty Greenbury (6'2" 205 So) PS#34. **41** Michael Cooke (6'2" 210 So). **12** Mark Tabar (6'2" 180 rFr). P & K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Vidal Hazelton 6-2 210 PS#6 '06
WR	Jamar Howard 6-4 210 PS#64JC
DL	Ricky Harris 6-2 308 PS#125
DB	Chris Williams 6-0 190 PS#122
DL	Jordan Stepp 6-0 286 PS#132
DB	Malik James 6-1 190 PS#180JC
LB	Maalik Bomar 6-1 195 PS#132
OL	Austen Bujnoch 6-5 265 PS#161
DB	Will Saddler 6-4 210 PS#176
DB	Everett Horne 5-9 165 PS#181
LB	Angel Clybourne 6-1 226 PS#161
OL	Sean Hooey 6-8 296 PS#178 '08
OL	Mitch Kessel 6-5 265 PS#181
DL	Monte Taylor 6-5 245 PS#242JC
WR	Josh Jones 6-3 210 PS#155
DL	Mitch Meador 6-4 240 PS#212
DL	Michael Hilty 6-4 242 PS#221
DB	Romel Dismuke 5-8 180 PS#254
OL	Andre Cureton 6-6 280 PS#263
TE	Blake Annen 6-4 220 PS#77
DL	Ryan Paxson 6-6 220 PS#292
DL	Sean McClellan 6-4 265 PS#293
TE	DeMarkus Bracy 6-4 245 PS#103
LB	Tristin Marvin 6-3 220 PS#363
K	Patrick O'Donnell 6-5 210 PS#54
OL	Dan Sprague 6-3 260 PS#499
DB	Reuben Johnson 5-10 173 PS#576
LB	Colin Lozier 6-0 210 PS#1667

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BRIAN KELLY (Career 41-22) (Div II 118-35-2)
3rd Year at Cincinnati Bowls: 2-1 Central Michigan '04-'06

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#70

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 7	at Rutgers (Mon)	A						Cincy is just 3-16 in their 1st game away from home. They have won 3 straight vs Rutgers including last year when they were 0-11 in 3rd downs & had 12 penalties.
Sep. 12	SE Missouri St	A						The Bearcats are 9-1 in home openers with an average score of 36-13. These 2 met in 2007, a 59-3 Bearcat win. The Redhawks finished 4-8 last year.
Sep. 19	at Oregon St	A						The Cats have lost their last 6 when visiting a non-conf BCS tm by an avg 21 ppg. Last meeting TO's were key, OSU turned it over 7 times & lost despite a 310-229 yd edge.
Sep. 26	Fresno St	A						Cincy has won won 14 straight vs non-BCS teams the last 3 years. The Bearcats are 3-2 vs teams from the WAC, including last year's win at Hawaii.
Oct. 3	at Miami, Oh	A						The schools' bill this as the oldest rivalry West of the Allegheny Mountains (114th meeting). UC has won 3 straight by an avg of 25 ppg including LY as QB Pike made his 1st start.
Oct. 10								
Oct. 15	at USF (Thur)	G						The visitor is just 1-5 but the Bearcats have won the last 3 by an avg of 12 ppg. LY facing one of the conf's toughest def, Pike was 20-28 for 281 yds & 2 TD's.
Oct. 24	Louisville (HC)	A						This is the Battle for the Keg of Nails & these schools are only 106 miles apart. Cincy snapped a 5 game losing streak LY with their 28-20 win over the Cardinals.
Oct. 31	at Syracuse	A						Cincinnati has won the last 4 meetings by an avg of 15 ppg. Last year Cincy held Syracuse to -21 yds in the 1Q & no FD's the 1st 22:00 & allowed a 4Q garbage TD.
Nov. 7	Connecticut	A						Cincy is 4-1 vs the Huskies with an avg win by 14 ppg. Last year Cincy was held to a ssn low 30 yds rushing. Backup QB's Pike & Anderson were just 19-47 for 259 yds.
Nov. 13	West Virginia (Fri)	A						UC managed just 3 FD's in 2H & squandered a 20-7 lead, but pulled out the win in OT. Cincinnati is 2-14-1 vs WV all-time winning last year for the 1st time since 2003.
Nov. 21								Bonus: Cincy won all of their 3 trophy gms for the 1st time in school history (Miami, Oh for Victory Bell, Louisville for Keg of Nails & Pittsburgh for the River City Rivalry).
Nov. 27	Illinois (Fri)	A						1st meeting. Cincy is 8-38-2 vs current Big Ten tms losing their last 37-7 to OSU in '06. The Bearcats are 13-0 when hosting non-conference opponents since 2003.
Dec. 5	at Pittsburgh	G						The Bearcats lost the first 7 meetings before last year's 28-21 win. Last year was the first time both teams were ranked & they set a Nippert Stadium attendence record.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Gino Guidugli 11,453 '01-'04
2. Danny McCoin 6,801 '84-'87
3. Deontey Kenner 6,278 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Reggie Taylor 4,242 '83-'86
2. DeMarco McCleskey 3,487 '98, '00-'02
3. Allen Harvin 2,998 '78-'82

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Dominick Goodman 2,512 '05-'08
2. LaDaris Vann 2,483 '99-'02
3. Jim O'Brien 2,285 '67-'69

Kelly AT CINCINNATI/OVERALL

22-6 / 41-22	SU	0-2 / 0-3	Vs Top 10
10-2 / 20-7	Home	6-3 / 6-4	Vs Top 25
10-3 / 18-13	Away	1-2 / 1-9	Vs BCS Tms
2-1 / 3-2	Neutral	4-2 / 8-2	Off A Bye
10-4 / 26-13	Vs Conf	4-1 / 13-8	Off A Loss

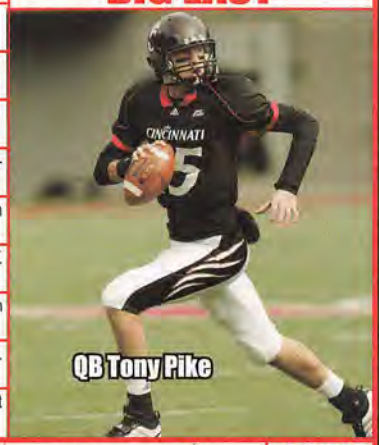
2008 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 1

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (24,17,2)
Lost: 20 (4,14,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,965 (#71)

BIG EAST



STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000) (#85)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000 (Rick Minter 1994)	2001	2002	2003	2004 (Mark Dantonio)	2005	2006 (Brian Kelly 1bowl)	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-5	7-7	5-7	7-5	4-7	8-5	10-3	11-3	66-47
Home	6-0	3-3	4-2	4-2	4-1	3-2	6-1	4-2	6-0	40-13
Away	1-4	4-1	3-3	1-5	2-4	1-5	1-4	5-1	5-2	23-29
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	3-5
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	6-2	2-6	5-3	2-5	4-3	4-3	6-1	39-27
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-3	1-5	3-1	2-2	2-2	4-2	6-0	5-2	27-20
ATS	7-5	6-6	9-5	4-7	6-6	3-6-1	6-5-1	9-3	6-7	56-50-2
Home Fav	3-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	17-14
Home Dog	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	2-0	1-0	12-5
Away Favorite	1-0	0-3	2-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	0-1	3-1	2-3	8-13
Away Dog	1-3	2-0	3-0	3-2	1-2	2-3-1	2-1-1	2-0	1-1	17-12-2
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-6
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	6-2	2-6	4-4	3-4	4-2-1	5-2	4-3	36-29-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-3	3-3	2-1	2-2	0-2-1	2-3	4-1	2-4	20-21-1
Off SU Win	5-2	3-4	4-3	2-3	3-3	0-3-1	2-4-1	7-2	4-7	30-31-2
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	4-2	1-4	3-2	3-2	4-1	2-1	2-0	23-16

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	New Orleans	-7'	North Texas	19-24
04	Fort Worth	-1	Marshall	32-14
06	International	-7	W Michigan	27-24
07	PapaJohns.com - #20	-11	Southern Miss	31-21
08	Orange - #12	-2'	Virginia Tech - #21	7-20

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6	25.9	371	118	3.6	253	61.4	14.3	31	-8	2008	6	20.1	321	114	3.3	207	56.2	15.9	39
7*	36.3	434	148	4.0	286	61.6	12.0	23	+16	2007	7	18.8	368	114	3.2	254	59.8	19.6	42
7*	21.1	340	134	3.4	207	60.0	16.2	33	-6	2006	10	19.6	308	106	3.6	202	52.3	15.7	31
3	17.5	324	125	3.2	200	56.6	18.6	40	-7	2005	3	31.4	402	180	4.4	221	57.5	12.8	24
9*	28.7	406	183	4.2	222	58.0	14.1	14	-5	2004	8	26.7	341	147	4.4	194	49.7	12.8	27
5*	25.3	393	165	3.8	228	52.7	15.6	20	0	2003	4	26.6	333	144	3.7	189	50.4	12.5	22
8*	29.2	398	137	3.5	261	54.4	13.6	25	+1	2002	8	23.5	318	138	3.6	180	51.5	13.5	34

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jacob Ramsey	152	708	44	664	2	4.4
John Goebel	133	625	18	607	7	4.6
Isaiah Pead	30	203	9	194	0	6.5
Scott Johnson	11	83	4	79	1	7.2
Dustin Grutza	21	87	36	51	2	2.4
Tony Pike	56	170	123	47	1	0.8
Zach Collaros	6	29	0	29	0	4.8
Chazz Anderson	23	45	83	-38	2	-1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tony Pike	324	199	61.4	2407	19	11
Dustin Grutza	66	44	66.7	613	5	1
Chazz Anderson	75	46	61.3	520	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mardy Gilyard	81	1276	15.8	11	69
Dominick Goodman	84	1028	12.2	7	49
John Goebel	26	283	10.9	0	66
Marcus Barnett	30	277	9.2	1	27
Ben Guidugli	18	229	12.7	1	33
DJ Woods	14	168	12.0	0	24
Kazeem Alli	12	124	10.3	3	24
Jacob Ramsey	13	95	7.3	1	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kevin Huber	60	2697	45.0	13	41.5	1	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jake Rogers	34-36	3-4	4-6	6-9	3-4	16-23	54

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Manalac	82	0	2.5	4	0
Mike Mickens	70	0	2	10	4
Torry Cornett	70	1	1.5	3	0
Corey Smith	67	2	8.5	2	1
Brandon Underwood	66	1	3.5	6	4
Aaron Webster	60	0	2.5	4	1
Andre Revels	59	0	0.5	1	0
Lamonte Nelms	56	6.5	7.5	1	1
Connor Barwin	53	11	5	8	0
DeAngelo Smith	53	0	3.5	10	2
Terrill Byrd	51	5.5	4.5	0	0
Adam Hoppel	31	3	3	2	0
Cedric Tolbert	26	2	1	2	1
Curtis Young	25	4	4.5	0	0
John Hughes	20	2	0.5	0	0
Alex Daniels	16	1	1	1	0
Brad Jones	14	0	0.5	0	2
Dominique Battle	13	0	1	1	0
JK Schafer	12	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAngelo Smith	23	219	9.5	0
DJ Woods	12	113	9.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mardy Gilyard	36	994	27.6	2
John Goebel	11	240	21.8	0

OFFENSE — 2008 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

UC 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
26,913	E Kentucky	28	44-209	4.8	26-35	348	3	8	28-48	1.7	13-18	147	2	+1
84,476	at Oklahoma	19	29-87	3.0	22-42	239	3	30	44-197	4.5	29-38	395	0	0
31,629	Miami, Oh	20	31-152	4.9	20-24	241	0	22	31-49	1.6	28-43	235	2	-1
16,927	at Akron	21	31-104	3.4	24-38	322	0	23	33-104	3.2	26-42	254	3	-1
29,237	at Marshall	22	46-203	4.4	16-26	158	3	16	31-90	2.9	17-37	178	3	+1
32,370	Rutgers	15	31-97	3.1	21-29	239	4	15	29-62	2.1	20-36	192	3	0
40,000	at Connecticut	16	19-30	1.6	19-47	259	4	15	36-153	4.3	18-42	196	1	-6
31,175	USF	23	37-115	3.1	20-28	281	2	19	39-182	4.7	13-31	174	2	0
59,834	at West Virginia	12	33-82	2.5	16-30	178	3	19	42-98	2.3	20-38	219	4	+2
37,822	at Louisville	17	31-131	4.2	20-36	274	0	17	37-120	3.2	19-35	204	1	0
35,098	Pittsburgh	22	38-87	2.3	26-32	309	2	15	26-35	1.3	18-29	229	7	+1
34,603	Syracuse	25	31-140	4.5	28-44	272	4	8	27-152	5.6	6-23	59	3	-1
40,549	at Hawaii	18	33-139	4.2	16-28	183	2	16	24-45	1.9	28-42	275	5	-1
73,602	† Virginia Tech	14	21-71	3.4	16-33	239	1	23	55-258	4.7	13-23	140	3	-3
TOTALS		272	455-1647	3.6	290-472	3542	31	246	482-1593	3.3	268-477	2897	39	-8
AVERAGES		19.4	33-118	3.6	21-34	253	6.6%	17.6	34-114	3.3	19-34	207	8.2%	-0.6

2004 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Ohio St - #9	+14	6-27
–	Miami, Oh	+3'	45-26
–	at Syracuse	-3	7-19
–	at East Carolina	-11'	24-19
–	UAB	-1	27-30
–	at Army	-14'	29-48
–	Memphis	+6	49-10
–	TCU	-6	21-10
–	at Southern Miss - #21	+6	52-24
–	USF	-12'	45-23
–	at Louisville - #7	+21	7-70

2005 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Michigan	-10	28-26
–	at Penn St	+18	24-42
–	W Carolina	NL	7-3
–	at Miami, Oh	+10	16-44
–	at Pittsburgh	+12'	20-38
–	Connecticut	+7'	28-17
–	Louisville	+21'	22-46
–	at Syracuse	+4	22-16
–	West Virginia - #16	+14	0-38
–	at USF	+21	16-31
–	at Rutgers	+13'	9-44

2006 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Kentucky	NL	31-0
–	Pittsburgh	+7'	15-33
–	at Ohio St - #1	+29	7-37
–	at Virginia Tech - #11	+27'	13-29
–	Miami, Oh	-11	24-10
–	Akron	-6'	20-14
–	at Louisville - #7	+25	17-23
–	USF	+1'	23-6
–	Syracuse	-6'	17-3
–	at West Virginia - #10	+18	24-42
–	Rutgers - #7	+6'	30-11
–	at Connecticut	-5'	26-23

2007 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-#17 Score
–	SE Missouri St	NL	59-3
–	Oregon St	+3'	34-3
–	at Miami, Oh	-7	47-10
–	Marshall	-24	40-14
#24	at San Diego St	-15	52-23
#20	at Rutgers - #21	+4	28-23
#15	Louisville	-10	24-28
#23	at Pittsburgh	-9'	17-24
–	at USF - #20	+5	38-33
–	Connecticut - #16	-6'	27-3
#21	West Virginia - #5	+5'	23-28
#24	at Syracuse	-20'	52-31

2008 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-#17 Score
–	E Kentucky	-33	40-7
–	at Oklahoma - #4	+22'	26-52
–	Miami, Oh	-12	45-20
–	at Akron	-11	17-15
–	at Marshall	-3	33-10
–	Rutgers	-7'	13-10
–	at Connecticut	-2'	16-40
–	USF - #24	+2'	24-10
–	at West Virginia - #20	+6'	26-23 OT
#22	at Louisville	-4	28-20
#19	Pittsburgh - #20	-6	28-21
#16	Syracuse	-21'	30-10
#13	at Hawaii	-7'	29-24

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Huskies have struggled passing the football ever since Dan Orlovsky (#5DC DET) departed after the 2004 season in which the Huskies averaged 281 ypg passing (62.9%). In 2005 the numbers dropped to 149 ypg (50.8%) and to 141 (51.4%) in 2006. I projected Tyler Lorenzen (PS#10JC) to win the starting job in 2007 as he has excellent size (6'5" 222) and threw for 2,960 (69%) with a 26-3 ratio (836 rush) at JC in '06. They did return their leading passer in '06, DJ Hernandez, but he moved to WR. In Lorenzen's first game he threw for 298 vs Duke but that is still his career high. He actually topped 200 in 3 of his first 5 but only once over the final 8 of '07. Lorenzen threw for 2,367 (56.8%) with a 13-6 ratio (328 rush). Last year Lorenzen threw 3 int vs Hofstra after having just 6 in '07, which began another nightmare year for the Huskies QB's. Lorenzen was inj vs L'ville and had a 1-6 ratio at the time and the best looking QB's in terms of passing ability was ND transfer Zach Frazer (PS#7). Frazer led the comeback win over L'ville but then suffered a concussion late vs Rutgers and they were down to 3rd string QB, Cody Endres (PS#186). Endres started vs Cincinnati (big win) and WV (big loss). Lorenzen surprisingly returned to start vs Syr and hit just 7 of 15 for 70. In the final 2 reg ssn gms Lorenzen combined to hit just 16 of 51 and Frazer was 0 for 4 with 3 int vs Pitt. The 3 QB's combined for a horrific 5-17 ratio. Lorenzen departs but I think Frazer has a promising 2 years ahead of him. He will battle Endres and rFr Casey Turner (PS#87). Not listed below is Johnny McEntee (6'2" 212 rFr). Let's face it, the Huskies' QB numbers can only improve.

RUNNING BACKS - Donald Brown (PS#103) won the starting job over the final 5 in '06 rushing for 199 vs Rutgers and 205 vs Pitt and was the only frosh to earn Big East honors (2nd Tm) with 896 (5.6). In 2007 he was joined in the backfield by Andre Dixon (PS#130) who was susp'd the first 2 but tallied four 100 yard games (2nd Tm BE) and actually led with 828 (5.0). Brown was banged up and finished a close 2nd with 821 (4.8). Last year Dixon injured his ankle and Brown had 4 TD's in the opener and never looked back. Week 5 was the first week he did not top 100 in the 1H! Brown was the Big East Off POY and was a 2nd Tm AA finishing #1 in the NCAA with 2,083 (5.7) and 18 TD's (21 rec). Dixon only played in 10 and had 37 (4.1). True frosh Jordan Todman (PS#124) was the #2 rusher with 296 (6.3) and rFr Robbie Frey (6'0" 198 So, PS#150) added 71 (3.7). Not listed in the PSL are Nathan Sherr (5'10" 197 So, PS#153), Bret Manning (5'11" 246 rFr) and Joss Tillard (5'10" 215 Jr). After rushing for 261 (9.0) in the bowl, Brown left for the NFL (#1DC IND). Todman came out of spring ahead of the pack but remember, Dixon did outrush Brown in 2007. It will be tough for any back to come close to Brown's record setting 2008 season.

RECEIVERS - UC has not had a 1,000 yard receiver since Carl Bond in 1998. The unit has generally been regarded as a weakness the last 4 years and has been a factor in the low passing totals. Last year they had to replace their top WR but appeared to have 3 of the top 4 back. TE Steve Brouse broke his leg in Wk 4 (4 rec). DJ Hernandez who was the team's leading passer in '06 moved to WR in '07 and had 404 (13.5). Last year his 15.4 ypc led the team but he had just 261 yards. RFr Kashif Moore (PS#157) had 273 (10.1). Ellis Gaulden had 214 (12.6). This year they lose Gaulden (1 st), Hernandez (5 st), Brouse (5 st) and TE Martin Bedard (8 st, 13 rec). Not listed in the PSL below are Alex Molina (6'2" 206 Jr) and TE Derek Chard (6'3" 241 Jr). Despite being less experienced, this group should have improved numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Conn had to replace 3 starters and was hit hard by injuries with 9 different players earning starts but surprisingly improved to 183 rush ypg (4.5) which is UC's best in IA ball. They did allow 31 sacks (9.9%). In 2007 they only had to replace two starters. Surprisingly with their most veteran front in 3 years, they had their lowest ypc (3.9) since 2002 (30 sk). Last year they had by far their most veteran unit as 6 returned with 8+ career starts! Alex LaMagdelaine (8 st '07) was lost in the opener so they basically had 3 starters back. With the emergence of Donald Brown, UC improved to another FBS best with 216 ypg rush (5.1) while allowing just 15 sacks (4.6%). This year they lose C Keith Gray (13 st, 2Y st'r) and 1st Tm Big East LT William Beatty (13 st, 3Y st'r, #2DC NYG). With the return of LaMagdelaine this group is actually a little more experienced but with the loss of RB Brown, they will probably not match '08's rushing total.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskies' D-line has performed as expected with veteran units in 2005 and 2008 allowing just 3.4 ypc rush and the less experienced units in 2006 and 2007 allowed 4.5 and 4.4 ypc. Last year they returned 3 starters and improved allowing 110 ypg (3.4). This year they lose DE Julius Williams (13 st, 41 tkl, 6 sk), DT Rob Lunn (8 st, 13 tkl) and 1st Tm Big East DE Cody Brown (13 st, 56 tkl, 11 sk, #2DC ARZ). They have 4 back with starting experience but lose 18 of the DL's 28 sacks (64%) and 56% of the group tackles and are clearly less experienced than 2008.

LINEBACKERS - Connecticut had basically one LB starter back in '05, '06, and '07. Last year they had to replace their #1 tackler but had 2 starters back in Lawrence Wilson (#2 tkl'r) and Scott Lutrus (#3). This year they have their most experienced LB corps of the decade only losing two 2nd stringers in Aaron Bryant (2 st, 18 tkl) and CJ Marck (9 tkl) as well as 3rd stringer Doc Goudreau (0 tkl). Lutrus earned 2nd Tm BE and was #1 tackler while Wilson was #2 and Greg Lloyd, despite missing 2, was #6. Not listed below are Jory Johnson (5'11" 204 rFr) and Mark Hinkley (5'11" 214 So). Edsall also said that Greg Robinson had a great offseason and will see more action.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 they only had to replace one starter and with a 12-23 ratio moved up to #25 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace one player again in CB Tyvon Branch (#4DC, fastest DB at NFL combine). SS Dahna Deleston was moved to LB in the spring but moved back to SS. As you would expect, UC improved to #16 allowing 168 ypg (53.3%) with a 9-18 ratio. CB Darius Butler is considered one of the top defensive players in UC history as he was excellent in coverage and a top-notch tackler. This year they lose 1st Tm BE CB Butler (9 st, 40 tkl, 4 pbu, 607 all-purp yd, #2DC NE), SS Deleston (13 st, 60 tkl, 2 int) and Terry Baltimore (12 tkl). They do return 2nd Tm BE FS Robert Vaughn. This group has one less starter returning than in 2008 and loses its top player and probably will not match their #16 finish of 2008.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Huskies have been up and down in this area finishing #115 in my ST rankings in 2003 and #70, #36, #96 from '04-'06. They moved back up to #30 in 2007 thanks to some outstanding returnmen and K Tony Ciaravino (PS#37) who hit 22 of 27 FG's (long 50). Last year both K's were back but they had to replace their returnmen. Jasper Howard became the top PR (10.9) and Darius Butler was the top KR (23.6) despite missing 3 with injury. An article I read after Sept complimented the Huskies P and K but things went downhill from there. Ciaravino missed 3 FG's vs Rutgers and lost his job allowing Dave Teggart (PS#46) to hit 13 of 15 FG's (long 47). Desi Cullen averaged 39.8 on punts but had an amazing 6 of them blocked (32.7 net). UC was -6 in the TD/Blk category, and they plummeted to #103. This year they lose Butler and Ciaravino but have almost everyone else back and can really only improve in '09.

COACHES - Randy Edsall returns for his 11th year. He was the Georgia Tech DC in 1998 and the Jacksonville Jags' DB coach from 1994-1997. You have to figure if Edsall was going to leave it would have been last year when there was an opening at his alma mater (Syracuse) but he opted to stay. This year they have a new OC in Joe Moorhead, who was an assistant at Akron the past 5 seasons (OC L/2). The DC is Todd Orlando who enters his 5th year at that spot (11th as LB coach) while Hank Hughes is the asst HC for the defense and has been the DL coach the last 8 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In their final year of IAA ball, UC was just 4-7 then 3-8 in their inaugural IA season. In 2003 they reached the full allotment of 85 scholarship players for the first time and I called for their first winning season since 1998. They did not disappoint as they went 9-3 outgaining 11 of 12 foes. In 2004 they had a senior QB in Dan Orlovsky, two veteran TB's and an O-line with 4 starters back giving them an explosive offense that averaged 30.3 ppg and 429 ypg. UC not only made it to a bowl, they destroyed Toledo 39-10. Connecticut had their most successful three year run in school history from 2002 to 2004 winning 23 games including a 21-7 record over the last 28 in that span. UC had just 11 returning starters in 2005 and had to replace 24 lettermen. They had a soft non-conf schedule and four HG in Big East play but suffered their first losing season in four years. Their six senior starters were the 6th lowest in IA. In 2006 they had 14 returning starters and opened at 2-1. Despite having the second most returning starters in the Big East, they were -106 ypg in conference play (1-6) with their lone Big East win being a miracle comeback against Pitt. In 2007 they again had 14 starters back and added a brand-new training center. UC had a highly successful season thanks in part to being +14 in TO's. After knocking off #11 USF they got their first ever appearance in the AP poll at #16 which was the highest debut for a team since FSU entered at #10 in 1964 (AP only had 10 teams then). With the Big East Title on the line, they were throttled by #4 WV 66-21 and ended up as Big East co-champs with a 5-2 record but amazingly were -83.2 ypg in league play. They were 7-0 at home in Rentschler Field in '07 but had four Big East road games in '08. After having a lot go in their favor in 2007, I noted in 2008's magazine that with 16 starters back, Conn was a stronger team than the prior year's version but would not match '07's 9 win total. In Wk 2 UC trailed Temple 6-0 but won it in OT. After pounding Virginia, they trailed Baylor 28-24 in the 4Q but won. L'ville had an amazing 508-279 yd edge over UC but lost their QB Cantwell to injury and UC got a 45 yd IR TD and prevailed 26-21. They dropped their next 2 to NC and Rutgers and only led Cincy 17-16 late 3Q but beat the eventual BE champ 40-16. They were thinking Big East Title but lost to WV 35-13, a game they led 13-7 at the half. Two games later they lost at USF by 4 and then dropped their finale to Pitt, 34-10. UC rebounded to beat Buffalo by 18 in the bowl and finished 8-5. This time UC finished 5th in the Big East at 3-4 but outgained BE foes by 15.4 ypg. Conn losses their top off player in RB Brown and top def player in CB Butler and they have just 12 returning starters taking on the toughest non-conf schedule in their history. This is still a bowl caliber team but I'll go out on a limb and call for their streak of winning seasons to end at 2.

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2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE	JERSEY # IN BLUE	DEFENSE
QB **10 Zach Frazer Jr.** 6-4 225 PS#7. **ND trans.** 2 st, 536 pass (55%), 2-6 ratio LY. **12** Cody Endres (6'3" 227 So) PS#186. 2 st, 411 pass (49%) 0-3 ratio. Casey Turner (6'4" 229 rFr).	DE **26 Marcus Campbell Jr.** 6-2 228 PS#231. 14 tkl true. 10 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **56** Mike Cox (6'2" 234 Jr) 21 tkl, 2 tfl '07. Inj LY. Keensen Chambers PS#418. IFS. Ted Jennings (6'6" 227 rFr).	
RB **23 Jordan Todman So.** 5-9 191 296 (6.3). **2** Andre Dixon (6'1" 210 Sr). 2nd Tm BE '07, 8 st, 828 rush (5.0) '07. 37 (4.1) LY. Robbie Frey (6'0" 198 So). Kelmetrus Wylie (5'10" 214 So).	DT **99 Kendall Reyes So.** 6-2 272 PS#201 LB. L/4 st, 20 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Alex Polito (6'5" 270 Jr) 15 tkl, 4 tfl '07. 4 st, 13 tkl LY. Ryan Wirth (6'2" 267 rFr) PS#421. Beau Brunelli (6'5" 247 rFr).	
WR **80 MICHAEL SMITH SO.** 6-0 190 PS#144. 12 rec (11.4) true. Isiah Moore (6'0" 191 So). **FB ANTHONY SHERMAN** (5'10" 231 Jr) 11 st, 336 ttl yd 2Y. Anthony Davis (5'10" 241 Jr) 4 st 2Y.	DT **4 TWYON MARTIN SO.** 6-1 264 PS#293. L/8 st, 22 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **52** Brandon Dillon (6'3" 301 Sr) PS#396. 17 gm, 4 tkl 3Y. **92** Scott Schultz (6'3" 288 So) PS#215. 2 gm, 1 tkl LY.	
WR **3 BRAD KANUCH SR.** 6-0 193 PS#99 DB. 20 st, 721 (18.0) 2Y. 8 st (inj), 69 (9.9) LY. **29 Marcus Easley** (6'2" 210 Sr.) 5 st, 94 (20.8) 2Y. **85** Kevin Poles (6'0" 198 Jr) 1 rec LY.	DE **9 Lindsey Witten Sr.** 6-4 248 PS#341. 6 st, 39 tkl, 6 tfl true. 23 tkl, 4.5 tfl '07. 2 st, 19 tkl, 5 sk LY. **48** Trevardo Williams (6'2" 221 Fr) PS#99 '08. IFS. **96** AJ Portee (6'3" 230 rFr).	
WR **82 KASHIF MOORE SO.** 5-9 178 PS#157. 8 st, 273 (10.1). **Dwayne Difton** PS#64. Malik Generett PS#94. Gerrard Sheppard (6'1" 198 rFr) PS#152. Brian Parker (6'3 204 rFr).	SLB **32 SCOTT LUTRUS JR.** 6-2 235 PS#331. 13 st, 107 tkl, 8 tfl, 4 int '07. **2nd Tm BE** LY, 13 st, 106 tkl, 9 tfl, 5 pbu. Jerome Williams (6'0" 219 rFr) PS#132. James Healy (5'8" 209 rFr).	
TE **89 John Delahunt rFr.** 6-3 255 PS#154. **84** Ryan Griffin (6'6" 247 rFr) PS#91. **84** Yianni Apostolakos (6'4" 243 So) PS#92. 1 gm '08. **81** Corey Manning (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#131.	MLB **95 GREG LLOYD JR.** 6-1 244 PS#129. 6 tkl, 1 sk true. 9 st, 56 tkl, 7 tfl. Greg Robinson (6'1" 242 Jr) PS#262. 9 gm, 9 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 6 gm, 4 tkl LY. Sio Moore (6'1" 227 rFr) PS#218.	
C **57 MOE PETRUS SO.** 6-2 282 PS#485. Canadian. 13 st at LG LY as rFr, **FWAA Frosh AA. 70** Gary Bardzak (6'2" 297 So) PS#186. 4 gm LY. **62** Ben Chapman (6'2" 267 rFr).	WLB **8 LAWRENCE WILSON JR.** 6-1 221 PS#192. 13 st, 113 tkl, 8.5 tfl '07. 13 st, 73 tkl, 6 tfl, 7 pd LY. **19** Kijuan Dabney (6'0" 211 Jr) PS#244. 7 tkl 2Y. Matt Ashmead (6'0" 230 Sr). 7 tkl 3Y.	
RG **78 ZACH HURD JR.** 6-7 298 PS#411. 13 gm as bkup in '07. 13 st at RG LY. **66** Mathieu Olivier (6'4" 287 Jr) 5 games '07. 4 games '08. **67** Clark Maturo (6'4" 309 rFr).	CB **42 Robert McClain Sr.** 5-9 196 PS#420. 1 st, 30 tkl, 3 int '07. 4 st, 30 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 5 pbu, 3 int LY. **5** Blidi Wreh-Wilson (6'0" 184 rFr) PS#271. **21** Gary Wilburn (5'11" 197 So) 1 tkl LY.	
LG **74 Alex LaMagdelaine Sr.** 6-2 306 PS#192. 10 st at C '06. 8 st at LG '07, Inj'd in opener LY. **60** Erik Kuraczea (6'1" 318 rFr) **PS#91**. Tyler Bullock (6'4" 250 Fr) PS#303.	CB **6 JASPER HOWARD JR.** 5-9 171 PS#394. 13 st, 60 tkl, 9 pbu, 4 int LY. **24** Dwayne Gratz (5'11" 189 rFr) PS#147. **25** Harris Agbor (5'10" 185 So) 2 tkl. Tevrin Brandon is PS#300.	
RT **79 MIKE HICKS SR.** 6-6 328 PS#226. 9 st at RT '06. 12 st (4LG, 8RT) in '07. 13 st at RT LY. **71** Mike Ryan (6'5" 325 So) 5 gm as bkup LY. Adam Masters (6'4" 278 rFr) PS#171.	SS **27 Aaron Bagsby So.** 6-1 183 PS#285. 2 st, 27 tkl, 2 int LY. Jonathan Jean-Louis (5'11"200 So) PS#180. 3 tkl. Matt Edwards (5'11" 187 rFr) PS#181. Emmanuel Omokaro (5'10" 208 So).	
LT **73 Dan Ryan Sr.** 6-8 309 PS#218. Last 7 st LT '06. 5 st RT '07. 6 gm bkup OT & TE LY. **72** Jimmy Bennett (6'7" 302 rFr) **PS#57**. Steve Greene PS#134. Zac Zielinski (6'7" 333 rFr).	FS **33 ROBERT VAUGHN SR.** 6-0 202 **PS#60**. 14 st, 73 tkl, 4 pbu, 7 int 2Y. **2nd Tm BE** LY. 67 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int. **15** Jerome Junior (6'0" 212 rFr) PS#88 LB. **40** John Yurek (6'0" 198 So).	
K **38 DAVE TEGGART SO.** 6-0 208 PS#46. Hit 13 of 15 FG long of 47, 16-16 xp. Set UC record hitting 1st 11 FG in a row. Chad Christen is PS#40. Desi Cullen (6'0" 200 Sr).	P **13 DESI CULLEN SR.** 6-0 200 75 punts, 40.7 avg, 34.6 net, 11 TB/74 KO. '07. 59 punts, 39.8 avg, 32.7 net, 24 inside 20, 10 TB/72 KO LY. Chad Christen. 42.8 avg HS senior.	

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Dwayne Difton 5-11 175 PS#64
QB	Leon Kinnard 5-9 180 PS#62
WR	Malik Generett 6-5 210 PS#94
LB	Michael Osiecki 6-2 225 PS#103
OL	Steve Greene 6-5 311 PS#134
DL	Trevardo Williams 6-2 221 PS#99 '08
DB	Chris Lopes 5-10 190 PS#183
DL	Tim Willman 6-4 245 PS#190
WR	Marcus Aiken 6-1 175 PS#149
QB	Michael Box 6-3 195 PS#103
DB	David Kenney 6-0 205 PS#227
DL	Shamar Stephen 6-5 260 PS#278
DB	Tevrin Brandon 5-9 180 PS#300
RB	Martin Hyppolite 6-0 215 PS#240
OL	Tyler Bullock 6-4 250 PS#303
WR	Michael Lang 6-0 180 PS#235
K	Chad Christen 6-1 190 PS#40
DB	Nick Williams 5-10 180 PS#322 WR
DL	Keensen Chambers 6-5 230 PS#418
OL	Kevin Friend 6-5 260 PS#638
DL	Jesse Joseph 6-4 235 PS#621

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#43

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	at Ohio	A				
Sep. 12	North Carolina	G				
Sep. 19	at Baylor	A				
Sep. 26	Rhode Island	G				
Oct. 3						
Oct. 10	at Pittsburgh	G				
Oct. 17	Louisville (HC)	G				
Oct. 24	at West Virginia	A				
Oct. 31	Rutgers	G				
Nov. 7	at Cincinnati	A				
Nov. 14						
Nov. 21	at Notre Dame	G				
Nov. 28	Syracuse	G				
Dec. 5	USF	G				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Dan Orlovsky 10,706 '01-'04
2. Matt DeGennaro 9,288 '87-'90
3. Shane Stafford 8,975 '95-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Donald Brown 3,800 '05-'08
2. Terry Caulley 3,187 '02-'06
3. Wilbur Gilliard 2,624 '92-'95

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mark Didio 3,535 '88-'91
2. John Fitzsimmons 2,841 '96-'00
3. Carl Bond 2,770 '95-'98

The Huskies defeated Ohio in their 1st meeting 37-19 in 2002. Connecticut has won 6 straight openers. Connecticut has won 13 straight vs current MAC teams.

UC is 20-7 vs non-conf teams since joining the Big East. The Huskies are 4-23-2 vs current teams from the ACC & 0-2 vs NC. Last year NC blk'd 3 punts in the win.

Huskies are 2-0 vs Big 12 tms. Conn held Bay on 4th down with less than a minute to go for the win. The Huskies held elusive QB Griffin to 46 rush yds on 23 carries (2.0).

The Huskies are 7-2 vs Rhode Island since 1992 & 49-34-8 all-time. The Rams finished 3-9 in their 1st year under HC Rizzi who had coached ST's & LB's at Rutgers.

Huskies are 4-13 on the road vs conf opponents since 2004. UC all'd 24 pts to Pitt in the 3Q, the most all'd in any quarter since all'g 28 pts to Miami, FI in the 2Q in '02.

After dropping the 1st 3 gms in this series by 20 ppg, UC has won the last 2 yrs. Wilson returned an int 45 yds for a touchdown with 2:45 left to give Conn the win.

UC is 0-5 vs WV being outscored by an avg 43-15. Last time here WV's 66 pts were the most all'd since MT in 2000 (66). In LY's loss UC allowed 28 pts off of TO's.

Connecticut is 9-19 vs Rutgers all-time. UC got to the RU 35 with 1:09 left but a 42 yd'r hit the right upright. Five of 7 meetings S/'01 have been decided by a TD or less.

UC snapped a 4 gm losing streak to Cincy LY behind rFr Endres making his 1st career start. Neither team converted on 3rd down until the 3Q, the 2 went 0-17 in 1H.

First meeting. UC has dropped 4 straight regular season road finales by an avg of 26 ppg. The Huskies are 5-6 vs BCS teams since joining the Big East in 2004.

The HT is 4-1. Randy Edsall played & coached at Syracuse from 1976-'90. LY UC took a 22-14 lead at halftime, enjoying a 220-90 advantage in ttl offense.

The HT is 5-1 in this series. Last 2 times here UC was helped by homefield weather advantages. These 2 conf opp's are the farthest apart (1,278 miles) of any BE school.

RANDY EDSALL (Career 54–53) (FCS 4-7)
11th Year at Connecticut
Edsall's Bowl Record: 2-1

Edsall's records AT CONNECTICUT (FBS)

54-53	Straight Up	0-6	Vs Top 10
34-21	Home	1-12	Vs Top 25
18-31	Away	10-17	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	7-10	Off A Bye
14-20	Vs Conference	21-27	Off A Loss

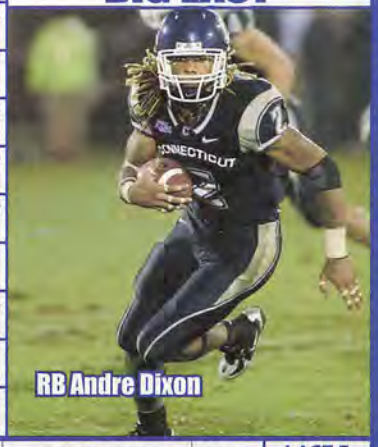
2008 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (18,17,2)
Lost: 21 (10,10,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,331 (#61)

BIG EAST



STADIUM: RENTSCHLER FIELD (40,000) (#79)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	6-6	9-3	8-4	5-6	4-8	9-4	8-5	54-53
Home	1-4	1-4	3-3	5-1	6-1	4-2	3-4	7-0	4-2	34-21
Away	2-4	1-5	3-3	4-2	1-3	1-4	1-4	2-3	3-3	18-31
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	0-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	3-3	2-5	1-6	5-2	3-4	15-22
vs Non-Conf	3-8	2-7	5-6	9-3	5-1	3-1	3-2	4-2	5-1	39-31
ATS	3-4	7-3	9-2	6-4-1	5-6	6-4	5-6	8-4	5-7	54-40-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-0	1-2	3-1	1-2	14-10-1
Home Dog	0-1	3-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	2-1	2-0	1-1	12-6
Away Favorite	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	8-4
Away Dog	3-2	4-2	4-0	2-1	0-3	0-3	2-3	2-2	1-3	18-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	2-4	4-3	3-4	5-2	3-4	19-18
vs Non-Conf	3-4	6-2	8-2	6-4-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	3-2	2-3	35-22-1
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	4-1	4-3-1	3-4	2-2	0-4	5-3	2-5	21-24-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	5-2	4-1	1-1	2-2	3-2	5-2	2-1	3-2	27-16

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Motor City	+3'	Toledo	39-10
07	Meineke Car Care	+2	Wake Forest	10-24
08	International	-7	Buffalo	38-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Connecticut's All-Time Bowl Record 2–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	24.9	356	216	5.1	140	49.8	14.3	15	-4	2008	8	19.8	278	110	3.4	168	53.3	14.1	32
8*	26.5	347	161	3.9	186	56.1	13.1	30	+14	2007	6	19.0	351	157	4.4	194	59.3	18.5	30
7*	21.4	324	183	4.5	141	51.4	15.1	31	-1	2006	7	27.0	359	180	4.5	179	56.6	13.3	22
5	24.7	324	175	4.0	149	50.8	13.1	35	+4	2005	6	19.2	297	139	3.4	158	46.6	15.5	27
8*	30.3	429	148	4.2	281	62.9	14.2	15	-5	2004	7	21.7	327	136	3.7	191	50.7	15.1	23
8*	34.0	478	180	4.7	298	58.6	14.0	10	0	2003	6	25.0	340	139	3.7	201	53.2	13.6	40
7*	31.1	360	137	3.6	223	59.2	11.6	28	+12	2002	10	22.5	316	156	4.1	160	50.3	14.0	23

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Donald Brown	367	2187	104	2083	18	5.7
Jordan Todman	**47**	**318**	**22**	**296**	**3**	**6.3**
Tyler Lorenzen	73	378	94	284	4	3.9
Robbie Frey	**19**	**72**	**1**	**71**	**1**	**3.7**
Anthony Sherman	**6**	**39**	**0**	**39**	**0**	**6.5**
Andre Dixon	**9**	**42**	**5**	**37**	**0**	**4.1**
Zach Frazer	**9**	**6**	**8**	**-2**	**0**	**-0.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Lorenzen	162	79	48.8	869	3	8
Zach Frazer	**83**	**46**	**55.4**	**536**	**2**	**6**
Cody Endres	**84**	**39**	**46.4**	**411**	**0**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kashif Moore	**27**	**273**	**10.1**	**1**	**47**
Anthony Sherman	**26**	**270**	**10.4**	**0**	**33**
DJ Hernandez	17	261	15.4	0	29
Ellis Gaulden	17	214	12.6	1	43
Martin Bedard	13	156	12.0	0	25
Michael Smith	**12**	**137**	**11.4**	**0**	**34**
Donald Brown	21	125	6.0	0	27
Darius Butler	9	123	13.7	1	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Desi Cullen	**59**	**2351**	**39.8**	**13**	**32.7**	**6**	**24**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dave Teggart	**16-16**	**5-5**	**6-6**	**2-3**	**0-1**	**13-15**	**47**
Tony Ciaravino	18-18	4-5	4-5	1-5	0-0	9-15	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Scott Lutrus	**106**	**0**	**9**	**5**	**1**
Lawrence Wilson	**73**	**1**	**5**	**4**	**3**
Robert Vaughn	**67**	**0**	**0.5**	**3**	**2**
Jasper Howard	**60**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**4**
Dahna Deleston	60	0	3	0	2
Cody Brown	56	11	5.5	8	0
Greg Lloyd	**56**	**1**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Julius Williams	41	6	5	0	0
Darius Butler	40	0	3	4	0
Robert McClain	**30**	**0**	**5.5**	**5**	**3**
Aaron Bagsby	**27**	**0**	**1.5**	**0**	**2**
Twyon Martin	**22**	**1.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Kendall Reyes	**20**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**
Robbie Frey	**19**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Lindsey Witten	**19**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Aaron Bryant	18	0	1.5	0	0
Rob Lunn	13	1	0.5	0	0
Alex Polito	**13**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Anthony Sherman	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Terry Baltimore	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jasper Howard	**28**	**306**	**10.9**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darius Butler	20	471	23.5	0
Jordan Todman	**15**	**363**	**24.2**	**0**

OFFENSE — 2008 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

UC 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
37,583	Hofstra	27	43-218	5.1	18-30	233	0	13	28-40	1.4	17-28	130	7	-2
17,194	at Temple	21	55-293	5.3	10-22	86	1	10	34-128	3.8	11-28	170	2	0
40,000	Virginia	25	53-382	7.2	13-15	124	1	14	14-31	2.2	25-38	188	1	+2
38,870	Baylor	21	46-225	4.9	13-23	125	0	24	43-169	3.9	14-25	208	4	-2
42,523	at Louisville	18	42-157	3.7	10-20	122	3	23	41-261	6.4	17-30	247	1	+2
59,500	at N Carolina	23	40-168	4.2	24-44	210	1	13	33-146	4.4	9-16	117	2	-2
42,491	at Rutgers	14	36-117	3.3	14-20	236	2	17	34-76	2.2	19-35	218	1	0
40,000	Cincinnati	15	36-153	4.3	18-42	196	1	16	19-30	1.6	19-47	259	4	+6
40,000	West Virginia	17	25-119	4.8	17-37	166	0	17	51-216	4.2	11-18	121	1	-5
28,081	at Syracuse	16	44-259	5.9	7-15	70	1	8	36-96	2.7	6-23	51	5	+3
42,422	at USF	16	43-139	3.2	10-24	119	2	11	37-123	3.3	9-18	124	2	0
39,535	Pittsburgh	16	44-225	5.1	6-31	80	1	9	34-87	2.6	10-19	141	0	-2
40,184	† Buffalo	19	49-358	7.3	4-6	49	2	10	19-24	1.3	29-43	213	2	-4
TOTALS		248	556-2813	5.1	164-329	1816	15	185	423-1427	3.4	196-368	2187	32	-4
AVERAGES		19.1	43-216	5.1	13-25	140	4.6%	14.2	33-110	3.4	15-28	168	8.7%	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Murray St	NL	52-14
–	Duke	-15	22-20
–	at Boston College	+7	7-27
–	Army	-22'	40-3
–	Pittsburgh	-6'	29-17
–	West Virginia - #17	+6'	19-31
–	Temple	-18'	45-31
–	at Syracuse	+2'	30-42
–	at Georgia Tech	+9	10-30
–	Buffalo	-25'	29-0
–	at Rutgers	-3	41-35

2005 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Buffalo	-18	38-0
–	Liberty	NL	59-0
–	at Georgia Tech - #16	+14'	13-28
–	at Army	-10'	47-13
–	Syracuse	-7	26-7
–	at Cincinnati	-7'	17-28
–	Rutgers	+3'	24-26
–	at West Virginia - #18	+14'	13-45
–	at Pittsburgh	+12	0-24
–	USF	+7	15-10
–	Louisville - #16	+14'	20-30

2006 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Rhode Island	NL	52-7
–	Wake Forest	-6'	13-24
–	at Indiana	+1	14-7
–	Navy	-1'	17-41
–	at USF	+6'	16-38
–	Army	-4'	21-7
–	West Virginia - #4	+23	11-37
–	at Rutgers - #16	+19'	13-24
–	Pittsburgh	+7'	46-45 2OT
–	at Syracuse	+1	14-20
–	Cincinnati	+5'	23-26
–	at Louisville - #6	+28	17-48

2007 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Duke	-4'	45-14
–	Maine	NL	38-0
–	Temple	-30	22-17
–	at Pittsburgh	+8'	34-14
–	Akron	-15'	44-10
–	at Virginia	+3	16-17
–	Louisville	+3	21-17
–	USF - #11	+4'	22-15
#16	Rutgers	-1'	38-19
#16	at Cincinnati	+6'	3-27
#25	Syracuse	-19'	30-7
#20	at West Virginia - #4	+20	21-66

2008 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Hofstra	-30	35-3
–	at Temple	-6'	12-9 OT
–	Virginia	-10'	45-10
–	Baylor	-13	31-28
–	at Louisville	+3'	26-21
#24	at North Carolina	+7'	12-38
–	at Rutgers	+1'	10-12
–	Cincinnati	+2'	40-16
–	West Virginia	+3	13-35
–	at Syracuse	-9	39-14
–	at USF	+3	13-17
–	Pittsburgh - #23	-2'	10-34

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - UL has had some great QB's in the last decade including Chris Redman, Dave Ragone and Stefan LeFors who all earned CUSA Off POY honors and were drafted by the NFL. Brian Brohm (PS#8) played in 11 as a true frosh, and was the Big East Off POY in '05 despite missing 2. When he was injured, Hunter Cantwell threw for 640 (53.4%, 8 gm). Brohm was inj again in '06 and Cantwell led wins over K-St and MTSt but had just 1 pass att over the final 8 games. Despite being projected as a 1st round DC, Brohm returned for '07. Brohm (#2DC) threw for 4,024 (65.1%) with a 30-12 ratio despite the team's 6-6 record. Cantwell had just 14 att in 2 games but was the clear-cut starter in '08 and one of the top 5 QB's projected for the NFL draft. The backup job was a battle between Matt Simms (PS#20, Phil's son) and Tyler Wolfe (PS#285). Cantwell did not have the type of year expected as he threw for 2,493 (58.6%) with a 16-16 ratio. He was injured vs Conn (gm 4) and benched vs Pitt. Wolfe threw 1 pass vs Conn as UL lost the lead and Simms, after a 4-game susp, hit 4 of 10 in the 2Q vs Pitt in his only action. Surprisingly, Simms and Wolfe opted to transfer so the battle will be between Zack Stoudt, Will Stein (5'8" 173 rFr, PS#310), NCSt transfer Justin Burke (PS#12) and JUCO Adam Froman (PS#79JC). This unit is not as experienced and perhaps not as talented, but could still put up better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Bobby Petrino and his predecessor John L. Smith both believed in utilizing big, powerful RB's. In 2006, had Michael Bush not been injured, not only would he have been a #1DC but the Cards would have been playing in the National Title game. Instead he was lost for the year after having a dominating first game. Four RB's replaced him and Kolby Smith led with 862 (5.6). George Stripling added 459 (5.7), Anthony Allen 406 (4.2) and Brock Bolen (PS#28) had 296 (6.2). Allen (PS#73) was nicknamed "Baby Bush" and became the feature back in Kragthorpe's first season. In 7 starts he rushed for 696 (4.8). Bolen added 456 (5.2), Stripling 258 (4.2) and Bilal Powell had 187 (7.8). Last year Allen transferred and Stripling was dismissed. Bolen rushed for 505 (4.1) while Powell added 354 (4.7). Kragthorpe's recruit Victor Anderson (PS#30) jumped to the forefront with 1,047 (5.7). This year they lose Bolen (8 st) but add another recruiting class of Kragthorpe-type RB's (likes small, speedy backs). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Blayne Donnell (5'8" 192 Jr), Eugene Sowell (6'0" 208 Jr, PS#99), FB's Joe Tronzo (5'11" 246 Sr) and Marcus Roberts (6'1" 216 Sr).

RB Victor Anderson

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace their top 4 rec, who combined for 2,711 yards (3 drafted). The leading returnees were Scott Long (PS#102) who had 358 (13.3) in '07 and Trent Guy (PS#214) who had 177 (16.1). Long missed the first 4, played in 3 (11 rec) but then missed the rest of the year with a knee injury. Guy played in just 9 (inj) and had 216 (15.4). VHT soph Doug Beaumont (PS#24RB) led with 750 (12.1) and VHT rFr Josh Chichester (6'8") had 341 (11.4). This year they lose Chris Vaughn (PS#84, 2 st, 201, 9.6), Corey Thompson (PS#81) and TE Johnnie Burns (10 st, 166, 9.2). Not listed in the PSL below are WR Jacques Caldwell (5'9" 177 rFr, PS#161) who is on UL's track team (4.27 spd), TE's Zach Meagher (6'4" 239 So, PS#41), Michael Fennerty (6'4" 234 So, PS#121) and Stephon Ball (6'4" 218 rFr, PS#150). With Long's return, UL should have one of the best receiving corps in the Big East.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cards had experienced O-lines that paved the way for 5.7, 5.6 and 4.8 ypc rushing from 2003-2005. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters. Even with the loss of their top RB, the least experienced O-line in 4 years opened holes for 5.0 ypc while allowing just 20 sacks (5.2%). In 2007 they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups and lost one starter after Wk 7. Surprisingly the numbers fell to 146 ypg (4.2). Last year they had to replace 3 starters but added a pair of JUCO's. I mentioned that while less experienced, it was the 2nd year of Kragthorpe's system and that they should improve. They did improve to 165 rush ypg (4.3) with 21 sks allowed (5.4%). This year they lose two 1st Tm Big East OL in C Eric Wood (12 st, 4Y st'r, #1DC BUF) and LT George Bussey (11 st, 3Y st'r, #5DC NE) along with backup C Nick Borgelt (5 gm). This year four return with six or more starts but their 38 career starts rank 104th in the FBS. Even with the loss of their top 2 OL's, they could show improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Kragthorpe's first year they had to replace two DL starters including a #1DC and then lost two starters to injury (comb 9 st '07). They allowed 165 ypg rush (4.4) which was their worst since 1998 with just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players (comb 17 st). The Cards improved some allowing 130 ypg (4.2) but only had 14 sacks (#106 FBS). This year they lose DT Adrian Grady (11 st, 41 tkl, 9 tfl), DT Earl Heyman (12 st, 36 tkl, 6 sk) and DE Maurice Mitchell (8 st, 17 tkl, 2 sk). Five of the top 8 are back (4 w/st exp) and they have 4 JUCO's in the 3 deep. Not listed below are Zach Kieran (6'6" 282 So) and Drew Davis (6'1" 250 rFr). Despite the losses, this unit could be equal to the '08 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year this was the least experienced unit on the defense as they had to replace all 3 starters and the top returning LB tackler was converted SS Brandon Heath (10 tkl). They also moved in RB Sergio Spencer (156 ttl yds '07). With 3 JUCO's and a true frosh, 5 of the top 7 LB's were playing their first year at LB here. UL went from allowing 31.4 in '07 to 29.8 LY. This year they lose James Bryant (PS#7, 3 st, 16 tkl) and Spencer (4 st, 35 tkl). Not listed in the PSL is Mozell Axson (6'1" 230 Sr, PS#126) who has 27 tackles in 3 years (ACL '08). I list them as having all 3 starters back as the top 3 LB tacklers return including 2nd Tm BE Jon Dempsey, so this unit is vastly more experienced than LY.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing #83 in my pass D rankings in '05, the Cards had 7 of their top 8 back in 2006 and they moved up to #38. In 2007 they had to replace three starters including a 1st Tm BE CB. The Cards plummeted to #113. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. The Cards were playing well but then injuries decimated the unit. Three starters were lost for the season after Cincy (gm 7) and vs Rutgers, they allowed 21 of 26 for 447 yards and 7 TD's. Due to those late season injuries and no DL pressure (no sk L/5 gm), the Cards only rose to #102. This year they lose CB Woodny Turenne (10 st, 38 tkl, 5 int), S Bobby Buchanan (11 st, 48 tkl, 3 pbu), SS Latarrius Thomas (7 st, 18 tkl), CB Travis Norton (2 st, 5 tkl) and CB Marcus Folmar (3 tkl). Ravelle Sadler (5'10" 175 So) is eligible after a transfer from WM. Experience-wise, they are down a notch but can only remain healthier and should move up in my pass D rankings plus they add a VHT JC.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Steve Kragthorpe's Tulsa teams finished #84, #91, #38 and #42 in my ST rankings. Here in 2007 everyone returned from a UL ST unit that finished #39 in 2006 including Groza Award winning K Art Carmody who hit 21 of 25 FG's (long 51). It was surprising that the Cards dropped to #65. P Cory Goettsche had some big punts but also had horrible punts of 8 and 11 yds vs Syr and vs Utah he had punts of 62 yds and then only 4 yd. Also top KR JaJuan Spillman, who avg 26.5 in '06 only avg 22.2 (18 ret, susp). Trent Guy was the top KR (22.4) and PR (7.2). Last year they had to replace Carmody and 3 different kickers handled the duties. True frosh Chris Philpott (PS#24) hit just 1 of 3 FG's (long 19). Ryan Payne hit 3 of 6 (long 34) and Tim Dougherty (PS#79) hit 1 of 2 FG's (long 36). Philpott had 2 TB's on 51 KO. Goettsche improved his '07 avg of 38.9 (33.3 net) to 40.0 (34.3 net). Versus Conn, UL passed up 3 FG opportunities after driving inside the 30 and was SOD each time, basically costing them the win. Against Pitt, PR Doug Beaumont (9.6) muffed 3 punts (2 rec'd by Pitt). KR Trent Guy played in just 9 and they plummeted to #102. This year all of the key players return and they should easily have the best finish in Kragthorpe's 3 years.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe was the Buffalo Bills' QB coach for 2Y and the OC at TX A&M (3Y). In his first year as HC at Tulsa, he guided them to one of the biggest turnarounds in the FBS (1-11 to 8-5). He led Tulsa to 3 bowls in 4 years. He has not had the same type of success here in his first 2 years with just 11 total wins while the '06 Cards had 12. Kragthorpe had to replace both coor's and has taken over the OC duties himself. Last year's DC, Ron English, is now the HC at E Mich. Kragthorpe made an excellent hire in Brent Guy (3rd DC in 3Y) who was HC at Utah St (L4Y) and prior to that was the DC at Boise St from '98-'00 and Ariz St from '01-'04. Since Kragthorpe took over, 20 players have left the program as have 12 asst's and he is clearly the coach on the biggest hotseat this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When former Cardinals HC Howard Schnellenberger got the program turned around, he said the Cardinals were on a collision course for the National Championship. 2006 may just have been that season for UL, but unfortunately they missed by inches. Bobby Petrino did a fine job here as his 2004 team finished 11-1 and #6 in the country. In 2006, after their defeat of #3 WV at home, the Cards needed to win out to get to the National Title game. The next week it was a great situation for Rutgers as they were off a bye, had their biggest ever HG on a Thurs night and caught UL off their big win. The Cards still had a 25-7 lead, but blew it. That tough loss was not the only bad break they had as in the opening game they lost superstar RB Michael Bush to injury. They also lost QB Brohm for two games. Opportunities to play for and win a National Championship do not come around often, especially for a program like L'ville and Petrino left for the NFL. Brian Brohm turned down an early shot at the NFL in 2007 and they returned 8 starters on offense. It was an extremely disappointing season in Kragthorpe's first year. They came in ranked #10 but needed a 41-38 win over Rutgers in the finale to avoid a losing season (6-6). That snapped a streak of 9 straight winning seasons. They were 3-4 in the BE (+31 ypg). Last year they had just 8 returning starters (fewest FBS). They had been picked #1 or #2 in the Big East every year since joining in '05 but were picked 7th. While they were only outgained 210-205 in the opener, 2 def TD's and an inept offense cost them in a 27-2 loss to rival Kentucky. After beating an FCS team they thrashed K-St on a Wed night (303 rush yd). The next week they led Conn 21-10 but QB Cantwell was injured and was hobbled after and they lost by 5 (UL had a 508-279 yd edge). Some warning signs appeared to me when they beat Memphis 35-28 but were outgained 481-299. The next week they were down 17-14 at the half vs MTSt but won 42-23 and after upsetting #14 USF at home, rose to 5-2. The Cards were favored by 37 to beat Syr in 2007 but lost so they were well focused on revenge. Shockingly, they lost 28-21 on the road. A season of promise went down the drain. They were only competitive in one remaining game (Cincy) as they lost their next four by 26.3 pgg and amazingly had their first losing season S/'97. L'ville's D was banged up down the stretch. Versus Rutgers they were missing 3 starting DB's. They finished tied for last in the BE at 1-6 but were only outgained by -44.7 ypg, almost 100 yards better than Syr. The Cards were -12 in TO's but they do have just 13 ret starters. Kragthorpe could be on the hottest seat in the FBS and facing 9 bowl opp from '08, 6 on the road, he needs to get the Cards to a bowl to keep his job. Even breaking in a new QB and facing this schedule, I give UL a decent shot at bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 13 Justin Burke Jr. 6-3 229 **PS#12**. NCSt trans. **9** Adam Froman (6'4" 217 Jr) PS#79JC. 3876 yds, 40 TD at JC LY. In for spg. **18** Zack Stoudt (6'4" 215 rFr) PS#64.

RB 20 VICTOR ANDERSON SO. 5-9 185 **PS#30**. 4 st, 1047 (5.7), 12 nd Tm BE, **BE Rookie POY** rFr. Bilal Powell (6'0" 215 Jr) PS#230. 541 (5.5), 15 rec, 19 gm, 2Y. Darius Ashley (5'8" 184 rFr) PS#62.

WR 27 DOUG BEAUMONT JR. 5-9 183 **PS#24**. 12 gm true. 12 st, 750 (12.1), **2nd Tm BE** LY. **3** Trent Guy (5'9" 166 Sr) PS#214. 177 (16.1) '07. 216 (15.4), 24.9 KR, **2nd Tm BE ST** LY.

WR 11 JOSH CHICHESTER SO. 6-8 240 **PS#31**. 7 st, 12 gm, 341 (11.4) rFr. **21** Troy Pascley (6'2" 198 Jr) PS#77. 1 gm rFr. 4 st, 9 gm, 252 (21.0) LY. Andrew Robinson (5'9" 189 Sr) PS#423.

WR 84 SCOTT LONG SR. 6-2 214 PS#102. 7 st, 358 (13.3) '07. 2 st (ACL), 201 (18.3) LY. Out spg '09. **89** Damion Dixon (6'3" 177 rFr) PS#113. **4** Maurice Clark (6'3" 209 Sr) PS#118JC.

TE 82 Pete Nochta Jr. 6-5 244 PS#127. 7 st, 12 gm, 81 (9.0) LY. **81** Rock Keys (6'5" 248 Jr) **PS#70JC**. Nathan Nord (6'5" 241 rFr) **PS#23**. Cameron Graham (6'4" 253 Jr). 1 st, 3 gm LY.

C 60 Mario Benavides rFr. 6-4 290 **PS#79**. Travel squad LY, still RS. **67** Nick Egart (6'0" 292 So). **LS 44** Paul Belshoff (6'0" 206 Jr). Walk-on. **53** Daniel Weedman (5'11" 243 Jr). PS#379.

RG 71 ABDUL KUYATEH SR. 6-2 305 JUCO. 1 st @ RG, 12 gm here '07. 12 st @ RG LY. **70** Conrad Thomas (6'6" 345 Jr) PS#181. 1 gm '07. DNP LY. **69** John Clark (6'2" 311 So).

LG 79 MARK WETTERER JR. 6-5 309 **PS#64**. 1 gm bkup true. 6 st @ LG (knee inj) LY. **65** Josh Byrom (6'5" 305 Jr) PS#216. Bkup '07. 1 st @ LG (due to inj) 3 gm LY. Backup LS.

RT 74 JEFF ADAMS JR. 6-8 305 PS#102. 4 gm rFr. 12 st @ RT, biggest surprise on OL LY. **78** Byron Stingily (6'5" 293 Jr) PS#117JC. **75** Ryan Kessling (6'5" 285 So). '06 GS.

LT 76 Greg Tomczyk Jr. 6-6 298 PS#485. 1 gm true. 6 st (4 @ LT, 2 @ LG), 7 gm LY. Joe Evinger is **PS#28JC**. **73** Hector Hernandez (6'5" 271 So) PS#361. Alex Kupper (6'3" 282 rFr).

K 12 CHRIS PHILPOTT SO. 6-0 191 PS#24. 1-3 FG, L/19, 51 KO, 2 TB true. **17** Tim Dougherty (5'10" 172 Jr) PS#79. 1-2 FG, L/36 LY. **19** Ryan Payne (6'1" 195 Sr) 3-6 FG, L/34 LY.

DE 11 Greg Scruggs So. 6-4 250 PS#240. 3 st, 9 gm, 4 tkl true. **94** Malcolm Tatum (6'3" 255 Jr) PS#367JC. IFS. **98** Zach Kiernan (6'6" 282 So). 1 gm LY. Dominic Langone (6'0" 267 rFr).

DT 91 LT Walker Sr. 6-4 304 **PS#46**. 16 gm, 17 tkl, 5 tfl '06/'07. 5 st, 10 gm, 14 tkl LY. **95** Joe Townsend (6'4" 303 Jr). **PS#48JC** '07. In spg. Tim High (6'2" 310 Jr) PS#394JC.

NT 56 TYLER JESSEN SR. 6-1 284 **PS#82JC**. 12 tkl, 11 gm here LY. **93 LD SCOTT** (6'2" 272 Sr) PS#141. 7 st @ DE, 11 gm, 20 tkl, 1.5 tfl rFr. 9 st @ DE, 10 gm (inj), 22 tkl, 6 tfl LY.

DE 58 Rodney Gnat Jr. 6-3 253 PS#101. 2 st, 10 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 7 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 5 pbu LY. **96** Patrick Grant (6'4" 226 So) PS#77. **61** William Savoy (6'1" 236 So). 3 tkl, 2 sk, 5 gm rFr.

SLB 5 BRANDON HEATH JR. 6-1 212 **PS#31**. 1 st, 10 tkl rFr. 9 gm (inj), 20 tkl LY. Chris Campa (6'2" 210 Sr) PS#272JC. 5 st, 37 tkl LY. Darius Mann (5'11" 222 Sr) PS#157. 8 tkl, 12 gm '07.

MLB 38 JON DEMPSEY SR. 6-0 241 PS#106JC. 12 st, 80 tkl, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm BE** LY. **23** Stephen Garr (6'1" 226 Sr) PS#129. 26 tkl 3Y. Bo Eggers (6'0" 234 rFr). Pat Bisig (6'0" 203 So).

WLB 51 ANTWON CANADY JR. 6-0 244 PS#311JC. 7 st, 11 gm, 39 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **46** Dexter Heyman (6'3" 238 So) PS#77. 1 st, 10 gm, 10 tkl, 1 tfl true. **50** Josh McDonald (6'1" 221 Sr). 2 tkl LY.

CB NA Preston Pace Jr. 6-0 190 **PS#86JC. 4.35 spd**, will play this year. **7** Karldell Dunning (6'0" 162 So). 1 st, 7 gm, 8 tkl true. **35** Agyei Williams (5'10" 179 So). 4 tkl, 7 gm LY.

CB 19 JOHNNY PATRICK JR. 6-0 186 PS#134. 4 st, 19 tkl rFr. 11 st, 12 gm, 50 tkl, 5 pd LY. Chaz Thompson (6'1" 192 Sr). 11 gm ST's LY. Jacob Geffrad (6'3" 186 Fr) PS#232LB.

SS 30 DANIEL COVINGTON SR. 5-11 206 8 st, 12 gm, 66 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **24** Daniel Brown (6'1" 205 rFr). CJ Peake (6'2" 221 rFr) **PS#47**. 3 gm, 1 tkl but RS '07. Not with tm '08. Exp to return '09.

FS 2 Richard Raglin Sr. 6-2 202 PS#546. 6 st, 55 tkl, 1 int 3Y. 2 st, 3 gm LY, inj. Med RS. Josh Wiley (6'1" 197 Sr) **PS#38JC**. 3 tkl LY. Justin Mathews (6'2" 210 Sr) **PS#85JC**. 6 tkl LY.

P 29 CORY GOETTSCHE SR. 6-1 222 PS#111. 29 punts (37.9) true. 42 (38.9), 33.3 net in '07. 63 (40.0), long of 78, 21 inside the 20, 34.3 net. **8** Jon Payne (5'10" 182 Jr). 8 gms LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL Joe Evinger 6-6 320 PS#28JC
DL Joe Townsend 6-4 303 PS#48JC in '07
QB Adam Froman 6-4 217 PS#79JC
DB Preston Pace 6-0 190 PS#86JC
LB Mike Privott 6-0 222 PS#61
RB Shenard Holton 6-1 195 PS#142
WR Sean Farr 6-3 185 PS#136
LB Horace Miller 6-1 210 PS#170
WR Damian Copeland 6-0 175 PS#199
DB Zad Evans 5-11 173 PS#256
DL Malcolm Tatum 6-3 255 PS#367JC
RB Jeremy Wright 5-11 185 PS#197
DL Malcolm Mitchell 6-2 230 PS#256
DL Tim High 6-2 310 PS#394JC
DB Isaac Geffrad 6-3 186 PS#231LB
DB Jacob Geffrad 6-3 186 PS#232LB
DB Hakeem Smith 6-1 175 PS#295
OL Hunter Stout 6-4 278 PS#384
DL Roy Philon 6-3 265 PS#362
DB Titus Teague 5-11 170 PS#533
WR Andrell Smith 6-4 188 PS#544
RB Boogie McCray 6-2 208 PS#567
DB Champ Lee 6-0 185 PS#1100

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STEVE KRAGTHORPE (Career 40-35)
3rd Year at Louisville Bowls: 1-2 Tulsa '03-'06
Kragthorpe AT LOUISVILLE/OVERALL

11-13 / 40-35	SU	0-1 / 0-1	Vs Top 10
8-6 / 25-12	Home	2-3 / 3-5	Vs Top 25
3-7 / 14-21	Away	2-2 / 2-9	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 1-2	Neutral	3-2 / 6-6	Off A Bye
4-10 / 25-22	Vs Conf	6-6 / 16-16	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,21,4)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,680 (#59)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5		TURF	LINE	Final Score		W
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#49						
Date	**Opponent**			**UL**	**Opp**	**L**
Sep. 5	Indiana St	A				
Sep. 12						
Sep. 19	at Kentucky	G				
Sep. 26	at Utah	A				
Oct. 2	Pittsburgh (Fri)	A				
Oct. 10	Southern Miss (HC)	A				
Oct. 17	at Connecticut	G				
Oct. 24	at Cincinnati	A				
Oct. 31	Arkansas St	A				
Nov. 7	at West Virginia	A				
Nov. 14	Syracuse	A				
Nov. 21	at USF	G				
Nov. 27	Rutgers (Fri)	A				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Redman 12,541 '96-'99
2. Brian Brohm 10,775 '04-'07
3. Dave Ragone 8,596 '99-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Walter Peacock 3,204 '72-'75
2. Nathan Poole 2,903 '75-'78
3. Lenny Lyles 2,786 '54-'57

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Arnold Jackson 3,670 '97-'00
2. Harry Douglas 2,924 '04-'07
3. Ibn Green 2,830 '96-'99

Sycamores have dropped 26 straight gms but did beat UL in their last mtg ('84). UL is 13-6 the last 19 home openers but 5 of L/6 losses were vs non-BE BCS tms.

This game is played for the Governor's Cup & UL is 7-3 in this series since 1999. Last year vs UK, UL failed to score a TD for the 1st time since 2000 vs Florida St.

Louisville has lost all 3 of their meetings to Utah including '07's 44-35 loss. The Cardinals are 6-1 on the road vs non-conference opponents the last 3 years.

The Cardinals had their 7 game series win streak end with a loss to Pitt last year. Last time here Pitt had 1&gl, a TD was reviewed & they fumbled on the next play.

Last meeting was in 2002, UL is 8-18-1 vs SM all-time but have won the last 3. Coming into '09, the Cardinals are 10-2 at home vs non-conf tms since joining the BE.

LY UL lost to UC despite having a 508-279 yd edge. UL is on a 6 gm losing streak on the road vs the Big East. UL leads series 3-2 but have dropped the L/2 gms.

This game is played for the Keg of Nails Trophy & UL trails in the series 27-20-1. UL had their 5 game series win streak snapped LY but has won 9 of the last 11.

First meeting. Louisville is just 13-12 all-time vs current Sun Belt Conf teams. Kragthorpe is 1-0 vs ASU as Tulsa won 54-7 in 2003 (1st career win vs FBS).

Four of the L/6 gms have been decided by 7 pts or less with LY's 14 pt loss being the largest MOV S/'86. UL is 1-6 vs WV in Morgantown, only win was 1990 (9-7).

UL has dropped B2B gms vs SU & both as a DD fav (UL was 37 pt fav in '07). Last time here SU built a 17 pt 4Q lead for one of the biggest upsets in BE history.

In LY's win, UL limited USF (#25 rush off) to 8 yds on the ground the fewest since Southern Miss had just 7 in '01. LY marked the 2nd win over a ranked tm (#14) under HC Kragthorpe.

Louisville is 2-6 vs Rutgers all-time & the 2 have combined to score 68 ppg the L/4. The loss to West Virginia last year snapped an 8 game home finale win streak.

Bonus: The Cardinals gave up 49 first half pts last year vs Rutgers, the 3rd most in Big East history.

FS Richard Raglin

STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000) (#75)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	11-2	7-6	9-4	11-1	9-3	12-1	6-6	5-7	79-33
Home	6-1	6-0	3-3	5-1	5-0	6-0	6-0	4-2	4-4	45-11
Away	3-1	4-2	4-2	4-2	5-1	3-2	4-1	2-4	1-3	30-18
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	4-4
vs Conf	6-1	6-1	5-3	5-3	8-0	5-2	6-1	3-4	1-6	45-21
vs Non-Conf	3-2	5-1	2-3	4-1	3-1	4-1	6-0	3-2	4-1	34-12
ATS	7-4	8-4	6-7	6-7	10-2	6-6	9-4	4-7	4-7	60-48
Home Fav (Jim Smith 1996)	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-4	5-0	5-1	5-1	1-4	1-2	26-20
Home Dog (Bobby Petrino)	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4-2
Away Favorite (Steve Kragthorpe)	1-0	3-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	1-4	3-2	1-2	1-1	19-14
Away Dog	3-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-2	9-6
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-6
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	7-1	3-4	4-3	3-4	1-6	36-30
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	3-2	5-1	1-3	3-1	24-18
Off SU Win	6-2	5-4	2-5	4-5	8-2	4-5	7-4	1-4	3-2	40-33
Off SU Loss	0-2	2-0	4-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	3-3	1-4	15-12

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	GMAC	+2'	Marshall	15-38
03	GMAC	+14	Miami, Oh - #14	28-49
04	Liberty - #7	-10'	Boise St - #10	44-40
05	Gator - #15	+9	Virginia Tech - #12	24-35
06	Orange - #5	-10	Wake Forest - #15	24-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Louisville's All-Time Bowl Record 6-7-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
3	24.7	377	165	4.3	212	58.1	15.3	21	-12	2008	5	29.8	369	130	4.2	239	59.0	12.4	14
8*	35.2	488	146	4.2	342	64.4	13.9	24	0	2007	5	31.4	416	165	4.4	251	62.4	13.3	18
5	37.8	475	185	5.0	290	63.8	12.6	20	+2	2006	7	16.3	321	105	3.4	216	50.2	19.7	44
6	43.4	483	189	4.8	294	65.4	11.1	25	+6	2005	5	23.8	324	114	3.0	210	54.2	13.6	44
8*	49.8	539	250	5.6	289	71.3	10.8	20	+11	2004	7	19.7	306	109	3.1	197	50.6	15.6	37
7	34.6	489	228	5.7	261	60.0	14.1	13	+3	2003	4	27.8	428	170	4.3	258	55.7	15.4	26
5*	28.8	333	107	3.1	226	54.0	11.6	46	-13	2002	10	24.5	320	113	2.9	207	48.0	13.0	35

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Victor Anderson	183	1092	45	1047	8	5.7
Brock Bolen	124	518	13	505	7	4.1
Bilal Powell	75	362	8	354	2	4.7
Trent Guy	9	104	1	103	0	11.4
Doug Beaumont	8	58	11	47	0	5.9
Hunter Cantwell	39	53	168	-115	1	-2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Hunter Cantwell	377	221	58.6	2493	16	16
Matt Simms	10	4	40.0	39	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Doug Beaumont	62	750	12.1	0	47	
Josh Chichester	30	341	11.4	2	24	
Troy Pascley	12	252	21.0	4	45	
Trent Guy	14	216	15.4	1	43	
Scott Long	11	201	18.3	2	69	
Chris Vaughn	21	201	9.6	0	22	
Johnnie Burns	18	166	9.2	1	26	
Victor Anderson	18	101	5.6	1	18	
Pete Nochta	9	81	9.0	2	23	
Brock Bolen	9	80	8.9	1	16	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Corey Goettsche	63	2521	40.0	16	34.3	0	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ryan Payne	22-22	2-2	1-3	0-1	0-0	3-6	34
Tim Dougherty	9-9	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	36

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Don Dempsey	80	1	7	0	0
Dan Covington	66	0	1	2	0
Johnny Patrick	50	0	1	4	1
Bobby Buchanan	48	1	1	3	0
Adrian Grady	41	2	7	0	0
Antwon Canady	39	0	2.5	0	0
Woodny Turenne	38	0	1	3	5
Chris Campa	37	0	3	0	1
Earl Heyman	36	6	2	1	0
Sergio Spencer	35	0	1	4	0
LD Scott	22	0	6	2	0
Brandon Heath	20	0	1.5	2	0
Latarrius Thomas	18	0	0	3	0
Maurice Mitchell	17	2	0	2	0
James Bryant	16	0	2	0	1
LT Walker	14	0	0.5	0	0
Tyler Jessen	12	0	1	0	0
Dexter Heyman	10	0	1	1	0
Karldell Dunning	8	0	0	0	0
Rodney Gnat	7	1	2.5	5	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Doug Beaumont	20	191	9.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trent Guy	13	324	24.9	1	
Victor Anderson	13	253	19.5	0	

UL 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
42,696	Kentucky	16	29-53	1.8	20-43	152	2	13	33-63	1.9	16-31	147	1	-4
38,694	Tennessee Tech	24	43-234	5.4	17-26	217	2	10	22-33	1.5	20-33	143	1	+2
42,208	Kansas St	31	55-303	5.5	22-33	274	2	14	12-30	2.5	22-42	313	0	+3
42,523	Connecticut	23	41-261	6.4	17-30	247	1	18	42-157	3.7	10-20	122	3	-2
40,248	at Memphis	13	30-166	5.5	13-25	133	0	27	30-130	4.3	34-56	351	2	+2
38,319	Middle Tenn	19	45-247	5.5	14-23	144	0	20	30-105	3.5	20-38	201	2	-2
40,384	USF	20	41-111	2.7	12-21	212	3	21	24-8	0.3	30-40	344	5	+1
32,917	at Syracuse	22	34-137	4.0	23-36	214	2	18	38-207	5.4	11-22	178	0	-1
44,055	at Pittsburgh	17	30-96	3.2	19-38	203	3	14	34-90	2.6	16-28	230	0	-5
37,822	Cincinnati	17	37-120	3.2	19-35	204	1	17	31-131	4.2	20-36	274	0	0
34,796	West Virginia	26	38-198	5.2	27-47	276	3	16	41-376	9.2	6-11	122	0	-4
42,347	at Rutgers	15	31-48	1.5	24-34	270	2	25	33-224	6.8	21-26	447	0	-2
TOTALS		243	454-1974	4.3	227-391	2546	21	213	370-1554	4.2	226-383	2872	14	-12
AVERAGES		20.3	38-165	4.3	19-33	212	5.4%	17.8	31-130	4.2	19-32	239	3.7%	-1.0

2004 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–		Kentucky	-9'	28-0
–		at Army	-22'	52-21
#24		at North Carolina	-7'	34-0
#22		East Carolina	-30	59-7
#18		at Miami, Fl - #3	+9	38-41
#16		USF	-30	41-9
#14		at Memphis	-13'	56-49
#12		TCU	-24	55-28
#8		at Houston	-22	65-27
#7		Cincinnati	-21	70-7
#7		at Tulane	-30'	55-7

2005 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #12	Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#12		at Kentucky	-23	31-24
#11		Oregon St	-13'	63-27
#9		at USF	-20'	14-45
#24		Florida Atlantic	-39	61-10
#23		North Carolina	-13'	69-14
#19		at West Virginia	-7	44-46 3OT
–		at Cincinnati	-21'	46-22
#24		Pittsburgh	-20'	42-20
#23		Rutgers	-21	56-5
#17		Syracuse	-36	41-17
#16		at Connecticut	-14'	30-20

2006 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #13	Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#13		Kentucky	-22'	59-28
#13		at Temple	-40'	62-0
#12		Miami, Fl - #17	-4	31-7
#8		at Kansas St	-14	24-6
#8	†	Middle Tenn	-29'	44-17
#7		Cincinnati	-25	23-17
#6		at Syracuse	-17'	28-13
#5		West Virginia - #3	-1	44-34
#3		at Rutgers - #15	-6	25-28
#10		USF	-17	31-8
#8		at Pittsburgh	-10	48-24
#6		Connecticut	-28	48-17

2007 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #10	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#10		Murray St	NL	73-10
#8		Middle Tenn	-40'	58-42
#9		at Kentucky	-5'	34-40
#18		Syracuse	-37	35-38
–		at NC State	-8'	29-10
–		Utah	-14'	35-44
–		at Cincinnati - #15	+10	28-24
–		at Connecticut	-3	17-21
–		Pittsburgh	-9'	24-17
–		at West Virginia - #6	+17	31-38
–		at USF	+9	17-55
–		Rutgers	-2'	41-38

2008 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–		Kentucky	-3	2-27
–		Tennessee Tech	-35'	51-10
–		Kansas St	+4'	38-29
–		Connecticut	-3'	21-26
–		at Memphis	-6'	35-28
–		Middle Tenn	-14'	42-23
–		USF - #14	+3'	24-20
–		at Syracuse	-13	21-28
–		at Pittsburgh - #25	+6'	7-41
–		Cincinnati - #22	+4	20-28
–		West Virginia	+7	21-35
–		at Rutgers	+10'	14-63

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Since Donovan McNabb left, this team has been plagued by erratic QB play. In the last 4 years, the team has completed just 45.7, 51.8, 52.7 and 47.2%. In 2007 Andrew Robinson threw for 2,192 (53%) with a 13-7 ratio while Cameron Dantley (NBA'er Adrian's son) threw for 558 (53%) with a 5-3 ratio. Robinson was the clear-cut starter in'08 but had a poor outing in the opener (14 of 28 for 103, int'l grounding call for safety). Surprisingly, Dantley started the final 11. Dantley had some good moments but also some poor ones. In B2B weeks vs Rutgers and Conn Dantley hit just 7 of 28 for 57 while Robinson hit 4 of 14 for 29. Dantley's best effort was leading the game winning TD drive vs ND (his father's alma mater). The next week he was back to normal and hit 1 of his first 15 for 5 yards. For the season he threw for just 1,298 (48.2%) but had an 11-5 ratio. Robinson played in just 4 throwing for 132 (40%) with an 0-3 ratio and has moved to TE. True frosh Charley Loeb who hit 75% in HS in '08 is a good fit and keep in mind new coaches like their own recruits. RFr Ryan Nassib (PS#93) was named the starter in the spring and can only put up better numbers but will be looking over his shoulder.

RB Delone Carter

RUNNING BACKS - Delone Carter (PS#98) is powerful and explosive and led with 713 (4.6) in '06 as a true frosh. Curtis Brinkley (PS#42) added 571 (4.1). In 2007 Carter suffered a freak hip injury and RS while Brinkley started just 8 and was never fully healthy. Brinkley still led with 371 (3.3) and Doug Hogue (6'2" 216 Jr, PS#82) had 251 (3.3). Last year the reports were that both Brinkley and Carter were close to 100% but I was skeptical. It surprised me when Curtis Brinkley rushed for 100 yds in five straight games breaking a school record. That is very striking considering SU has had some outstanding runners including Larry Csonka, Jim Nance, Joe Morris and 3 players who wore the famed #44 in Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown. Brinkley finished with 1,164 (4.9). Hogue was #2 with 232 (6.6) and true frosh Antwon Bailey (PS#86) who had just 66 heading into ND, rushed for 126 vs the Irish. Carter played in just 5 (137, 6.0) due to a hamstring injury. This year they lose Brinkley (11 st) as well as FB's Tony Fiammetta (10 st, 66 yds, #4DC CAR), Ben Maljovec (1 st) and Hogue who moves to OLB. Averin Collier (PS#25) RS as a true (broken foot). Also added to the mix is Michael Jones (5'11" 205 rFr, PS#117) and FB Robert Nieves (6'0" 211 So). I thought Brinkley had a remarkable season considering the surrounding cast and he will be missed.

RECEIVERS - SU has produced many famous receivers including TE John Mackey and their career receiving leader, Marvin Harrison. True frosh Mike Williams (PS#97) led in '06 with 461 (19.2) as they had an inexperienced group. In 2007 Williams was the lone bright spot on the offense as he set a school record with a TD in 9 straight games. Williams led with 837 (13.9) in '07 while his 60 rec tied Kevin Johnson's school record. Last year they had to replace their #2, #3 and #4 receivers and then Williams was suspended and RS! Robinson brought DB's into the WR rotation early without much success. Soph Donte Davis led with 312 (10.8) while TE Mike Owen added 175 (9.2) and true frosh Marcus Sales (PS#35) had 160 (11.4). Lavar Lobdell (PS#38) had 165 (12.7). Not listed below are Van Chew (6'1" 165 So), Michael Acchione (5'11" 170 So), Frank Satterfield (5'9" 179 So) and Daniel Bailey (5'7" 167 Sr, PS#164). Former QB Andrew Robinson also moves into the TE spot. This year the only loss is Dan Sheeran (6 rec, 2Y) who moved to LB then left the team. Everyone else returns including Williams, making this one of the most improved receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In former HC Pasqualoni's final season, the Orange OL opened holes for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. In Greg Robinson's first three years the unit struggled in their transition to the West Coast Offense. In 2006 they avg just 107 ypg rush (3.1) and allowed 45 sacks (14.5%). With 3 starters back in 2007 they actually regressed to 63 ypg (2.0) with 54 sacks (14.1%)! Last year they had to replace two starters but it was the lightest and most athletic OL of Robinson's tenure and they made a big improvement to 149 ypg (4.6) trimming the sacks to 29 (9.7%). This year they lose 2nd Tm Big East G Ryan Durand (12 st, 3Y st'r, #7DC TEN) and RT Corey Chavers (12 st, 3Y st'r). They must learn a new system this season but should show continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite having a veteran D-line in 2007, SU yielded 208 ypg rush (4.8), their worst ypg since 1986 and the D had an FBS worst 9 sacks. That happened despite the presence of NT Arthur Jones who had an amazing 17.5 tfl. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 35 starts (168 tkl). They did move starting LB Vincenzo Giruzzi (7 st, 41 tkl) to DE. Jared Kimmel, whose father Jamie had 20.5 career sacks here, enrolled at 225 lbs and has beefed up to 259. Surprisingly Kimmel had just 1 sack and Jones' tfl total dropped to 13. SU yielded 189 ypg rush (5.0) with just 16 sacks. This year they lose Giruzzi (11 st, 44 tkl, 4 tfl), DT Nick Santiago (12 st, 33 tkl, 4.5 sk) and Lamar Middleton (2 tkl). Not listed in the PSL is Dan Pena (6'2" 266 Sr). Six of the top 8 are back but Arthur Jones, who turned down a shot at the NFL, tore his pectoral muscle and Kimmel had knee surgery and both are questionable for the start of the season. As long as Jones and Kimmel are back, this should be an improved unit.

LINEBACKERS - The Orange had to replace all 3 LB starters in '07. Last year they moved 2 players who split one spot to different positions so two starters returned (#2 & #12 tkl'r). This year they lose their #1 tackler in MLB Jake Flaherty (12 st, 81 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 int) but return their #2 and #3, so they are actually more experienced and can only improve (32.7 ppg allowed).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With an experienced secondary, SU finished #36 in my pass D rankings in 2005. They had to replace two starters in 2006 and slipped to #90. In 2007 they had to replace both starting CB's and dropped to #117. Last year after starting CB Nick Chestnut was susp they basically had one starter returning. SU managed to move "up" to #107. This year they lose SS AJ Brown (8 st, 58 tkl, 1 int), FS Bruce Williams (6 st, 46 tkl, 2 int), CB Ryan Howard (13 tkl) and SS Paul Chiara (2 st, 43 tkl). With Chestnut's return, they have 4 who have been full-time starters and will have their best finish in my pass D rankings since 2005.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Paul Pasqualoni, Syracuse had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #2, #11, #8 (1995-'97) and #15 in '02. In Robinson's first year they were #80. Syracuse's woeful team stats the last couple of years have led to some new school records. P Brendan Carney set a school record for most punts and yards in a ssn ('05). With Carney having a 37.3 net in '06, SU was #45. In 2007 true frosh Max Suter set an FBS record for KR yards in a season with 1,299 (25.5) and he had SU's first KR TD (vs L'ville) since Kevin Johnson in '98. SU was #51 in '07. Last year Mike Holmes returned a KO 90 yds for a TD vs Pitt and his 207 KR yards was the 2nd most for a BE player in a game. K Patrick Shadle, who hit 10 of 14 FG's (long 50) in '07, hit a Mountaineer Field long 53 yard FG and was a semi-finalist for the Lou Groza Award hitting 14 of 17 last year. Rob Long, who avg 41.9 (34.3 net) in '07 improved to 43.9 (37.4 net). SU, however, avg just 4.5 on 11 PR! For a 3-9 team their #46 finish in my ST rankings was respectable. This year they lose K Shadle but could come close to last year's finish. Marrone was unhappy about the kicking situation in spring and he signed Shane Raupers (PS#71) in late April.

COACHES - In 2005 Syracuse brought in just their 5th HC since 1949 and Greg Robinson was the first HC hired from outside the program since 1981. Robinson was let go after four years and the new HC is Doug Marrone who was the OC with the NO Saints from '06-'08 and was an OL coach with the NY Jets from '02-'05. Marrone made a solid hire on offense bringing in Rob Spence as the OC. Spence did a great job at Toledo in his four years ('01-'04) producing some big numbers despite replacing their starting QB three times. He was the OC at Clemson from 2005-mid 2008. The new DC is Scott Shafer. Shafer was the DC at Michigan LY, Stanford in '07 and W Mich in '05 and '06. In '06 his W Michigan D led the NCAA in int's and sacks.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Pasqualoni only had one losing season in his 14 years. In his final season of 2004 they faced the toughest schedule of any Big East team. They still made it to a bowl, winning a share of the Big East Title at 4-2 (4-way tie). Orange fans were enthusiastic when Greg Robinson was brought in as the new HC. Any time you switch from an option based attack to the West Coast offense, you can expect a 3 to 4 year learning process (ask ND and Neb). SU fans craved more passing in the offense but Pasqualoni's "boring" run offense avg 349 ypg in '05 (3rd lowest in his 14Y) and in the last four years SU's offense has averaged just 258, 264, 292 and 270 ypg. Pasqualoni's worst offensive showing in his 14 year career was 322 ypg! In 2005 they finished just 1-10, SU's worst finish since '48 and their first 10 loss season in school history. They were also a Big East worst -141.7 ypg (0-7). In 2006 they opened the year 3-2 but finished 1-6 in the Big East and despite being +11 in TO's, had the #110 offense and #107 defense in the NCAA (-157.6 ypg Big East). They had just 11 returning starters in 2007 and despite having just six starts lost to injury, finished 2-10. One highlight came when they knocked off #18 L'ville as a 37 pt dog but they were -187 ypg in conf play. Last year they had 11 returning starters and I was surprised there was not a coaching change. SU lost to Akron at home by 14 and two weeks later only beat FCS Northeastern by 9. They did lead Pitt in the 4Q but lost by 10 and actually outgained WV 346-268 with WV QB White out and QB Brown hobbled. Two weeks later they stunned L'ville for a 2nd straight season. Robinson was fired prior to ND and the team overcame a 23-10, 4Q deficit for the upset but the next week they were manhandled by Cincy. SU is 3-25 in conf play the last 4 years. In the first game of the Robinson era they had 7 FD's and 103 total yards vs WV and in his final game, just 8 FD's and the final offensive play was a sack. SU was -141 ypg in league play (BE worst 3 straight yrs), almost 100 yards worse than the #7 team. Interestingly they had just 3 starts lost to injury and benefitted from 2 net close wins. Although I think Marrone will have SU competitive very quickly this year, with new schemes and position changes and having a lot of ground to make up, it looks like they'll have their 5th consecutive losing season.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 16 RYAN NASSIB rFR. 6-3 215 PS#93, quick release, strong arm. **4 Cameron Dantley** (6'1" 218 Sr) PS#267. 1 st, 558 (53%), 5-3 ratio '07. **11 st**, 1298 (48%), 11-5 ratio LY.

RB 3 Delone Carter Jr. 5-10 214 PS#98. 713 (4.6) true. RS (inj) '07. 137 (6.0), 5 gm (inj) LY. **27** Averin Collier (5'10" 200 rFr) **PS#25**. Antwon Bailey (5'8" 196 So) PS#86. 221 (6.7) true.

WR 11 Lavar Lobdell Sr. 6-3 210 **PS#38.** MedRS '05. 13 rec, 2Y. 10 st, 165 (12.7) LY. **FB 48** Carl Cutler (6'2" 234 rFr) PS#223. Daniel Collier (6'0" 240 Sr). Darnell Pratt (6'4" 222 So) PS#125.

WR 7 DONTE DAVIS JR. 6-0 173 84 (9.3) true. RS '07. 10 st, 312 (10.8) LY. **6** Da'Mon Merkerson (6'1" 182 Jr) PS#255. WR true. CB LY. WR spg. **83** Chaz Cervino (5'10" 183 So) PS#89.

WR 1 MIKE WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 204 PS#97, 15 st, 1298 (15.5), 2Y. 2nd Tm BE '07. Susp LY. **5** Marcus Sales (6'0" 184 So) **PS#35.** 11 gm, 160 (11.4) true. Alec Lemon is PS#116.

TE 85 MIKE OWEN SR. 6-4 251 3 st, 51 (10.2) '07. 12 gm, 11 st, 175 (9.2) LY. **80** Nick Provo (6'5" 232 So) PS#60. 11 gm, 70 (17.5) rFr. **8** Cody Catalina (6'3" 221 So) PS#54. QB/TE LY.

C 60 JIM McKENZIE JR. 6-4 286 PS#253. 10 st, 11 gm rFr. 12 st LY. **79** Dalton Phillips (6'3" 278 Sr). 11 gm LY. **LS** Max Leo (5'11" 210 Sr) 12 gm LY. Dave Zaske (5'10" 250 Jr).

RG 72 Nick Lepak So. 6-4 318 PS#109. 2 st, 10 gm true. **76** Ian Allport (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#211. **52** Ollie Haney (6'3" 288 So) PS#138. 1 gm rFr. Justin Pugh (6'5" 275) true.

LG 70 RYAN BARTHOLOMEW JR. 6-3 290 PS#162. 2 gm rFr. 10 st, out 2 (inj) LY. **71** Adam Rosner (6'6" 303 Jr) PS#122. 8 gm rFr. 1 st @ FB, 12 gm LY. Zack Chibane is PS#198.

RT NA Andrew Tiller Jr. 6-6 360 PS#155JC. **73** Jonathan Meldrum (6'5" 303 Jr) PS#416. Hargrave '05. GS '06. 9 gm "true". 5 gm LY. Josh White (6'5" 288 So) PS#188. DNP LY.

LT 77 TUCKER BAUMBACH JR. 6-5 307 PS#331. 1 st, 10 gm '07. 12 st LY. **74** Nick Speller (6'5" 307 rFr) PS#210. In for spg LY, but RS. Andrew Phillips (6'5" 275 Fr) PS#157.

K NA Shane Raupers Fr. 5-10 175 PS#71. **39** Austin Wallis (5'10" 185 rFr) PS#74. **36** Malcolm Conway (5'11" 175 Jr). DNP LY. Ryan Novak (5'11" 193 Jr). Rob Long (6'4" 175 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 90 JARED KIMMEL JR. 6-6 259 PS#154. 4 gm (inj) rFr. 10 st, 12 gm, 31 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Knee inj spg. **56** Cory Boatman (6'2" 260 rFr) PS#113. **96** Zary Stewart (6'4" 229 So) PS#204.

NT 97 ARTHUR JONES SR. 6-4 291 **PS#58.** 66 tkl, 2Y. 12 st, 60 tkl, 13 tfl. **1st Tm BE** LY. **94** Bud Tribbey (6'1" 282 Jr) PS#366. 1 st, 30 tkl, 2Y. **93** Jarel Lowery (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#150.

DT 51 Andrew Lewis Jr. 6-3 282 PS#152. 11 gm, 8 tkl rFr. 11 gm, 11 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **55** Anthony Perkins (6'4" 272 Jr) PS#102. 7 tkl '07. 11 gm, 19 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Chris Basile (6'4" 280 Sr).

DE 54 Mikhail Marinovich So. 6-4 232 PS#64. Milford '07. 7 tkl, 12 gm "true". Torrey Ball is PS#270JC. **99** Chandler Jones (6'5" 238 rFr) PS#67. Romale Tucker (6'4" 231 rFr) PS#217.

SLB 25 DERRELL SMITH JR. 6-1 224 PS#146. RB '07, 22 (2.2). 12 st, 73 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **53** Chad Battles (6'3" 224 So) PS#278. 2 tkl. David Stevens (6'4" 220 rFr) PS#64. Doug Hogue PS#82. From RB.

MLB 50 MIKE MELE JR. 6-0 218 PS#85. 29 tkl true. 12 st, 72 tkl LY. **58** Mike Stenclik (6'0" 229 Sr) PS#66. 3 gm rFr. 3 st, 23 tkl, 3 tfl '07. 6 gm, 2 tkl LY. Shane Kimmel (6'1" 238 rFr) PS#210.

WLB 46 Parker Cantey Jr. 6-3 218 PS#108. 2 st, 28 tkl rFr. 11 gm, 11 tkl LY. Ryan Gillum (5'11" 220 rFr) PS#162. Dan Vaughan (6'2" 221 rFr) PS#330. Kwaku Boah (6'2" 245 Jr).

CB 26 KEVYN SCOTT SO. 5-11 197 8 st, 12 gm, 32 tkl, 5 pbu rFr. **14** Grant Mayes (5'10" 180 So) PS#93. 10 gm, 2 st @ WR, 1 rec, 4 tkl LY. Dale Peterman (5'11" 155 Fr) PS#156.

CB 28 Nico Scott Jr. 5-10 180 PS#79. 2 st, 21 tkl rFr. 8 st, 22 tkl LY. **21 Nick Chestnut** (5'11" 184 Sr) PS#190. 13 st, 116 tkl, 6 pd, 2Y. Susp LY. Rafael McRae (5'9" 175 So).

SS 24 MAX SUTER JR. 5-11 190 PS#125. 12 tkl, 51 KR (25.5), 1st Tm BE KR true. 4 st, 32 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **20** Randy McKinnon (5'10" 198 Jr) PS#264. 19 tkl, 2Y. George Mayes (5'10" 182 Sr).

FS 35 MIKE HOLMES JR. 5-11 185 8 st, 64 tkl true. 12 st, 68 tkl, 7 pd LY. **10** Dorian Graham (5'11" 185 So) PS#217. 19 tkl true. Torian Phillips is PS#205. Ryan Ahern (6'2" 197 Sr).

P 47 ROB LONG JR. 6-4 175 12 gm, 75 punts (41.9), 34.3 net, 2nd Tm BE true. 66 punts (43.9), 37.4 net, **3rd Tm BE** LY. Ryan Novak (5'11" 193 Jr). Malcolm Conway (5'11" 175 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Andrew Tiller 6-6 360 PS#155JC
WR	Alec Lemon 6-1 175 PS#116
DB	Dale Peterman 5-11 155 PS#156
OL	Andrew Phillips 6-5 275 PS#157
OL	Zack Chibane 6-4 280 PS#198
DL	Torrey Ball 6-4 250 PS#270JC
DB	Torian Phillips 5-10 175 PS#205
DB	Rishard Anderson 6-0 180 PS#241
DB	Shamarko Thomas 5-10 196 PS#250
QB	Charley Loeb 6-4 215 PS#137
LB	Earl (EJ) Carter 6-0 220 PS#279
K	Shane Raupers 5-10 175 PS#71
OL	Justin Pugh 6-5 275 PS#596
DB	Phillip Thomas 6-0 178 PS#677
LB	Brandon Sharpe 6-2 220 PS#605

SYRACUSE ORANGE

Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#30

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	Minnesota	A						The Orange are 1-6 in home openers but 6 were vs current BCS schools. These 2 haven't met S/'96 (1-1). Syracuse has lost the L/6 at home vs NC BCS tms by 18 ppg.
Sep 12	at Penn St	G						The Orange are 2-9 on the road vs non-conference opponents since 2004. Syracuse is just 3-22 vs Penn St S/'67 including LY's embarrassing 55-13 loss.
Sep. 19	Northwestern	A						Syracuse had beaten the Wildcats in 4 straight gms prior to last year's 30-10 loss. Last year the Orange led 10-9 in the 3Q before surrendering 21 unanswered pts.
Sep. 26	Maine	A						The Maine Black Bears are 3-4 L/7 gms vs current FBS foes with a win over Miss St (9-7) in '04. LY Maine finished #16 in the coaches poll with an 8-5 record including a 46-3 loss to Iowa.
Oct. 3	USF (HC)	A						Last year the Orange only trailed 21-13 in the 1H but were held w/o a FD & zero yds in 2H. Syracuse is 0-4 vs the Bulls & has been outscored at home 68-10.
Oct. 10	West Virginia	A						LY WV handed Syracuse their 7th straight loss, the longest streak in their 56 gm series. Last year it was 10-6 when West Virginia got a 92 yd TD run on 3&7 with 4:16 left.
Oct. 17								
Oct. 24	Akron	A						Syracuse is 14-6 at home vs current MAC teams (excluding Temple). LY SU battled back to tie the game in the 4Q before allowing the Zips 14 unanswered pts.
Oct. 31	Cincinnati	A						Syracuse has lost the L/4 meetings vs UC. In '07 QB Robinson had 419 yds & 3 TD's vs a tm that had allowed just 10 pass TD's all yr. His 47 att's was a SU record.
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	G						The Orange blew a 24-13 lead in the 3Q in their loss to Pitt last year. SU has lost 6 of 7 to the Panthers getting outgained by an avg 110 ypg in the losses.
Nov. 14	at Louisville	A						SU has upset UL the L2Y incl their 38-35 win here in '07, arguably the biggest in BE history. QB Robinson threw for career high 423 yds & 4 TD's for SU's 1st win over a ranked tm S/'04.
Nov. 21	Rutgers	A						Syracuse has dropped 4 straight to Rutgers being outscored by an avg of 36-12. The Orange have lead RU 14-0 L2Y only to be outscored 73-3 the rest of the gms.
Nov. 28	at Connecticut	G						Last year's loss snapped a four game win streak for the home team. SU finished last year w/147 yds in 59 plays & 1-14 on 3rd downs in the loss.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Marvin Graves 8,466 '90-'93
2. Donovan McNabb 8,389 '95-'98
3. Don McPherson 5,812 '83-'87

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joe Morris 4,299 '78-'81
2. Walter Reyes 3,424 '01-'04
3. Larry Csonka 2,934 '65-'67

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marvin Harrison 2,728 '92-'95
2. Shelby Hill 2,296 '90-'93
3. Rob Moore 2,122 '87-'89

DOUG MARRONE (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Syracuse
Marrone's Bowl Record: 0-0

Marrone's records AT SYRACUSE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

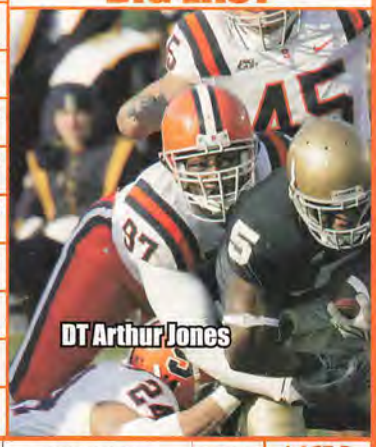
2008 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (24,19,2)
Lost: 18 (7,9,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,474 (#69)

BIG EAST



STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,262) (#64)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	10-3	4-8	6-6	6-6	1-10	4-8	2-10	3-9	42-65
Home	4-2	6-0	3-3	5-2	4-1	1-5	3-3	1-6	2-4	29-26
Away	2-3	3-2	1-5	1-4	2-4	0-5	1-5	1-4	1-5	12-37
Neutral	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	4-3	6-1	2-5	2-5	4-2	0-7	1-6	1-6	1-6	21-41
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-4	1-3	3-2	1-4	2-3	21-24
ATS	7-4	9-4	4-7	7-5	8-4	4-7	8-4	3-9	5-6	55-50
Home Fav (Paul Pasqualoni 1991)	4-0	5-1	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-3	3-0	1-0	0-1	21-8
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-6	2-2	11-13
Away Fav (Greg Robinson)	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	5-6
Away Dog (Doug Marrone)	0-2	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-3	2-2	3-3	16-22
Neutral	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	4-2	1-6	3-4	2-5	4-3	28-34
vs Non-Conf	2-2	5-1	2-2	4-1	4-2	3-1	5-0	1-4	1-3	27-16
Off SU Win	2-3	6-3	3-1	2-3	4-2	1-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	23-16
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-1	1-5	4-2	4-1	3-6	5-2	2-7	3-4	28-29

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Fiesta - #14	+3	Kansas St - #10	18-35
98	Orange - #18	+6'	Florida - #7	10-31
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13
01	Insight - #18	+6	Kansas St	26-3
04	Champs Sports	+5'	Georgia Tech	14-51

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Syracuse's All-Time Bowl Record 12-9-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	18.1	270	149	4.6	122	47.2	14.9	29	-1	2008	5	32.7	415	189	5.0	225	63.0	12.7	16
6	16.4	292	63	2.0	229	52.7	17.8	54	-6	2007	5	34.8	469	208	4.8	261	67.9	13.5	9
6*	17.4	264	107	3.1	157	51.8	15.2	45	+11	2006	4	24.6	399	185	4.8	214	64.9	16.2	34
6*	13.8	258	107	3.0	151	45.7	18.6	37	-4	2005	9	26.8	373	187	4.3	186	54.9	13.9	25
6	23.9	349	179	4.5	170	56.7	14.6	24	+2	2004	5	28.7	427	187	4.4	240	60.2	14.9	17
7	26.7	369	189	4.5	180	59.8	13.9	15	+7	2003	7	25.1	360	138	3.6	222	60.0	14.4	20
3*	28.9	377	189	4.3	188	52.3	13.0	28	+2	2002	6	33.8	476	172	4.2	304	58.1	14.1	26

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Curtis Brinkley	237	1193	29	1164	7	4.9
Doug Hogue	35	232	0	232	2	6.6
Antwon Bailey	33	227	6	221	2	6.7
Delone Carter	23	141	4	137	0	6.0
Tony Fiammetta	5	66	0	66	0	13.2
Andrew Robinson	12	35	28	7	0	0.6
Cameron Dantley	41	98	154	-56	0	-1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Cameron Dantley	251	121	48.2	1298	11	5
Andrew Robinson	45	18	40.0	132	0	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Donte Davis	29	312	10.8	2	34	
Mike Owen	19	175	9.2	2	32	
Lavar Lobdell	13	165	12.7	0	26	
Marcus Sales	14	160	11.4	1	28	
Tony Fiammetta	16	127	7.9	1	19	
Doug Hogue	11	108	9.8	1	37	
Da'Mon Merkerson	6	95	15.8	1	38	
Curtis Brinkley	14	81	5.8	0	17	
Nick Provo	4	70	17.5	1	27	
Van Chew	4	56	14.0	1	36	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Rob Long	66	2898	43.9	16	37.4	0	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Patrick Shadle	25-25	4-4	3-3	6-8	1-2	14-17	53

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jake Flaherty	81	1	3	1	1
Derrell Smith	73	1	4	2	1
Mike Mele	72	0	1	1	0
Mike Holmes	68	0	0	5	2
Arthur Jones	60	3.5	9.5	1	0
AJ Brown	58	0	0.5	3	1
Bruce Williams	46	0	1	1	2
Vincenzo Giruzzi	44	1.5	2.5	1	0
Paul Chiara	43	0	2	0	0
Nick Santiago	33	4.5	4.5	1	0
Max Suter	32	2	2	1	0
Kevyn Scott	32	0.5	0	5	0
Jared Kimmel	31	1	1	0	0
Nico Scott	22	0	0	1	0
Anthony Perkins	19	1	1	2	0
Dorian Graham	19	0	0	1	0
Da'Mon Merkerson	15	0	1	0	0
Randy McKinnon	13	0	1.5	1	1
Ryan Howard	13	0	0	1	0
Bud Tribby	13	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ryan Howard	7	5	0.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Mike Holmes	41	941	23.0	1	
Max Suter	26	547	21.0	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

SU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
20,015	at Northwestern	11	30-122	4.1	14-28	103	2	25	42-269	6.4	23-35	215	1	+1
31,808	Akron	20	43-218	5.1	13-20	135	2	29	46-218	4.7	20-26	260	2	-1
45,795	Penn St	8	25-49	2.0	13-35	110	1	26	43-216	5.0	20-39	344	1	0
34,694	Northeastern	23	42-271	6.5	14-17	167	0	22	24-90	3.8	23-37	293	0	+2
27,549	Pittsburgh	12	27-126	4.7	9-17	137	2	23	46-241	5.2	17-29	166	0	-1
58,133	at West Virginia	20	35-139	4.0	25-42	207	3	13	32-216	6.8	14-20	52	2	-1
51,384	at USF	11	27-101	3.7	11-27	129	4	26	46-239	5.2	19-26	248	0	0
32,917	Louisville	18	38-207	5.4	11-22	178	0	22	34-137	4.0	23-36	214	2	+1
42,172	at Rutgers	7	26-133	5.1	5-19	35	5	27	38-207	5.4	26-36	276	1	+2
28,081	Connecticut	8	36-96	2.7	6-23	51	5	16	44-259	5.9	7-15	70	1	-3
80,795	at Notre Dame	18	36-170	4.7	14-26	147	2	16	28-41	1.5	22-41	291	2	-2
34,603	at Cincinnati	8	27-152	5.6	6-23	59	3	25	31-140	4.5	28-44	272	4	+1
TOTALS		164	392-1784	4.6	141-299	1458	29	270	454-2273	5.0	242-384	2701	16	-1
AVERAGES		13.7	33-149	4.6	12-25	122	9.7%	22.5	38-189	5.0	20-32	225	4.2%	-0.1

2004 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Purdue - #24	+12'	0-51
–	at Buffalo	-15'	37-17
–	Cincinnati	+3	19-7
–	at Virginia - #12	+26'	10-31
–	Rutgers	-6	41-31
–	Florida St - #8	+19	13-17
–	at West Virginia - #15	+15	6-27
–	Connecticut	-2'	42-30
–	Pittsburgh	-4	38-31 2OT
–	at Temple	-8	24-34
–	at Boston College - #17	+12	43-17

2005 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	West Virginia	-2'	7-15
–	Buffalo	-24	31-0
–	Virginia - #25	+7	24-27
–	at Florida St - #6	+21	14-38
–	at Connecticut	+7	7-26
–	Rutgers	-2	9-31
–	at Pittsburgh	+12'	17-34
–	Cincinnati	-4	16-22
–	USF	+7'	0-27
–	at Notre Dame - #6	+34	10-34
–	at Louisville - #17	+36	17-41

2006 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wake Forest	+14	10-20
–	Iowa - #14	+20'	13-20 2OT
–	at Illinois	+3	31-21
–	Miami, Oh	-6'	34-14
–	Wyoming	-4'	40-34 3OT
–	Pittsburgh	+7	11-21
–	at West Virginia - #5	+25'	17-41
–	Louisville - #6	+17'	13-28
–	at Cincinnati	+6'	3-17
–	at USF	+10	10-27
–	Connecticut	-1	20-14
–	at Rutgers - #15	+15'	7-38

2007 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Washington	+3'	12-42
–	at Iowa	+22'	0-35
–	Illinois	+11'	20-41
–	at Louisville - #18	+37	38-35
–	at Miami, Oh	-1'	14-17
–	West Virginia - #13	+27	14-55
–	Rutgers	+17'	14-38
–	Buffalo	-3'	20-12
–	at Pittsburgh	+13	17-20
–	USF	+16'	10-41
–	at Connecticut - #25	+19'	7-30
–	Cincinnati - #24	+20'	31-52

2008 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Northwestern	+11'	10-30
–	Akron	-4'	28-42
–	Penn State - #17	+27'	13-55
–	Northeastern	-10'	30-21
–	Pittsburgh	+14'	24-34
–	at West Virginia	+21'	6-17
–	at USF - #19	+23'	13-45
–	Louisville	+13	28-21
–	at Rutgers	+14	17-35
–	Connecticut	+9	14-39
–	at Notre Dame	+19'	24-23
–	at Cincinnati - #16	+21'	10-30

MWC
MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 MOUNTAIN WEST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	Honorable Mention
QB	Max Hall, BYU	Ryan Lindley, San Diego St	Andy Dalton, TCU	Omar Clayton, UNLV
RB	Matt Asiata, Utah	James Wright, New Mexico	CJ Cox, UNLV	Savier Stephens, Air Force
RB	Harvey Unga, BYU	Joseph Turner, TCU	Atiyyah Henderson, San Diego St	Waymon James, TCU
WR	Jimmy Young, TCU	Roberto Wallace, San Diego St	David Reed, Utah	Chris Hernandez, New Mexico
WR	Rashaun Greer, Colorado St	Phillip Payne, UNLV	Dion Morton, Colorado St	Greg Bolling, Wyoming
WR	Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	McKay Jacobson, BYU	DeMarco Sampson, San Diego St	Roland Bruno, New Mexico
TE	Dennis Pitta, BYU	Matthew Kawulok, San Diego St	Jesson Salyards, Wyoming	Evan Frosch, TCU
C	Erik Cook, New Mexico	Joe Hawley (C/OG), UNLV	Tim Walter, Colorado St	Zane Taylor, Utah
OG	Shelley Smith, Colorado St	Caleb Schlauderaff, Utah	Ikaika Aken-Moleta, San Diego St	Peter Lusk, Air Force
OG	Nick Charles, Air Force	Adrian Martinez, Colorado St	Joshua Taufalele, New Mexico	Sam Sterner, Wyoming
OT	Marshall Newhouse, TCU	Matt Reynolds, BYU	Chris Campbell, Air Force	Cole Pemberton, Colorado St
OT	Zane Beadles, Utah	Matt Murphy, UNLV	Marcus Cannon, TCU	Evan Marchal, UNLV
DE	Jerry Hughes, TCU	Koa Misi, Utah	Brett Denney, BYU	Braylon Broughton, TCU
DT	Ben Garland, Air Force	Russell Tialavea, BYU	Fred Givens, Wyoming	Kelly Griffin, TCU
DT	John Fletcher, Wyoming	Malo Taumua, UNLV	Jonathan Soto (DE), San Diego St	Peter Gardner, New Mexico
DE	Jan Jorgensen, BYU	BJ Williams, San Diego St	James Aiono, Utah	Mitch Unrein, Wyoming
LB	Matt Bauman, BYU	Luke Laolagi, San Diego St	Ronnie Paulo, UNLV	Nick Sandford, San Diego St
LB	Stevenson Sylvester, Utah	Clint McPeek, New Mexico	Gabe Knapton, Wyoming	Tanner Brock, TCU
LB	Ken Lamendola, Air Force	Mychal Sisson, Colorado St	Coleby Clawson, BYU	Weston Johnson, Wyoming
LB	Jason Beauchamp, UNLV	Daryl Washington, TCU	Starr Fuimaono, UNLV	Mike Wright, Utah
CB	Nick Sanders, TCU	Marcell Gipson, Wyoming	Quinton Pointer, UNLV	Aaron Moore, San Diego St
CB	Rafael Priest, TCU	Reggie Rembert, Air Force	Tashaun Gipson, Wyoming	RJ Stanford, Utah
SS	Chris Thomas, Air Force	Joe Dale, Utah	Frankie Solomon (FS), New Mexico	Klint Kubiak, Colorado St
FS	Chris Prosinski, Wyoming	Malcolm Williams, TCU	Robert Johnson, Utah	Tejay Johnson, TCU
K	Ross Evans, TCU	James Aho, New Mexico	Mitch Payne, BYU	Lane Yoshida, San Diego St
P	Pete Kontodiakos, Colorado St	Anson Kelton, TCU	Brian Stahovich, San Diego St	Adam Miller, New Mexico
KR	David Reed, Utah	O'Neill Chambers, BYU	John Mosure, Colorado St	Michael Johnson, UNLV
PR	Jeremy Kerley, TCU	Ian Clark, New Mexico	Reggie Rembert, Air Force	David Leonard, Wyoming

Colorado St
WR Rashaun Greer

Wyoming
FS Chris Prosinski

TCU
WR #88 Jimmy Young
2009 Jersey #1

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 MOUNTAIN WEST FORECAST

1. BYU - I didn't make BYU fans happy last year when I pegged them in a tie for 2nd in the MWC during a season most BYU fans were thinking BCS bowl. This year the Cougars have 8 returning starters on D (just 3 last year) and the last 4 times they have had a senior QB they have taken home the conf title (Max Hall fits that bill this year). Last season BYU had to face Utah and TCU on the road dropping both but this year get them at home where they have won 18 straight. That has me calling for BYU's 3rd MWC Title in 4 years.

2. TCU - TCU may have been the best non-BCS team last year despite their 2 losses. One loss came to an Oklahoma team that played in the National Title game. The other was on a short week on the road at Utah where they blew a late lead and lost despite a 416-275 yd edge. TCU had a 472-250 yd edge vs Boise in the bowl. Five of my 9 sets of power ratings call for the Frogs to go unbeaten but after playing out the Oct 24th game at BYU game 100 times, 51 came out in favor of the Cougars, 49 for TCU, so I picked the Frogs for 2nd.

3. Utah - The Utes made me very happy last year as my magazine was the only one to peg them to win the MWC outright and they, of course, delivered an undefeated season and a #2 finish in the final polls knocking off Alabama. Last year's Utah team has just 12 starts lost to injury and benefitted from +13 in TO's while this year's squad has just 12 returning starters. Last year they got both BYU and TCU at home and now face them on the road which has me calling for a step back in the conference standings.

4. UNLV - While UNLV has 7 HG's this year, the conf schedule is tough as two of their HG's are B2B vs BYU and Utah. Still the Rebels continue to improve under HC Mike Sanford and could finally break through. UNLV needed a win at SDSt last year to get to a bowl but missed out. This year with 14 starters and 70% lettermen returning, they have a great shot at bowl eligibility.

4. Air Force - AF has caught some breaks in MWC play the last 2 seasons as they were -13.6 ypg in 2007 but finished 6-2 and were -19.2 ypg last year and finished 5-3. This is HC Troy Calhoun's most veteran squad and they have the best conference schedule of the mid-rung MWC teams.

6. Colorado St - Last year the Rams finished 4-4, 5th place in the MWC which was higher than I had them forecasted. That makes me a little gun shy this season pegging them this low. CSU did catch some breaks including facing a couple backup QB's as they were -39.9 ypg in MWC play. They lose their QB and star RB as well as five of their defensive front 7.

6. San Diego St - Last year SDSt had a young team (11 ret st'rs) that was hit hard by injuries. This year they are a much more veteran group with 15 returning starters and just 18 lettermen lost (league low). SDSt also brings in two outstanding coaches in HC Brady Hoke and DC Rocky Long who gives them great knowledge of the MWC. The Aztecs have not had a season above .500 since 1998 but they make my Most Improved List which means I think they have a shot at a winning season despite having just 2 wins last year.

8. Wyoming - The Cowboys clearly have some potential this year as they were -22 in TO's while their offense can only improve on its 12.7 ppg. They also have 8 starters back from a D that allowed just 330 ypg. Unfortunately most of their winnable MWC games are on the road and they have to host the league's top 2 teams in BYU and TCU. They also have a coaching change and must learn new schemes.

9. New Mexico - Last year the Lobos were 2-6 in the MWC, their first losing conference mark since 2000 despite being +41.7 ypg (4th best). If Rocky Long was still in charge I would probably have them pegged higher but this year's squad has just 9 returning starters (fewest MWC) while their 23 lettermen lost are 2nd highest in the league. They are undergoing drastic scheme changes on both offense and defense so this looks to be a rebuilding year.

MWC Notes: I usually consider the MWC the best non-BCS conference in the country and they outdid themselves last year with Utah whipping Alabama in the Sugar Bowl to finish #2 in the AP poll (#1 on some voters ballots). TCU was arguably the best non-BCS team last year (see write-up). The MWC finished with 2 Top 10 teams which tied them for the most of any conference including the SEC. They had 3 Top 25 teams which tied for 4th best. The most amazing stat is they went 6-1 during the regular season vs their rival Pac-10 conf while they also had the best record vs BCS schools at 8-5, (61.5%). The MWC has gotten Congress involved (don't they have more important matters to tend to?) trying to force a playoff so that non-BCS conferences are included. By the way, if BYU runs the table (needs wins over Oklahoma and Florida St) and is one of two remaining unbeatens, they won't even need Congress. Despite having just 3 defensive starters returning, BYU set a MWC record with 11 consecutive shutout Q's. BYU DE Jan Jorgensen is already the MWC's all-time sack leader and still has a year left to play. There are 3 new HC's this year which is a 33% turnover and the most interesting change to me is Rocky Long leaving New Mexico to be the DC at San Diego St. TCU joined the league in 2005 and was picked 6th in the MWC but won the Title. Since then, the preseason favorite to take home the Title has failed to win it (BYU was the preseason favorite in '08 and finished 3rd). It will be interesting to see who the preseason favorite is this year.

2008 MWC vs MWC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
15	BYU	32.8	3	421.0	1	140.6	6	4.3	5	280.4	1	66.0	2	12.9	7	16	8	16	9
19	Utah	37.3	1	409.3	3	177.6	5	4.7	1	231.6	3	68.0	1	11.0	9	8	1	12	3
33	TCU	33.0	2	411.3	2	207.8	2	4.2	6	203.5	6	60.0	3	12.5	8	9	2	14	6
51	Colorado St	26.5	4	385.0	4	140.0	7	4.1	7	245.0	2	58.2	5	14.5	4	13	6	14	6
70	UNLV	24.5	6	325.9	7	116.3	8	3.4	8	209.6	4	57.6	6	13.3	5	10	3	10	2
76	Air Force	25.6	5	339.1	5	255.6	1	4.5	3	83.5	9	59.7	4	13.2	6	10	3	3	1
90	New Mexico	18.3	7	337.8	6	204.9	3	4.6	2	132.9	7	51.0	8	18.5	2	12	5	13	4
107	San Diego St	17.0	8	284.5	9	77.0	9	3.2	9	207.5	5	56.6	7	16.7	3	15	7	14	6
113	Wyoming	10.8	9	304.1	8	180.6	4	4.3	4	123.5	8	49.2	9	28.3	1	27	9	13	4

2008 MWC vs MWC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
2	TCU	8.5	1	199.9	1	61.6	1	2.05	1	138.3	1	46.5	1	23.5	9	16	1	29	1
16	Utah	15.6	2	308.5	3	130.9	2	3.78	4	177.6	4	53.8	2	19.7	8	19	2	9	4
39	New Mexico	17.1	3	296.1	2	140.4	3	3.50	2	155.8	2	57.2	4	17.3	7	15	3	12	3
57	Air Force	22.5	4	358.3	5	143.6	4	3.67	3	214.6	7	59.9	5	15.9	6	18	4	25	2
69	BYU	24.5	5	368.9	6	164.1	5	4.22	6	204.8	5	61.0	6	15.1	5	17	5	9	4
77	Wyoming	31.0	7	343.6	4	167.9	6	4.01	5	175.8	3	55.1	3	11.1	1	5	9	9	4
98	Colorado St	29.1	6	424.9	7	211.0	7	5.43	9	213.9	6	64.1	7	14.6	4	12	6	6	7
102	UNLV	34.3	8	433.1	8	215.0	8	5.00	7	218.1	8	64.2	8	12.6	3	9	7	5	8
118	San Diego St	43.0	9	484.6	9	265.9	9	5.28	8	218.8	9	69.2	9	11.3	2	9	8	5	8

2008 MWC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
Utah	8	0	298	125	13	0	480	224	+100.8	+67.8	+24.8
TCU	7	1	264	68	11	2	437	147	+211.4	+106.6	+181.3
BYU	6	2	262	196	10	3	445	285	+52.1	+157.3	+139.4
Air Force	5	3	205	180	8	5	348	289	-19.2	-13.6	-44.6
Colorado St	4	4	212	233	7	6	327	393	-39.9	-62.4	-73.0
UNLV	2	6	196	274	5	7	307	391	-107.2	-36.9	-69.7
New Mexico	2	6	146	137	4	8	253	273	+41.7	-11.9	-56.4
Wyoming	1	7	86	248	4	8	152	333	-39.5	-80.2	-12.4
San Diego St	1	7	136	344	2	10	231	446	-200.1	-127.0	-89.2

Coach of the Year: Kyle Whittingham, Utah

2007 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
BYU	8	0	248	129	11	2	391	241
Air Force	6	2	228	164	9	4	389	274
Utah	5	3	177	104	9	4	341	219
New Mexico	5	3	161	176	9	4	321	247
TCU	4	4	220	153	8	5	339	243
San Diego St	3	5	196	265	4	8	301	413
Wyoming	2	6	130	233	5	7	233	311
Colorado St	2	6	179	232	3	9	304	369
UNLV	1	7	148	231	2	10	218	343

Coach of the Year: Troy Calhoun, Air Force

2006 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
BYU	8	0	317	113	11	2	478	191
TCU	6	2	237	113	11	2	380	160
Utah	5	3	232	171	8	5	363	258
Wyoming	5	3	164	187	6	6	258	264
New Mexico	4	4	189	207	6	7	284	312
Air Force	3	5	172	201	4	8	279	302
San Diego St	3	5	119	230	3	9	170	325
Colorado St	1	7	113	196	4	8	202	263
UNLV	1	7	158	283	2	10	238	382

Coach of the Year: Bronco Mendenhall, BYU

2008 MWC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Max Hall, BYU	**477**	**330**	**69.2**	**14**	**3957**	**8.3**	**35**	**157.2**
Brian Johnson, Utah	394	268	68.0	9	2972	7.5	27	149.4
Omar Clayton, UNLV	**258**	**152**	**58.9**	**4**	**1894**	**7.3**	**18**	**140.5**
Tim Jefferson, Air Force	**80**	**44**	**55.0**	**3**	**655**	**8.2**	**5**	**136.9**
Billy Farris, Colorado St	379	233	61.5	13	2934	7.7	19	136.2
Andy Dalton, TCU	**307**	**182**	**59.3**	**5**	**2242**	**7.3**	**11**	**129.2**
Chris Stutzriem, Wyoming	98	55	56.1	5	660	6.7	5	119.3
Mike Clausen, UNLV	**125**	**70**	**56.0**	**2**	**767**	**6.1**	**5**	**117.5**
Ryan Lindley, San Diego St	**427**	**242**	**56.7**	**9**	**2653**	**6.2**	**16**	**117.0**
Brad Gruner, New Mexico	**184**	**99**	**53.8**	**6**	**1037**	**5.6**	**3**	**100.0**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/PG	AVG/REC	YDS/GM
Austin Collie, BYU	13	106	1538	15	8.2	14.5	118.3
Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	**12**	**88**	**1040**	**6**	**7.3**	**11.8**	**86.7**
Rashaun Greer, Colorado St	**13**	**63**	**1114**	**3**	**4.8**	**17.7**	**85.7**
Dennis Pitta, BYU	**13**	**83**	**1083**	**6**	**6.4**	**13.0**	**83.3**
Jimmy Young, TCU	**13**	**59**	**988**	**5**	**4.5**	**16.7**	**76.0**
Freddie Brown, Utah	13	77	900	7	5.9	11.7	69.2
Dion Morton, Colorado St	**13**	**51**	**859**	**10**	**3.9**	**16.8**	**66.1**
Michael Reed, BYU	11	49	589	2	4.5	12.0	53.5
Vincent Brown, San Diego St	**12**	**64**	**631**	**5**	**5.3**	**9.9**	**52.6**
Phillip Payne, UNLV	**9**	**29**	**436**	**7**	**3.2**	**15.0**	**48.4**
Casey Flair, UNLV	12	49	560	4	4.1	11.4	46.7
Darren Mougey, San Diego St	10	34	437	4	3.4	12.9	43.7
Brent Casteel, Utah	13	43	564	4	3.3	13.1	43.4
Bradon Godfrey, Utah	13	56	556	4	4.3	9.9	42.8
Chris Hernandez, New Mexico	**11**	**33**	**428**	**0**	**3.0**	**13.0**	**38.9**
Kory Sperry, Colorado St	13	38	492	6	2.9	12.9	37.8
Roberto Wallace, San Diego St	**11**	**31**	**405**	**1**	**2.8**	**13.1**	**36.8**
David Reed, Utah	**13**	**25**	**427**	**6**	**1.9**	**17.1**	**32.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	CAR	NET	PASSING ATT	YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	YDS/GM
Max Hall, BYU	**13**	**65**	**115**	**477**	**3957**	**4072**	**313.2**
Andy Dalton, TCU	**11**	**113**	**432**	**307**	**2242**	**2674**	**243.1**
Brian Johnson, Utah	13	108	128	394	2972	3100	238.5
Ryan Lindley, San Diego St	**11**	**31**	**-62**	**427**	**2653**	**2591**	**235.5**
Omar Clayton, UNLV	**9**	**67**	**163**	**258**	**1894**	**2057**	**228.6**
Billy Farris, Colorado St	13	46	-34	379	2934	2900	223.1
Brad Gruner, New Mexico	**10**	**76**	**331**	**184**	**1037**	**1368**	**136.8**
Gartrell Johnson III, Colorado St	13	278	1476	0	0	1476	113.5
Devin Moore, Wyoming	12	249	1301	0	0	1301	108.4
Rodney Ferguson, New Mexico	11	223	1105	1	25	1130	102.7
Mike Clausen, UNLV	**9**	**51**	**87**	**125**	**767**	**854**	**94.9**
Tim Jefferson, Air Force	**11**	**101**	**387**	**80**	**655**	**1042**	**94.7**
Harvey Unga, BYU	**13**	**240**	**1132**	**0**	**0**	**1132**	**87.1**
Frank Summers, UNLV	12	183	740	0	0	740	61.7

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	LONG
Jason Smith, Colorado St	11	13	12	92.3	52
Louie Sakoda, Utah	13	24	22	91.7	53
Kyle Watson, UNLV	**12**	**8**	**7**	**87.5**	**38**
Ryan Harrison, Air Force	13	29	24	82.8	48
Ross Evans, TCU	**13**	**20**	**16**	**80.0**	**50**
James Aho, New Mexico	**12**	**24**	**18**	**75.0**	**48**
Mitch Payne, BYU	**13**	**14**	**10**	**71.4**	**46**
Lane Yoshida, San Diego St	**12**	**12**	**8**	**66.7**	**49**
Ben Jaekle, UNLV	**12**	**11**	**5**	**45.5**	**52**
Jake Scott, Wyoming	**8**	**8**	**5**	**62.5**	**49**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Aaron Brown, TCU	18	526	1	29.2
Austin Collie, BYU	18	495	0	27.5
David Reed, Utah	**25**	**635**	**0**	**25.4**
John Mosure, Colorado St	**16**	**381**	**1**	**23.8**
Deante' Purvis, UNLV	**18**	**422**	**0**	**23.4**
O'Neill Chambers, BYU	**35**	**809**	**0**	**23.1**
Michael Johnson, UNLV	**37**	**853**	**0**	**23.1**
Davion Mauldin, San Diego St	**26**	**588**	**1**	**22.6**
Frankie Solomon, New Mexico	**22**	**479**	**0**	**21.8**
Devin Moore, Wyoming	31	667	0	21.5
Mekell Wesley, San Diego St	**20**	**407**	**0**	**20.4**
Michael Myers, Colorado St	28	568	0	20.3
Reggie Rembert, Air Force	**35**	**673**	**0**	**19.2**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Jerry Hughes, TCU	**15**	**113**
Jake Paulson, Air Force	9	60
Paul Kruger, Utah	7.5	52
Herbert Felder, New Mexico	7.5	50
Cody Moore, TCU	6	30
Jan Jorgensen, BYU	**5**	**41**
Mike Juergens, Wyoming	5	29
John Fletcher, Wyoming	**4.5**	**40**
Matt Panfil, TCU	4.5	36
Chris Thomas, Air Force	**4**	**33**
Coleby Clawson, BYU	**4**	**29**
Ian Clark, New Mexico	**4**	**20**
Ben Garland, Air Force	**4**	**17**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Jerry Hughes, TCU	**19.5**	**125**
Paul Kruger, Utah	16.5	75
Jake Paulson, Air Force	14.5	72
Jason Phillips, TCU	13	44
Herbert Felder, New Mexico	12.5	58
Coleby Clawson, BYU	**11.5**	**64**
David Nixon, BYU	11.5	46
Zach Arnett, New Mexico	11	33
BJ Williams, San Diego St	**10.5**	**31**
Matt Panfil, TCU	10	58
Stephen Hodge, TCU	10	48
Cody Moore, TCU	10	37

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/GM
Gartrell Johnson III, Colorado St	13	278	1476	12	5.3	113.5
Devin Moore, Wyoming	12	249	1301	7	5.2	108.4
Rodney Ferguson, New Mexico	11	223	1105	13	5.0	100.5
Harvey Unga, BYU	**13**	**240**	**1132**	**11**	**4.7**	**87.1**
Frank Summers, UNLV	12	183	740	8	4.0	61.7
Aaron Brown, TCU	10	99	547	3	5.5	54.7
Matt Asiata, Utah	**13**	**146**	**707**	**12**	**4.8**	**54.4**
Asher Clark, Air Force	**11**	**132**	**588**	**5**	**4.5**	**53.5**
Wynel Seldon, Wyoming	12	145	637	2	4.4	53.1
Joseph Turner, TCU	**12**	**146**	**577**	**11**	**4.0**	**48.1**
Todd Newell, Air Force	13	142	594	4	4.2	45.7
Atiyyah Henderson, San Diego St	**11**	**120**	**490**	**4**	**4.1**	**44.5**
Darrell Mack, Utah	13	123	541	3	4.4	41.6

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Anthony Hartz, Colorado St	**11**	**44**	**1940**	**44.1**
Louie Sakoda, Utah	13	56	2357	42.1
CJ Santiago, BYU	13	41	1712	41.8
Anson Kelton, TCU	**13**	**54**	**2230**	**41.3**
Adam Miller, New Mexico	**12**	**58**	**2310**	**39.8**
Dack Ishii, UNLV	12	58	2303	39.7
Brian Stahovich, San Diego St	**12**	**71**	**2807**	**39.5**
Ryan Harrison, Air Force	13	43	1673	38.9
Austin McCoy, Wyoming	**12**	**69**	**2618**	**37.9**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/GM
Jason Beauchamp, UNLV	**12**	**54**	**73**	**127**	**10.6**
Corey Boudreaux, San Diego St	11	61	40	101	9.2
Ken Lamendola, Air Force	**13**	**47**	**71**	**118**	**9.1**
Russell Allen, San Diego St	12	63	44	107	8.9
Ricky Brewer, Colorado St	**12**	**55**	**48**	**103**	**8.6**
Clint McPeek, New Mexico	**12**	**50**	**53**	**103**	**8.6**
Ward Dobbs, Wyoming	12	51	50	101	8.4
Matt Bauman, BYU	**13**	**50**	**58**	**108**	**8.3**
Luke Laolagi, San Diego St	**12**	**54**	**45**	**99**	**8.3**
Chris Thomas, Air Force	**13**	**66**	**41**	**107**	**8.2**
Ronnie Paulo, UNLV	**11**	**28**	**62**	**90**	**8.2**
Mychal Sisson, Colorado St	**13**	**57**	**48**	**105**	**8.1**
Gabe Knapton, Wyoming	**12**	**31**	**61**	**92**	**7.7**
Zach Arnett, New Mexico	12	39	53	92	7.7
Chris Prosinski, Wyoming	**12**	**45**	**43**	**88**	**7.3**
Jason Phillips, TCU	12	57	27	84	7.0

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Glover Quin, New Mexico	11	5	16
Nick Sanders, TCU	**12**	**2**	**14**
Sean Smith, Utah	9	5	14
Steven Coleman, TCU	10	3	13
Chris Prosinski, Wyoming	**9**	**3**	**12**
Tejay Johnson, TCU	**10**	**1**	**11**
Rafael Priest, TCU	**10**	**1**	**11**
Marcell Gipson, Wyoming	**10**	**0**	**10**
Tashaun Gipson, Wyoming	**10**	**0**	**10**
Clint McPeek, New Mexico	**9**	**1**	**10**
Blake Ligon, New Mexico	7	2	9

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ian Clark, New Mexico	**12**	**236**	**0**	**19.7**
Jeremy Kerley, TCU	**25**	**348**	**0**	**13.9**
Reggie Rembert, Air Force	**17**	**217**	**0**	**12.8**
Frankie Solomon, New Mexico	**10**	**103**	**0**	**10.3**
Casey Flair, UNLV	7	69	0	9.9
Brent Casteel, Utah	10	91	0	9.1
Mekell Wesley, San Diego St	**12**	**93**	**0**	**7.8**
David Leonard, Wyoming	**11**	**81**	**0**	**7.4**
O'Neill Chambers, BYU	**10**	**59**	**0**	**5.9**
Terrell Cole, Utah	11	51	0	4.6
Alex Square, Colorado St	**11**	**60**	**0**	**5.5**

PHIL'S MWC UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
BYU	1	1	1	4	1	4	5	2	3
TCU	2	4	5	4	2	1	1	1	1
Utah	6	1	4	6	3	1	2	2	2
UNLV	3	5	1	6	6	3	5	6	7
Air Force	5	1	9	1	7	5	2	7	4
Colorado St	9	8	3	1	9	9	7	8	6
San Diego St	3	5	6	9	5	7	9	5	5
Wyoming	7	9	7	6	3	7	2	9	8
New Mexico	7	7	7	3	8	6	8	2	8

BYU COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - When I think of BYU I think of outstanding QB's. John Beck had a fine career and left here after '06 (#2DC MIA) as the school's #2 all-time passer behind Ty Detmer. Beck won the MWC OPW seven times in '06 throwing for 3,885 (69.3%) with a 32-8 ratio (MWC Off POY). Ariz St transfer Max Hall (PS#52) RS with the Sun Devils in '04 then left for a mission and had not played in 4 yrs. Hall had a phenomenal '07 season and set the MWC single season soph record for total offense as well as passing yards. Hall suffered a grade-3 shoulder separation vs WY. It was the same injury that has put numerous QB's on the sideline but Hall still started the final 3 and att'd every QB pass. He threw for 3,848 (60.1%) with a 26-12 ratio. Brenden Gaskins originally signed at Nevada and threw for 2,071 and 20 TD's at JC in '06. He played in six (4 att). Mendenhall was not impressed with the backups and even worked WR Austin Collie in that role in Aug. Hall was healthy for all of '08 and threw for 3,957 (69.2%) with a 35-14 ratio and was the #3 rusher. Gaskins played in 3 (12 pass). This year they add in Utah St transfer Riley Nelson (6'1" 195 So, PS#65) and Parker Mangum (6'4" 210 Sr). Nelson is not your prototypical QB as he is an undersized running QB without a powerful arm but he was a Parade AA and started 7 at Utah St throwing for 925 (55.4%) with a 6-7 ratio in '06 sparking what was then a moribund offense. Hall said he's stronger and faster this yr and BYU QB Coach Brandon Doman (alumni) said he could be as good as anyone this school has ever had.

QB Max Hall

RUNNING BACKS - Curtis Brown led in rushing for 3 straight years topping 1,000 in both '05 and '06. He also led in rec's in 2006 and figured to be very difficult to replace. Fui Vakapuna, who rushed for 157 (5.2) in '03 and then went on a mission, had 445 (4.8) in '06. He appeared to headline the "Tongan Trio". The other two members were rFr Harvey Unga and Manase Tonga (8 st FB '06, 427 ttl yd). True frosh JJ Di Luigi (PS#94) was compared to LaDanian Tomlinson but broke his foot and RS. Unga improved weekly and not only broke Ronney Jenkins 1996 frosh rushing record (733) but the MWC record as well finishing with 1,227 (5.0) with 44 rec (14.9). Tonga added 305 (3.5) and Vakapuna (miss 3) had 252 (3.5). Last year Tonga was ruled ineligible and surprisingly Unga's stats dipped a bit to 1,132 (4.7) while Vakapuna had 263 (4.9). Di Luigi had a crucial fumble vs Colo St and had just 48 (3.7). Not listed in the PSL are Matthew Edwards (6'3" 196 So) and Tucker Lamb (5'9" 197 rFr). This year Tonga (6'0" 238 Sr) is expected to return but they lose solid blocking FB Vakapuna (8 st, #7DC CIN) so while we won't hear the crowd chanting "Fuuuiiii" after each of his carries this unit could be just as strong.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 BYU had to replace their top 4 rec but did get the huge return of Austin Collie, who was the MWC Frosh POY in 2004 with 771 (14.5). Collie led with 946 (16.9), TE Dennis Pitta was #2 with 813 (13.8) and Michael Reed added 449 (11.0). All three returned last year. The previous MWC record for most consec 100 yard rec games was 5 and Collie more than doubled that with 11 and led the NCAA with 1,538 yds (14.5) while Pitta had 1,083 (13.0). Reed improved to 589 (12.0) and backup TE Andrew George added 219 (9.5). This year Collie (11 st) opted to leave early for the NFL (#4DC IND) and also gone is Reed (11 st), Bryce Mahuika (1st, 0 rec) and Reed White (1 st, 7 rec). Spencer Hafoka's (1st, 1 rec LY) return is questionable (illness). Not listed in the PSL are BJ Peterson (6'3" 202 Jr), Jonathan McCullough (6'5" 228 Jr, PS#145), Rex Morgan (5'10" 177 rFr) and TE Braden Brown (6'6" 260 rFr, PS#55) who took some snaps at FB in the spring with Tonga out. Pitta is one of the top TE's in the country and they also get back McKay Jacobson (PS#38) who had 547 (9.5) as a true in '06 but with the loss of 2 of the top 3 this unit may be down a notch.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year BYU not only had 9 of the top 10 back, they had one of the best G combos in the country in Ray Feinga and Travis Bright and the 2nd biggest OL in the FBS (avg 327 lbs). The team's ypc rush did improve to 4.1 (134 ypg), but that number that did not match my expectations. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2x 1st Tm MWC LG Feinga (13 st, 3Y st'r), 2nd Tm MWC RG Bright (13 st, 3Y st'r), 2x 1st Tm MWC C Dallas Reynolds (13 st, 4Y st'r), RT David Oswald (13 st, 2Y st'r) and C Garrett Reden (11 gm). That is a combined 154 career starts departing. This year's line has just 23 career starts back (#117 FBS). The 2009 O-line is far less experienced and is my biggest concern on the team but it would not surprise me if the key indicator stats of the O-line don't drop as much as you would expect.

DEFENSIVE LINE - BYU usually fields an older D-line due to missions but in 2006 had 3 legitimate true frosh in the 2 deep but still allowed just 114 ypg in '07 (3.6). They had to replace 2 starters and their 1 returnee, Russell Tialavea (8 st '06) tore his ACL but BYU still improved to 97 ypg (3.0 ypc best S/'99). Last year they had to replace 1 starter but with an inexperienced back 8, the numbers slipped to 140 ypg (3.9). This year BYU has the best D-line in the MWC. Jan Jorgensen is already the MWC's career sack leader. Added to the mix is Bernard Afutiti (PS#9JC) who RS here in '08 and Tevita Hola (PS#61JC). Not listed below are Rockey Kalamafoni (6'2" 289 So), David Tuitupou (6'5" 254 So) and Steven Fisher (6'4" 249 So). The only losses are Mosese Foketi (15 tkl), Brock Richardson (3 tkl) and Kyle Luekengal (1 tkl).

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cougars had to replace 3 starters including their top 2 tacklers (4 of top 11). TE Vic So'oto moved to WLB but was lost after 2 starts. This year they lose 2nd Tm MWC David Nixon (13 st, 90 tkl, 11.5 tfl, 3 int) who leaves as the MWC's all-time tfl leader and Matt Ahyou (3 st, 50 tkl) who transferred. They not only have 4 of the top 6 back, but So'oto returns. Not listed in the PSL are Jadon Wagner (6'4" 232 So), Austin Nielsen (6'0" 223 rFr), Shane Hunter (5'10" 236 Jr), Masi Tuitama (6'2" 215 rFr), Connell Hess (6'0" 210 rFr) and Jeff Bell (6'0" 218 Sr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2006 BYU only had to replace one starter and moved up to #19 in my pass D rankings with a 12-18 ratio (25-9 ratio in '05). In 2007 they had to replace 2 starters but were #15 with a 12-16 ratio. The high finish was unexpected because by the end, all four DB starters were walk-ons. Last year I noted that the unit was my biggest concern on the team as they only had a combined 7 career starts. As you would expect, BYU plummeted to #93. This year they lose FS Kellen Fowler (13 st, 88 tkl, 2 pbu) and KAT David Tafuna (12 st, 57 tkl, 1 int) but it's possible Brandon Howard (12 st '08) could return in the fall. Not listed below is Byron Putnam (5'11" 194 So). Generally when a team loses 2 or 3 starters you would expect a downward trend but they are more experienced than LY and add in some JUCO's, so I'll call for the Cougars to climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Mendenhall's first unit ranked #100 in my ST rankings and I called for them to be one of the most improved ST units in IA in '06 and they moved up to #20. They had to replace most of their key players in '07 and dropped to #60. Last year all of the key players were back and they moved up to #26. P CJ Santiago improved from 39.7 (35.2 net) to 41.8 (36.5 net) while true frosh O'Neill Chambers did well on KR (23.1). Mitch Payne hit 10 of 14 FG's (long 42) in 2007 and was the short FG man in '08 hitting 10 of 14 (long 46). Justin Sorensen (PS#1) has a powerful leg and had an amazing 32 TB on 79 KO and 1 of 3 on FG's (2 miss 50+). This year Sorensen has opted to go on a mission and also gone are Santiago and KR Collie (27.5). The Cougars will likely drop a few notches.

COACHES - Bronco Mendenhall was the DC at NM 5 years prior to coming here in '03. His OC is Robert Anae who was the Texas Tech OL coach and is well versed in the spread offense. In '06 Mendenhall surprisingly switched from his 3-3-5 to a 3-4 and they allowed just 14.7 ppg (best S/'85) which was 4th best in school history. Mendenhall had been his own DC here but in '08 promoted Jaime Hill. Mendenhall called the plays last year, but that may change in '09.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Gary Crowton took over in 2001, it was a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg, 524 ypg and were 12-0 lobbying for a BCS bowl berth before 2 losses to end the season. They actually suffered 3 straight losing years and had their NCAA record of not being shutout end at 361 games (28 years) in 2003. In 2004 they could have easily had a winning record (+54.5 ypg MWC 2nd best) but finished just 5-6 with a tough non-conf slate including ND, USC and Boise. In 2005 (when Mendenhall took over) BYU reverted to the old uniform style used in the '80's and '90's. They lost to 3 teams that finished in the Top 20 but returned to a bowl for the first time since 2001 (6-6). In the second year of OC Anae's system, senior QB John Beck had a phenomenal year and BYU averaged 36.8 ppg. Whenever BYU has had a senior starting QB they have a combined record of 106-23-2 **and the last 4 senior QB's have all bagged conf titles.** BYU could have easily been unbeaten and playing in a BCS game but they gave up a last second FG to Ariz and while they outplayed BC, they lost in 2OT's. BYU had the NCAA's best margin of victory at home, (+35.2 ppg in '06, old record '79, 34.2). In 2007 the Cougars had to replace QB Beck and had just 11 returning starters. They opened the season just 2-1 but again steam rolled through the MWC at 8-0 (+157.4 ypg, +15 ppg) and earned their 3rd straight bowl bid (1st time S/'94). Against Utah they did overcome a 4th & 18 on their final drive getting a TD with :38 left for a 7 point win. They were fortunate in the bowl as they blocked UCLA's game winning FG. They had 9 returning starters on offense but just 3 on defense last year and I learned just how passionate BYU fans are about their football. While BYU was the consensus pick to win the MWC and were the only ranked MWC team to start the year, I actually picked the Cougars in a tie for 2nd in the MWC in my forecast. I have *Questions & Answers* on my website and over half of the questions coming in from across the country in June and July were from Cougar fans questioning my football acumen as they expected a BCS bowl. BYU survived a tough test in Wk 2 when UW QB Locker was called for a celebration pen and BYU blk'd the xp. Versus UCLA, WY and for 3Q's vs Utah St, they went on a 137-0 run and after they beat NMex 21-3, they rose to #9. BYU had the FBS's longest win streak at 16 but it came to an end as TCU scored on their first 3 drives and led 23-0 at half. BYU was expecting a BCS bowl and with their goal gone, they almost got upset the next week vs UNLV getting a TD and 2 pt conv then got an int in the EZ on 3rd and 22 from the BYU25. They then trailed Colo St 42-38 with 1:44 left but drove 76 yards for a TD with :22 left. After blasting SDSt and AF, they still had a shot at a 3-way tie for the MWC Title. Unfortunately Hall had 5 int's and BYU, despite only trailing by 3 into the 4Q lost by 24 to Utah. BYU dropped the bowl to Ariz by 10 and finished just 10-3 and #25. This year BYU has just 12 returning starters again. They "only" outgained MWC foes by 105.2 ypg, 52.1 ypg less than '07 and 159.3 ypg less than #1 TCU. Despite BYU's 10-3 record, they benefitted from 3 net close wins and only had 12 starts lost to inj in '08. A positive in their favor is that LY they faced TCU and Utah on the road and this year host them both. BYU has a senior QB and a much improved defense and I will call for their 3rd MWC Title in 4 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 15 MAX HALL SR. 6-1 201 PS#52. 3848 (60%) 26-12, 1st Tm MWC '07. 3957 (69%) 35-14 LY. Brenden Gaskins (6'4" 213 Sr) 104 (56%) 2Y. Riley Nelson. 7 st USt '06, 1289 ttl yds.

RB 45 HARVEY UNGA JR. 6-0 239 PS#277. 8 st, 1227 (5.0) rFr. 12 st, 1132 (4.7) LY. **2x 2nd Tm MWC. 10** JJ Di Luigi (5'9" 198 So) PS#94. 48 (3.7) rFr. **11** Manase Tonga ? '09.

WR 12 Stephen Covey So. 5-11 198 PS#58. Scout Tm QB LY. Brett Thompson is PS#75. RB **28** Bryan Kariya (6'0" 212 So) PS#260. 1 st, 67 (5.6) true. Malosi Te'o is PS#419.

WR 6 McKay Jacobson So. 5-11 192 **PS#38.** 6 st, 547 (19.5) true. Mission, back for spg. **29** Luke Ashworth (6'2" 201 Jr) PS#160. 24 gm, 4 st, 139 (15.4) 2Y. **19** Matt Marshall (5'10" 183 So).

WR 11 O'Neill Chambers So. 6-2 209 PS#198. 1 st, 42 (14.0), 35 KR true. Mike Hague (6'0" 210 So) PS#169. 1 rec true. Mission, back in summer. **7** Tyler Kozlowski (5'9" 188 Jr). 3 rec LY.

TE 32 DENNIS PITTA SR. 6-5 248 7 st '04. Mission. 6 st, 13 gm, 813 (13.8) '07. 12 st, 1083 (13.0) LY. **2x 1st Tm MWC. 88** Andrew George (6'5" 249 Sr) PS#74. 7 st, 419 (10.5) 3Y.

C 64 RJ Willing Sr. 6-5 310 PS#156. 9 st '04. Mission. 11 gm '07. 5 gm LY. Ryan Freeman (6'4" 275 So) PS#155. 7 gm true. Mission, summer return. LS **59** John Pace (6'2" 213 Sr).

RG 60 Terence Brown So. 6-3 351 PS#107. 1 st true. RS LY. **63** Jesse Taufi (6'4" 302 Jr) **PS#33JC**. RS LY. **67** Nate Hartung (6'2" 345 So) PS#102. **62** Marco Thorson (6'3" 307 So).

LG 73 Jason Speredon Jr. 6-5 305 **PS#72.** 12 gm (ACL) rFr. 9 gm LY. Tui Crichton (6'4" 290 Fr) **PS#79.** Houston Reynolds (6'3" 295 Fr) PS#109. Returns from Mission in summer.

RT 72 Nick Alletto Jr. 6-6 318 PS#173. RS '04. Mission. 5 gm '07. 9 gm LY. MCL in spg. Terry Alletto **PS#90.** Famika Anae (6'6" 285 Fr) PS#193. Returns from Mission in summer.

LT 70 MATT REYNOLDS SO. 6-6 320 **PS#5.** Mission then RS. 13 st, 1 sk all'd, **Frosh AA** LY. **76** Braden Hansen (6'6" 286 rFr) PS#132. Bk from Mission for spg. Ryan Mulitalo PS#347.

K 38 MITCH PAYNE JR. 6-2 210 PS#73, Hit 10-14 FG, long of 42 as rFr, 10-14 FG, long of 46 LY. Riley Stephenson (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#14. Returns from Mission in summer.

DE 92 BRETT DENNEY SR. 6-4 265 PS#140. 2 st, 31 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 37 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **57** Matt Putnam (6'6" 267 So) PS#143. 27 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. Romney Fuga (6'2" 280 So) PS#120. 9 tkl true. Mission.

NT 52 RUSSELL TIALAVEA SR. 6-3 286 **PS#51.** 8 st, 22 tkl true. ACL '07. 12 st, 17 tkl LY. **97** Tevita Hola (6'1" 320 Sr) **PS#61JC**. DNP LY. **71** Rick Wolfley (6'3" 352 Jr) PS#282. 12 tkl 2Y.

DE 84 JAN JORGENSEN SR. 6-3 259 PS#302. 111 tkl, 19 sk 2Y. 54 tkl, 5 sk LY. **1st Tm MWC** L2Y. **90** Bernard Afutiti (6'1" 262 Jr) **PS#9JC.** RS LY. Jordan Richardson (6'4" 250 rFr). Ret in summer.

SLB 1 Jordan Pendleton So. 6-2 228 PS#88. 8 gm, 3 tkl LY. Move from DB in spg. **39** Grant Nelson (6'3" 226 Jr) PS#394. 22 tkl '07. 3 gm (inj) LY. Dan Van Sweden (6'2" 232 Sr) PS#76. 5 tkl 3Y.

MLB 35 MATT BAUMAN SR. 6-1 229 30 tkl true. Mission. 1 st, 34 tkl '07. 13 st, 108 tkl, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. Jefferson Court (6'3" 212 rFr) PS#183. Brandon Ogletree (6-0 222 Fr) PS#119 '06.

BLB 42 SHAWN DOMAN SR. 6-2 232 PS#241. 14 tkl true. 38 tkl '07. 10 st, 60 tkl LY. **47** Terrance Hooks (6'1" 227 Sr). 18 tkl rFr. 16 tkl '07. Inj, 1 gm LY. Aveni Leung-Wai (6-1 220 So).

WLB 41 COLEBY CLAWSON SR. 6-3 234 PS#119JC. 11 st, 55 tkl, 11.5 tfl here LY. **37** Vic So'oto (6'3" 253 Sr) PS#28. 6 st TE, 12 rec '07, 2 st, inj LY. Inj in spg. **43** Jordan Atkinson is PS#181JC.

CB 4 BRIAN LOGAN SR. 5-9 183 PS# 149JC. **Brandon Howard** (5'9" 183 Sr) 5 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 35 tkl LY. Very ? '09. **3** Garett Nicholson (5'9" 181 rFr) PS#136. **27** Blake Morgan (5'11" 193 So).

CB 5 Brandon Bradley Jr. 6-0 200 PS#262. 7 gm rFr. 2 st, 12 gm, 40 tkl LY. Lee Aguirre is **PS#84JC. 24** Steven Thomas (5'11" 176 So) PS#330. 4 gm rFr. Ryan Love (5'10" 171 So).

SS 22 Andrew Rich Jr. 6-3 215 PS#134JC. 3 st, 26 tkl here LY. **2** Shiloah Te'o (5'10" 206 So) PS#138. 5 tkl true. Robbie Buckner (5'10" 165 rFr) PS#153. Ret from Mission in summer.

FS 21 SCOTT JOHNSON SR. 5-11 188 17 tkl '07. 10 st (inj), 59 tkl LY. Craig Bills **PS#57. 18** Travis Uale (6'2" 195 So). 2 gm LY. Landon Jaussi (6'5" 210 Jr). Jameson Frazier (6'2" 201 So).

P 31 Tyler Holt So. 5-9 177 Avg 36 yds per punt in HS. Returned from Mission LY, no gm action. Riley Stephenson (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#14. Returns from Mission in summer.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

TE	Richard Wilson 6-3 222 PS#11
DB	Craig Bills 6-2 202 PS#57
LB	Kyle Van Noy 6-4 209 PS#38
DB	Lee Aguirre 5-9 200 PS#84JC
RB	Adam Hine 6-1 175 PS#79
OL	Tui Crichton 6-4 290 PS#79
WR	Brett Thompson 6-3 210 PS#75
OL	Terry Alletto 6-4 280 PS#90
WR	Mitch Mathews 6-5 195 PS#92
DB	Brian Logan 5-9 195 PS#149JC
DB	Jray Galea'i 6-0 185 PS#130
LB	Jordan Atkinson 6-3 243 PS#181JC
TE	Remington Peck 6-5 222 PS#58
RB	Anthony Heimuli 5-11 225 PS#166
RB	Peni Maka'afi 5-10 215 PS#177
OL	Ryan Mulitalo 6-4 290 PS#347
DB	Trevor Bateman 5-11 185 PS#400
OL	Brad Wilcox 6-7 265 PS#407
OL	Fono Vakalahi 6-4 320 PS#459
DL	Thomas Bryson 6-5 230 PS#434
TE	Mike Muehlmann 6-5 225 PS#101 '06
WR	Rhen Brown 5-10 187 PS#332 '06
WR	Cody Hoffman 6-4 200 PS#582
RB	Malosi Te'o 5-10 199 PS#419 '06

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#71

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BYU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	† Oklahoma (Arlington)	A					BYU is 14-22-1 vs current B12 tms including beating OU in the '94 Copper Bowl. Cougars are 5-3 when opening the ssn vs a BCS tm & they've won 5 of 7 vs BCS foes.
Sep. 12	at Tulane	A					The Cougars are 1-1 vs Tulane & 40-12-1 vs current CUSA tms but this is the 1st trip to the Superdome. BYU is 1-10 away vs non-conf tms (reg ssn) but 8 were vs BCS opp's.
Sep. 19	Florida St	G					These 2 have met twice both BYU losses in ssn opening Pigskin Classics in '91 & '00. BYU has won 5 of 8 meetings hosting BCS tms including winning the L/2 by a combined 79-7.
Sep. 26	Colorado St	G					BYU is 24-5 vs CSU S/'76 including 5 straight wins. LY's shootout had 3 ties in the 1H & 5 lead changes in the 4Q w/BYU scoring the winning TD w/:22 left on a 17 yd pass.
Oct. 2	Utah St (Fri)	G					Logan is just 125 miles north of Provo, UT (tms in state play for the "Beehive Boot"). In their L/10 meetings (S/'93) these 2 have avg'd 65 ppg with BYU winning 9 straight.
Oct. 10	at UNLV	A					Mendenhall is now 4-0 vs UNLV & LY's 42-35 win was the closest. UNLV got the 1st lead with 6:49 left but QB Hall was 5 of 5 on a 74 yd GW TD drive w/1:46 remaining.
Oct. 17	at San Diego St	G					The Cougars are 12-2 vs the Aztecs S/'93 including 3 straight wins. LY BYU held SDSt to 71 1H yds & allowed their only TD w/:49 left behind LB Nixon's career best 14 tkls.
Oct. 24	TCU (HC)	G					LY TCU handed BYU their worst loss S/'05 & stopped their attempted BCS run with a 32-7 blowout. TCU dominated with a 410-297 ydg edge & BYU didn't score until the 4:26 mark in the 3Q.
Oct. 31							Bonus: BYU is 29-9 since 1987 in November home games.
Nov. 7	at Wyoming	A					BYU has won 14 of 16 including 5 straight by an avg of 28 ppg. In LY's shutout they held the Cowboys to five 3 & out series including 6 drives of 3 yds or less.
Nov. 14	at New Mexico	G					The Cougars are 25-3 vs the Lobos including 4 straight wins. Last time here BYU scored 24 pts off NM TO's but the game was still tied at 21 going into the 4Q.
Nov. 21	Air Force	G					These two avg'd 61 ppg in MWC play including a 103 pt meeting 4 yrs ago (MWC record). BYU HC Mendenhall is 4-0 vs the Falcons with an avg win by 20 ppg.
Nov. 28	Utah	G					In LY's #16 vs #8 meeting QB Hall threw a career high 5 int's including 3 in the 4Q leading to 14 Utah pts. Ten of the L/12 in this series have been decided by a TD or less.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ty Detmer 15,031 '88-'91
2. John Beck 11,021 '03-'06
3. Jim McMahon 9,536 '78-'81

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Curtis Brown 3,221 '02, '04-'06
2. Jamal Willis 2,970 '91-'94
3. Lakei Heimuli 2,710 '84-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Austin Collie 3,255 '04, '07-'08
2. Eric Drage 3,066 '90-'93
3. Margin Hooks 2,841 '97-'00

BRONCO MENDENHALL (Career 38-13)

5th Year at BYU
Mendenhall's Bowl Record: 2-2

Mendenhall's records AT BYU

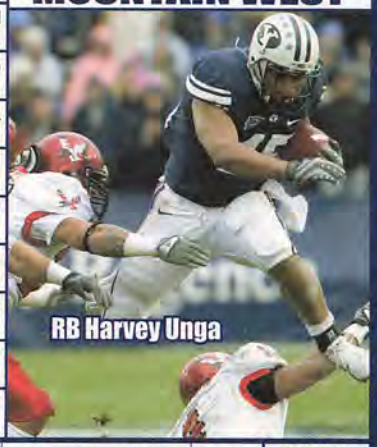
38-13	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
21-3	Home	1-5	Vs Top 25
15-8	Away	5-7	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	5-3	Off A Bye
27-5	Vs Conference	7-4	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (10–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (18,24,3)
Lost: 29 (14,12,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,102 (#27)
MOUNTAIN WEST


RB Harvey Unga

STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (64,045) (#36)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	12-2	5-7	4-8	5-6	6-6	11-2	11-2	10-3	70-42
Home	4-2	6-0	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	6-0	6-0	6-0	39-15
Away	2-3	6-1	1-5	3-3	2-3	3-2	4-2	4-2	4-2	29-23
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	4-3	7-0	2-5	3-4	4-3	5-3	8-0	8-0	6-2	47-20
vs Non-Conf	2-3	5-2	3-2	1-4	1-3	1-3	3-2	3-2	4-1	23-22
ATS	4-8	7-7	4-8	6-6	6-5	6-5	10-2-1	6-6	3-9	52-56-1
Home Fav	2-3	5-1	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	5-1	3-2	2-3	23-21
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4
Away Favorite	0-1	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-0	2-1	2-1	3-2	1-3	11-16
Away Dog	2-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	2-0-1	0-1	0-2	13-11-1
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	4-3	5-3	6-2	5-3	2-6	33-34
vs Non-Conf	2-3	4-3	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-2	4-0-1	1-3	1-3	19-22-1
Off SU Win	1-4	6-6	0-5	1-3	2-3	3-3	7-2-1	4-5	3-7	27-38-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	0-1	3-3	4-3	3-2	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-2	19-16

Bowl Games 1972-1983 · Glory Days · Bruce Mathews

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Liberty - #19	+3	Louisville - #23	10-28
05	Las Vegas	+8	California	28-35
06	Las Vegas - #19	-3'	Oregon	38-8
07	Las Vegas - #19	-6'	UCLA	17-16
08	Las Vegas - #17	+3	Arizona	21-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
BYU'S All-Time Bowl Record 9–17–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9*	34.2	445	134	4.1	310	68.6	13.0	19	+2	2008	3	21.9	356	140	3.9	216	61.1	16.2	22
6	30.1	443	144	3.8	298	59.6	14.7	20	-6	2007	5	18.5	308	97	3.0	210	57.4	16.6	32
8*	36.8	466	142	4.2	324	68.8	12.7	15	+14	2006	4	14.7	319	114	3.6	205	55.1	21.7	24
7*	33.0	462	152	4.4	310	64.3	14.0	25	+2	2005	6	29.2	417	148	4.2	269	63.0	14.3	23
6*	24.3	385	106	3.0	280	55.3	15.9	39	-10	2004	3	26.8	379	149	3.7	229	54.4	14.1	34
5*	16.3	313	98	3.0	215	54.6	19.3	35	-14	2003	10	25.8	306	132	3.2	175	52.5	11.9	26
3	22.7	382	121	3.5	261	55.3	16.8	31	-7	2002	6	27.8	385	178	4.1	207	52.0	13.9	22

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Harvey Unga	240	1153	21	1132	11	4.7
Fui Vakapuna	54	291	28	263	3	4.9
Max Hall	65	242	127	115	4	1.8
Austin Collie	10	77	0	77	0	7.7
Bryan Kariya	12	68	1	67	1	5.6
Wayne Latu	14	54	3	51	2	3.6
JJ Di Luigi	13	52	4	48	0	3.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Max Hall	477	330	69.2	3957	35	14
Brenden Gaskins	12	7	58.3	73	0	0
Kurt McEuen	3	1	33.3	5	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Austin Collie	106	1538	14.5	15	76	
Dennis Pitta	83	1083	13.0	6	46	
Michael Reed	49	589	12.0	2	56	
Harvey Unga	42	309	7.4	4	19	
Andrew George	23	219	9.5	6	19	
Reed White	7	70	10.0	0	30	
Fui Vakapuna	10	69	6.9	1	12	
Luke Ashworth	3	49	16.3	0	31	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
CJ Santiago	41	1712	41.8	7	36.5	0	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mitch Payne	54-56	4-4	3-6	3-4	0-0	10-14	46
Justin Sorensen	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-3	31

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Bauman	108	2	6.5	1	0
David Nixon	90	2	9.5	4	3
Kellen Fowler	88	0	0	2	0
Shawn Doman	60	0	1	3	0
Scott Johnson	59	0	2	5	0
David Tafuna	57	0	0	2	1
Coleby Clawson	55	4	7.5	2	0
Jan Jorgensen	54	5	3.5	1	0
Matt Ah You	50	0.5	0.5	1	0
Brandon Bradley	40	0	0	3	0
Brett Denney	37	1.5	6.5	1	0
Brandon Howard	35	0	0	2	1
Matt Putnam	27	2	1	3	1
Andrew Rich	26	0	0	1	1
Ian Dulan	20	3	1	0	0
Russell Tialavea	17	0	2.5	2	0
Daniel Sorensen	17	1	2.5	0	1
Mosese Foketi	15	0	0.5	0	0
Iona Pritchard	14	0	1	0	0
Spencer Hadley	13	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
O'Neill Chambers	10	59	5.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
O'Neill Chambers	35	809	23.1	0
Austin Collie	18	495	27.5	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

BYU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
64,108	Northern Iowa	28	27-82	3.0	34-41	486	0	14	40-149	3.7	17-25	213	1	-2
64,611	at Washington	25	28-137	4.9	30-41	338	0	22	35-133	3.8	17-32	204	4	-2
64,153	UCLA	30	45-184	4.1	31-40	337	0	13	16-9	0.6	23-39	230	2	+3
64,059	Wyoming	23	34-163	4.8	20-37	201	0	19	35-140	4.0	17-36	136	1	+6
23,101	at Utah St	19	30-103	3.4	23-37	303	1	23	43-129	3.0	16-27	193	5	+2
64,105	New Mexico	19	28-124	4.4	22-34	258	0	19	51-139	2.7	13-22	146	3	+2
36,180	at TCU	19	28-23	0.8	22-42	274	6	29	51-240	4.7	12-19	170	1	-3
64,081	UNLV	22	34-209	6.1	24-32	245	1	25	31-112	3.6	28-44	351	1	+1
20,222	at Colorado St	32	35-162	4.6	28-35	389	3	19	29-131	4.5	19-36	270	2	-2
64,107	San Diego St	18	37-104	2.8	25-30	317	3	18	28-120	4.3	21-37	160	0	+3
42,177	at Air Force	32	36-126	3.5	28-37	354	3	21	51-323	6.3	12-20	98	0	0
46,488	at Utah	25	30-214	7.1	21-41	205	0	27	35-108	3.1	31-37	307	1	-6
40,047	† Arizona	22	32-116	3.6	30-46	328	2	20	28-91	3.3	24-35	325	1	0
TOTALS		314	424-1747	4.1	338-493	4035	19	269	473-1824	3.9	250-409	2803	22	+2
AVERAGES		24.2	33-134	4.1	26-38	310	3.9%	20.7	36-140	3.9	19-31	216	5.4%	0.2

BYU Pre-Rank 2004 RESULTS Post-Rank

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Notre Dame	+5	20-17
–	at Stanford	+4	10-37
–	USC - #1	+26'	10-42
–	at Boise St - #21	+22	27-28
–	at Colorado St	+3	31-21
–	UNLV	-10'	20-24
–	Wyoming	-7'	24-13
–	at Air Force	+2'	41-24
–	San Diego St	-10'	49-16
–	New Mexico	-6'	14-21
–	at Utah - #5	+21	21-52

BYU Pre-Rank 2005 RESULTS Post-Rank

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Boston College - #22	+2'	3-20
–	E Illinois	NL	45-10
–	TCU	-3	50-51 OT
–	at San Diego St	-1	10-31
–	at New Mexico	+7'	27-24
–	Colorado St	+3	24-14
–	at Notre Dame - #9	+18'	23-49
–	Air Force	-6'	62-41
–	at UNLV	-12	55-14
–	at Wyoming	-4'	35-21
–	Utah	-10	34-41 OT

BYU Pre-Rank 2006 RESULTS Post-Rank

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Arizona	+6'	13-16
–	Tulsa	-4	49-24
–	at Boston College - #23	+7	23-30 2OT
–	Utah St	-28'	38-0
–	at TCU - #17	+7	31-17
–	San Diego St	-28'	47-17
–	UNLV	-28'	52-7
–	at Air Force	-9'	33-14
–	at Colorado St	-14	24-3
#25	Wyoming	-17'	55-7
#23	New Mexico	-27	42-17
#21	at Utah	-10'	33-31

BYU Pre-Rank 2007 RESULTS Post-Rank

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Arizona	-3'	20-7
–	at UCLA - #13	+7'	17-27
–	at Tulsa	-6'	47-55
–	Air Force	-11'	31-6
–	at New Mexico	-4	31-24
–	at UNLV	-11	24-14
–	E Washington	NL	42-7
–	Colorado St	-21	35-16
–	TCU	-7'	27-22
–	at Wyoming	-10	35-10
#23	Utah	-4'	17-10
#21	at San Diego St	-16	48-27

BYU Pre-Rank #16 2008 RESULTS Post-Rank #25

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#16	Northern Iowa	-25	41-17
#15	at Washington	-8'	28-27
#18	UCLA	-8'	59-0
#14	Wyoming	-27'	44-0
#8	at Utah St	-29	34-14
#9	New Mexico	-23	21-3
#9	at TCU	+2	7-32
#18	UNLV	-23'	42-35
#17	at Colorado St	-14'	45-42
#17	San Diego St	-36'	41-12
#16	at Air Force	-4	38-24
#16	at Utah - #8	+7	24-48

TCU HORNED FROGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

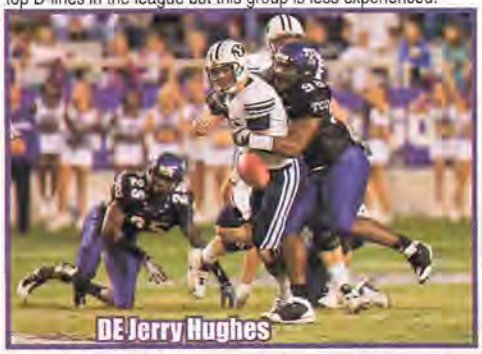
QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Ballard (PS#44) won 90.5% of his starts ('05-'06) and set numerous school and MWC records. Marcus Jackson (PS#74) filled in well for Ballard when he was injured early in '06 throwing for 386 (59.1%) with a 2-1 ratio. In '07 rFr Andy Dalton (PS#74) beat out Jackson (1 st, 8 gm). Dalton threw for 2,459 (59.8%) with a 10-11 ratio (#4, 232 rush) and broke TCU's single season comp record (207, Max Knake 1993) with 222 and was bowl MVP. Jackson threw for 368 (50.7%) with a 3-1 ratio (187 rush). Last year the #3 QB was true frosh Yogi Gallegos (travel sqd) who Patterson wanted to RS. Dalton had a career high 17 rush att in the opener. Jackson played late vs SMU (gm 4) and had a 79 yd TD run. Dalton inj'd his knee in the 4Q vs Okla (gm 5) and Jackson started vs SDSt (131 rush) and Colo St. WR Jeremy Kerley saw plenty of action in the Wild Frog Offense incl rushing for 77 vs BYU (Dalton started). Dalton finished the season with 2,242 (59.3%) and improved his ratio to 11-5 (432 rush) while once again winning bowl MVP. Jackson threw for 372 (56.5%, 384 rush). Even with this school producing QB's like Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien, Dalton is already the #3 career leading passer and had a stretch of 108 passes without an int LY. True frosh VHT Casey Pachall (PS#27) was in for the spring. Not listed in the PSL below is Kyle Wilson (6'1" 200 rFr). Jackson spent time at both S and QB in spring but Dalton already has 17 career wins in 2 years.

RUNNING BACKS - TCU's most famous alum is LaDainian Tomlinson, who rushed for over 4,000 yards in his last 2 years here and went on to NFL stardom. In 2006 soph Aaron Brown led with 801 (5.2). Lonta Hobbs (#1 rush '02) returned midyear and had 665 (4.6). In '07 TCU lost their top 2 RB's to injury again as Brown (fastest) missed 4 and Joseph Turner (PS#163) missed 3 but finished with 226 vs SDSt and led with 597 (5.2). Ryan Christian (321, 3.6) and Justin Watts (204, 3.6) filled in. Last year Turner (powerback) was only 85% to start the season and was banged up often. He rushed for 577 (4.0). Brown was susp'd the first 3 and rushed for 547 (5.5) including 102 in the bowl. Christian added 386 (4.2) and rFr Jai Cavness (PS#173) added 134 (4.3). This year they lose Brown (5 st, #6DC DET) and Justin Watts (2 st, 175 ttl yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Carvness (5'8" 175 So), Chris Smith (5'11" 231 Sr, PS#128), Jercell Fort (5'11" 175 So), two solid true frosh in Waymon James (PS#80) and Matthew Tucker (PS#96) and FB's Luke Shivers (6'0" 220 So) and Ryan Hightower (5'9" 215 Jr).

RECEIVERS - TCU had to replace their top receiver (514) in '07 and then lost #2 rec Donald Massey so the top returnees were 6'4" Walter Bryant (337, 12.5) and Jimmy Young (325, 14.1). TE Shae Reagan was 261 lbs (4.6 spd) and an NFL prospect but had an injury-plagued career. He had 237 (13.2) in '08. RB Ryan Christian also played WR and was #2 with 321 (10.7). Jeremy Kerley (also played QB) had 95 (8.6). The top WR by far was soph Jimmy Young who had 988 (16.7). Young set a school record with 226 vs WY (most rec yd by MWC ply'r in '08). Bryant had 298 (11.0). This year they must replace Bryant (11 st), Reagan (10 st) and Massey. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Billy Pizor (6'0" 175 Jr), John Brown (6'0" 180 Jr) and Robert Deck (6'4" 255 So). I look for a bigger impact from Texas transfer Antoine Hicks (PS#38DB) who had just 7 rec as a true and with their top guy back, this unit looks stronger, even with the loss of a top-notch TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 TCU had to replace 4 starters with the only returnee being 1st Tm MWC Herbert Taylor (3Y st'r). Surprisingly the young group improved to 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing a MWC low 15 sacks (4.3%). In '07 they had to replace Taylor (#6DC) and 2 other starters. The numbers dropped to 165 ypg (3.7) with the sacks rising to 23 (5.2%). Last year the OL had 4 starters back although OT Nic Richmond (13 st '07) lost his job (2 st). In the preseason Patterson thought they could be as good as the '06 unit (4.5 ypc). Their most experienced O-line in a few years opened holes for 220 ypg rush (best S/'00) and 4.5 ypc while allowing just 18 sacks (4.9%). This year they lose 1st Tm MWC C Blake Schlueter (13 st, 3Y st'r, #7DC DEN), RG Giles Montgomery (13 st, 2Y st'r), LG Preston Phillips (8 st), OG Heath Raetz (4 gm) and RG Josh Karlin (1 gm, inj). They have 2 huge tackles in 6'5" 350 lb Marcus Cannon (HM MWC) and 6'3" 317 lb Marshall Newhouse (2nd Tm MWC) and while this unit is slightly less experienced, it can still be one of the MWC's top units.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Patterson always fields a top-notch D-line and they have yielded 2.9 or less ypc rushing in 9 of the last 10 years. The only year they did not was 2004 (still only 3.2) when they had to replace all 4 starters. In '06 they had the outstanding DE combo of Tommy Blake and Chase Ortiz returning (16 sk '05). TCU allowed 61 ypg rush and 2.2 ypc (then-best under Patterson) while the team recorded 36 sacks. In '07 star DE Blake missed 5 and was not 100%. Also DT James Vess missed the year. TCU's numbers dropped to 103 ypg (2.9) with 41 sacks. Last year I listed them as having 3 starters back and one of them, NT Kelly Griffin (13 st '07) lost his job. They led the NCAA allowing 47 ypg rush and a paltry 1.7 ypc, recording 43 sacks. The star was 1st Tm AA DE Jerry Hughes (15 sk, #1 NCAA). This year they lose 3 starters including two 2nd Tm MWC players in DE Matt Panfil (13 st, 31 tkl, 4.5 sk) and NT Cody Moore (13 st, 25 tkl, 6 sk, 1 int) as well as DT Vess (900 lb squat, 13 st, 22 tkl) and backup DT John Fonua (5 tkl). New DE Braylon Broughton was LY's MWC preseason Frosh of the Year (orig signed Ariz) but played in just 3 while DT Wayne Daniels (PS#57) was a DE last year. You know Patterson will field one of the top D-lines in the league but this group is less experienced.


DE Jerry Hughes

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 and all of their S are legitimate Saf's but I'll list the SS here. Robert Henson had 3 career starts heading into '08 but was HM MWC in each of his first 3 years and was the #5 tkl'r in '07. Patterson said it was the best group of LB's he'd had in 11 years. SS Stephen Hodge led the FBS in DB sacks with 8. Jason Phillips was MWC preseason Def POY and led in tackles (#2 in ttl). Probably the most athletic of the LB's was Daryl Washington who finished #4. This year they lose three 1st Tm MWC players in Henson (12 st, #3 tkl'r, #6DC WAS), Phillips (12 st, #1 tkl'r, #5DC BAL) and Hodge (13 st, #2 tkl'r, 10 tfl, #6DC DAL). I like the talent as Washington will be the #1 tackler and Corderra Hunter and Marcus Jackson (QB & S in spg) are a solid duo at SS while true frosh Tanner Brock is the first VHT LB here since 2003 (Devon Davis). This is one of the MWC's best LB corps, but down a few notches from last year's tremendous group with three NFL draft picks.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - TCU traditionally finishes high in my pass D rankings including a #4 finish in '06 (despite 3 new st'r). In '07 they only had to replace 1 starter and finished #9. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but ret both 2Y starting CB's and climbed to #2. This year they only lose 2nd Tm MWC FS Steven Coleman (13 st, 46 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu). They add in Okla signee Malcolm Williams (PS#29JC) and LSU signee Jason Teague. This is one of the best secondaries in the country with the most exp set of CB's in the NCAA (78 car sts between them).

SPECIAL TEAMS - TCU almost always produces a top-notch ST unit under Patterson. In the last 8 years they finished in the Top 35 six times including #2 in '07. They have had a 1st Tm All-Conf returnman for 4 straight years. Last year they had to replace PR Brian Bonner (1st Tm MWC in '06 & '07) but Patterson said Jeremy Kerley would be even better. While Kerley was banged up in the 2H, he still had 25 PR (13.9). Aaron Brown was my 1st Tm MWC KR in '08 (29.2). They did have to replace both their outstanding P and K. True frosh Ross Evans (PS#56) was the only frosh on the Lou Groza semi-finalist list hitting 12 straight FG's finishing 16-20 (long 50) but he missed 6 xp's. New punter, rFr Anson Kelton had a net of 33.6. TCU finished a top-notch #18 and should have another lofty finish despite the loss of KR Brown.

COACHES - Gary Patterson has done a tremendous job here taking over when Franchione bolted prior to the 2000 bowl. Patterson was CUSA's 2002 and the MWC 2005 Coach of the Year. His 73-27 record is the best after 100 games in school history. This year he loses long-time (11 yr) OC Mike Schultz. He brings in co-OC's in Jarrett Anderson and Justin Fuente (RB cch 2Y). Anderson is in his 12th overall year here (WR cch L/8). Patterson was an asst under DC Dick Bumpas at Navy and was able to hire the solid DC away from WM. Bumpas (6th year) was a Broyles Award Finalist last year. Patterson turned down a $2 mil per year offer from Minn in '06 and had his contract reworked after '08 to an avg of $1.7 mil. He is now the longest tenured coach in the MWC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Despite not getting the most highly touted HS recruits, TCU has a great weight training program which builds bigger, stronger and faster athletes. Almost 75% of the roster can bench 400 lbs and each year they appear to be the fastest team in the MWC, especially on defense. After being a member of the SWC, TCU has had some outstanding seasons incl being 10-2 ('02 in CUSA) and flirting with a 2003 BCS bowl berth before losing a late game at S Miss. They have been to a bowl in 10 of the last 11 years with the lone non-bowl season being a 5-6 finish in '04. In 2005 they moved into their 4th conf in 10 years. They had to replace 25 lettermen (MWC's highest) and ret just 12 starters. They were picked 6th in the 2002 CUSA media poll and won that title and 6th in the MWC 2005 poll and responded with a dream season. In the opener they knocked off #7 Oklahoma on the road, the highest rated opp they had beaten S/'61. They then ended Utah's 18 game win streak with a 3 point home win in OT. They achieved their 4th ten win season in 6 years and first outright conf title since 1958 (SWC). They have won a league title in 3 diff conf's in the past 9 years and finished '05 ranked #11 in the AP Poll (#9 Coaches). In '06 TCU's D held TTech without a TD and increased their win streak to 13 before dropping to 3-2 and out of the polls. TCU won their final 8 including an impressive bowl win and finished #22. TCU was the preseason pick to win the MWC in '07 and their preseason goal was 12 wins and a BCS bowl. Unfortunately they lost 2 key DL's for most of the year and struggled to a 4-4 start but rebounded to go 4-1 down the stretch and despite their 4-4 MWC record, they were +106 ypg (2nd best). From '05-'07 they beat five Big 12 teams. Last year TCU was arguably the best non-BCS team despite their 2 losses. One loss came against Okla (played Nat'l Title gm) only being outFD'd 17-16. Later they took on the MWC's preseason conf favorite BYU and destroyed them at home 32-7. The Frogs were at a disadvantage having to face Utah on the road on a short week and despite a 416-275 yd edge, missed 2 key 4Q FG's and Utah got an 80 yd drive for a TD with :48 for the win. Facing an undefeated Boise in the bowl they had a 472-250 yd edge and should have won easier than their 17-16 final. It was their 4th consec bowl (1st time schl hist) and they faced 4 unbeaten ranked teams during the year. TCU had their highest finish (#7) since 1959 (#7 in '59, #6 in '55, #1 in '38). They had a school record 437 pts and 56 TD's. They were +211.4 ypg in the MWC which was double that of unbeaten Utah (+100.8). TCU did benefit from +13 in TO's and has just 10 ret starters. Their D returns just 4 starters but adds in JUCO Malcolm Williams, has '07 starting NT Kelly Griffin back and could add QB Marcus Jackson. TCU has ranked #1 in the FBS in def 3 of the last 9 years. TCU has 3 tough road games at Virg, Clem and BYU. They could once again be the most talented non-BCS team and 5 of my 9 sets of power ratings still call for them to go unbeaten.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

QB 14 ANDY DALTON JR. 6-3 215 PS#74. 12 st, 2459 (60%) 10-11 ratio rFr. 11 st (inj 2) 2242 (59%), 11-5 ratio, 432 rush LY. **12** Yogi Gallegos (6'1" 192 rFr) PS#91. **11** Marcus Jackson.

RB 24 JOSEPH TURNER SR. 6-1 225 PS#163. 9 st, 1340 (4.7) 3Y. **18** Ryan Christian (5'11" 180 Sr) PS#255. 4 st, 711 rush (3.9), 50 rec (9.3) 3Y. **34** Ed Wesley (5'9" 185 rFr) PS#183.

WR 13 Antoine Hicks So. 6-2 193 **PS#38**. 2 st, 69 (9.9) true. **2** Curtis Clay (6'0" 180 Jr) 1 st, 122 (11.1) 2Y. **81** Alonzo Adams (6'0" 190 Jr). 1 rec LY. **19** Garrett Winsett (5'9" 178 So).

WR 1 JIMMY YOUNG JR. 6-1 204 PS#294. 325 (14.1) rFr. 12 st, 988 (16.7) incl 226 vs WY, HM MWC LY. **83** Jonathan Jones (6'4" 197 So) PS#78. 2 rec 2Y. Tyler Luttrell (6'1" 195 Jr).

WR 6 BART JOHNSON JR. 6-1 190 PS#129. 1 st, 63 (10.5) rFr. 6 st, 206 (13.7) LY. **85** Jeremy Kerley (5'10" 192 Jr) PS#127. 97 (10.8) true. 3 st, 95 (8.6) LY. **38** Sam Shutt (6'0" 178 rFr).

TE 84 Evan Frosch Jr. 6-4 260 8 st, 102 (6.8) 2Y. **80** Logan Brock (6'3" 253 So) PS#121. 13 gm rFr. **86** Corey Fuller (6'5" 239 rFr) PS#188. Walker Dille (6'3" 235 rFr) PS#73.

C 76 Jake Kirkpatrick JR. 6-3 305 9 gm, ltt'd rFr. 12 gm, ltt'd, bkup all yr LY. **50** Tyler Marrou (6'5" 268 Sr) PS#387. 10 gm 3Y. **77** Spencer Thompson (6'4" 270 So) PS#221. 4 gm rFr.

RG 71 Zach Roth Jr. 6-5 310 PS#105JC. JC AA '07. RS here LY. **78** Josh Vernon (6'2" 295 Jr) PS#184. 3 gms as rFr. 12 gms, ltt'd LY. Ty Horn (6'5" 295 Fr) PS#162.

LG 72 Kyle Dooley So. 6-3 310 PS#111. RS in '07. 10 gm, 4 st then inj and out yr, ltt'd LY. **66** Blaize Foltz (6'4" 310 rFr) PS#286. **64** James Fry (6'3" 269 rFr) PS#440.

RT 61 MARCUS CANNON JR. 6-5 350 PS#274. 13 gm, ltt'd '07. 11 st, miss 2 w/inj, HM MWC LY. **62** Jeff Olson (6'4" 282 So) PS#110. 2 gm rFr. **68** Trevius Jones (6'3" 293 rFr) PS#221.

LT 70 MARSHALL NEWHOUSE SR. 6-3 317 Ltt'd as true. 13 st, #1 on tm in kd, HM MWC '07, 13 st, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **79** Nic Richmond (6'8" 322 Sr) PS#98. 5 gm rFr. 15 st L2Y.

K 37 ROSS EVANS SO. 5-8 180 PS#56, 16-20 FG's, L/50, Groza semi (only Fr candidate) true. **38** Kevin Sharples (5'9" 170 Jr) PS#79. Handled KO's. **30** Jake Pray (5'11" 167 Sr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

RDE 99 Braylon Broughton So. 6-6 248 PS#220. Orig at Ariz DNQ. 3 gm, 1 tkl LY. **52** Ross Forrest (6'4" 242 So) 11 gm true. **95** Clarence Leatch (6'4" 245 Jr) PS#436. 4 tkl, 9 gm 2Y.

DT 96 Wayne Daniels Jr. 6-2 250 **PS#57**. 1 tkl, 9 gm true. RS '07. 11 tkl, 1 sk, 12 gm LY. **93** Jeremy Coleman (6'2" 285 rFr) added 19 lbs TY. James Dunbar (6'5" 290 Fr) PS#189.

NT 69 Kelly Griffin Jr. 6-1 295 PS#144. 13 st, 14 tkl, 2 tfl true. 11 gm, 6 tkl LY. **57** Cory Grant (6'2" 303 Jr) 15 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **94** Henry Niutei (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#209. Scout Tm D MVP LY.

LDE 98 JERRY HUGHES SR. 6-3 257 PS#286. 3 tkl true. 29 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 13 gms '07. 13 st, 52 tkl, **15 sk (#1 NCAA)**, 4.5 tfl, **MWC D POY, 1st Tm AA** LY. Ray Burns (6'1" 285 Fr) PS#238.

SLB 41 Daryl Washington Sr. 6-3 228 PS#286. 16 tkl true. 32 tkl, 3 blk P '07. 12 st, 63 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 4 pbu LY. **33** Kris Gardner (6'1" 235 So) 9 gm, 7 tkl rFr. **44** David Stolzman (6'0" 200 rFr).

MLB 35 Tanner Brock Fr. 6-3 217 **PS#42**. In for spg. **43** Tank Carder (6'2" 232 So). 9 tkl rFr. **40** Greg Burks (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#179. **46** Hayden Bowers (5'10" 205 rFr) PS#419.

SS 11 Marcus Jackson Sr. 6-1 216 PS#74. QB/S spg. 3 st, 1126 (55%) 8-4 ratio 3Y. **19** Corderra Hunter (6'2" 220 Sr) PS#75. 15 tkl 3Y. Colin Jones (6'0" 205 Jr) PS#230. 18 tkl 2Y.

CB 10 RAFAEL PRIEST SR. 5-10 181 26 st, 64 tkl, 19 pbu, 3 int 2Y. 13 st, 26 tkl, 10 pbu, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **7** Greg McCoy (5'10" 181 So) 8 tkl, 1 int LY. **32** Evan Kern (5'10" 175 So) No spg inj.

CB 20 NICK SANDERS SR. 5-10 174 26 st, 69 tkl, 15 pd 2Y. 45 tkl, 14 pd, 1 int, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. Jason Teague (6'2" 185 Jr) PS#178JC. **Orig w/LSU**. Chris Scott (5'10" 185 rFr) PS#171.

WS NA Malcolm Williams Jr. 5-11 205 **PS#29JC**. **Orig w/Okla**. Brought in to be starting S. **25** Sir Demarco Bledsoe (6'2" 195 So) PS#216. 7 tkl, 8 gm LY. **9** Alex Ibiloye (6'0" 183 Jr). 19 tkl 2Y.

FS 3 TEJAY JOHNSON JR. 6-1 212 PS#84. 7 tkl, 12 gm true. 12 st, 47 tkl, 4 tfl, 11 pd LY. **30** Tekerrein Cuba (6'4" 210 So) **PS#54**. 1 st, 12 tkl rFr (inj). **21** Johnny Fobbs (6'1" 203 So) 3 tkl rFr.

P 47 ANSON KELTON SO. 6-4 260 PS#85. 54 punts (41.3), net 33.6, HM MWC, 6 punts of 50+ LY. **31** Cale Patterson (5'11" 185 rFr). **14** Emmanuel Asaolu (6'1" 170 Jr) PS#79. 2 gm 2Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Malcolm Williams 5-11 205 PS#29JC
QB	Casey Pachall 6-5 194 PS#27
LB	Tanner Brock 6-3 217 PS#42
DB	Jurell Thompson 5-11 200 PS#68
RB	Waymon James 5-8 203 PS#80
RB	Matthew Tucker 6-1 210 PS#96
LB	Kenny Cain 6-1 200 PS#91
OL	Ty Horn 6-5 295 PS#162
LB	Justin Isadore 5-11 210 PS#140
DL	Stansly Maponga 6-2 240 PS#173
DL	James Dunbar 6-5 290 PS#189
RB	Dwight Smith 5-10 218 PS#168
DL	Ray Burns 6-1 285 PS#238
DL	Bryant House 6-4 255 PS#262
WR	Josh Boyce 5-11 175 PS#228
OL	John Wooldridge 6-5 285 PS#315
DB	Trent Thomas 6-0 190 PS#344
OL	Eric Tausch 6-3 285 PS#400
OL	DJ Yendrey 6-3 240 PS#504
DB	Michael Venson 5-10 170 PS#539

TCU HORNED FROGS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#88

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TCU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5						
Sep. 12	at Virginia	G				
Sep. 19	Texas St	G				
Sep. 26	at Clemson	G				
Oct. 3	SMU	G				
Oct. 10	at Air Force	A				
Oct. 17	Colorado St	G				
Oct. 24	at BYU	G				
Oct. 31	UNLV (HC)	G				
Nov. 7	at San Diego St	G				
Nov. 14	Utah	G				
Nov. 21	at Wyoming	A				
Nov. 28	New Mexico	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Max Knake 7,370 '92-'95
2. Steve Stamp 5,123 '78-'81
3. Andy Dalton 4,701 '07-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. LaDainian Tomlinson 5,263 '97-'00
2. Tony Jeffery 3,749 '84-'87
3. Andre Davis 3,182 '92-'95

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Renfro 2,739 '74-'77
2. Stephen Shipley 2,251 '89-'92
3. Stanley Washington 2,209 '79-'82

Bonus: The Frogs have now won 68 of 69 games when allowing 17 or fewer pts (3 pt loss to Utah in low scoring gm LY) including 50-1 under Patterson.

TCU is 13-6 vs current BCS teams the last 6 years. The Frogs are 0-1 vs UVA, a 20-10 loss in the '94 Independence Bowl. TCU has won 6 straight season openers.

LY TCU set a school single-season record with 437 pts scored & 56 TD's. The Bobcats went 8-5 LY including a 47-36 loss to SMU but they did make the FCS playoff's.

Coming into '09, TCU is 8-16 all-time vs current ACC tms (1-2 vs Clemson). TCU is 3-2 away vs BCS tms including a win vs #7 OK in '05 & losses to #7 Texas in '06 & #2 OK LY.

SMU won the "Iron Skillet" in '05 after a 6 yr drought in what was TCU's only loss of that year. Since 1995 the home team is 9-4. TCU's avg win has been 25 ppg since '99.

Last yr AF had its fewest yds (161) on the year. It was also their fewest since 142 in '06, vs TCU. TCU has won 5 of the L/6 vs AF but lost 20-17 last time here in OT in '07.

HC Patterson is 5-0 vs Colorado St & winning 4 of 5 by 12+ pts.
LY after allowing an opening 78 yd TD drive, TCU held CSU to just 121 yds the rest of the gm.

TCU has all'd an avg of 430 ypg & 29 ppg to BYU over the L4Y & they are 3-5 all-time vs BYU. LY TCU held BYU to lowest output of ssn (297 yds) & destroyed their "Quest for Perfection".

These 2 first met in '96 when they both played in the WAC & TCU is 6-1 including 4-0 in MWC play winning by a combined 154-37 S/'05. TCU has held UNLV to 25 ttl FD's the L2Y.

TCU is 4-0 at Qualcomm Stadium (2 bowl gms, 2 vs SDSt) the last 4 years.
Last meeting in '07 here TCU trailed 17-0 before rallying for the 45-33 win.

These high powered offenses have only averaged 36 ppg in their 6 meetings.
The Frogs only win vs the Utes (1-5) was a 23-20 win here in 2005 in OT.

After a 3 pt loss in '07, TCU rebounded with a 54-7 win over the Pokes last year.
The Frogs are 3-1 vs the Cowboys in MWC play. The visitor has lost 3 straight.

In 4 MWC meetings, TCU has dominated winning by an avg of 35-13. After opening the ssn vs NM (earliest conf opener ever) TCU & NM signed a contract to play each other in season finales.

Bonus: The Frogs have won 10 of 11 regular season home finales.

GARY PATTERSON (Career 73-27)
9th Year at TCU
Patterson's Bowl Record: 5-3

Patterson's records AT TCU

73-27	Straight Up	3-4	Vs Top 10
39-7	Home	6-6	Vs Top 25
29-18	Away	11-5	Vs BCS Teams
5-2	Neutral	14-9	Off A Bye
45-18	Vs Conference	18-5	Off A Loss

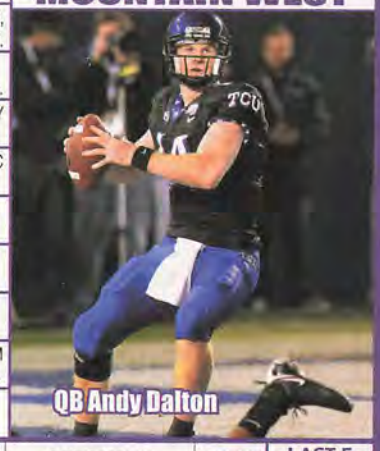
2008 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (25,18,3)
Lost: 21 (10,10,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,389 (#75)

MOUNTAIN WEST


QB Andy Dalton

STADIUM: AMON G. CARTER STADIUM (44,358) (#73)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	6-6	10-2	11-2	5-6	11-1	11-2	8-5	11-2	83-28
Home	6-0	2-2	6-0	6-1	4-2	5-0	5-1	5-1	6-0	45-7
Away	4-1	4-3	3-2	5-1	1-4	5-1	5-1	2-4	4-2	33-19
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-2
vs Conf	7-1	4-3	6-2	7-1	3-5	8-0	6-2	4-4	7-1	52-19
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-3	4-0	4-1	2-1	3-1	5-0	4-1	4-1	31-9
ATS	7-5	6-5	5-6-1	6-7	3-8	8-3-1	8-3-1	6-6-1	8-4	57-47-4
Home Fav (Dennis Franchione 1998)	5-1	1-0	2-4	3-3	2-3	3-1	3-1	4-2	5-0	28-15
Home Dog (Gary Patterson 2004)	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	5-1
Away Fav	2-3	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	0-1	0-2	3-1-1	0-3	3-2	12-18-2
Away Dog	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	0-4	3-0	0-1	1-1-1	0-1	8-10-1
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	3-3-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-3	3-4-1	4-4	2-6	7-1	4-3-1	4-3-1	6-2	39-29-3
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	1-2	1-2-1	4-0	2-3	2-2	18-18-1
Off SU Win	5-5	2-3	4-4-1	6-5	1-4	6-3-1	6-2-1	3-3-1	5-4	38-33-4
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-2	1-1	0-1	2-3	1-0	1-1	2-3	2-0	13-11

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Fort Worth - #19	+11	Boise St - #18	31-34
05	Houston - #14	-3	Iowa St	27-24
06	Poinsettia - #25	-12	N Illinois	37-7
07	Texas	-6	Houston	20-13
08	Poinsettia - #11	-3	Boise St - #9	17-16

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
TCU's All-Time Bowl Record 11-13-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	33.6	421	220	4.5	201	58.5	12.5	18	+13	2008	7	11.3	218	47	1.7	171	50.3	19.3	43
4	26.1	387	165	3.7	222	58.5	14.8	23	-7	2007	8	18.7	323	103	2.9	220	53.8	17.3	41
6*	29.2	409	195	4.5	214	61.4	14.0	15	+7	2006	6	12.3	235	61	2.2	174	53.6	19.1	36
6*	33.2	400	192	4.3	208	55.3	12.1	24	+21	2005	6	18.6	329	108	2.8	221	52.2	17.7	41
8*	32.9	431	166	3.8	265	55.9	13.1	25	+4	2004	4	33.9	426	122	3.2	304	55.8	12.6	31
4	29.2	430	208	4.1	222	57.0	14.7	27	+4	2003	6	21.2	350	94	2.7	256	51.5	16.5	40
8	30.1	370	203	4.1	167	57.8	12.3	22	+15	2002	6	18.5	240	65	2.0	175	38.9	13.0	43

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joseph Turner	146	589	12	577	11	4.0
Aaron Brown	99	567	20	547	3	5.5
Andy Dalton	113	570	138	432	8	3.8
Ryan Christian	91	405	19	386	4	4.2
Marcus Jackson	70	429	45	384	4	5.5
Jeremy Kerley	25	166	23	143	3	5.7
Jai Cavness	31	140	6	134	2	4.3
Justin Watts	31	105	0	105	2	3.4
Chris Smith	12	72	0	72	0	6.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Andy Dalton	307	182	59.3	2242	11	5
Marcus Jackson	62	35	56.5	372	3	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jimmy Young	59	988	16.7	5	65	
Ryan Christian	30	321	10.7	0	34	
Walter Bryant	27	298	11.0	2	45	
Shae Reagan	18	237	13.2	1	33	
Bart Johnson	15	206	13.7	1	52	
Curtis Clay	9	98	10.9	0	26	
Jeremy Kerley	11	95	8.6	0	15	
Aaron Brown	12	95	7.9	0	29	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Anson Kelton	54	2230	41.3	4	33.6(t)	1	30
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ross Evans	49-55	7-9	6-7	2-3	1-1	16-20	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Phillips	84	3.5	9.5	2	0
Stephen Hodge	81	3	7	3	1
Robert Henson	73	1	8	2	2
Daryl Washington	63	3	2.5	4	1
Jerry Hughes	52	15	4.5	1	2
Tejay Johnson	47	1	3	10	1
Steven Coleman	46	0	1.5	10	3
Nick Sanders	45	1	1	12	2
Matt Panfil	31	4.5	5.5	1	0
Rafael Priest	26	0	0	10	1
Cody Moore	25	6	4	0	1
James Vess	22	0	4	0	0
Alex Ibiloye	13	0	0	0	0
Tekerrein Cuba	12	0	0.5	0	0
Wayne Daniels	11	1	0	0	0
Colin Jones	10	1	0	1	0
Tank Carder	9	0	1	1	0
Corderra Hunter	9	0	0	0	0
Greg McCoy	8	0	0	0	1
Sir Demarco Bledsoe	7	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jeremy Kerley	25	348	13.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Aaron Brown	18	526	29.2	1
Ryan Christian	6	134	22.3	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

TCU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
31,583	at New Mexico	20	48-171	3.6	16-26	120	2	9	32-56	1.8	7-24	130	5	+2
27,074	Stephen F Austin	29	58-320	5.5	17-24	205	1	10	17-3	0.2	21-40	140	2	+4
25,531	Stanford	24	53-233	4.4	20-36	145	0	10	29-71	2.4	11-21	122	3	+3
30,923	at SMU	23	47-271	5.8	19-29	227	0	10	12-(-8)	-0.7	20-39	218	3	+3
85,158	at Oklahoma	16	35-102	2.9	16-41	212	3	17	36-25	0.7	19-34	411	4	-4
30,620	San Diego St	28	71-383	5.4	10-19	115	1	4	15-(-13)	-0.9	10-26	98	4	0
27,130	at Colorado St	15	46-151	3.3	16-26	166	1	14	28-11	0.4	17-35	188	6	+1
36,180	BYU	29	51-240	4.7	12-19	170	1	19	28-23	0.8	22-42	274	6	+3
30,103	Wyoming	18	39-110	2.8	16-22	334	1	13	43-113	2.6	9-15	108	2	+2
16,121	at UNLV	27	52-259	5.0	16-29	151	0	12	33-108	3.3	8-22	67	3	+1
45,666	at Utah	20	39-165	4.2	16-37	251	4	17	25-45	1.8	24-41	230	2	-2
32,823	Air Force	30	52-183	3.5	21-27	321	4	7	37-150	4.1	3-10	11	1	0
34,628	† Boise St	28	51-275	5.4	22-36	197	0	15	20-28	1.4	22-35	222	2	0
TOTALS		307	642-2863	4.5	217-371	2614	18	157	355-612	1.7	193-384	2219	43	+13
AVERAGES		23.6	49-220	4.5	17-29	201	4.9%	12.1	27-47	1.5	15-30	171	11.2%	1.0

TCU Pre- 2004 RESULTS -Post

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Northwestern	-6	48-45 2OT
–	SMU	-22'	44-0
–	at Texas Tech	+5'	35-70
–	USF	-10	44-45 2OT
–	at Army	-18'	21-17
–	at UAB	+7	25-41
–	Houston	-6'	34-27
–	at Cincinnati	+6	10-21
–	at Louisville - #12	+24	28-55
–	Southern Miss	+1	42-17
–	Tulane	-13'	31-35

TCU Pre- 2005 RESULTS Post #11

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Oklahoma - #7	+25	17-10
#22	at SMU	-14'	10-21
–	Utah	+3'	23-20 OT
–	at BYU	+3	51-50 OT
–	New Mexico	-1'	49-28
–	at Wyoming	+6'	28-14
#25	Army	-22	38-17
#21	at Air Force	E	48-10
#20	at San Diego St	-6'	23-20
#20	Colorado St	-7	33-6
#18	UNLV	-29	51-3

TCU Pre #22 2006 RESULTS Post #22

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#22	at Baylor	-6'	17-7
#23	UC Davis	NL	46-13
#20	Texas Tech - #24	+1	12-3
#17	BYU	-7	17-31
–	at Utah	+2'	7-20
–	at Army	-12	31-17
–	Wyoming	-6	26-3
–	at UNLV	-19	25-10
–	at New Mexico	-6	27-21
–	San Diego St	-17'	52-0
–	at Colorado St	-9'	45-14
–	Air Force	-17	38-14

TCU Pre #22 2007 RESULTS Post -

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#22	Baylor	-21	27-0
#19	at Texas - #7	+9	13-34
–	at Air Force	-7'	17-20 OT
–	SMU	-23	21-7
–	Colorado St	-10	24-12
–	at Wyoming	+3	21-24
–	at Stanford	-6	38-36
–	Utah	-3'	20-27
–	New Mexico	-3'	37-0
–	at BYU	+7'	22-27
–	UNLV	-18	34-10
–	at San Diego St	-12'	45-33

TCU Pre- 2008 RESULTS Post #7

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at New Mexico	-6'	26-3
–	Stephen F Austin	-42'	67-7
–	Stanford	-14	31-14
–	at SMU	-24	48-7
#24	at Oklahoma - #2	+18'	10-35
–	San Diego St	-24'	41-7
–	at Colorado St	-15'	13-7
–	BYU - #9	-2	32-7
#15	Wyoming	-30'	54-7
#12	at UNLV	-14'	44-14
#11	at Utah - #10	-1'	10-13
#15	Air Force	-19'	44-10

UTAH UTES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Utah produced the #1 overall pick in the '05 NFL draft in Alex Smith (67.5%, 32-4 ratio, 631 rush '04). Brian Johnson started 10 in '05 and threw for 2,892 (63.6%) with an 18-7 ratio (478 rush) but missed the final 5. Brett Ratliff shredded a super GT D in the bowl going 30 of 41 for 381. In '06 Johnson RS and Ratliff threw for 2,796 (58.3%) with a 23-9 ratio (260 rush). Johnson separated his shoulder in the 2007 opener and was not 100% all year. They watered down the offense due to his knee and shoulder injuries. He threw for just 1,847 (66.5%) with an 11-10 ratio (150 rush). Last year Johnson was closer to 100% and given a larger playbook to work with. He was 1 of 5 finalists for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and improved his stats to 2,972 (68.0%, 27-9 ratio). He was the Sugar Bowl MVP with a season high 336. Corbin Louks (PS#139) is known as a running QB but says he can win with his arm and att 7 passes (27 rush). Chad Manis (PS#52JC) got into 3 games (4 att) but moved to LB in the spring. Added to the mix is TJ Canales (6'0" 196 rFr, PS#93) and Terrance Cain (PS#9JC) who led the NJCAA in passing yards (3138, 68.4%) in '08 and completed 71.1% in '07. While this unit is much less experienced and probably won't have the 4Q comebacks that Johnson provided, they should put up good numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In '06, USC transfer Darryl Poston (PS#19) led with 553 (3.8). Poston returned in '07 but I called for Matt Asiata (PS#17JC) to start and he won the job but broke his leg in the opener. They were planning to RS Darrell Mack due to RB depth but he started in Wk 3 and rushed for 1,204 (4.8). Surprisingly he did not top 100 in the final 4. Last year both Mack and Asiata returned but were banged up in Aug and Mack's numbers dropped to 541 (4.4). Asiata also lined up in the Wildcat package and led but with just 707 (4.8) although he did have 12 TD's. Whittingham had said he wanted to use the elusive Eddie Wide more but he had just 183 (6.1). This year they lose Mack (11 st) and Ray Stowers (PS#147) who had 76 (4.5). Not listed in the PSL below are Tory Tima (5'10" 200 Jr, PS#374), Junior Fonua (5'8" 230 Sr), 21 year old "true frosh" Jackson Owen (5'10" 179) and Trevor Moss (5'11" 196 Sr). Sausan Shakerin (6'2" 215 rFr, PS#48) and Asiata may have the best size/speed combo and could even top the '08 production.

RECEIVERS - In '06 Whittingham talked about having a 6-pack of veteran WR's and they combined for 2,695 yards and 21 TD's. Unfortunately in '07 Brent Casteel tore his ACL and the unit's numbers dropped. Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 4 but got Casteel back and Whittingham talked about how they missed his big play ability in '07. JUCO David Reed led in ypc (17.1) but was just #4 in yds (427). Freddie Brown was #5 in '07 (219, 10.9) but emerged as the top man (12 rec vs Bama) with 900 (11.7). Bradon Godfrey was #2 in '07 with 524 (10.5) and #3 in'08 with 556 (9.9). Casteel was #2 with 564 (13.1). This year they lose Brown (13 st, #7DC CIN), Godfrey (12 st), Casteel (10 st) and TE Colt Sampson (1 st, 11 rec). This is the least experienced Ute receiving corps in years but they have talent. Not listed in the PSL are Mark Ercanbrack (5'11" 185 rFr), Jake Bentrude (6'3" 203 So), Mychal Robinson (5'8" 191 So), Nate Thompson (6'0" 162 rFr), Bryant Ezeji (6'0" 179 rFr), Collin Robinson (5'11" 180 So), Mike Hicken (6'1" 190 Jr), Luke Matthews (6'1" 205 rFr, PS#111), Zach Wade (6'3" 196 So) and TE Tage Clifford (6'1" 234 So).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07 Utah had to replace a 1st Tm MWC LT and star RT Jason Boone tore his ACL. With 3 starters back, the unit avg 4.0 ypc and had 27.5 ypg more rushing but with Johnson being limited, the sack total rose to 28 (7.0%). Last year they had 9 of the top 10 back. While the Utes had their highest ever finish in the AP poll, the OL stats were only avg with 156 ypg (4.1) while allowing 25 sacks (6%). This year they lose 1st Tm MWC RG Robert Conley (12 st, 3Y st'r), RT Dustin Hensel (13 st, 2Y st'r) and RG Corey Seiuli (1 st). Their top OL the last 2 years (1st Tm MWC LT Zane Beadles) returns and C Zane Taylor could move to RG. While this unit has one less starter ret than '08, it could be just as good.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This is Utah's primary recruiting emphasis annually and they have sent many DL's to the NFL. In '06 the Utes had 3 starters returning and allowed 106 ypg rush (3.1). In '07 they had to replace 2 starting DT's who were 1st and 2nd Tm MWC (comb 634 lbs & 82 tkl) and allowed 146 ypg (3.9). Last year they had to replace 1st & 2nd Tm MWC DL again. Starting NT Kenape Eliapo broke his foot in game 1 and his replacement, Lei Talamaivao then broke his fibula in Wk 2. The 2 returning starters, DE's Koa Misi and Paul Kruger started all 13 and the Utes improved to allowing 99 ypg (3.1). This year they lose DT Greg Newman (13 st, 50 tkl, 9.5 tfl), 1st Tm MWC DE Kruger (61 tkl, 7.5 sk, 9 tfl, #2DC BAL) and DT Aaron Tonga (4 tkl). Just like '08, they lose their top 2 DL's but this time return 4 with starting experience and add in PS#2JC James Aiono and could be just as strong.

LINEBACKERS - Utah began 2007 with three 5th year seniors as starters. Whittingham commented about ROV Stevenson Sylvester "for a guy his size, he isn't supposed to move as quick as he does." Sylvester was the #2 tackler in '07. The Utes did have to replace their #5 & #10 tkl'rs and had 1 starter back. This was their biggest question mark of '08 and now its the most experienced unit. Not listed in the PSL are Jamel King (6'2" 229 So, 11 tkl '07, inj LY), Boo Andersen (6'1" 230 rFr), Isi Filimoeatu (6'0" 229 Jr, PS#255JC) Chaz Walker (5'11" 213 So, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY) and Trevor Reilly (6'5" 220 Jr). Not only do all 3 starters return, but they add in QB Chad Manis (PS#52JC) and JJ Williams (7 st, 55 tkl '06) returns from a mission.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 an inexperienced secondary (3 st'r lost) finished #4 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm MWC S but had 9 of their top 10 back. CB Brice McCain (4.28 spd) earned 1st Tm MWC but Utah slipped to #22. This year they lose McCain (13 st, 35 tkl, 5 pbu, #6DC HOU), 1st Tm MWC CB Sean Smith (12 st, 46 tkl, 5 int, 9 pbu, #2DC MIA), SS RJ Rice (15 tkl), FS Deshawn Richard (1 st, 23 tkl, 3 int) and SS Terrell Cole (4 st, 35 tkl, 3 pbu). Not listed below are Jordan Benson (5'11" 195 rFr), Ben Soliven (5'8" 180 So), Forrest Dabb (5'10" 198 rFr), Thomas Bradley (5'9" 185 rFr), RJ Cunningham (5'10" 182 Fr), SS Grayson Dart (6'1" 200 rFr) and FS Nick Liefting (6'1" 185 So). Whittingham brought in 2 JC CB's last year that figure to contribute but with the loss of a pair of NFL draft picks at CB, this unit is down a few notches.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '06 Louie Sakoda led the nation in net punting (41.4) hitting 16 of 20 FG's (long 45). Utah moved up to #16 in my ST rankings. In '07 Whittingham noted that the new KO rule actually helped them as Ben Vroman (28 TB in '06) had a strong enough leg. Vroman had 17 TB. Sakoda was perhaps the best ST player in the country as he avg 44.3 on punts (36.6 net) and hit 19 of 22 FG's (long 51). Derrek Richards was #9 in the FBS in PR's (14.7) and they finished #23. Sakoda was back last year (did lose PR). After blocking just 2 punts in Whittingham's first 3 years, he brought in Aiona Key (5 blk punt JC). Key was not eligible until Wk 4 but blocked 3 punts (1 ret for TD). Sakoda hit an amazing 22 of 24 FG's (long 53) and had a punting avg of 42.1 (35.7 net) and Vroman was #2 in FBS in TB with 44. They struggled on PR, not only with the avg (6.5) but also fumbles. JC David Reed avg 25.4 on KR and the unit finished #20. It will be interesting to see where Whittingham's group finishes this year without Sakoda.

COACHES - Kyle Whittingham was fought over by BYU and Utah for the HC job but he opted to stay here. Whittingham started as the DC here in '95 and is a BYU graduate. He made some great hires in OC Andy Ludwig and DC Gary Andersen but this year Ludwig leaves for Cal and Andersen is the new HC at Utah St. His new OC is Dave Schramm who was the RB coach and the new DC is Kalani Sitake who was the LB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004 I mentioned that 4 of my then-7 sets of power ratings called for the Utes to have an unbeaten season and they achieved that AND became the first non-BCS team to make it to a BCS bowl. They dominated #19 Pitt 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl while outscoring opp by an avg of 45.3-19.5 (+132 ypg). Their closest game was a 14 pt win. Their #4 finish in the AP poll was their highest ever. In '05 they lost HC Urban Meyer as well as QB Smith (1st pick of draft). They moved the ball well in '05 avg 474 ypg but scored just 30.0 ppg. They had a 4-4 record in MWC play but were +86.5 ypg (league best). With backup QB Brett Ratliff, they knocked off BYU then upset #24 GT 38-10 in the Emerald Bowl. The Utes had 12 returning starters in '06 and their preseason goal was to "beat UCLA and win the MWC." Unfortunately they lost to UCLA 31-10. While they ended TCU's 13 game unbeaten streak, they finished 3rd at 5-3 and had 2 tough losses as they led NM 24-3 and BYU 24-10 (BYU TD last play). In '07 they had to face BYU and TCU on the road and injuries greatly affected them with top OL Boone, QB Johnson, RB Asiata, WR Casteel and other key players being lost for part or all of the season. They knocked off Navy in the Pointsettia Bowl but for the 3rd straight year, finished unranked (9-4). While they were +11 in TO's, they had 51 starts lost due to injury. Last year BYU was pretty much the consensus pick to win the MWC and in all the sources documented by football.stassen.com, my magazine was the only one to pick Utah to win the MWC Title outright and some had the Utes picked as low as 3rd. I mentioned that 4 of my then-8 sets of power ratings called for Utah to go unbeaten. I never really knew how many football fans there were in Utah until my mag hit the newsstand and my site was bombarded by BYU fans wondering about my overall football IQ (to put it nicely). Utah had some close calls. They dominated Mich more than the 25-23 final as they had a 313 yds in the 1H and led 25-10 in the 4Q. They trailed UNLV 14-7 in the 2Q but rolled to a 42-21 win. They dominated AF with 440-191 yd and 24-9 FD edges but needed a TD w/:58 left to win. Two weeks later they caught Oreg St the week after playing USC. They rallied from 11 pt down in the last 2:18 to pull out the win, 31-28. After blowouts the next 2 weeks, with their huge Thurs night meeting with TCU on deck, they perhaps looked past NM and only won by 3. The next week Utah rallied again going 80/9pl and getting a TD pass w/:48 left to pull out the 13-10 win at home vs TCU. After blasting SDSt, they crushed #16 BYU 48-24 and advanced to the Sugar Bowl. Amazingly Utah extended the NCAA's longest win streak to 14 by thoroughly dominating Bama 31-17 with a 349-208 yd edge. They received 16 First Place votes in the AP poll finishing #2 and were the Nation's only undefeated FBS team. Their 8 straight bowl wins are the longest in the NCAA. Utah did benefit from +13 in TO's and had 5 net close wins (pg 299). Unlike '07, Utah had only 12 starts lost to injury and this year have just 12 ret starters. All of those factors plus the fact that Utah has to play BYU and TCU (as well as Oreg) on the road and replace both coordinators has me calling for a step back in the MWC standings. While they won't match LY's undefeated record and #2 finish, it will still be a solid, winning year for the Utes.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	James Aiono 6-3 273 PS#2JC
QB	Terrance Cain 5-11 185 PS#9JC
DB	Conroy Black 6-0 176 PS#85JC
DL	Latu Heimuli 6-3 296 PS#77
LB	Trevor Reilly 6-5 220 PS#101JC
DB	Maxwell Lacy 6-2 193 PS#110JC
LB	LT Filiaga 6-0 230 PS#57
QB	Jordan Wynn 6-1 163 PS#52
DB	Chris Washington 6-0 183 PS#100
OL	Vyncent Jones 6-3 291 PS#99
OL	Kapua Sai 6-5 319 PS#159
DL	Siosaia "LT" Tuipulotu 6-1 280 PS#162
DB	Kamaron Yancy 5-9 187 PS#205JC
WR	Shaky Smithson 5-11 210 PS#218JC
DL	Jeremiah Tofaeono 6-3 311 PS#187
LB	Isi Filmoeatu 6-0 229 PS#255JC
K	Joe Phillips 5-11 187 PS#273JC
OL	Zach Davila 6-4 296 PS#198 '08
RB	Beau Burton 5-9 195 PS#189
DL	Mike Laloni 6-2 250 PS#405JC
WR	Ray Magee 6-4 226 PS#406JC
WR	Jamal Smith 6-2 181 PS#220
OL	Sam Brenner 6-3 291 PS#241 '08
OL	Percy Taumoelau 6-4 313 PS#292
DB	Victor Spikes 6-0 200 PS#322
DB	Jarrad Stewart 5-9 182 PS#331
DL	Eric Dago 6-2 211 PS#327
TE	Colby Goodwin 6-5 202 PS#97
LB	Jason Whittingham 6-2 214 PS#329
WR	Chase Nakamura 6-3 174 PS#306
K	Nick Marsh 5-11 206 PS#66
DB	Lolo Tenifa 5-11 195 PS#536
K	Christopher Hoyt 5-10 165 PS#280
RB	Jackson Owen 5-10 179 PS#1607
LB	Tyson Buck 6-2 205 PS#1667

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 Terrance Cain Jr. 5-11 185 **PS#9JC.** In spg. **NJCAA Off POY LY. 19** Corbin Louks (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#139. 145 (60%), 380 rush (6.2) 2Y. **3** Jordan Wynn (PS#52) IFS.

RB 4 MATT ASIATA SR. 5-11 230 **PS#17JC.** 1 gm, inj '07. 1 st, 13 gm, 707 (4.8), 12 TD LY. **36** Eddie Wide (5'10" 195 Jr) PS#121. 227 (4.6) 2Y. Sausan Shakerin (6'2" 215 rFr) **PS#48.**

WR 16 DAVID REED SR. 6-0 190 **PS#47JC.** 2 st, 427 (17.1), HM MWC KR LY. **8** Elijah Wesson (5'11" 190 Sr) 5 rec 3Y. **26** Ryan Lacy (5'10" 184 rFr) PS#249. Ben Macey (6'1" 180 So).

WR 9 Aiona Key Sr. 6-4 195 **PS#57JC.** 3 blk K LY. **15** DeVonte Christopher (6'1" 190 rFr) **PS#27. 82** John Peel (6'1" 185 Sr) PS#82. Inj '06 & '07. 13 gm, 1 rec, 6 PR LY.

WR 85 Jereme Brooks Jr. 5-7 170 PS#293. 2 st, 183 (12.2) true. 5 st, 331 (11.0) LY. Shaky Smithson PS#218JC. IFS. Ray Magee PS#406JC. From QB Sean Fitzgerald (6'3" 195 rFr).

TE 80 Chris Joppru Sr. 6-6 267 PS#43. 2 gm 2Y. 4 st, 13 gm, 59 (9.8), Tm Off MIP LY. **45** Siaki Cravens (6'2" 230 rFr). Brad Clifford (6'4" 250 Jr) 12 gm 2Y. Kendrick Moeai (6'5" 223 rFr).

C 77 ZANE TAYLOR JR. 6-2 300 PS#234. 8 gm rFr. 13 st, 35 kd, HM MWC LY. **57** Tyler Williams (6'1" 282 Sr) 12 gm 3Y. **LS** Patrick Greene (6'2" 198 rFr). Ben Hendy (6'2" 232 Sr).

RG 55 Neli A'asa Jr. 6-2 288 PS#192. 11 gm DL rFr. 12 gm OL LY. **71** Walter Watts (6'2" 296 Jr) **PS#45.** 10 gm 2Y. Daniel Bukarau (6'1" 271 Jr). Kawika Vincent (6'4" 290 Jr).

LG 72 CALEB SCHLAUDERAFF JR. 6-4 300 PS#289. L/10 st, 13 gm, 27 pcakes, 31 kd rFr. 13 st LG, #1 on tm w/46 pcakes, 31 kd LY. **54** Tevita Stevens (6'1" 280 rFr). Louis Finner (6'3" 300 So).

RT 70 Tony Bergstrom So. 6-6 300 PS#253. Mission in '05. 1 st, 10 games as true. **75** Viliamu Nau (6'6" 300 Sr) PS#323JC. Orig committed to Oreg St. Kapua Sai is PS#159.

LT 68 ZANE BEADLES SR. 6-4 305 PS#588. 12 st, 19 kd, 10 pcake rFr. 13 st, 22 pcake, 37 kd '07. 12 st, 42 pcake, 40 kd, **1st Tm MWC LY. 67** Derek Tuimauga (6'4" 314 rFr) **PS#85.**

K 30 Ben Vroman Sr. 6-0 203 233 career KO, 89 TB incl 44 LY (#2 NCAA) **91** Joe Phillips is PS#273JC. Nick Marsh is PS#66. Coleman Petersen (6'2" 180 So).

DE NA JAMES AIONO JR. 6-3 273 **PS#2JC. 90** Derrick Shelby (6'3" 250 So) 10 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl rFr. **97** Nick Binks (6'5" 233 rFr) PS#180. Eric Dago PS#327. Thor Salanoa (6'2" 201 rFr).

DT 98 Sealver Siliga So. 6-3 311 PS#211. 12 gm, 7 tkl true. -34 lbs since enroll. **43** Lei Talamaivao (6'2" 280 So) PS#381. 14 tkl, 7 gm, 2.5 tfl true. 1 st, inj, RS LY. Latu Heimulis PS#77.

NT 92 Kenape Eliapo Sr. 6-0 310 3 st, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 2Y. 2 st, 6 gm (inj), 11 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **96** Junior Tui'one (6'4" 274 Jr) PS#134. 2 tkl, 4 gm LY. **55** Mike Laloni (6'2" 250 Jr).

DE 41 KOA MISI SR. 6-3 256 PS#264JC. 67 tkl, 8 tfl '07. 13 st, 68 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 6 pbu LY. **44** Dave Kruger (6'5" 272 rFr) PS#74. Christian Cox (6'1" 248 Jr) 1 tkl rFr. Tatum Drecksel (6'2" 255 Sr).

SLB 42 NAI FOTU JR. 6-0 224 11 tkl, 3.5 tfl as true. 9 st, 35 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **59** Kepa Gaison (5'10" 215 Sr) 42 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y. **18** Chad Manis (6'5" 237 Jr) **PS#52JC.** 3 gm at QB LY.

MLB 20 MIKE WRIGHT SR. 6-2 239 26 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y. 13 st, 81 tkl, 2.5 tfl, HM MWC LY. **50** Mo Neal (6'2" 221 So) 9 gm, 9 tkl rFr. **52** Matt Martinez (6'0" 226 So) 4 gms L2Y.

ROV 10 STEVENSON SYLVESTER SR. 6-2 224 PS#182. 3 st, 23 tkl true. 8 st, 86 tkl, 10 tfl '07. 13 st, 73 tkl, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. JJ Williams (6'0" 225 So) 7 st, 55 tkl, 4.5 tfl '06. Mission.

CB 25 RJ Stanford Sr. 5-11 184 PS#275. 7 st, 38 tkl, 5 pbu 2Y. 2 st, 41 tkl LY. **4.29 spd. 21** Lamar Chapman (5'8" 170 Jr) **PS#71JC.** RS LY. Kamaron Yancy PS#205JC.

CB 14 Damilyn Tanner Sr. 5-10 175 **PS#53JC.** 5 tkl, 11 gm LY. **24** Justin Jones (5'9" 180 Sr) PS#355. 21 tkl 3Y. Brandon Burton (6'0" 184 So) 3 tkl rFr. Mookie Murphy (5'9" 174 Jr) PS#138RB.

SS 12 JOE DALE SR. 5-11 200 PS#335. 46 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 66 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu LY. Maxwell Lacy PS#110JC. Justin Taplin-Ross (6'3" 208 Jr) 9 tkl 2Y. Tysen Clements (5'11" 200 Jr).

FS 17 ROBERT JOHNSON SR. 6-2 195 PS#406JC. 7 st, 44 tkl, 7 pd, HM MWC '07. 11 st, 41 tkl, 3 pbu, 4 int LY. Conroy Black **PS#85JC. 28** Reggie Topps (5'11" 180 rFr). Greg Bird (6'2" 223 So).

P 30 Ben Vroman Sr. 6-0 203 KO's last 3 years here. 91 KO, #2 NCAA with 44 TB LY. **95** Sean Sellwood (6'3" 200 rFr). Nick Marsh is PS#66. Christopher Hoyt PS#280.

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#81

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UTAH	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 3	Utah St (Thur)	A				
Sep. 12	at San Jose St	A				
Sep. 19	at Oregon	A				
Sep. 26	Louisville	A				
Oct. 3						
Oct. 10	at Colorado St	A				
Oct. 17	at UNLV	A				
Oct. 24	Air Force	A				
Oct. 31	Wyoming	A				
Nov. 7	New Mexico	A				
Nov. 14	at TCU	G				
Nov. 21	San Diego St	A				
Nov. 28	at BYU	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Scott Mitchell 8,836 '87-'89
2. Brian Johnson 7,853 '04-'05, '07-'08
3. Mike McCoy 7,559 '92-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Eddie Johnson 3,219 '84-'88
2. Tony Lindsay 2,995 '77-'80
3. Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala 2,630 '95-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bryan Rowley 3,143 '89-'93
2. Kevin Dyson 2,726 '94-'97
3. Carl Harry 2,283 '86-'88

This series started in 1892 & is the state's oldest rivalry ("Battle of the Brothers"). Utes have won 11 straight & are 27-5 vs USU S/'77. Utah is 14-4 their L/18 home openers.

Utah is 4-1 vs San Jose St but the last meeting was 1998. The Utes have won 5 straight away vs non-BCS/non-conf teams by an avg of 36 ppg but all were vs Utah St.

The last meeting between these 2 was a 17-13 Utah win in '03. The visitor is only 1-9 when Utah faces a Pac-10 team (Utah 5-0 home, 1-0 neutral & 1-4 away) S/'01.

The Utes are 6-0 vs the Big East & 3-0 vs UL incl a 44-35 win at Louisville in '07. Utah has more wins over BCS schools (16) than any other non-BCS team S/'01.

Utah has an all-time record of 53-22-2 vs Colorado St & has won 5 of 6. LY 5 players scored TD's & Utah called it their most balanced gm of the season (327 rush yd, 222 pass yd).

Two yrs ago UNLV handed Utah its 1st shutout loss in conf play. LY despite being tied at HT, UU pulled out a 21 pt win. UU holds the series edge with a 12-2 record (40-23 avg score).

UU has won 5 of 6 over AF & LY needed a TD w/:58 left to pull out the 7 pt win. UU held AF to just 53 rush yds, their lowest S/'80. These 2 have comb to avg 61 ppg S/'83 (23 gms).

LY this game was played in gusty winds but UU's D & ST's put this one away early. They scored an IR TD & a blk'd P ret'd for a TD in the 1H. UW used 4 QB's in the game.

Since '61 these 2 have played every yr except '82. Utah leads 31-17-2. LY Utah, who came in avg 39 ppg, was caught looking ahead (to TCU) & only pulled out a 3 pt win.

UU holds a 5-1 edge over TCU with the avg score 22-14. LY Johnson hit 7 of 9 passes on the final drive & found WR Brown for a 9 yd TD with :48 left for the 3 pt win.

UU is 8-2 vs SDSt in MWC gms (avg win by 24 ppg). LY QB Johnson threw a career high 5 TD passes & Utah never punted. Deshawn Richard had 2 IR TD's in a 4 play span.

This will be the 85th "Holy War" & Utah has won 5 of the last 7. LY's win gave Utah a perfect reg ssn for the 3rd time as they forced 6 BYU TO's including getting 5 int's.

Bonus: The Utes are 19-3 the last 7 years in November (29-7 L/36 games).

KYLE WHITTINGHAM (Career 37-14)

5th Year at Utah — Whittingham's Bowl Record: 4-0

Whittingham's records AT UTAH

37-14	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
19-5	Home	5-3	Vs Top 25
14-9	Away	7-3	Vs BCS Teams
4-0	Neutral	8-0	Off A Bye
22-10	Vs Conference	10-4	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (13-0)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (25,28,1)
Lost: 22 (10,10,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,542 (#51)

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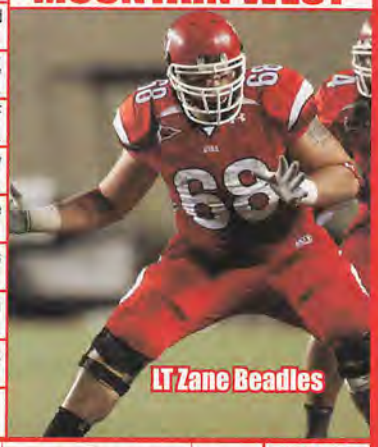

STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,017) (#70)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	8-4	5-6	10-2	12-0	7-5	8-5	9-4	13-0	76-33
Home	1-5	5-0	3-2	5-1	6-0	4-2	4-2	5-1	6-0	39-13
Away	3-2	2-4	2-4	4-1	5-0	2-3	3-3	3-3	6-0	30-20
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	7-0
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-4	6-1	7-0	4-4	5-3	5-3	8-0	45-22
vs Non-Conf	1-3	4-1	2-2	4-1	5-0	3-1	3-2	4-1	5-0	31-11
ATS	4-7	8-4	4-7	10-2	10-2	4-8	7-4-1	7-6	8-4	62-44-1
Home Fav	0-5	3-2	2-3	4-1	5-1	1-5	2-1-1	3-2	2-2	22-22-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-0
Away Favorite	3-1	1-2	1-4	1-1	4-1	0-2	3-2	1-1	3-2	17-16
Away Dog	0-1	3-0	1-0	3-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	2-2	1-0	12-5
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	6-1
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	1-6	5-2	5-2	3-5	5-2-1	5-3	5-3	36-30-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	4-1	3-1	5-0	5-0	1-3	2-2	2-3	3-1	26-14
Off SU Win	2-2	5-2	1-3	7-2	9-2	2-4	5-2	6-2	7-4	44-23
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-1	2-4	2-0	0-0	2-3	2-1-1	1-3	0-0	14-16-1

Mike Riley 1-0 | Urban Meyer 1-0 | Kyle Whittingham 7-0

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Asiata	146	716	9	707	12	4.8
Darrell Mack	123	562	21	541	3	4.4
Corbin Louks	27	223	5	218	3	8.1
Eddie Wide	30	189	6	183	0	6.1
Brian Johnson	108	374	246	128	1	1.2
Brent Casteel	17	95	3	92	1	5.4
Ray Stowers	17	77	1	76	2	4.5
Jereme Brooks	10	73	13	60	1	6.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Johnson	394	268	68.0	2972	27	9
Corbin Louks	7	4	57.1	104	0	0
Chad Manis	4	3	75.0	24	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Freddie Brown	77	900	11.7	7	41
Brent Casteel	43	564	13.1	4	40
Bradon Godfrey	56	556	9.9	4	25
David Reed	25	427	17.1	6	47
Jereme Brooks	30	331	11.0	1	55
Matt Asiata	13	111	8.5	1	39
Darrell Mack	14	86	6.1	0	14
Colt Sampson	11	76	6.9	5	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Louie Sakoda	56	2357	42.1	18	35.7	1	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Louie Sakoda	56-57	4-4	10-10	6-7	2-3	22-24	53

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Wright	81	1	1.5	5	0
Stevenson Sylvester	73	3.5	4.5	4	0
Koa Misi	68	3	5.5	6	0
Joe Dale	66	1	5.5	4	3
Paul Kruger	61	7.5	9	7	1
Greg Newman	50	2.5	7	2	1
Sean Smith	46	1	1	9	5
Robert Johnson	41	0	0.5	3	4
RJ Stanford	41	2	0	0	0
Brice McCain	35	1	1	5	1
Nai Fotu	35	2	3.5	1	0
Terrell Cole	35	0	2.5	3	0
Derrick Shelby	31	1	2.5	2	0
Kepa Gaison	29	2.5	0	2	0
Deshawn Richard	23	0	1.5	0	3
Chaz Walker	18	0	2.5	0	1
RJ Rice	15	0	0	0	0
Kenape Eliapo	11	1	1.5	0	0
Mo Neal	9	0	1	0	0
John Peel	9	0	0	0	0
Justin Jones	8	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brent Casteel	10	91	9.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Reed	25	635	25.4	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Fiesta - #5	-15	Pittsburgh - #19	35-7
05	Emerald	+9	Georgia Tech - #24	38-10
06	Armed Forces	-1'	Tulsa	25-13
07	Poinsettia	-8	Navy	35-32
08	Sugar - #7	+9	Alabama - #4	31-17

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	36.9	401	156	4.1	244	67.4	10.9	25	+13	2008	6	17.2	289	99	3.1	190	55.0	16.8	29
9*	26.2	369	167	4.0	202	61.8	14.1	28	+11	2007	6	16.8	329	146	3.9	183	50.4	19.5	37
5	27.9	368	140	4.0	228	57.9	13.2	15	+8	2006	7	19.8	322	106	3.1	216	60.4	16.2	25
5	30.0	474	179	4.3	295	62.2	15.8	29	-1	2005	4	24.1	373	151	4.0	222	54.3	15.5	29
7*	45.3	500	236	5.4	264	67.4	11.0	20	+15	2004	7	19.5	343	140	3.8	203	52.7	17.6	33
5*	28.7	375	161	3.6	214	61.9	13.1	16	+9	2003	5	19.1	339	140	3.8	199	49.3	17.7	22
5*	22.6	372	164	4.1	208	56.4	16.4	17	-1	2002	8	20.5	332	105	2.9	227	52.4	16.2	25

2008 STATS BY GAME

UTAH 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
108,421	at Michigan	16	43-36	0.8	21-34	305	6	11	25-36	1.4	19-38	167	3	0
45,587	UNLV	22	36-225	6.3	16-25	215	0	15	35-129	3.7	19-30	159	1	-1
19,061	at Utah St	30	50-248	5.0	23-32	213	1	8	25-27	1.1	9-23	89	4	0
36,952	at Air Force	24	53-197	3.7	16-24	243	5	9	42-53	1.3	7-13	138	0	-1
45,117	Weber St	23	39-180	4.6	23-29	270	0	19	23-56	2.4	24-38	303	2	+1
45,599	Oregon St	18	38-136	3.6	17-31	201	4	20	32-92	2.9	21-31	313	3	-1
17,123	at Wyoming	11	44-123	2.8	11-20	119	3	14	44-184	4.2	10-23	68	1	+5
44,793	Colorado St	25	37-327	8.8	19-27	222	0	18	31-110	3.5	22-38	188	1	0
40,094	at New Mexico	17	35-198	5.7	23-33	195	1	16	37-119	3.2	16-26	165	2	-2
45,666	TCU	17	25-45	1.8	24-41	230	2	20	39-165	4.2	16-37	251	4	+2
19,342	at San Diego St	30	40-198	5.0	28-40	322	0	19	19-73	3.8	23-41	247	0	+2
46,488	BYU	27	35-108	3.1	31-37	307	1	25	30-214	7.1	21-41	205	0	+6
71,872	† Alabama	22	24-13	0.5	27-41	336	2	15	33-31	0.9	18-30	177	8	+2
TOTALS		282	499-2034	4.1	279-414	3178	25	209	415-1289	3.1	225-409	2470	29	+13
AVERAGES		21.7	38-156	4.1	21-32	244	6.0%	16.1	32-99	3.1	17-31	190	7.1%	1.0

UTAH Pre #20 2004 RESULTS Post #4

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#20	Texas A&M	-8'	41-21
#17	at Arizona	-13'	23-6
#15	at Utah St	-19	48-6
#14	Air Force	-22	49-35
#14	at New Mexico	-10	28-7
#11	North Carolina	-22	46-16
#9	UNLV	-24	63-28
#9	at San Diego St	-18'	51-28
#7	Colorado St	-26'	63-31
#7	at Wyoming	-23	45-28
#5	BYU	-21	52-21

UTAH Pre – 2005 RESULTS Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Arizona	-7'	27-24
–	Utah St	-24'	31-7
–	at TCU	-3'	20-23 OT
–	Air Force	-7	38-35
–	at North Carolina	+4	17-31
–	at Colorado St	+4'	17-21
–	San Diego St	-10	19-28
–	at UNLV	-11'	42-32
–	Wyoming	-2'	43-13
–	New Mexico	-6	27-31
–	at BYU	+10	41-34 OT

UTAH Pre – 2006 RESULTS Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at UCLA	+3	10-31
–	N Arizona	NL	45-7
–	at Utah St	-20'	48-0
–	at San Diego St	-8'	38-7
–	Boise St - #22	-5	3-36
–	TCU	-2'	20-7
–	at Wyoming	-3	15-31
–	at New Mexico	-6	31-34
–	UNLV	-22	45-23
–	Colorado St	-11'	35-22
–	at Air Force	-1	17-14
–	BYU - #21	+10'	31-33

UTAH Pre – 2007 RESULTS Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Oregon St	+6'	7-24
–	Air Force	-7	12-20
–	UCLA - #11	+16	44-6
–	at UNLV	-7'	0-27
–	Utah St	-21'	34-18
–	at Louisville	+14	44-35
–	San Diego St	-14	23-7
–	at TCU	+3'	27-20
–	at Colorado St	-5'	27-3
–	Wyoming	-13'	50-0
–	New Mexico	-15	28-10
–	at BYU - #23	+4'	10-17

UTAH Pre – 2008 RESULTS Post #2

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Michigan	+3	25-23
#22	UNLV	-21'	42-21
#22	at Utah St	-24'	58-10
#20	at Air Force	-9	30-23
#17	Weber St	-40	37-21
#15	Oregon St	-11'	31-28
#14	at Wyoming	-23'	40-7
#14	Colorado St	-21	49-16
#10	at New Mexico	-7	13-10
#10	TCU - #11	+1'	13-10
#8	at San Diego St	-30	63-14
#8	BYU - #16	-7	48-24

UNLV REBELS

QB Omar Clayton

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2007 UNLV appeared set at QB with USC transfer Rocky Hinds (PS#11) returning. Hinds' ended up not playing at all and rFr Travis Dixon (PS#79) started. Dixon had a couple of big games including hitting 23 of 37 for 274 (56 rush) vs AF but was injured vs BYU (gm 7). Omar Clayton (PS#257) was a 5th string walk-on heading into Aug but got his first start in 50 mph winds at Colo St and amazingly became the first player in UNLV history (40 years) to top 300 yards passing and 100 rushing in the same game. I say amazingly because Randall Cunningham, of course, played here. Clayton hit 21 of 39 for 223 vs WY but was lost for the year in the 1Q vs SDSt. Dixon returned. The 2 QB's combined to throw for 208 ypg (55.1%) with a 12-13 ratio. Last year they opted to move Dixon to safety and Clayton had an outstanding year. He did not throw his first int until his 173rd att (vs Nevada). Unfortunately Clayton took a cheap shot late hit vs Iowa St after scoring a TD, was knocked out vs BYU and finally was lost for the year vs TCU but threw for 1,894 (58.9%) with an 18-4 ratio. Mike Clausen started the last 3 guiding the team to 2 wins while throwing for 767 (56%) with a 5-2. Both Clayton and Clausen return and adding depth are Les Obie (5'9" 180 Jr) and true frosh Caleb Herring. Clayton's 18 TD's were the most by a Rebel since 1997 and his int % of .0155 set a single season school record.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 David Peeples (PS#135) had the lowest total for a top rusher here since 1996 with 519 (3.9). In 2007 I projected 240 lb JUCO Frank "The Tank" Summers as the starter. Summers, who originally signed at Cal, is a big, powerful back that drew comparisons to Jerome Bettis. Summers surprisingly had only 63 in the final 2 coming up just short of 1,000 (928, 4.6). Peeples had just 42 (4.2). Last year Peeples (foot inj) played in 7 (3 rush att). Summers rushed for 740 (4.0) and while his backups varied, true frosh CJ Cox (PS#194) was #2 with 191 (3.5) with his best day being 60 vs AF. Unfortunately Summers was injured midway in the 1Q vs SDSt ending his season 3Q's early. Cox had just 8 yards on 8 carries filling in for Summers. Channing Trotter (5'8" 195 Jr, PS#274) had 110 and while he avg 10.0 ypc, he did have a 58 yd run vs TCU. This year they lose Summers (12 st, #5DC PIT). Added to the mix is John Crear (5'7" 210 rFr). While Summers numbers were not overwhelming, his physical presence will be missed.

RECEIVERS - The Rebels have had the outstanding WR combo of Ryan Wolfe and Casey Flair. In 2006 Wolfe led with 911 (16.6) and Flair had 816 (12.2). In 2007 Wolfe led with 784 (11.9) and Flair added 622 (11.5). Not only were both back last year, they added in spectacular true frosh Phillip Payne while also returning Rodelin Anthony (300, 15.8 in '07). Payne made some great catches that included a 1 handed snag in the EZ with :18 left to force OT vs Ariz St and the game winning TD vs Iowa St. It's unusual to have a team break a career receiving record, but to do it twice in one season is even rarer. Flair became the school's all-time career leader in rec's at midseason but then Wolfe passed him up. Wolfe led with 1,040 (11.8) and became the first 1,000 yard WR here since 1994 and Flair was #2 with 560 (11.4). Payne missed 3 (incl L/2) finishing with 436 (15.0) while Anthony added 227 (13.4). This year they must replace Flair (11 st), TE Ryan Worthen (8 st, 3 rec) and Gerold Rodriguez (0 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Austin Harrington (6'3" 230 So), Alex Young (6'4" 240 rFr, PS#154) and Tate Knutson (5'10" 185 Jr). Look for more use of the TE this season and even with the loss of Flair, I'll call this an improved group. The Payne/Wolfe combo is the best in the MWC.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 this unit had 4 starters back but surprisingly struggled with just 90 ypg rushing (3.1), their worst since '96. In 2007 they had to replace 3 starters but Sanford liked the potential with a RSJC and a Colo St transfer added in. They improved to 141 ypg (3.9) while allowing 31 sacks (7.6%). Making those numbers even more surprising is that a pair of opening day starters were lost during the season (Wk 2, Wk 6). Last year they only had to replace 1 starter and the unit averaged 6'4" 303. LG Johan Asiata did not allow a sack all year but surprisingly UNLV's numbers dropped to 122 ypg rush (3.6) although the sacks dropped to 14 (3.64%). This year the Rebels must replace Asiata (12 st, 2Y st'r), RG Sifa Moala (8 st, 2Y st'r), OT's Richie Plunkett (4 gm) and Mario Jeberaeel (9 gm). Matt Murphy was a 1st Tm Frosh AA in 2007 and they return four who have 8+ career starts. While not as experienced as 2008 and having to replace their top OL, I still look for UNLV's numbers to improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rebels switched to a 4 man DL in 2007 but surprisingly yielded 184 ypg rush (4.6). Last year they had to replace 2 starters but returning starter, DT Jacob Hales dislocated his elbow in August and had just 4 starts. Injuries hampered the unit with only one player starting all 12. The Rebels allowed 213 ypg (5.0), their worst since 1999 while the D had just 11 sacks. This year they lose DE Thor Pili (11 st, 29 tkl, 1 sk), Hales (20 tkl), DE George Fa'avae (2 st, 31 tkl,1 sk) and DT Perry Eppenger (4 tkl). Not only do 4 return with starting experience, JC Lale Taiese was Scout Tm POY in '08 and they add in Beau Bell's brother BJ (PS#94JC) who had 14 sacks and 10.5 tfl at JC in '08. This unit looks like a strength in '09.

LINEBACKERS - In 2007 UNLV's DC said there were 2 players on the D they could not afford to lose (Beau Bell and Starr Fuimaono). While Fuimaono was lost after 9 starts with an injury, Bell was the MWC's Def POY. Last year they had to replace Bell (#4DC) and another starter. Miss St transfer Jimmy Miller (PS#48) had just 6 tackles and quit after 4 games. Fuimaono was lost after 2 games. Two of the starters had a combined 7 tackles heading into '08. Jason Beauchamp led the MWC in tackles with 127 (6 tfl). This year the only loss is MLB Rusty Worthen (1 st, 41 tkl, 1 int) and not only do all 3 starters return, but they also welcome back Fuimaono who hopefully will stay healthy and if so, this is one of the MWC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UNLV was #115 in my pass D rankings in '05 and #113 in '06. Surprisingly with just one starter back in '07 they climbed to #51. Last year they basically had 2 starters back. CB Quinton Pointer (fastest on tm) who Sanford calls his best DB (when healthy) dislocated his elbow and missed the start of the year. He dropped 2 sure int's within 3 plays vs Utah St. They did add in JUCO SS Terrance Lee (orig signed Ole Miss). UNLV surprisingly dropped to #110. This year they lose CB Geoffrey Howard (12 st, 52 tkl, 7 pbu), Lorenzo Bursey (7 st, 62 tkl, 1 int), FS Daryl Forte (10 st, 73 tkl, 1 int), Lafayette Fletcher (6 tkl) and Kenneth Johnson (1 tkl). While they lose the teams' #3, #5 and #6 tklr's, they add in 4 JUCO's (3 IFS) plus Calvin Randleman (6'0" 195 Jr) and should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Sanford's first three years they finished #78, #43 and #102 in my ST rankings. Their weakness in 2007 was KR defense (27.8). Last year they had to replace their top K and P. Kyle Watson hit 7 of 8 FG's (long 38) while their long kicker was Ben Jaekle (PS#87) who hit 5 off 11 but with 3 misses from 50+ (long 52) and no att inside the 40 (14 TB on KO). Third string QB Dack Ishii handled the punting and avg 39.7 (34.8 tm net). True frosh Michael Johnson led in KR (23.1) and Casey Flair in PR (9.9). This year they lose Ishii and Flair but could show continued improvement after finishing #62 last year.

COACHES - Mike Sanford took over in '05 after being the OC of Utah's potent attack the previous 2 years. In 2007 he brought in a new OC in Todd Berry who took over a Div IAA team in '96 (Illinois St) that had not won a conf title since '50 and in 3 seasons took them to the national semi-finals. He was a semifinalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award his final 2 seasons there. Berry was the HC at Army from 2000-'03 then the OC at ULM in '04 and '05. Last year Sanford brought in a new DC in Dennis Therrell. He was the LB coach here in '07. He spent 2 seasons as DC at Murray St ('04-'05) after a 4 year stint at Army under then-Black Knight Coach Todd Berry. Sanford was on the hot seat all year last season and while he was given a 3 year contract extension through 2012 at $425K after his near miss of a bowl, there is only a $225K total buyout if they let him out early.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UNLV has had just one winning season the last 14 years. Mike Sanford inherited a rebuilding project in 2005 as he had just 6 starters returning from a 2-9 squad. That 2004 unit was -17 in turnovers and -49.9 ypg in the MWC. Sanford's rebuilt edition was -101.1 ypg in '05. In 2006 they expected USC transfer Rocky Hinds to be their QB but he was injured early and never 100%. The Rebels finished with the same 1-7 MWC record but this time were -69.7 ypg. In 2007 Hinds did not return so UNLV unexpectedly lacked experience at QB. They did almost beat #5 Wisconsin at home but the Badgers got a TD with 1:53 left. They upset an injury-plagued Utah 27-0 to open the year 2-2 but gave up a 43 yd TD pass with :27 left vs Nevada and would lose their last 8 finishing in the MWC basement for a 3rd straight year (-36.9 ypg, 5th best). Sanford had signed mostly JUCO's early in his tenure but 21 of his 23 signees last year were frosh and they had 7 HG's for the first time since 1979. They also had 13 returning starters (2nd most MWC). The 2008 Rebels had their moments. They upset #15 Ariz St in OT and beat another BCS team in OT in Iowa St the next week to open 3-1. UNLV came within inches of getting to a bowl game. They led 28-27 against Colo St until the Rams scored with :09 left. UNLV led AF 28-20 in the 4Q and led BYU 35-34 in the 4Q on the road finishing with a 463-454 yd edge but lost to both. They lost their starting QB Clayton but were still 5-6 after wins over NM and WY, needing only a win vs a woeful SDSt to finish bowl eligible. Unfortunately they gave up 21 points in the 4Q and lost 42-21. UNLV was outgained in MWC play by 107.2 ypg (2nd worst) and surprisingly had just 2 conf wins. They do have 14 returning starters and 7 HG's once again, which means they have a good shot at their first bowl since 2000.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 2 OMAR CLAYTON JR. 6-1 200 PS#257. 3 st, 7 gm, 618 (61%) true. 9 st (inj), 1894 (59%) 18-4, 163 rush LY. **6** Mike Clausen (6'2" 200 So) PS#311. 3 st, 9 gm, 767 (56%), 5-2 ratio rFr.

RB 3 CJ Cox So. 5-11 195 PS#194. 1 st, 12 gm, 191 (3.5) true. Bradley Randle PS#147. Imari Thompson (5'9" 200 rFr) PS#182. Chris Brogdon (5'7" 215 Sr) 100 (4.8) 3Y.

WR 18 PHILLIP PAYNE SO. 6-3 185 PS#114. 5 st, 9 gm (inj), 436 (15.0), 3rd Tm MWC true. **17** Renan Saint Preux (6'1" 185 Sr) PS#352. 254 (7.3) 3Y. Aaron Reed (6'3" 200 rFr) PS#368.

WR 85 Jerriman Robinson Sr. 6-1 190 6 st, 257 (15.1) 2Y. **15** Justin Marvel (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#371. 1 st, 80 (7.3) 2Y. RS '07. 2 gm LY. TE Luke Plante (6'3" 245 Jr) PS#318JC. Elig '09?

WR 88 RYAN WOLFE SR. 6-2 210 PS#110. **MWC Fr POY** true. 784 (11.9) '07. 11 st, 1040 (11.8), **1st Tm MWC** LY. **28** Michael Johnson (5'8" 170 So) PS#391. 1 st, 12 gm, 2 rec true.

WR 84 RODELIN ANTHONY SR. 6-5 230 PS#147. 9 st, 300 (15.8) 2Y. 4 st, 227 (13.4) LY. TE **82** Gordy Cooper (6'5" 225 rFr) PS#210. **44** Kyle Watkins (6'2" 250 So) PS#292. JUCO. RS here LY.

C 66 John Gianninoto Jr. 6-3 290 3 st, 12 gm true. 5 st, 12 gm LY. **61** Mike Donato (6'3" 300 Jr) 14 gm 2Y. LS **43** Kamu Kapanui (6'0" 245 Sr). **34** Eric Braner (5'10" 190 Jr).

RG 59 JOE HAWLEY SR. 6-3 300 PS#112. 11 gm true. 9 st, 12 gm '07. 12 st (7 @ C, 5 @ RG) LY. Doug Zismann is PS#150. Thomas Kilgore is PS#758. Could play OG or OT.

LG 63 Sean Tesoro rFr. 6-1 300 PS#146. On travel squad (only RS to travel) but RS LY. **65** Ramsey Feagai (6'2" 340 Jr) PS#195. 12 gm, top reserve, ltt'd rFr. 11 gm, ltt'd LY.

RT 73 EVAN MARCHAL JR. 6-7 290 GS '06. 12 gm, ltt'd as "true". 11 st, 11 gm (inj), LY. Key cog on OL. **72** Thomas Wren (6'6" 265 So). GS '06. RS '07. No gm action LY.

LT 75 MATT MURPHY JR. 6-4 290 L/9 st, 12 gm, **1st Tm Frosh AA** as true. 12 st, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **70** Jason Heath (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#181. Yusef Rodgers (6'2" 270 rFr). GS '07.

K 39 BEN JAEKLE JR. 6-1 170 PS#87. Called down from stands, 2-4 FG true. RS '07. 5-11 FG, L/52, 61 KO, 14 TB LY. **37** Kyle Watson (5'9" 205 Sr). 7-8 FG, L/38, short PK LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 99 ISAAKO AAITUI JR. 6-3 300 7 gm, 10 tkl rFr. 9 st, 12 gm, 32 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **91** Preston Brooks (6'3" 250 Jr). **Wash St trans.** 1 st, 10 tkl here LY. **47** Daniel Mareko (6'2" 230 Jr). 1 gm LY.

DT 68 MARTIN TEVASEU SR. 6-3 320 PS#478JC. **Ariz St trans.** 7 st, 20 tkl here last year. **97** Bennielee Shelby (6'2" 260 rFr) PS#464. George Vea (6'0" 220 So). Returning from Mission.

DT 93 MALO TAUMUA JR. 6-0 270 11 st, 38 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl, HM MWC LY. **96** Lale Taiese (6'3" 285 Jr). Nate Holloway is PS#223. **62** Anthony Lewis (6'1" 235 So).

DE NA BJ Bell Jr. 6-3 250 **PS#94JC**. Third Bell brother here. **42** Heivaha Mafi (6'1" 250 Sr) PS#413JC. 23 tkl LY. **53** Matt Kravetz (6'1" 235 So). Beau Brence (6'3" 235 rFr).

WLB 33 JASON BEAUCHAMP SR. 6-3 230 13 st, 112 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 127 tkl (#1 MWC), 9 tfl, **1st Tm MWC** LY. **55 Nate Carter** (6'0" 230 So) PS#196. 7 st, 49 tkl true. Adam Gent (5'11" 205 Sr).

MLB 56 RONNIE PAULO JR. 6-1 230 PS#335. 7 tkl true. 11 st (inj), 90 tkl LY. **58** David Blair (6'1" 235 rFr) PS#84. **52** Travis Trickey (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#216. Bryce Saldi (6'3" 215 So). 5 tkl LY.

SLB 14 STARR FUIMAONO JR. 5-11 210 4 st (inj) true. 9 st (inj), 68 tkl '07. 2 st (ACL) RS, 14 tkl LY. **40** Beau Orth (6'1" 205 So) PS#388. 1 st, 11 tkl true. Wiselet Rouzard (5'9" 210 Sr) 31 tkl 3Y.

CB 24 Warren Zeigler Jr. 6-0 170 PS#216JC. IFS. Deante' Purvis (5'11" 185 So). **4.31 spd.** 4 tkl, 18 KR (23.4), ST MVP LY. Kenny Brown PS#291JC. Nehemiah Mundy (6'0" 175 Jr) 2 tkl 2Y.

CB 10 QUINTON POINTER JR. 5-10 185 8 st, 50 tkl true. 11 st, 44 tkl, 8 pd LY. Mike Grant PS#126JC. **1** Will Chandler (5'11" 180 So) PS#207. 1 st, 15 tkl rFr. **31** David Biggs (5'8" 175 Jr).

SS 5 Chris Jones So. 6-2 175 PS#111.3 st, 11 gm, 22 tkl true. **22** Alex De Giacomo PS#233JC. IFS. **23** Terrance Lee (6'0" 175 Sr) PS#280JC. 6 st, 12 gm, 64 tkl. 3 pbu here LY.

FS 9 Travis Dixon Jr. 6-0 190 PS#79. 9 st QB '07. Saf. 5 tkl LY. **45** Marquel Martin (5'11" 190 Sr) 6 tkl 3Y. **29** Ryan Tillman (5'10" 175 Sr). 9 tkl 2Y. **36** Earl Barnes (5'9" 180 Sr).

P 13 Brendon Lamers Sr. 5-10 195 RS at **Oreg** '06. JUCO '07. 4 punts (30.0), tm net 34.8 here LY. **37** Kyle Watson (5'9" 205 Sr) FG's LY. **39** Ben Jaekle (6'1" 170 Jr) PS#87.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	BJ Bell 6-3 250 PS#94JC
DB	Mike Grant 5-11 185 PS#126JC
LB	Jordan Barrett 6-3 225 PS#128
OL	Doug Zismann 6-3 285 PS#150
DB	Warren Zeigler 6-0 170 PS#216JC
DB	Alex De Giacomo 6-0 185 PS#233JC
RB	Bradley Randle 5-8 195 PS#147
DB	Kenny Brown 5-10 160 PS#291JC
DB	Courtney Bridget 6-3 190 PS#230
DL	Nate Holloway 6-3 320 PS#223
QB	Caleb Herring 6-4 175 PS#122
DB	Charles Childers 5-11 185 PS#311
DB	Sidney Hodge 5-8 160 PS#343
LB	Reggie Umuolo 5-10 205 PS#277
WR	Mark Barefield 6-0 185 PS#364
WR	Irshad Stolden 5-9 160 PS#580
WR	Brandon Babineaux 6-4 200 PS#581
DB	John Therrell 6-1 170 PS#804
OL	Thomas Kilgore 6-4 310 PS#758
OL	Robert Waterman 6-2 275 PS#1092
OL	Andrew Mack 6-2 285 PS#1097
WR	Marcus Sullivan 5-10 170 PS#972

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#74

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UNLV	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Sacramento St	A					
Sep. 12	Oregon St	A					
Sep. 19	Hawaii	A					
Sep. 26	at Wyoming	A					
Oct. 3	at Nevada	A					
Oct. 10	BYU	A					
Oct. 17	Utah	A					
Oct. 24	at New Mexico	G					
Oct. 31	at TCU	G					
Nov. 7	Colorado St	A					
Nov. 14	at Air Force	A					
Nov. 21							
Nov. 28	San Diego St	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Randall Cunningham 8,020 '82-'84
2. Jon Denton 6,177 '96-'97
3. Sam King 5,393 '79-'81

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Thomas 3,149 '73-'74
2. Dominique Dorsey 2,834 '01-'04
3. Kirk Jones 2,656 '83-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ryan Wolfe 2,735 '06-Present
2. Earvin Johnson 2,604 '01-'04
3. Damon Williams 2,558 '95-'98

First meeting. UNLV is 23-7 vs current Big Sky tms with the only recent meeting a 54-10 win vs Idaho St in '06. The Hornets went 6-6 LY including a 23-20 loss to Colorado St.

The Rebels are 3-1 vs Oregon St & 4-9 vs the Pac-10 including a 23-20 OT upset vs #15 ASU LY. UNLV is 2-1 hosting BCS tms including a 34-31 OT win vs Iowa St LY.

The Rebels hosted #24 ranked UH in '07 & was outgained 492-349 in a 49-14 loss. UNLV is 54-73-1 vs current WAC teams including a 6-12 record vs Hawaii w/B2B losses.

The Rebels had lost 4 straight to the Cowboys before LY's 22-14 win. LY UNLV trailed 14-9 into the 4Q but finished 4 of 4 in the redzone and won the TO battle 3-0.

UNLV has dropped 4 straight for the Fremont Cannon. UNLV led 17-7 but Nevada scored 21 unanswered pts & the Rebels were outgained 620-381 including 444-54 rushing.

UNLV is 3-13 vs BYU all'g an avg of 43 ppg the L4Y. LY's gm was tied 4 times including into the 4Q & after a TD with 6:49 left LV allowed a 74/11pl drive w/1:46 left in the loss.

The Rebels are 1-12 vs the Utes S/'80 w/that win coming in a 27-0 shutout the last time here ('07). It was UNLV's 1st shutout S/'00 & the 1st time Utah had been shutout S/'93.

The Rebels are just 4-8 S/'82 vs New Mexico with their 4 wins by a combined 14 pts. Fr QB Clausen made his debut LY and led UNLV back from a 14-3 2Q deficit.

In the past 4 games, the Rebs have been outscored by a 39-9 avg score. LY UNLV's 1st TD was a 12 yd drive after a fumbled punt & their second was with 1:44 left.

UNLV was 3-0-1 the first 4 vs CSU but has gone just 1-12 since. LY the Rebels led by 1 with 6:05 left and CSU scored with :09 left & then scored on a LV fumbled lateral.

Rebels are just 1-6 vs the Falcons S/'02 including B2B losses. UNLV led 28-20 in the 4Q & after an AF TD, stopped the 2pt conv but AF went 91/17pl for the gm winning FG w/2:36 left.

UNLV has lost 3 straight & is just 1-6 S/'02. Last time here UNLV finished with a 482-318 yd edge including 187 yds (7.2) rushing by Summers but couldn't overcome a 21-0 deficit.

MIKE SANFORD (Career 11-36)

5th Year at UNLV

Sanford's Bowl Record: 0-0

Sanford's records AT UNLV

11-36	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
9-15	Home	1-6	Vs Top 25
2-21	Away	2-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-4	Off A Bye
5-27	Vs Conference	6-27	Off A Loss

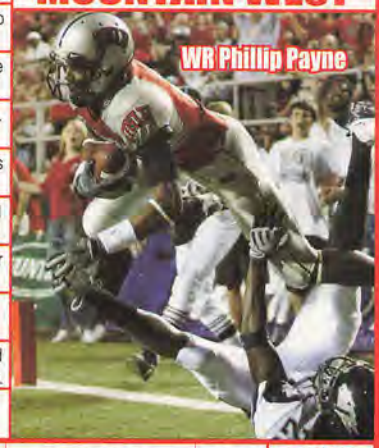
2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (19,23,4)
Lost: 20 (10,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,849 (#92)

MOUNTAIN WEST



STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800) (#82)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (TurfTech)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-5	4-7	5-7	6-6	2-9	2-9	2-10	2-10	5-7	36-70
Home	6-0	1-4	3-3	2-4	1-4	2-3	2-4	1-5	4-3	22-30
Away	2-5	3-3	2-4	4-2	1-5	0-6	0-6	1-5	1-4	14-40
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	3-4	2-5	1-6	1-7	1-7	1-7	2-6	18-49
vs Non-Conf	4-2	1-3	2-3	4-1	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-3	3-1	18-21
ATS	8-5	6-5	3-8	6-6	3-8	4-7	4-6-1	5-7	7-5	46-57-1
Home Fav (Jon Robinson 1999)	3-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-2	8-17
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	0-0	3-1	3-2	3-1	2-1	15-9
Away Favorite (Mike Sanford)	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	0-1	5-7
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	2-4	2-1	2-4	1-3	1-4-1	1-4	3-1	17-24-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	2-5	3-4	1-6	4-4	3-4-1	3-5	5-3	29-37-1
vs Non-Conf	4-2	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-2	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-2	17-20
Off SU Win	6-1	1-2	0-4	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-1	3-2	14-17
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-3	3-4	4-2	2-6	3-5	3-6-1	3-6	4-2	28-37-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
84	California	NL	Toledo	30-13
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UNLV's All-Time Bowl Record 3-0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9*	25.6	345	122	3.6	223	57.9	13.5	14	0	2008	4	32.6	423	213	5.0	210	61.2	13.0	11
7	18.2	353	141	3.9	213	54.8	19.4	31	+1	2007	6	28.6	387	184	4.6	203	59.5	13.5	22
7*	19.8	317	90	3.1	227	54.9	16.0	24	-11	2006	5	31.8	387	161	4.1	226	67.0	12.2	21
3*	18.8	325	108	3.2	217	54.6	17.3	39	-8	2005	3	34.6	406	156	3.6	250	65.8	11.7	21
5*	20.8	341	173	4.3	167	48.1	16.4	23	-17	2004	7	32.5	379	171	4.1	207	58.5	11.7	27
5	21.3	309	133	3.3	176	50.7	14.5	19	+12	2003	6	22.7	378	139	3.5	240	58.2	16.7	29
6*	24.3	409	214	5.2	195	49.0	16.8	27	-7	2002	5	30.5	394	159	4.0	235	56.3	12.9	25

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Frank Summers	183	767	27	740	8	4.0
CJ Cox	54	207	16	191	1	3.5
Omar Clayton	67	253	90	163	1	2.4
Channing Trotter	11	112	2	110	1	10.0
Ryan Wolfe	14	97	6	91	1	6.5
Mike Clausen	51	166	79	87	2	1.7
Michael Johnson	17	106	22	84	0	4.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Omar Clayton	258	152	58.9	1894	18	4
Mike Clausen	125	70	56.0	767	5	2
Dack Ishii	2	1	50.0	19	0	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Ryan Wolfe		88	1040	11.8	6	46
Casey Flair		49	560	11.4	4	41
Phillip Payne		29	436	15.0	7	45
Jerriman Robinson		15	236	15.7	1	32
Rodelin Anthony		17	227	13.4	3	28
Frank Summers		13	150	11.5	2	48
Ryan Worthen		3	22	7.3	0	15
CJ Cox		5	7	1.4	0	6

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dack Ishii	58	2303	39.7	16	34.8(t)	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kyle Watson	35-35	4-4	3-3	0-1	0-0	7-8	38
Ben Jaekle	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-6	2-5	5-11	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Beauchamp	127	2	4	3	0
Ronnie Paulo	90	0	2	3	0
Daryl Forte	73	0	2.5	5	1
Terrance Lee	64	0	0	3	0
Lorenzo Bursey	62	0	2	2	1
Geoffery Howard	52	0	2	7	0
Nate Carter	49	0	2	1	0
Quinton Pointer	44	0	0	6	2
Rusty Worthen	41	0	0.5	2	1
Isaako Aaitui	32	2	5	0	0
George Fa'avae	31	1	1.5	0	0
Thor Pili	29	1	1.5	0	0
Malo Taumua	27	1	5.5	1	0
Heivaha Mafi	23	2	0	0	0
Chris Jones	22	0	0	0	0
Jacob Hales	20	1	2	0	0
Martin Tevaseu	20	1	1	0	0
Wiselet Rouzard	19	0	0	0	0
Will Chandler	15	0	0.5	0	0
Starr Fuimaono	14	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Casey Flair	7	69	9.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Johnson	37	853	23.1	0
Deanté Purvis	18	422	23.4	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UNLV 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
18,815	Utah St	21	30-132	4.4	19-32	221	1	15	37-111	3.0	18-33	203	1	+2
45,587	at Utah	15	35-129	3.7	19-30	159	1	22	36-225	6.3	16-25	215	0	+1
59,852	at Arizona St	20	37-135	3.6	22-36	210	0	18	36-131	3.6	13-23	242	2	+1
25,567	Iowa St	24	42-209	5.0	16-22	245	1	14	35-151	4.3	13-28	155	1	-1
33,078	Nevada	18	23-54	2.3	18-38	327	2	27	58-444	7.7	11-16	176	2	-1
19,703	at Colorado St	20	33-174	5.3	14-26	173	1	24	44-216	4.9	15-21	294	2	-1
21,055	Air Force	22	35-153	4.4	19-30	251	1	26	68-346	5.1	6-7	162	1	0
64,081	at BYU	25	31-112	3.6	28-44	351	1	22	34-209	6.1	24-32	245	1	-1
16,121	TCU	12	33-108	3.3	8-22	67	3	27	52-259	5.0	16-29	151	0	-1
13,154	New Mexico	14	32-55	1.7	17-34	203	1	22	47-222	4.7	12-27	148	1	+1
18,154	Wyoming	20	50-166	3.3	17-31	157	1	15	33-151	4.6	12-21	143	0	+3
17,846	at San Diego St	16	23-33	1.4	26-40	316	1	27	30-92	3.1	35-50	387	0	-3
TOTALS		227	404-1460	3.6	223-385	2680	14	259	510-2557	5.0	191-312	2521	11	0
AVERAGES		18.9	34-122	3.6	19-32	223	3.6%	21.6	43-213	5.0	16-26	210	3.5%	0.0

2004 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Tennessee - #14	+19	17-42
–	at Wisconsin - #21	+15'	3-18
–	Air Force	-5'	10-27
–	Utah St	-13	21-31
–	Nevada	-5'	48-13
–	at BYU	+10'	24-20
–	New Mexico	-2	20-24
–	at Utah - #9	+24	28-63
–	Wyoming	-3	45-53 3OT
–	at Colorado St	+6'	10-45
–	at San Diego St	+10	3-21

2005 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at New Mexico	+15	22-24
–	Idaho	-12	34-31
–	at Nevada	-1'	14-22
–	at Utah St	-3'	24-31
–	at Wyoming	+18'	17-42
–	San Diego St	+9'	13-10
–	at Air Force	+13'	7-42
–	Utah	+11'	32-42
–	BYU	+12	14-55
–	at TCU - #18	+29	3-51
–	Colorado St	+15	27-31

2006 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Idaho St	NL	54-10
–	at Iowa St	+13'	10-16
–	at Hawaii	+13	13-42
–	Nevada	+3'	3-31
–	at Colorado St	+17'	7-28
–	New Mexico	+2'	36-39 OT
–	at BYU	+28'	7-52
–	at Utah	+22	23-45
–	TCU	+19	10-25
–	at San Diego St	+9'	7-21
–	Wyoming	+9'	26-34
–	Air Force	+10'	42-39

2007 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Utah St	-6'	23-16
–	Wisconsin - #5	+25'	13-20
–	Hawaii - #24	+17	14-49
–	Utah	+7'	27-0
–	at Nevada	+3'	20-27
–	at Air Force	+5'	14-31
–	BYU	+11	14-24
–	Colorado St	-3	23-48
–	at Wyoming	+10'	24-29
–	San Diego St	-3	30-38
–	at TCU	+18	10-34
–	at New Mexico	+10'	6-27

2008 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Utah St	-12'	27-17
–	at Utah - #22	+21'	21-42
–	at Arizona St - #15	+24	23-20 OT
–	Iowa St	-2	34-31 OT
–	Nevada	-3'	27-49
–	at Colorado St	+1'	28-41
–	Air Force	+4	28-29
–	at BYU - #18	+23'	35-42
–	TCU - #12	+14'	14-44
–	New Mexico	+6	27-20
–	Wyoming	-7	22-14
–	at San Diego St	-9'	21-42

AIR FORCE FALCONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Shaun Carney became the first ever true frosh Falcon QB to start an opener and had a tremendous 4 year career throwing for 1,491 (62.2%) with a 9-5 ratio in his senior season while becoming the school's all-time career leader in passing, total offense, TD passes and comp %. Last year they went from a 4th year senior to a very inexperienced unit. Shea Smith (7 gm, 84 ttl yds 2Y) and Eric Herbort (0 car yd) battled for the job. Herbort was leading into Aug but Smith emerged as the starter. Calhoun said he would platoon the 2 early. After the first game when Smith took almost all of the meaningful snaps, Herbort quit. True frosh Tim Jefferson and Asher Clark were next in the pecking order and Ben Cochran moved into the 3 deep. Clark spent the first 30 min of practice at QB and the rest at RB. AF went on a 7Q drought without a completion from the mid-3Q vs WY to late 2Q vs Utah. Smith was sick and left the Navy game with 11:00 left and Jefferson led an 84 yd drive and took over the starting job. Smith was the #8 rusher and threw for 413 while Jefferson won his first 5 starts and in 8 starts threw for 655 (55.0%) while rushing for 387 (3.8). He was the MWC OPW vs UNLV but also had just 3 yds rushing while hitting 2 of 7 passes vs TCU. While Smith moves on, this unit is vastly more experienced and Clark worked at QB in the spring.

RUNNING BACKS - The FB was the main ball carrier in the wishbone offense under HC Fisher DeBerry. In 2006 Chad Hall became the first HB to be the #1 rusher since '94. In '07 Hall was moved to the Z-WR slot in the new supposedly pass-happy offense. Kip McCarthy had 129 in the opener while Jim Ollis had 138 vs TCU and 73 vs Navy. Hall started to see more action at RB and finished as the MWC Off POY rushing for 1,478 (6.4) and was #1 rec with 524 (10.5) and 16 ttl TD's (681 ret yds). Unfortunately last year Hall, Ollis (682, 6.4), McCarthy (235, 4.8), Ryan Williams (220, 3.5) and Chad Smith all departed so the leading returning rusher was Savier Stephens with 148 (4.1). Of the teams 3,894 rush yds, 65% yards were by TB's in '07. Ty Paffett was to assume Hall's Z-WR spot but missed the first 4. Kyle Halderman took over that spot and his 74 yd run vs WY was a key play. The top 4 TB's were all frosh and soph. FB Newell led with 50 (3.3) vs Navy and then had 77 (4.1) vs SDSt. He was injured in the bowl and Jared Tew had 149 (5.5) finishing the year with 328 (6.6). Converted QB Clark had 588 (4.5), while Newell led with 594 (4.2). Seven RB's topped 200 and the only losses this year are Newell (11 st) and Paffett (9 st, 73, 3.8). Not listed in the PSL are Chase Wilke (5'10" 195 Jr), Nathan Walker (5'11" 215 Jr, PS#446), James Colvin (5'11" 195 So), Steve Jones (5'8" 185 So), Roman Owens (5'9" 190 So) and Justin Franklin (6'0" 225 So). Naturally this group is more experienced especially if Clark remains at RB (worked at QB in spring).

RECEIVERS - You had to expect AF to possibly double '06's passing output in Calhoun's first year as they talked about a new wide open passing style offense. DeBerry's stodgy wishbone off avg 148 ypg passing in '04 and 171 in '05. However Calhoun's pass offense totaled just 120 ypg in '07. RB/WR Chad Hall led with 50 rec and Mark Root (314 yds in '06) had 385 in '07. Last year the leading ret rec was TE Travis Dekker (missed 1st 4). Their deep threat was Spencer Armstrong, who was lost after 3 but ret'd for the bowl. With Dekker inj'd, WR Sean Quintana moved to TE. The unit saw very little action with 15 yds rec vs WY and none vs Houston. Dekker had 3 rec vs Navy and was #4 with 129 yds (9.9). Kyle Halderman led with 266 (22.2) and surprisingly frosh Kevin Fogler was the top WR with 214 (19.5). Josh Cousins was #3 with 176 (11.0). This year they must replace Dekker (7 st), Armstrong (4 st, 4 rec) and TE Keith Madsen (5 st, 4 rec). Not listed below are Will McAngus (6'1" 190 Jr), Jaquon Robinson (5'11" 185 So), Brett Skene (5'11" 190 Jr), Joshua Freeman (6'3" 195 So), Jon Escamilla (6'0" 185 So), Vincent Capra (6'6" 210 So), Casey Cox (6'2" 195 So) and Nate Christian (6'2" 190 So). I sound like a broken record but this unit is more experienced than '08's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 three OL's who started the final 5 in 2005 returned but surprisingly the unit only gained 4.2 ypc rushing, their lowest since 1997 while allowing 19 sacks (13%). In 2007 they had to replace four players who combined for 42 starts. Three did return with 6+ career starts and as the season progressed, all 5 starters played the majority of the snaps. The unit adapted well to the slightly new offense as they opened holes for 300 ypg rush (5.4), their best since 1996 while they allowed just 13 sacks (6.1%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 1 backup and their 37 career starts returning was #101 in FBS. The rushing numbers did drop some to 267 ypg (4.5) but the group allowed just 5 sacks (3.6%). This year they lose HM MWC C Andrew Pipes (13 st) and LT Keith Williams (13 st, 2Y st'r). They have 3 starters returning (63 car st overall) making them the most experienced O-line in Calhoun's tenure.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After having inexperienced D-lines in both '05 and '06 and playing in a 4-3 front, AF switched to a 3-4 and had 6 players back in '07 who had combined for 21 starts in '06. AF improved to allowing 136 ypg rush (3.5) with 28 sacks. Last year all 3 starters returned but NG Jared Marvin tore his ACL in the spring and missed the first 4 and had just 11 tackles so they actually had just 2 starters back. Surprisingly AF allowed 142 ypg (3.7) but the sacks did increase to 34. This year they lose 1st Tm MWC DE Jake Paulson (13 st, 52 tkl, 9 sk), DE Ryan Kemp (13 st, 43 tkl, 2.5 sk) and Marvin (0 st). Not listed below are Zach Payne (6'3" 240 So) and Kevin Whitt (6'3" 240 So). They return my 3rd Tm MWC NG Ben Garland but the returnees combined for just 6 sacks last year. While they could improve the rush D, it is a less experienced group but Calhoun was impressed with them in the spring.

LINEBACKERS - A main reason for AF's rush D not being as stout last year was the fact that they had to replace 3 starting LB's including a 1st Tm MWC (#1, #3, #5 and #10 tkl'r). This year they lose OLB Hunter Altman (13 st, 88 tkl, 3 sk), ILB Brandon Reeves (11 st, 42 tkl) and Clay Bryant (7 tkl). While they lose their #3 and #10 tackler, they return their #1 in Ken Lamendola, who made my 3rd Tm MWC squad and #7 Justin Moore who only started 2. Four return with starting experience making this a more veteran group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '05 AF had just 2 returning starters and finished #112 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they only had to replace one starter but only finished #114. In '07 they again had to replace one starter, but an '05 starter regained his spot and earned 1st Tm MWC (6 int). As you would expect, they climbed to #69. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (85 car st) with the lone returnee being SS Chris Thomas (#2 tkl'r). Calhoun said new CB Reggie Rembert was the most explosive player on the team (also used on off). True frosh CB Anthony Wright started the last 10. The inexperienced unit climbed to #48 (highest ever ranking in my pass D). This year they lose FS Aaron Kirchoff (13 st, 60 tkl, 2 int), SS Luke Yeager (35 tkl, 1 int) and CB Kevin Rivers (10 tkl). AF could have a chance to eclipse last year's solid performance but Rembert was susp in spring and is questionable.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ryan Harrison (PS#45) had a huge year in 2007 with 32 TB's on 77 KO's (#2 FBS) and a 36.4 net punting avg. He also hit 19 of 27 FG's and was 3 of 4 from 50+ (L/57). Chad Hall was a dangerous returnman and AF finished #11 in my ST rankings. LY they only had to replace Hall. Unfortunately Harrison saw his net drop to 34.2 (2 blk'd). He did hit 24 of 29 FG's (long 48) and had 23 TB on 74 KO. His 24 FG's set a new school record (Dave Lawson '74 and Dave Adams '00). Reggie Rembert avg 12.8 on PR but just 19.2 on KR. Since Harrison did not match his '07 #'s, AF dropped down to #64. Rembert should be back and AF could actually move up in my ST rankings despite losing their P & K.

COACHES - Troy Calhoun is a 1989 graduate of Air Force (1st alumnus to be HC here) and is just the 6th coach in school history. In 2006 he was the OC for the Houston Texans and was an asst with Denver. He was also the OC at Ohio ('97-'00) and Wake Forest ('01-'02) where his '02 Deacons led the ACC in total offense! In July 2007 his OC quit so he promoted QB Coach Blane Morgan and OL Coach Clay Hendrix to co-OC's. The DC is Tim DeRuyter ('85 AF grad) who was the Nevada co-DC the 2 years prior. Before that he was DC at Ohio for 3 seasons. Calhoun was given a 5 year contract extension through 2013.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I thought Fisher DeBerry did an amazing job here at AF as in his 23 years he had just 5 losing seasons despite the strict acad standards and the fact that players have military commitments making it tough to recruit. After an outstanding '03 season where they opened 5-0 and #25 in the ESPN poll, AF went 2-5 down the stretch and did not make a bowl then surprisingly went 5-6, 4-7 and 4-8 in DeBerry's final 3 seasons. In his final year, they suffered 5 close losses and despite a 4-8 record and having to face #11 Tenn and #9 ND, they were outscored by ONLY 1.9 ppg. Troy Calhoun stepped into a great situation in '07 and they went 6-2 in MWC play in his first year which was the Falcons' best ever MWC record. They did have some fortunate wins as they faced Utah which was without their top QB, RB and WR due to inj. AF trailed TCU by 14 in the 4Q but won in OT. They got a questionable 85 yd FR TD vs WY that keyed the 8 pt win. They did almost beat Cal in the bowl but lost QB Carney when they led 21-0 and ended up losing by 6. There were some factors pointing towards a weaker record for the Falcons LY. Despite their 6-2 MWC record, AF had been outgained in conf play by 13.6 ypg! After going 4-11 the previous 3 years in games decided by 8 or less, things bounced their way in '07 and they were 3-1. They benefitted from +10 in TO's and had just 8 ret starters, actually losing more lettermen than they had returning (25 lost, 23 ret'd). They were picked 6th in the MWC in '08 (picked 7th in '07) and had 15 soph and 16 seniors on the 2 deep. Calhoun did a great job getting AF to 8 wins last season (1 less than '07). They did catch some breaks however. The game vs Houston was moved to 10 am (CST) due to a hurricane and was played in Dallas in front of a handful of people in heavy winds which affected UH's pass off and AF got the 3-pt win. SDSt was missing their starting QB and AF overcame a 10-7 halftime deficit. UNLV led 28-26 late and AF got their first lead on a FG w/2:36 left. NM led 10-0 and was about to make it 17-0 but a 96 yd FR TD turned it around and NM was SOD twice inside the 10. The Falcons did get to 8-2 before losing their last 3. This time AF benefitted from +13 in TO's and only had 12 starts lost to inj all year. Forty-four underclassmen on the 2 deep return including 3 Fr and 3 Soph starters. Just 8 Sr's started the bowl and while TY's group is more experienced, the '08 version had just 17 juniors so next year they will be even more experienced. AF's 11 MWC wins the last 2 years are the best in the B2B years beating '00-'01 (8). Calhoun is now 9-3 in the 2H of the season. While AF won't likely catch all of the breaks they have had the last 2 years, this is Calhoun's most veteran edition and they should be bowl bound for a 3rd straight year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Nathan Badger 6-2 255 PS#209
OL	Jake Morin 6-5 287 PS#267
LB	James Chambers 5-11 222 PS#225
RB	Cody Getz 5-6 151 PS#248
DB	Steffon Batts 5-11 170 PS#319
QB	Caleb Knights 6-2 185 PS#169
WR	Joey Parris 6-0 185 PS#291
DL	Dan Zotto 6-4 218 PS#360
LB	Brian Corcoran 6-0 195 PS#302
DB	Joe Rippe 6-2 205 PS#406
DB	Loyd Bradley 6-0 166 PS#416
LB	Brett Johnson 6-1 210 PS#338
OL	Nick Jackson 6-4 291 PS#469
RB	Brent Michaels 6-0 225 PS#403
OL	Garrett Hedrick 6-3 266 PS#486
QB	Desi Rodriguez 6-0 185 PS#256
DB	Jordan Padgett 6-2 195 PS#551
K	Daniel Compton 5-10 205 PS#74
DL	Kyle Shaw 6-4 218 PS#576
WR	Drew Coleman 5-10 165 PS#546
DL	Evan Kaufman 6-4 251 PS#620
TE	Devin Durden 6-4 215 PS#174
WR	Tucker Hancock 5-6 147 PS#601
OL	Drew Swartz 6-4 240 PS#722
DL	Johnson Jamison 6-3 223 PS#654
DB	Pierce Roland 5-9 160 PS#817
OL	Jordan Wilson 6-0 240 PS#854
DL	Rob Ferrell 6-2 205 PS#779
WR	Gavin Mills 6-5 181 PS#732
TE	Colin King 6-4 225 PS#221
LB	Richard Stevens 6-2 215 PS#951
RB	Darius Jones 5-8 170 PS#935
QB	Kevin Jackson 5-10 170 PS#611
DL	Dylan Turner 6-2 265 PS#1000
OL	Corey Howard 6-1 295 PS#1159
RB	Jordan Ollis 5-11 220 PS#1041
K	David Baska 6-1 160 PS#280
OL	David Greenstreet 6-4 215 PS#1788
DB	Ashton Barbour 6-0 180 PS#1875

At the time of this writing some prospects have signed a "Certificate of Intent" but that is a nonbinding conditional offer. The prospect must accept a USAFA appointment in writing in order to attend the Academy.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 TIM JEFFERSON SO. 6-0 200 PS#390. L/8 st, 655 (55%) 5-3 ratio, 387 rush, MWC FR POY true. **12** Ben Cochran (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#213. **6** Connor Dietz (6'0" 185 So) JV sqd LY.

FB 42 Jared Tew Jr. 6-0 210 1 st, 10 gm, 328 (6.6) incl 149 in bowl gm LY. **40** Ryan Southworth (5'10" 220 Jr) PS#158. 11 gm, 40 (5.7) LY. **38** Ryan Misare (5'10" 205 So) PS#196.

TB 17 ASHER CLARK SO. 5-8 185 L/8 st, 588 (4.5) true. QB spg. **2** Savier Stephens (5'11" 190 Jr) 384 (3.7) 2Y. Kyle Lumpkin (5'9" 180 Jr) 5 st, 452 (3.8) LY. Luke Hyder (5'11" 195 Sr).

WRZ 4 Kyle Halderman Jr. 5-11 175 PS#411.4 st, 350 rush (9.7) 12 rec LY. **15** Jonathan Warzeka (5'9" 175 So) PS#311. 42 rush (4.7) true. **80** Anthony Hemphill (6'1" 200 Sr) 3 gm LY.

WR 87 JOSH COUSINS SR. 6-0 200 PS#142. QB/WR, 4 gm '07. 7 st, 176 (11.0) LY. **83** Kevin Fogler (6'5" 205 Jr) PS#491. 2 st, 9 gm (inj), 214 (19.5) LY. David Lucas (6'1" 170 So) PS#288.

TE 81 Sean Quintana Sr. 6-2 200 7 st WR, 67 (8.4) '07. 2 st, 13 gm, 39 (13.0) LY. **84** Daniel Pickett (6'4" 225 So) PS#173. 1 gm true. **82** Chaz Demerath (6'2" 195 Jr) 1 gm LY.

C 65 Michael Hampton Sr. 6-2 260 2 gm '06. 2 gm '07. 13 gm LY. **55** Michael Hester (6'3" 240 So). **64** Evan Epstein (6'4" 285 So). **LS 56** Colton Reid (6'0" 255 So) PS#526.

RG 62 PETER LUSK SR. 6-3 270 JV Tm '06. L/3 st, 13 gm '07. 13 st LY. **61** Tyler Schonsheck (6'1" 265 Jr) 1 gm LY. Ben Brown (6'4" 255 Jr) PS#543. David Furlow (6'3" 255 So).

LG 57 NICK CHARLES SR. 6-4 285 PS#542.6 st, 9 gm true. 13 st. 2nd Tm MWC '07. 13 st, **1st Tm MWC** LY. **63** Jeffrey Benson (6'0" 265 So). Corey Skolnick-Page (6'1" 265 So) PS#423.

RT 60 CHRIS CAMPBELL SR. 6-3 270 PS#158. JV Tm '06. 2 st, 9 gm '07. 13 st, 3rd Tm MWC LY. **74** Chase Darden (6'3" 265 Jr) 1 tkl, 2 gm DL LY. **67** Dan Campbell (6'2" 245 Jr).

LT 73 AJ Wallerstein So. 6-4 285 PS#138.5 gm true. **59** Ryan Gonzales (6'3" 255 Sr) PS#195. 5 tkl 2Y DL. 13 gm OL LY. **66** Blake Dowd (6'5" 285 So). **95** Mike Cecero (6'7" 275 So).

K 94 Zack Bell Jr. 6-2 180 PS#74. JV Tm '07. No gm action LY. **96** Garrett Jack (5'7" 175 So). **99** Erik Soderberg (6'1" 190 So) PS#90. 1 KO LY. Daniel Compton is PS#74.

DE 51 Myles Morales Sr. 6-3 250 JV '06. Susp '07. 8 gm, 4 tkl LY. **88** Ben Kopacka (6'5" 235 So) PS#102. JV Tm LY. Nathan Badger PS#209. **99** Ryan Gardner (6'3" 240 So) PS#331.

NG 93 BEN GARLAND SR. 6-5 275 8 st, 33 tkl 2Y, 13 st, 39 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 3rd Tm MWC LY. **89** Bradley Connor (6'2" 265 Jr) PS#438. 1 tkl 2Y. Stephen Larson (6'0" 255 Sr). 29 tkl '07. 2 gm (inj) LY.

DE 90 Rick Ricketts Jr. 6-3 260 43 tkl 2Y. **92** Wylie Wikstrom (6'2" 235 Jr). Kebin Umodu (6'2" 240 So) PS#165. Ryan Williams (6'1" 265 So) PS#368. Alexander Arndt (6'4" 255 Jr) PS#157.

OLB 36 ANDRE MORRIS JR. 6-3 235 PS#310. 1 st, 10 tkl true. 11 st, 13 gm, 33 tkl LY. **32** Jordan Waiwaiole (6'3" 210 So) PS#247. **53** Braylon Gurnell (6'2" 195 Jr) PS#381. 1 gm LY.

ILB 47 KEN LAMENDOLA JR. 6-2 230 PS#246. 2 tkl true. 13 st, 118 tkl, 3rd Tm MWC LY. **55** Austin Demmel (6'1" 200 So) PS#355. Colton Floyd (6'0" 215 So) PS#368. Ben Chroniger (6'1" 230 So).

ILB 43 Justin Moore Sr. 5-11 225 1 gm '07. 2 st, 45 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **45** John Falgout (6'0" 225 Sr) PS#188. 6 tkl 2Y. James Chambers is PS#225. **54** Will Coley (6'0" 205 So) PS#428.

OLB 44 Patrick Hennessey Jr. 6-2 215 PS#427.9 gm, 12 tkl true. 2 st, 11 gm, 17 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **58** Brady Amack (6'0" 225 So) PS#64. 1 gm true. **37** Will Keuchler (6'0" 200 Jr) 3 tkl true. 5 tkl LY.

CB 5 ANTHONY WRIGHT SO. 5-10 190 PS#381. 10 st, 43 tkl, 6 pd true. **33** PJ Adeji-Paul (6'0" 190 So) PS#368. 2 gm true. Steffon Batts is PS#319. **38** Ryan Curry (6'0" 170 Jr). 1 gm LY.

CB 8 REGGIE REMBERT JR. 5-7 175 PS#444, 22 tkl true. 13 st, 66 tkl, 7 pd, 17 PR (12.8) 3rd Tm MWC PR LY. ? Susp. **18** Elliott Battle (5'9" 170 Jr) 7 gm LY. **3** Jon Richardson (5'11" 195 So).

SS 34 CHRIS THOMAS SR. 5-11 205 PS#461.25 tkl true. 13 st, 110 tkl, 11 pd, HM MWC '07. 13 st, 107 tkl, 9 tfl, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **10** Josh Hall (6'0" 175 So) PS#408. JV Tm LY. 4.52 spd.

FS 16 Jon Davis So. 6-1 190 5 tkl true. **24** Phil Ofili (5'11" 200 So) PS#181. 3 tkl true. Jonathon Ashley (6'0" 195 Jr). **13** Dillon Stucky (6'1" 175 So). **2** Manuel Smith (6'1" 190 So).

P 98 Brandon Geyer Sr. 6-4 200 13 gm as holder '07. 9 punts (48.9), tm net 34.2 LY. **97** Keil Bartholomew (5'8" 165 Jr). JV Tm '07. No gm action LY. **93** Andrew Heard (6'3" 210 So).

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Calhoun's records AT AIR FORCE

17-9	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
9-3	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
7-4	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
11-5	Vs Conference	3-4	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,21,1)
Lost: 21 (9,10,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,134 (#63)
MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#89

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score AF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Nicholls St	A					
Sep. 12	at Minnesota	A					
Sep. 19	at New Mexico	G					
Sep. 26	San Diego St	A					
Oct. 3	at Navy	A					
Oct. 10	TCU	A					
Oct. 17	Wyoming	A					
Oct. 24	at Utah	A					
Oct. 31	at Colorado St	A					
Nov. 7	Army	A					
Nov. 14	UNLV	A					
Nov. 21	at BYU	G					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Shaun Carney 5,391 '04-'07
2. Dave Ziebart 4,789 '76-'79
3. Rich Haynie 4,283 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Dee Dowis 3,612 '86-'89
2. Beau Morgan 3,379 '94-'96
3. John Kershner 2,726 '80-'83

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ernie Jennings 2,392 '68-'70
2. Mike Kirby 1,909 '80-'83
3. Ryan Fleming 1,515 '99-'01

First Meeting. The Colonels went 3-6 LY including a 31-10 loss at Memphis. The Falcons have won 6 of 7 home openers & are 13-0 vs FCS opp's winning by an avg of 33 ppg.

First meeting. AF is 5-8-2 vs current Big Ten tms & won the last 2 beating NW 22-21 in '03 & 52-3 in '02. This is Minny's first game in their brand new TCF Bank Stadium.

AF has won 4 of L/5 vs NM. LY NM forced 3 early TO's and led 10-0 about to go up 17-0 when they fumbled & AF returned it 96 yds for a TD. AF scored the final 23 pts.

Last year Air Force held San Diego St to just 165 total yds including 18 in the 2H. Fr QB Jefferson made his 1st start & led an AF rush attack to 401 yds (5.2).

Last year AF had a 411-244 yd edge but had 2 punts blocked & returned for TD's. AF was 19-2 from '82-'02 vs Navy, but has lost a series high 6 straight (by a combined 33 pts).

AF has lost 5 of L/6 vs TCU. Last year AF was held to 161 yds with 111 coming on 2 runs. Last time here AF overcame a 14 pt 4Q deficit in their 20-17 OT win in '07.

AF has won 3 straight matching the longest win streak by either tm. In LY's 23-3 win AF held WY to 216 yds. The 3 pts allowed is AF's best conf defensive performance S/'98.

AF has dropped 5 of L/6 to Utah but the L/3 losses have been by 4 ppg. LY AF was outgained 440-191 but led 16-9 at HT & was tied at 23 before allowing an 80/11pl TD with :58 left.

The visitor is 2-9 in this series S/'98. Last yr AF held the Rams to just 105 yds in the 2H & CSU didn't score while AF QB Jefferson had a career high 171 yds passing.

Air Force is 18-2 S/'89 vs the Black Knights holding Army to 7 pts or less 12 times. Last yr Army scored on the opening drive & was then held scoreless the last 58:42.

The Falcons have played the Rebels every year since 1996 & have gone 10-3. AF scored with 13:47 left (2ptng) & then went 91/17pl for a GW FG with 2:36 left.

AF is just 6-23 all-time vs the Cougars dropping 5 straight by an avg of 19 ppg. LY the Falcons led 14-10 at HT but allowed 21 straight pts on 3 short TD's (45/8pl, 20/3pl & 58/8pl).

STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (46,692) (#68)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	6-6	8-5	7-5	5-6	4-7	4-8	9-4	8-5	60-49
Home	5-1	4-2	4-3	5-1	3-4	2-3	2-4	6-0	3-3	34-21
Away	3-2	2-4	4-1	2-4	2-2	1-4	2-4	3-3	4-1	23-25
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	3-3
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-5	3-5	6-2	5-3	35-32
vs Non-Conf	4-1	3-2	4-2	4-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-2	3-2	25-17
ATS	8-3	3-8	9-4	4-7	5-5	5-6	4-8	9-3	7-5	54-49
Home Fav	1-2	0-3	4-2	3-2	1-3	2-2	1-2	4-0	2-1	18-17
Home Dog	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-3	1-0	1-1	6-7
Away Favorite	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	2-1	9-10
Away Dog	2-0	2-3	2-0	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	3-2	1-1	17-12
Neutral	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-2
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-3	2-5	4-3	4-4	2-6	7-1	5-3	36-31
vs Non-Conf	3-1	0-4	5-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-2	18-18
Off SU Win	6-2	2-3	6-2	2-5	2-2	1-2	1-3	7-2	6-2	33-23
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-4	2-2	2-2	3-2	3-4	2-5	2-1	1-3	18-24

Jaret Doherty 1st
Troy Calhoun

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Todd Newell	142	601	7	594	4	4.2
Asher Clark	132	656	68	588	5	4.5
Kyle Lumpkin	119	463	11	452	1	3.8
Tim Jefferson	101	444	57	387	3	3.8
Kyle Halderman	36	360	10	350	1	9.7
Jared Tew	50	328	0	328	4	6.6
Savier Stephens	67	252	16	236	2	3.5
Shea Smith	60	257	28	229	6	3.8
Spencer Armstrong	6	100	1	99	0	16.5
Ty Paffett	19	84	11	73	0	3.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tim Jefferson	80	44	55.0	655	5	3
Shea Smith	57	30	52.6	413	4	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kyle Halderman	12	266	22.2	3	74	
Kevin Fogler	11	214	19.5	0	53	
Josh Cousins	16	176	11.0	2	32	
Travis Dekker	13	129	9.9	2	59	
Ty Paffett	6	112	18.7	0	53	
Spencer Armstrong	4	74	18.5	0	46	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ryan Harrison	43	1673	38.9	16	34.2(t)	2	11
Brandon Geyer	9	440	48.9	1	–	0	2
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ryan Harrison	36-36	9-10	8-8	7-9	0-2	24-29	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ken Lamendola	118	3	1.5	1	1
Chris Thomas	107	5	4	4	1
Hunter Altman	88	3	5	2	0
Reggie Rembert	66	2	4.5	4	3
Aaron Kirchoff	60	0	3	5	2
Jake Paulson	52	9	5.5	2	0
Justin Moore	45	1	3.5	4	1
Ryan Kemp	43	2.5	2.5	5	0
Anthony Wright	43	0	1	5	1
Brandon Reeves	42	0	2.5	3	1
Ben Garland	39	4	3.5	2	0
Luke Yeager	35	0	1	0	1
Andre Morris	33	1	1	1	1
Rick Ricketts	28	1	1.5	0	0
Patrick Hennessey	17	2	0	1	0
Jared Marvin	11	0.5	0	0	0
Luke Hyder	11	0	0	0	0
Kevin Rivers	10	0	0	0	0
Clay Bryant	7	0	0	0	0
Brenton Byrd-Fulbright	6	0	0	1	0
John Falgout	5	0	1	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Reggie Rembert	17	217	12.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Reggie Rembert	35	673	19.2	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Oahu Classic - #16	-3'	Washington	45-25
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34
02	San Francisco	+11'	Virginia Tech - #21	13-20
07	Armed Forces	+4	California	36-42
08	Armed Forces	+3'	Houston	28-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Air Force's All-Time Bowl Record 8–10–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
3	26.8	349	267	4.5	82	53.6	13.0	5	+13	2008	5	22.2	341	142	3.7	200	58.4	15.4	34
6*	29.9	419	300	5.4	120	60.7	14.0	13	+10	2007	6	21.1	369	136	3.5	232	58.5	17.5	28
7*	23.2	331	229	4.2	101	57.5	14.2	19	+8	2006	5	25.2	355	141	4.1	213	66.7	14.1	18
6*	30.0	417	247	4.6	171	59.0	13.9	14	-7	2005	6	31.7	429	174	4.3	255	65.7	13.5	13
3	29.6	425	277	4.7	148	59.8	14.4	14	+1	2004	3	31.1	422	200	4.9	222	56.4	13.6	19
7*	26.8	386	281	4.7	105	50.3	14.4	1	+6	2003	6	20.2	352	169	4.0	183	54.2	17.5	20
2	33.8	398	308	5.1	90	43.5	11.8	3	+9	2002	6	23.3	354	156	4.0	199	56.8	15.2	31

OFFENSE — 2008 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

AF 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
39,180	Southern Utah	29	76-433	5.7	8-12	75	0	8	23-7	0.3	15-25	123	4	0
23,168	at Wyoming	12	63-261	4.1	3-4	15	0	10	33-140	4.2	8-22	76	4	+4
2,546	† Houston	20	71-380	5.4	0-7	0	0	29	28-172	6.1	34-57	362	3	+2
36,952	Utah	9	42-53	1.3	7-13	138	0	24	53-197	3.7	16-24	243	5	+1
46,339	Navy	20	56-227	4.1	12-21	184	0	13	56-206	3.7	1-2	38	0	0
43,630	at San Diego St	30	77-401	5.2	5-7	72	0	12	27-35	1.3	19-38	130	5	0
21,055	at UNLV	26	68-346	5.1	6-7	162	1	22	35-153	4.4	19-30	251	1	0
25,101	New Mexico	17	69-227	3.3	1-3	1	1	14	47-212	4.5	9-18	91	1	+1
37,409	at Army	10	49-142	2.9	3-8	32	0	17	48-143	3.0	8-26	107	1	+2
39,052	Colorado St	19	51-284	5.6	6-8	171	0	19	30-103	3.4	19-36	251	2	+2
42,177	BYU	21	51-323	6.3	12-20	98	0	32	36-126	3.5	28-37	354	3	0
32,823	at TCU	7	37-150	4.1	3-10	11	1	30	52-183	3.5	21-27	321	4	0
41,127	† Houston	21	67-243	3.6	8-18	109	2	20	32-163	5.1	22-33	252	1	+1
TOTALS		241	777-3470	4.5	74-138	1068	5	250	500-1840	3.7	219-375	2599	34	+13
AVERAGES		18.5	60-267	4.5	6-11	82	3.6%	19.2	38-142	3.7	17-29	200	9.1%	1.0

2004 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	California - #13	+14	14-56	
–	E Washington	NL	42-20	
–	at UNLV	+5'	27-10	
–	at Utah - #14	+22	35-49	
–	Navy	-1	21-24	
–	New Mexico	-3'	28-23	
–	BYU	-2'	24-41	
–	at Wyoming	+3	26-43	
–	at Army	-3'	31-22	
–	San Diego St	-6	31-37	
–	Colorado St	+1'	47-17	

2005 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	† Washington	+3	20-17	
–	San Diego St	-7'	41-29	
–	Wyoming	-2'	28-29	
–	at Utah	+7	35-38	
–	at Colorado St	+3'	23-41	
–	at Navy	-2	24-27	
–	UNLV	-13'	42-7	
–	TCU - #21	E	10-48	
–	at BYU	+6'	41-62	
–	Army	-11'	24-27	
–	at New Mexico	+12	42-24	

2006 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Tennessee - #11	+20	30-31	
–	at Wyoming	+1	31-24	
–	New Mexico	-13'	24-7	
–	Navy	-2'	17-24	
–	Colorado St	-6	24-21	
–	at San Diego St	-13'	12-19	
–	BYU	+9'	14-33	
–	at Army	-4'	43-7	
–	Notre Dame - #9	+10'	17-39	
–	Utah	+1	14-17	
–	at UNLV	-10'	39-42	
–	at TCU	+17	14-38	

2007 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	S Carolina St	NL	34-3	
–	at Utah	+7	20-12	
–	TCU	+7'	20-17 OT	
–	at BYU	+11'	6-31	
–	at Navy	+2'	20-31	
–	UNLV	-5'	31-14	
–	at Colorado St	+3	45-21	
–	Wyoming	-2'	20-12	
–	at New Mexico	+5'	31-34	
–	Army	-16'	30-10	
–	at Notre Dame	-4	41-24	
–	San Diego St	-11	55-23	

2008 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Southern Utah	NL	41-7	
–	at Wyoming	+2'	23-3	
–	† Houston	+2'	31-28	
–	Utah - #20	+9	23-30	
–	Navy	-4	27-33	
–	at San Diego St	-10'	35-10	
–	at UNLV	-4	29-28	
–	New Mexico	-5'	23-10	
–	at Army	-7'	16-7	
–	Colorado St	-9'	38-17	
–	BYU - #16	+4	24-38	
–	at TCU - #15	+19'	10-44	

COLORADO ST RAMS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Rams had to replace a veteran QB in Caleb Hanie (29 car st) who had thrown for 2,455 (64.2%) with an 18-15 ratio in 2007 which was surprisingly #1 in the MWC in pass efficiency! Billy Farris hit 11 of 19 for 148 in 5 games in '06. In 2007 Farris played in 3 throwing for 91 yards (45%) but missed the final 2 and Grant Stucker (PS#101) was the backup in those. Farris won the job in '08 and it appeared the backup would be either Stucker or the mobile TJ Borcky (PS#96). Surprisingly at the end of the month Klay Kubiak (PS#256, father is HOU Texans' HC Gary) won the spot. Farris took almost all of the snaps in the first 3 but vs Cal, Kubiak came off the bench to throw for a game high 130. Later Farris was pulled vs TCU despite having 2 TD passes dropped and Kubiak hit just 12 of 24 for 121 vs their excellent D. Farris took most of the snaps until WY, when he was pulled for a couple of series in the 2Q but returned to lead them to the win. For the season Farris threw for 2,934 (61.5%) with a 19-13 ratio. Kubiak threw for 252 (51.4%) with an 0-2 ratio, but had shoulder surgery and missed the bowl (also out spring). Stucker got in 5 passes and Borcky, who moved to WR had 2 rec and 2 rush att's. This year they once again lose a senior (Farris) and added to the mix is JUCO Jon Eastman (recruited to replace Farris) who was in for the spring and true frosh Nico Ranieri (PS#93). This group is close to 2008 in terms of experience.

RUNNING BACKS - The Rams usually have a solid rush attack and when Fairchild was the OC, they had a pair of 1,000 yard RB's twice ('96 & '97). As a frosh in '05 Kyle Bell rushed for 1,288 (4.7) with 58% of his yards coming after contact. Bell missed 2006 (ACL) and the Rams had their lowest rushing total in the Lubick era avg 77 ypg (2.5). Bell returned in 2007 but was not the same rushing for just 691 (3.8). Gartrell Johnson (PS#177) fumbled 4 of his first 7 att's in '05. Johnson led in '06 but with just 305 (2.8). He showed big-time improvement in '07 and rushed for 957 (5.3) topping 100 in each of the final 3. Both returned last year and were expected to split the snaps. Johnson emerged as one of the top RB's in the MWC rushing for 1,476 (5.3) and added 32 rec. He had a career high 285 in the bowl and set an FBS bowl record with 375 total yards. Bell rushed for 215 (3.5) and had 11 rec and John Mosure had 122 (4.1) and 122 yd rec while also playing QB in the Wildcat formation. This year they lose both Johnson (13 st, #4DC SD) and Bell as well as Mike Myers (9 yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Alex Square (5'9" 181 Sr, PS#272), Amadeus Waters (5'10" 199 Jr, PS#222), Derek Good (5'10" 192 So), Mark Woodbury (6'1" 195 So), true frosh Chris Nwoke (PS#267) and FB Colin Leffert (5'10" 202). Naturally this unit looks significantly weaker than 2008's.

RECEIVERS - In both 2006 and 2007 CSU had a veteran receiving corps but in 2007 the unit was hit hard by injuries. NFL caliber TE Kory Sperry (PS#39) was lost in the opener. Johnny Walker was #1 when he was injured and he finished #2 with 525 (14.6). Last year they had to replace 4 of the top 5 rec with Dion Morton being the top returnee with 183 (9.1). They did get the return of Sperry and he finished #3 with 492 (12.9). The WR's were impressive looking with the top 4 having both size and speed. After disappointing springs, Rashaun Greer (who had never even had a pass thrown in his direction the previous 2 years) and Morton were much improved in Aug. Greer became the first 1,000 yd receiver here since 2005 with 1,114 (17.7) and Morton added 859 (16.8). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Marquise Law (6'4" 195 rFr, PS#235), Jyrone Hickman (6'3" 200 Jr), Blake Swain (6'1" 180 rFr), Alex Johnson (6'2" 188 rFr) and Zach Seibel (6'0" 195 So). This year they lose Sperry and TE Chris Kawulok (1 rec) but have everyone else back making this unit much more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The O-line was usually a strength under Sonny Lubick and in fact, from 2001-2003 paved the way for 4.6 ypc each season. The next three years, the OL only opened holes for 3.1, 3.5 and in '06 had the worst production of the Lubick era managing just 77 ypg (2.5) while allowing 41 sacks (11.3%). That year they used 10 different OL combos due to injury. In 2007 they had to replace two starters but had a great deal of experience due to '06's injuries and improved to 3.8 ypc while allowing 37 sacks (11.7%). Fairchild inherited a veteran group as they only had to replace one starter and as you would expect had their best numbers in 5 years with 4.2 ypc (148 ypg) and just 26 sacks (6.1%). This year they lose RT Dane Stratton (9 st) and G Phil Serchia (4 gm) but their 129 returning career starts are the most of any FBS team and they will be one of the MWC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '07 the Rams had their entire 2 deep back but surprisingly allowed 207 ypg rush (4.9). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 1 backup but did have experience (29 starts returning). They moved starting SLB Jake Pottorff in so the unit had 42 career starts. The Rams dropped to allowing 5.3 ypc rush (190 ypg) while the team sack total dropped from 23 to 10. This year they lose NG Matt Rupp (13 st, 21 tkl), DE Tommie Hill (13 st, 30 tkl, 3 sk, 2 int), DE Wade Landers (8 st, 15 tkl, 1 sk) and DE Pottorff (5 st, 16 tkl). Not listed below are DT's Jake Mechler (6'3" 283 Jr) and Jeremiah Aiken (6'6" 250 rFr). They again have to replace 3 starters but this year are less experienced with just 13 returning career starts.

LINEBACKERS - The Rams had just one starter returning in 2007 and rFr Ricky Brewer was the MWC Preseason Newcomer of the Year. Last year the unit was well stocked but SLB Pottorff (#5 tkl'r) was moved to DE so 2 starters were back (#1, #3 tkl'r). Mychal Sisson became the first Colo St player to earn Frosh AA honors as he led the team in tackles with 105 and added 8 tfl. This year they suffered an unexpected loss when #2 tackler Ricky Brewer (12 st) was susp for 2009. Also gone is MLB Jeff Horinek (13 st, 88 tkl, 2 int), John Clark (2 st, 25 tkl) and Curtis Cornelson (5 tkl). I like the potential of this group but with the loss of their #2 and #3 tacklers, it is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - From 05-'07 the Rams had finishes of #86, #66 and #90 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 37 starts. They technically had just one starter back but their S's had 35 career starts so they were more experienced than you would think as Klint Kubiak returned after being lost in Wk 2 of '07. One projected starter, DeAngelo Wilkinson, was susp mid-August and they took the RS off of true frosh Gerard Thomas (10 st). Kubiak missed six (inj) and SS Mike Pagnotta missed 4. The Rams dropped to #101. This year they must replace Pagnotta (9 st, 62 tkl, 2 int) and FS Jake Galusha (8 st, 86 tkl,1 int). They have 5 back with starting experience and hopefully Kubiak can stay healthy all season (90 tkl '06). Not listed below are Marcus Shaw (5'8" 173 rFr), Jamon Allen (5'11" 183 Jr), Alex Stratton (6'2" 201 rFr) and Amadeus Waters (5'10" 159 Sr). This unit is more experienced and should make a good size leap in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit was almost always a strength under Lubick with two #1 and five top 13 finishes in my ST rankings from 1997-2003. Not a lot went right in his final 2 years and this unit finished #90 and #76. Last year they had to replace their P, top KR, top PR and K Jason Smith broke his upper arm and missed the first two games. As expected, the group struggled especially in the Cal game (allowed 2 ret TD's and 187 PR yds). New P Anthony Hartz avg 44.1 (net 33.4) and the top KR and PR were both average. True frosh Ben DeLine (PS#20) hit 4 of 5 FG's (long 36) and when Smith returned, he hit a 52 yarder vs Utah connecting on 12 of 13. CSU finished a lowly #100. Even with the losses of K Smith, P Hartz and KR Myers (20.3) they can only improve especially adding P Kontodiakos (PS#20) who was the top P in the Ray Guy Camp.

COACHES - CSU had been to just two bowl games prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival and he guided them to 9 bowls in 14 years along with six league titles. In 2003 the home stadium was renamed Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium. Those were some large shoes to fill for Steve Fairchild. Fairchild was the Buffalo Bill's OC in '06-'07 and is a CSU alum. He was also the St Louis Rams' OC ('03-'05) and he did a tremendous job his first year here guiding this team to a bowl win. Fairchild's 7 wins in his first season were the most ever for a 1st year CSU HC (5 tied with 5 prior). His OC is Greg Peterson (orig hired as WR coach) but Fairchild calls the plays. Fairchild brought back Larry Kerr who was the DC here for 10 years prior to leaving in '02. Kerr was at Duke in '06 and '07.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Sonny Lubick had recorded 10 straight winning seasons including winning or sharing the conf title 6 times from '94-'03. In 2000 they were 10-2 and finished #14 in the polls, their highest finish ever. CSU had won at least 7 games for 10 consecutive years heading into 2004. Unfortunately they did not have a winning season in any of Lubick's final 4 years and got to just 1 bowl game (2005). In 2006 they opened the season 4-1 and led AF 21-3 but blew that lead and lost their last 7 (-73 ypg in the MWC). In Lubick's final year he had his most returning starters ever (18) but the team had 3 net close losses, 31 starts lost to injury and finished just 3-9. Those factors pointed towards improvement in 2008, despite the fact that Fairchild had just 12 returning starters, They lost to CU by 21 in the opener and then trailed Sac St with 1:29 left before pulling out the win. They got the benefit of Houston being disrupted by the Hurricane and practicing in Dallas and UH was int'd in the EZ with :08 left trailing by 3. They were crushed by Cal on the road. They trailed UNLV 28-27 with 6:05 left but got a TD and added a 2 pt conv with :09 left and had a FR TD as time expired for the 41-28 win. They gave TCU one of their best games of the year only losing by 6 but were blasted by Utah. Once again they benefitted by SDSt starting a backup QB and pulled out the win after trailing at half. They did nearly beat BYU as the Cougars drove 76 yds for a TD with :22 left. At 4-6 they beat both NM and WY in their final two and landed a bowl bid where they got a comeback win vs Fresno. Counting UNLV, CSU did have 3 net close wins (see pg 299). Fairchild's group exceeded my expectations last year. They do lose their QB, RB and 5 of 7 starters from their def front. The Rams have a favorable schedule with some winnable road games but I don't think they will match LY's 7 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 18 Grant Stucker Sr. 6-2 207 22 (60%) 2Y "Run Threat". Jon Eastman (6'2" 214 Jr) PS#336JC. Nat'l Champ gm L2Y. IFS. Nico Ranieri PS#93. Klay Kubiak (6'0" 196 So).

RB 7 John Mosure Jr. 5-10 202 PS#252. 40 (2.9) rFr. 122 (4.1) LY. Leonard Mason PS#277JC. IFS. **32** Micheal Connor (5'10" 190 rFr) PS#221. **25** Jonathan Gaye (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#127.

WR 17 TJ BORCKY SO. 6-4 197 PS#96. Move from QB LY, 2 rec. **FB 36 ZAC PAUGA** (6'0" 242 Jr) PS#257. 6 st, 11 rec '07. 9 st, 19 rec LY. Jason Klingerman (6'1" 244 rFr) PS#279.

WR 84 RASHAUN GREER SR. 6-1 203 0 rec 2Y. 13 st, 1114 (17.7), **1st Tm MWC**. Matt Yemm (5'11" 182 So) PS#242. 9 gm rFr. Ryan Gardner (6'1" 170 Sr) PS#302. 88 (6.8) LY.

WR 31 DION MORTON SR. 5-10 163 PS#95. 234 (10.6) 2Y. 13 st, 859 (16.8), **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **8** Byron Steele (6'3" 203 rFr) PS#360. Tyson Liggett (5'9" 184 Jr) PS#256. 3 rec LY.

TE 45 Eric Peitz Jr. 6-5 250 PS#186. 5 st, 7 rec 2Y. **81** Adam Seymore (6'4" 246 Jr) 8 gm rFr. 1 rec LY. No spg (inj). Norman Gee (6'5" 258 Sr) **Duke trans.** 12 gm here LY.

C 57 TIM WALTER SR. 6-6 290 PS#141. 14 st 2Y. 13 st, HM MWC LY. **72** Tyler McDermott (6'2" 273 So) PS#110. DNP rFr. **LS** Scott Albritton (6'4" 230 Jr) PS#307JC. 13 gm LY.

RG 60 ADRIAN MARTINEZ SR. 6-4 303 PS#418, 22 st 2Y. 12 st LY. **55** Scott Benedict (6'4" 289 Sr) 9 st 2Y. 8 gm LY. Josh Tashiro (6'2" 288 So). Jake Gdowski (6'3" 295 So) PS#289. 1 gm.

LG 74 SHELLEY SMITH SR. 6-4 293 PS#221. 12 st 2Y. 11 st. **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **54** Connor Smith (6'3" 276 Jr) PS#313. **N'Western trans.** 3 st here LY. Jake Landers (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#196.

RT 78 Mark Starr Jr. 6-5 282 PS#246. 7 st rFr. 4 st, 13 gm LY. **76** Paul Madsen (6'4" 280 So) 3 gm rFr. Justin Becker is PS#459. Jordan Mellott (6'4" 283 rFr) PS#433.

LT 53 COLE PEMBERTON SR. 6-7 316 3 gm rFr. 9 st (inj) '07. 13 st LY. **79** Joe Caprioglio (6'6" 283 rFr) PS#127. Ryan Griffith (6'4" 272 Jr) PS#266. 6 gm 2Y. Jared Biard PS#513.

K 14 Ben DeLine So. 6-0 166 PS#20. 4-5 FG, L/36, 6-6 xp, 24 KO, 4 TB, 6 gm true. **87** Cody Harter (5'11" 195 rFr) PS#72. Chad VanderMolen (5'11" 155 So) **Tulsa trans.**

DE 24 Cory Macon Jr. 6-6 239 PS#140. 2 tkl rFr. 19 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **47** Zach Tiedgen (6'4" 244 rFr) PS#163. Steve Collins (6'3" 233 So) 3 gm rFr. Eugene Daniels (6'3" 240 So) PS#200.

NG 66 Guy Miller Jr. 6-3 288 PS#247. 2 tkl rFr. 18 tkl LY. **92** Nuku Latu (6'2" 275 So) PS#143. 1 tkl rFr. **98** Jacob Tigges (6'2" 257 So) PS#96. Scott Carter (6'3" 274 So) From OL.

DT 62 JAMES MOREHEAD SR. 6-6 296 1 st, 8 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 10 tkl LY. **46** Ty Whittier (6'5" 270 Jr) 1 tkl rFr. 7 st, 18 tkl LY. Sevaro Johnson (6'3" 297 Sr) PS#292JC. 2 tkl LY. Inj spring?.

DE 90 Sam Stewart Sr. 6-3 250 PS#239JC. Signed with Nev but did not enroll. 10 tfl as Soph at JC. 4 gm here LY. **88** Ben Tedford (6'6" 242 rFr) PS#245. CJ James PS#286. IFS.

WLB 6 MYCHAL SISSON SO. 5-11 201 PS#142. 12 st, 105 tkl, 8 tfl, **Frosh AA** LY. Jacob Biddle (6'0" 224 So) PS#312. 1 tkl rFr. **53** James Skelton (6'2" 209 rFr). Scout Def POY.

MLB 3 Chris Gipson rFr. 5-11 220 PS#158. 4.5 spd. **51** Alex Williams (6'2" 220 Jr) No action '07 13 gm, 5 tkl LY. **50** Kelly Seward (6'2" 275 Jr) JUCO. No gm action here LY.

SLB 44 Luke Diehl So. 6-1 214 PS#80. DNP rFr. **52** Michael Kawulok (6'3" 220 So) PS#363. GS '07. 1 st, 6 tkl LY. Broderick Sargent (6'2" 210 rFr). Adam Akisanya (5'10" 204 So).

CB 11 NICK OPPENNEER SR. 5-10 176 PS#328. 2 tkl, 6 gm '07. 13 st, 74 tkl, 4 pd LY. **2** DeAngelo Wilkinson (5'10" 181 Jr) PS#189. 1 tkl rFr. Susp LY. Scott Zick (6'0" 188 Jr) 6 tkl rFr.

CB 30 GERARD THOMAS SO. 5-9 166 10 st, 13 gm, 54 tkl, 4 pd true. **4** Brandon Owens (6'0" 179 So) 3 st, 10 gm (inj), 13 tkl rFr. Lester Arnold (5'10" 183 So) PS#194. DNP LY.

SS 20 KLINT KUBIAK SR. 6-0 202 PS#231. 12 st, 99 tkl. 6 pd 2Y. 2 st, 12 tkl, Med Hardship '07. 6 st (inj), 28 tkl LY. **35** Ivory Herd (5'11" 192 So) 9 tkl rFr. Josh Gabler (6'0" 199 Sr) 2 tkl LY.

FS 22 Elijah-Blu Smith So. 5-11 181 3 st, 10 gm (inj), 36 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. **23** Jarrad McKay (6'0" 193 So) Inj, missed yr rFr. May get chance to start. **28** Andy Clements (5'11" 195 rFr) PS#207.

P NA Pete Kontodiakos Fr. 6-3 185 PS#20. Exp to be the starter next 4 years. **87** Cody Harter (5'11" 195 rFr) PS#72. **14** Ben DeLine (6'0" 166 So) PS#20. No P action as true.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Lou Greenwood 6-0 175 PS#124
DB	Travis Ford 6-2 215 PS#213JC
QB	Nico Ranieri 6-2 195 PS#93
RB	Leonard Mason 6-0 215 PS#277JC
K	Pete Kontodiakos 6-3 185 PS#20
QB	Jon Eastman 6-2 214 PS#336JC
DL	CJ James 6-3 231 PS#286
TE	Matt Weems 6-4 238 PS#209DL '08
RB	Chris Nwoke 6-0 208 PS#267
WR	Vernon Scott 6-0 185 PS#275
DB	Ezra Thompson 6-2 205 PS#361
LB	Mike Orakpo 6-1 200 PS#313
DL	Te'Jay Brown 6-2 260 PS#388
OL	Brandon Haynes 6-3 290 PS#434
TE	Cameron Moss 6-5 236 PS#120
RB	Mark Woodbury 6-1 195 PS#736JC
TE	Joe Brown 6-3 220 PS#128
OL	Jared Biard 6-7 290 PS#513
DL	Curtis Wilson 6-4 240 PS#532
DB	Immanuel Mitchell 5-11 170 PS#728
OL	Jordan Gragert 6-4 257 PS#454 '08
OL	Justin Becker 6-7 257 PS#459 '08
OL	Weston Richburg 6-4 265 PS#720
DB	Dru Taylor 5-10 165 PS#803
LB	Cameron Loughery 6-1 215 PS#1041
OL	Tanner Hedstrom 6-1 220 PS#1217
DB	Tim Brogdon 6-0 182 PS#1875

COLORADO ST RAMS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#78

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CSU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	at Colorado	G						Eighty-second meeting overall (CU 59-20-2) & 1st in Boulder S/'05. Prior to LY's 38-17 blowout, the previous 6 gms had been decided by a combined 25 pts (none by more than a TD).
Sep. 12	Weber St	A						CSU is 32-6-2 vs Big Sky foes. LY the Rams needed a GW FG as time expired to beat Sac St. The Wildcats made the FCS playoffs LY going 10-4 including losses to Utah & Hawaii.
Sep. 19	Nevada	A						Colorado St had won all 8 meetings prior to their 28-10 loss in Reno in '06. The Rams are 6-1 hosting non-conf opponents with the only defeat being a 34-28 loss to Cal in '07.
Sep. 26	at BYU	G						The winner had won every gm by DD in MWC action prior to LY's 3 pt margin. CSU scored with 1:44 left for the lead but BYU went 76/6pl for GW TD with just :22 left.
Oct. 3	at Idaho	A						The Rams are 3-2 vs the Vandals but they last met in '92 (loss, last win in '76). Colorado St is 1-7 on the road vs non-conference opponents with 5 of those gms vs BCS teams.
Oct. 10	Utah (HC)	A						Utah & CSU won or shared the MWC Title in 5 of the conference's first 6 years. The Rams won 5 straight from '95-'02 (longest win streak) but have lost 5 of the L6Y.
Oct. 17	at TCU	G						The Rams have a 1-5 record vs TCU & have not won S/'98 (1st meeting). They've lost the 4 MWC gms by 19 ppg. CSU had a 78 yd TD drive but just 121 yds the rest of the gm.
Oct. 24	San Diego St	A						CSU had lost 3 in a row vs SDSt (1st time S/'91-'93) but LY escaped with a 4 pt win. They totaled 507 yds as WR Morton scored 2 TD's on reverses & Farris/Sperry had 3 TD's.
Oct. 31	Air Force	A						The Ram/Falcon Trophy is presented to the winner (played every yr S/'78). CSU has dropped the L/3 in the series. The L/7 have been decided by an avg of 18 ppg w/only 1 under 10 pts.
Nov. 7	at UNLV	A						CSU is 12-4-1 all-time vs UNLV & has won the L/6. LY down 28-27 Johnson burst thru for a TD w/:09 left. UNLV tried the lateral & it was fmbl'd & ret'd 7 yds for a misleading final.
Nov. 14								Bonus: HC Steve Fairchild was the OC at New Mexico from '87-'89
Nov. 21	at New Mexico	G						Last year CSU did not punt & held their 1st MWC opponent without a TD S/'03. In the previous 2 meetings vs NM, CSU lost each on the final play of the game.
Nov. 27	Wyoming (Fri)	A						Colorado St has taken home the "Bronze Boot" in 12 of the L16Y. Last year CSU battled back from a 14-3 deficit led by WR Morton's 160 rec yds (26.6) & 3 TD's.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kelly Stouffer 7,141 '84-'86	1. Steve Bartalo 4,813 '83-'86	1. David Anderson 3,634 '02-'05
2. Terry Nugent 7,103 '80-'83	2. Damon Washington 3,432 '95-'98	2. Greg Primus 3,163 '89-'92
3. Moses Moreno 6,689 '94-'97	3. Ron Harris 3,335 '74-'77	3. Jeff Champine 2,811 '80-'83

STEVE FAIRCHILD (Career 7-6)

2nd Year at Colorado St
Fairchild's Bowl Record: 1-0

Fairchild's records AT COLORADO ST

7-6	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-2	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
2-3	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	2-0	Off A Bye
4-4	Vs Conference	4-2	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: **(7-6)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (24,19,2)
Lost: 20 (9,9,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,008 (#90)

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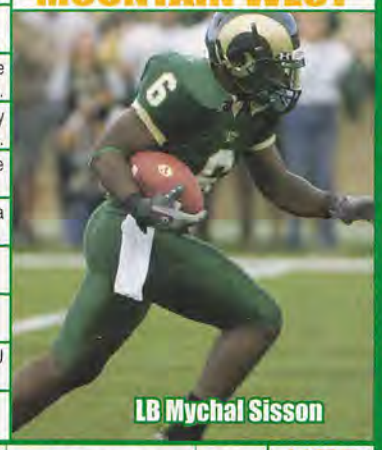
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STADIUM: HUGHES STADIUM (34,400) (#86)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	7-5	10-4	7-6	4-7	6-6	4-8	3-9	7-6	58-53
Home	5-0	3-2	4-1	4-2	3-3	4-1	2-3	2-4	4-2	31-18
Away	3-2	3-2	5-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	1-5	1-4	2-3	21-28
Neutral	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	6-7
vs Conf	6-1	5-2	6-1	4-3	3-4	5-3	1-7	2-6	4-4	36-31
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-3	4-3	3-3	1-3	1-3	3-1	1-3	3-2	22-22
ATS	6-5	7-5	7-7	5-7	4-6	5-7	4-7	5-6	7-5	50-55
Home Fav (John Lluck 1998)	1-3	0-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	1-1	1-2	1-0	14-18
Home Dog	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	4-0	7-4
Away Favorite (Steve Fairchild)	2-2	1-0	2-2	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	6-12
Away Dog	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-2	0-3	15-14
Neutral	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	6-7
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	5-3	31-36
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-2	3-4	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	19-19
Off SU Win	4-4	4-2	5-5	2-4	1-3	2-4	3-1	1-1	5-1	27-25
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-2	1-2	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-6	4-4	2-3	19-26

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	New Orleans	-11	North Texas	45-20
02	Liberty - #23	-5	TCU	3-17
03	San Francisco	E	Boston College	21-35
05	Poinsettia	+3	Navy	30-51
08	New Mexico	+2'	Fresno State	40-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	25.2	396	148	4.2	248	60.0	15.7	26	+2	2008	5	30.2	410	190	5.3	220	63.9	13.6	10
9*	25.3	379	167	3.8	212	62.1	15.0	37	0	2007	9	30.8	415	207	4.9	208	62.8	13.5	23
5	16.8	295	77	2.5	218	60.9	17.5	41	-7	2006	6	21.9	330	149	4.1	181	57.7	15.1	27
9*	26.8	408	122	3.5	286	61.7	15.3	25	+5	2005	6	30.8	429	223	5.1	206	58.8	13.9	18
7	23.7	373	112	3.1	261	59.7	15.7	24	-12	2004	3	29.5	416	222	5.2	194	56.7	14.1	17
8*	29.3	439	191	4.6	248	60.8	15.0	19	-15	2003	7	24.5	370	155	4.1	215	57.3	15.1	29
6*	29.9	389	206	4.6	183	52.4	13.0	15	+3	2002	6	23.7	374	168	4.3	206	58.3	15.7	18

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Gartrell Johnson	278	1514	38	1476	12	5.3
Kyle Bell	61	224	9	215	1	3.5
Dion Morton	14	135	6	129	2	9.2
John Mosure	30	134	12	122	2	4.1
Grant Stucker	4	43	0	43	1	10.8
Klay Kubiak	9	20	47	-27	0	-3.0
Billy Farris	46	111	145	-34	0	-0.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Billy Farris	379	233	61.5	2934	19	13
Klay Kubiak	37	19	51.4	252	0	2
Grant Stucker	5	3	60.0	22	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Rashaun Greer	63	1114	17.7	3	69	
Dion Morton	51	859	16.8	10	79	
Kory Sperry	38	492	12.9	6	33	
Gartrell Johnson	32	295	9.2	0	57	
John Mosure	16	122	7.6	0	48	
Zac Pauga	19	114	6.0	0	21	
Ryan Gardner	13	88	6.8	0	12	
Kyle Bell	11	55	5.0	0	10	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Anthony Hartz	44	1940	44.1	3	33.4	3	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jason Smith	31-31	8-8	1-1	2-3	1-1	12-13	52
Ben DeLine	6-6	3-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	4-5	36

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mychal Sisson	105	0.5	7.5	3	0
Ricky Brewer	103	0	5.5	0	0
Jeff Horinek	88	1.5	3	1	2
Jake Galusha	86	0	4.5	3	1
Nick Oppenneer	74	0	1	3	1
Mike Pagnotta	62	2	1.5	5	2
Gerard Thomas	54	0	3	3	1
Elijah-Blu Smith	36	1	2	1	0
Tommie Hill	30	3	2	2	2
Klint Kubiak	28	0	0	1	1
John Clark	25	0	3	1	0
Matt Rupp	21	0	1.5	0	0
Cory Macon	19	0	0.5	2	0
Guy Miller	18	0	0	0	0
Ty Whittier	18	0	0	0	0
Jake Pottorff	16	0	1.5	2	0
Wade Landers	15	1	3	0	0
Brandon Owens	13	0	1	1	0
James Morehead	10	0	1	0	0
Ivory Herd	9	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Alex Square	11	60	5.5	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Michael Myers	28	568	20.3	0	
John Mosure	16	381	23.8	1	

2008 STATS BY GAME

CSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
69,619	† Colorado	18	26-71	2.7	27-38	187	5	19	36-153	4.3	20-29	214	0	0
20,051	Sacramento St	21	29-95	3.3	21-33	321	0	17	32-105	3.3	15-26	205	2	0
21,539	Houston	23	40-146	3.7	24-34	276	2	26	22-88	4.0	38-55	385	2	+4
63,970	at California	19	46-125	2.7	18-36	226	4	20	30-189	6.3	15-26	159	0	-1
19,703	UNLV	24	44-216	4.9	15-21	294	2	20	33-174	5.3	14-26	173	1	+1
27,130	TCU	14	28-11	0.4	17-35	188	6	15	46-151	3.3	16-26	166	1	-1
44,793	at Utah	18	31-110	3.5	22-38	188	1	25	37-327	8.8	19-27	222	0	0
17,185	at San Diego St	25	33-211	6.4	25-34	296	0	23	34-226	6.6	24-33	166	0	+1
20,222	BYU	19	29-131	4.5	19-36	270	2	32	35-162	4.6	28-35	389	3	+2
39,052	at Air Force	19	30-103	3.4	19-36	251	2	19	51-284	5.6	6-8	171	0	-2
17,401	New Mexico	23	43-152	3.5	16-27	237	1	17	30-155	5.2	23-39	204	0	-2
16,569	at Wyoming	17	38-186	4.9	16-29	236	0	25	45-209	4.6	22-43	220	1	0
24,735	†Fresno St	22	39-362	9.3	17-30	257	1	20	39-248	6.4	13-23	186	0	0
TOTALS		262	456-1919	4.2	256-427	3227	26	278	470-2471	5.3	253-396	2860	10	+2
AVERAGES		20.2	35-148	4.2	20-33	248	6.1%	21.4	36-190	5.3	19-30	220	2.5%	0.2

2004 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Colorado	+4	24-27
–	at USC - #1	+24'	0-49
–	Minnesota - #22	+3'	16-34
–	Montana St	NL	39-14
–	BYU	-3	21-31
–	at San Diego St	+4	21-17
–	Wyoming	-4	30-7
–	New Mexico	-2	17-26
–	at Utah - #7	+26'	31-63
–	UNLV	-6'	45-10
–	at Air Force	-1'	17-47

2005 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Colorado	+7	28-31
–	at Minnesota	+13	24-56
–	Nevada	-17'	42-21
–	Air Force	-3'	41-23
–	Utah	-4'	21-17
–	at BYU	-3	14-24
–	Wyoming	-3	39-31
–	at New Mexico	+6	35-25
–	at TCU - #20	+7	6-33
–	San Diego St	-8	10-30
–	at UNLV	-15	31-27

2006 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Weber St	NL	30-6
–	† Colorado	-2	14-10
–	at Nevada	+3	10-28
–	at Fresno St	+13'	35-23
–	UNLV	-17'	28-7
–	at Air Force	+6	21-24
–	at Wyoming	+4	0-24
–	New Mexico	-6'	19-20
–	BYU	+14	3-24
–	at Utah	+11'	22-35
–	TCU	+9'	14-45
–	at San Diego St	-1'	6-17

2007 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	† Colorado	+2'	28-31 OT
–	California - #10	+14	28-34
–	at Houston	+7	27-38
–	at TCU	+10	12-24
–	San Diego St	-13	20-24
–	Air Force	-3	21-45
–	at UNLV	+3	48-23
–	Utah	+5'	3-27
–	at BYU	+21	16-35
–	at New Mexico	+9	23-26
–	Georgia Southern	NL	42-34
–	Wyoming	-3'	36-28

2008 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	† Colorado	+11	17-38
–	Sacramento St	-24	23-20
–	Houston	+6'	28-25
–	at California	+26'	7-42
–	UNLV	-1'	41-28
–	TCU	+15'	7-13
–	at Utah - #14	+21	16-49
–	at San Diego St	-9'	38-34
–	BYU - #17	+14'	42-45
–	at Air Force	+9'	17-38
–	New Mexico	+2	20-6
–	at Wyoming	-2	31-20

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Kevin O'Connell (6'6" 235) finished as the school's #3 career leading passer (#3DC) and was mobile, also leading SDSt in rushing in '07. He earned my award for MWC Most Important Offensive Player as he was the team's offense in 2007 throwing for 3,063 (58.5%) with a 15-8 ratio. RFr Kelsey Sokoloski (PS#160) played in 12 hitting 10 of 15 for 119. I expected Ryan Lindley (PS#74) to win the job in '08 and Long said he'd never been around a frosh that was able to read D's like he did. Lindley set frosh records for att (427), comp (242), passing yd (2,653) and TD's (16). He had three 300 yard games and one 400. He injured his shoulder in the 2Q vs TCU and Drew Westling, who won the #2 spot, took over and started vs AF. In four games he threw for just 206 (48.2%) with an 0-2 ratio. Westling suffered a staph infection and Sokoloski ended with 1 rush attempt. This year Lindley returns and should be one of the MWC's top QB's. Adding depth are Josh O'Brien (6'4" 210 Jr, PS#248), Brandon Kohn (5'11" 200 Jr) and this year's true frosh.

QB Ryan Lindley

RUNNING BACKS - The Aztecs have had some fine RB's including a guy named Marshall Faulk. In 2007 their leading RB was Brandon Bornes who had just 354 (4.0). Their leading returnees last year were Brandon Sullivan (PS#120) who had 220 (3.8) plus 119 rec yds and Atiyyah Henderson who had 183 (4.2) and 202 rec yds. Earl Campbell's son Tyler entered the RB mix in '08 and rushed for 152 (4.6). Sullivan missed 4 and rushed for 185 (3.9). The diminutive Henderson (5'9") had 100 (4.8) vs Idaho and 177 (7.1) vs Colo St but surprisingly only had 213 in the other 9. This year they lose FB's Campbell (3 st), Josh Ulibarri (0 yd) and TB John Rivera. Not listed in the PSL is Ramon Judkins (6'0" 205 rFr). In the spring Henderson and Sullivan were in a 3 way battle with Davon Brown but they combined for 2.8 ypc in the spring game. Expect one of HC Hoke's recruits to steal some snaps from the trio.

RECEIVERS - The Aztecs had an experienced receiving corps in 2007 but last year had to replace their top 2 WR's who combined for 1,652 yards. Former QB Darren Mougey was moved into the unit late in '07 and had 368 (11.5) as he and Vincent Brown (349, 11.3 in '07) were the top returnees. True frosh Dominique Sandifer (PS#146) was one of the top WR's in Aug but RS. Brown led in '08 with 631 but just 9.9 ypc while Mougey was #2 with 437 (12.9). Roberto Wallace (6'4", PS#64) had 405 (13.1) and TE Matthew Kawulok had 231 (11.0). This year they lose Mougey (10 st), TE Eric Miclot (0 rec) and WR Justin Shaw (1 st, 9 rec). Not listed below are TE's DJ Shields (6'4" 230 rFr, PS#129) and Hunter Hewitt (6'5" 230 rFr). DeMarco Sampson (111 yd, 10.1) had a monster spring and is becoming the leader of this unit. This has the makings of an above average group and has more experience than 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit was hurt by injuries and defections during the Long era. As an example, all four OL that Long recruited in 2006 were no longer on the squad in 2008. After avg 3.9 ypc rush in 2005, the OL opened holes for 119 ypg rush (3.4) in '06 and dropped to 104 (3.5) in '07. Last year their 26 career OL starts returning was #110 in the FBS. The numbers dropped again to 73 ypg rush (3.1) but they did allow just 21 sacks (4.3%). They had zero experience at OT especially after last year's 2 projected OT starters were both lost over the summer including Mike Matamua who now returns. This year they lose LG Mike Schmidt (10 st, 2Y st'r) and RT Lance Louis (11 st, #7DC CHI). Five return with starting experience but it will take a couple of years to get the depth they really need. This is a more experienced group that should produce their best numbers in at least 4 years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 SDSt only had to replace 2 starters from the D-line but surprisingly yielded 242 ypg rush and 5.3 ypc, their worst since before 1961 with the D having just 15 sacks for a 2nd straight year. Last year they had to replace 2 starters again but did have 5 back with starting experience. Unfortunately the Aztec DL was decimated by injuries. Prior to their road opener vs ND, Long said they were basically playing without a DL due to injuries although Jonathan Soto managed to start all 12. The Aztecs gave up 248 ypg (5.1) with just 13 sacks. This year they lose DT Siaosi Fifita (6 st, 13 tkl), DE Ryan Williams (8 tkl), DT Henry Simon (4 tkl) and DT Darias Jones (2 tkl). Not listed in the PSL below is Larry Gibbs (6'0" 230 Jr). They shift from a 4-3 to a 3-3-5 (40 st ret to a 3 man front) and could have their best rush D in at least 5 years. Keep in mind new DC Rocky Long's defenses never yielded over 3.7 ypc (11 years).

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Aztecs returned their #1, #3 and #5 tacklers and unlike the D-line, the unit stayed healthy. This year they lose their #1 tackler in Russell Allen (12 st, 107 tkl, 9.5 tfl) and backup Zach Clarke (7 tkl). At NM, Rocky Long's LOBO was technically a safety, but actually a LB-type (remember Brian Urlacher?). Not listed in the PSL below are Bryan Finkel (6'2" 225 Sr), Demetrius Barksdale (6'3" 200 So), Chris Gordert (6'0" 230 rFr) and Willie Watters (6'2" 240 Jr, PS#478JC). They plugged Nick Sandford (7 st) into the Aztec spot so I list them as having 3 starters back to 4 positions and despite the loss of their top guy, they can only improve upon last year's 37.2 ppg allowed. In Long's D look for the tfl & sack numbers to skyrocket as they will blitz 2 players almost every down.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aztecs' Darkside Defense finished #26 and #34 in my pass D rankings in '03 and '04 and in '05 finished #7 allowing a 10-18 ratio. They only had to replace one starter in '06 but surprisingly dropped to #79 due to injuries. In 2007 all 4 starters had to be replaced and the Aztecs fell to #96. Last year they only had to replace one starter and a backup but the Aztecs slid to #116. FS Corey Boudreaux had 21 tackles vs AF but only started 10 (inj). This year they lose Boudreaux (#2 tkl'r w/101, 2 int, 4 pbu), SS TJ McKay (8 st, 38 tkl, 1 int), CB Vonnie Holmes (11 st, 37 tkl, 1 int), SS Gerard Armstrong (9 tkl) and Travis Crawford (0 tkl). This is an underwhelming unit that is less experienced than '08 and must learn a new defense but they can really only improve in my pass D rankings, can't they?

SPECIAL TEAMS - The new ST coach is Dan Ferrigno. He has spent 21 seasons as an asst in the Pac-10 and was Cal's ST coach from 1996-'99 with a high ranking of #6. He was USC's ST coach in 2000 (#107). Chuck Long inherited a unit that was #67 in my ST rankings in 2005. They struggled in his first year (#108) but moved up to #46 in 2007. Last year they had to replace their K, P, PR and 4 year LS (#6DC) and figured to drop. They did bring in Davion Mauldin who led Cal JC's in KR avg in '07. As you would expect, the Aztecs slid to #98. P Brian Stahovich (PS#10) only had a 32.9 net as a true and figures to improve greatly. Mauldin avg 22.6 on KR. The unit returns intact and should make a big move up my ST rankings.

COACHES - Brady Hoke lettered at Ball St from '77-'80. He was the Mich DL coach for 6 years ('97-'02) before going to Ball St in '03. His first four BSU teams had just 4, 2, 4 and 5 wins and he was on the hot seat heading into '07 when he got it turned around leading them to a bowl and LY led BSU to an undefeated reg season while recording their highest ever ranking in the polls. Hoke has perhaps the best coor in the MWC. His OC is Al Borges who was the Aub OC from '04-'07 (led SEC in pts scored '04 & '05) and took '08 off. Borges was the OC at Oregon, Cal and UCLA and was a finalist for the Broyles Award in '97 & '98. **Rocky Long is an amazing hire at DC**. Long knows the MWC inside and out and has produced top-notch D's every year with the Lobos (HC there the last 11 ssn). New LB coach Mark Smith was Hoke's DC at Ball St the last 6 years and the DC at Ind St in '01 and '02. The Aztecs also added Brian Sipe as the QB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Aztecs have the solid advantage of playing in a major city and usually the recruiting classes are near the top of the conference, but amazingly they have not had a winning season since 1998! In Tom Craft's final year (2005), TCU's HC Patterson told his Frogs all week that the Aztecs were not a normal MWC team as they matched up with TCU in both size and speed. The Aztecs finished 4-4 in MWC play and lost to 3 teams that finished in the Top 15 (Ohio St, UCLA, TCU) but beat 3 bowl teams (BYU, Utah, Colo St) by an avg of 16.7 ppg. The key to their losing year was a midseason loss to a then poor UNLV team. In Chuck Long's first year they had 13 returning starters but lost their QB in the opening game and their backup QB a few games later. Injuries and suspensions took a toll (18 players lost for year) and the team suffered 3 close losses dropping to 3-9, their worst record since 1983. SDSt was outgained by a league worst -89.2 ypg. They were almost the first team in school history to have 10 losses in a year and the offense avg just 14.2 ppg. In 2007 I said they were at least a year away from a winning record. The Aztecs did improve their win total to 4 but their victories came vs teams that were just 13-34. Thirty of SDSt's 79 recruits from 2002-'04 either DNQ or left for some other reason. While the Aztecs moved up to 3-5 in the MWC they were -127 ypg (46.8 worse than #8). Last year they had just 79 scholarships at the start of the year and 11 returning starters. The Aztecs were then pummeled by injuries, especially along the D-line (7 had ssn ending inj's). They were upset by Cal Poly in the opener and then were pounded by SJSt 35-10 (outgained 476-146). The did beat Idaho convincingly 45-17 but then lost their next 7. They were without QB Lindley vs AF but still led 10-7 at the half. Against WY they could only take 7 DL for the trip. They suffered their first 10 loss season in school history but amazingly knocked UNLV out of a bowl game with an upset in the season finale. Last year's squad had just 10 seniors and 20 juniors. The Aztecs were -6 in TO's and had 3 net close losses (pg 299). SDSt's avg attendance has dropped every year since 2004 going from 28,336 to 17,344 (12,790 actual) in '08 (#'s posted on yr end stats were highly inflated). They were #20 in the FBS in starts lost to injury (34) and would have ranked higher if backups were included. Brady Hoke steps into a great situation. Their 15 returning starters are 2nd most in the MWC and their 18 lettermen lost were the fewest. The coaching staff has great knowledge of the MWC as they bring in DC Rocky Long who was the HC at New Mexico. While the Aztecs only won 2 games last year they actually make my Most Improved List this year meaning I think they will be bowl eligibility in Hoke's first season.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 14 RYAN LINDLEY SO. 6-3 205 PS#74. 11 st, 2653 (57%) 16-9 ratio rFr. **9** Drew Westling (6'2" 220 Sr) PS#154JC. 1 st, 4 gm, 206 LY. **2** Kelsey Sokoloski (6'2" 195 Jr) 119 (67%) 2Y.

RB 6 ATIYYAH HENDERSON SR. 5-9 180 10 st, 947 (4.3) 2Y. 7 st, 490 (4.1) LY. **23** Brandon Sullivan (5'11" 205 Jr) PS#120. 7 st, 405 (3.8) 2Y. **30** Davon Brown (5'9" 180 Jr) PS#243. 21 yd 2Y.

WR80 VINCENT BROWN JR. 6-0 185 PS#148. 349 (11.3) true. 12 st, 631 LY. **19** Jon Toledo (6'3" 215 Sr) PS#206. 2 rec 3Y. **FB 20 MATTHEW KAWULOK** (6'2" 245 Sr) PS#283. 12 st TE, 26 rec 3Y.

WR 1 DeMarco Sampson Sr. 6-2 210 PS#94. 6 rec true. Inj 2Y. 11 gm, 111 (10.1) LY. Mekell Wesley (5'10" 175 Sr) PS#79. 3 st, 5 rec 2Y. 5 st, 151 (12.6) LY. Doug Deakin (6'0" 185 Jr).

WR18 ROBERTO WALLACE SR. 6-4 215 PS#64. Inj & DNP rFr. 1 st, 72 (12.0) '07. 9 st, 405 (13.1) LY. **4** Dominique Sandifer (6'0" 180 rFr) PS#146. **87** Javier Nicholas (6'0" 195 Jr).

TE 86 WAIKA SPENCER SR. 6-4 265 PS#139. 0 rec 2Y. 1 st, 73 (12.2) LY. **41** Tony DeMartinis (6'5" 260 Sr) PS#241. 1 st@DT, 17 tkl 3Y. Alston Umuolo (6'4" 240 Jr) PS#111. 20 rec 2Y.

C 50 TRASK IOSEFA JR. 6-0 315 PS#290. 24 st 2Y. Tommie Draheim (6'4" 285 So). Lindley's C in HS. **77** Damian Shankle (6'2" 310 Sr) **PS#93JC.** 5 gm. **LS** Aaron Brewer (6'5" 210 So).

RG 51 Jimmy Miller rFr. 6-3 290 PS#111. **53** Emilio Rivera (6'4" 330 So) 2 st, 12 gm rFr. **75** Leo Grassilli (6'3" 280 So) PS#333. **76** Uaita Emosi (6'2" 350 rFr) PS#430.

LG 67 IKAIKA AKEN-MOLETA SR. 6-2 305 PS#227. 3 gm '07. 12 st LY. **73** Kellen Farr (6'7" 320 So) PS#341. 11 gm rFr. Alec Johnson (6'3" 310 rFr) PS#118. Erik Quinones (6'3" 305 rFr) PS#195.

RT 74 Mike Matamua So. 6-4 305 PS#211. Dressed for all gms but RS '07. Penciled in as starter but foot inj, missed LY. **79** Kurtis Gunther (6'8" 280 So) PS#520. 1 st, 6 gm rFr.

LT 62 PETER NELSON SR. 6-5 285 PS#162. 2 st@DT, 5 tkl 2Y. 12 st@LT LY. **78** Brian Milholland (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#481. Bkup early, then inj. **72** Tom Rische (6'4" 320 Jr). 4 gm LY.

K 88 LANE YOSHIDA SR. 5-10 195 PS#143JC. RS '07. 8-12 FG, L/49, 2 TB/50 KO LY. **29** Bryan Shields (6'1" 190 Jr). Utah St trans. DNP LY. **14** Brian Stahovich (6'0" 180 So) **PS#10.**

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 56 JONATHAN SOTO SR. 6-3 270 PS#308. 8 st, 46 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 57 tkl LY. **97** Eric Ikonne (6'0" 250 Jr). 2 st, 11 gm, 24 tkl 2Y. Jake Tauanuu (6'1" 240 Jr) PS#468JC. 12 st, 48 tkl at UAB '07.

DT 99 ERNIE LAWSON JR. 6-3 300 17 tkl rFr. 5 st, 6 gm, 10 tkl LY. **94** Jerome Long (6'5" 250 So) 7 st, 37 tkl true. **55** Neil Spencer (6'2" 295 So) PS#186. 1 st, 28 tkl '07. Inj LY.

DE 90 BJ WILLIAMS JR. 6-3 250 PS#387. 8 st, 45 tkl rFr. 11 st, 74 tkl, 10.5 tfl, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. JJ Autele (6'1" 240 So) PS#290. 2 st LY. Michael Snead (6'4" 250 So) PS#152. Inj LY.

SLB 52 Marcus Yarbrough Jr. 6-2 245 PS#86. 9 tkl rFr. 1 st, 10 gm, 28 tkl LY. **31** Logan Ketchum (6'3" 215 So) PS#227. 5 gm (inj), 9 tkl rFr. **40** Zachary Shapiro (6'2" 250 Sr). 1 tkl LY.

MLB 35 LUKE LAOLAGI SR. 6-1 230 PS#84. 12 st, 104 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 99 tkl LY. **9** Miles Burris (6'2" 245 So) PS#131. 19 tkl, 12 gm rFr. **33** Colin Shumate (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#140.

WLB 22 ANDREW PRESTON JR. 6-1 225 9 st, 72 tkl rFr. 11 st, 82 tkl LY. Jerry Milling (5'10" 230 Sr) PS#363. 14 gm, 18 tkl 2Y. 2 st, 4 gm (inj), 28 tkl LY. Rob Andrews (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#138.

AZTEC 42 NICK SANDFORD SR. 6-2 210 12 tkl rFr. 5 tkl, 6 gm (inj) '07. 7 st, 9 gm (inj), 44 tkl LY. Martrell Fantroy (6'1" 215 Jr) PS#294. 17 tkl rFr. Inj LY. Ross Williams (6'3" 200 rFr) PS#212.

CB 21 AARON MOORE SR. 6-0 195 3 st, 20 tkl rFr. 11 st, 59 tkl, 11 pd '07. 11 st, 48 tkl, 7 pd LY. **5** Dey Juan Hemmings (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#433. 27 tkl 2Y. Darryn Lewis (5'9" 165 Jr). 8 gm, 6 tkl LY.

CB 2 Davion Mauldin Sr. 5-10 175 PS#205JC. 1 st, 9 gm (inj), 10 tkl, 26 KR (22.6) LY. **17** Josh Wade (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#199. **24** Kwincy Edwards (5'11" 165 Sr) PS#330. 3 tkl LY.

SS 15 Jose Perez Jr. 6-1 180 DNP as rFr. 2 st, 10 gm (inj), 16 tkl, 4 pd LY. Nat Berhe is PS#197. **32** Vincent Camarda (6'2" 195 So) PS#345. Andy Gregorio (5'9" 195 Jr).

FS 13 Brandon Davis So. 6-2 185 PS#210. 11 gm WR, 0 rec rFr. DB spg. **4** Romeo Horn (6'0" 185 Jr). 12 gm, 7 tkl true. 7 gm, 4 tkl LY. Eric Pinkins PS#240. Derrick Mack (5'9" 175 Jr).

P 14 BRIAN STAHOVICH SO. 6-0 180 **PS#10.** 71 punts (39.5), 32.9 net, 12 gms as true. **29** Bryan Shields (6'1" 190 Jr). 2-4 FG as true at Utah St. Trans '07. No gm action LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Nat Berhe 5-10 160 PS#197
DB	Eric Pinkins 6-3 177 PS#240
QB	Colton Morrison 6-5 197 PS#119
RB	Anthony Miller 6-0 220 PS#202
DB	Marcus Andrews 6-0 175 PS#269
RB	Ronnie Hillman 5-10 175 PS#236
LB	Jacob Driver 6-2 210 PS#251
LB	Nick Tenhaeff 6-2 205 PS#292
QB	Jake Bernards 6-5 200 PS#201
WR	Marven Jones 6-4 205 PS#301
DB	Preston King 5-10 175 PS#412
TE	Gavin Escobar 6-6 210 PS#109
WR	Brandon Chambers 6-1 185 PS#358
WR	Osmond Nicholas 6-3 192 PS#360
DB	Gabe Lemon 5-10 175 PS#541
WR	Leon McFadden 5-10 165 PS#543
DB	Aarein Booker 6-0 185 PS#805
DB	Colin Lockett 6-0 165 PS#806
DB	Khalid Stevens 5-11 200 PS#919
RB	Walter Kazee 5-9 175 PS#880

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#102

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SDSt	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at UCLA	G					SDSt is 0-20-1 vs UCLA including being outscored by an avg of 23 ppg from '02-'05. The Aztecs have dropped 21 straight vs BCS opponents with the last win in '99.
Sep. 12	Southern Utah	G					First meeting. SDSt is only 13-11 vs current Great West Conf tms including a 29-26 loss to Cal Poly. Thunderbirds went 4-7 including a 41-7 loss at AF & a 69-41 loss to Cal Poly LY.
Sep. 19	at Idaho	A					LY the Aztecs dominated getting out to a 38-3 lead. The 35 pt lead was the largest vs an FBS team S/'99, led by WR Brown's 183 yds rec & QB Lindley's 24 of 38 for 433.
Sep. 26	at Air Force	A					SDSt has dropped the L/2 by a combined score of 90-33. The Aztecs have been run over the L/2 seasons allowing the Falcons 970 yds rushing on 141 att's (6.9 ypc).
Oct. 3	New Mexico St	G					The Aztecs are 6-1-1 vs the Aggies (avg score 32-11) but they haven't played S/'75. They've won their L/3 at home vs the WAC beating ID (LY), SJSt ('05) & Nevada ('04).
Oct. 10							
Oct. 17	BYU	G					SDSt has lost 3 straight to BYU & 7 of 8 by an avg of 26 ppg having allowed 41+ pts in 6 of the 7 losses. Last year the Aztecs scored their lone TD with :49 left.
Oct. 24	at Colorado St	A					The visitor in this series is 9-2 since 1997 (8-2 in MWC play). The Aztecs were tied at 31 going into the 4Q LY as RB Henderson had a career high 177 yd rush (7.1).
Oct. 31	New Mexico	G					SDSt new DC Rocky Long guided the Lobos to 8 straight wins over the Aztecs ('01-'08). LY the 70 pts (49-0 at HT) given up in the loss were the most in school history.
Nov. 7	TCU	G					The Aztecs are 0-4 vs TCU being outscored on avg 40-15. Last time here SDSt had a 24-21 HT lead but were outgained 306-147 in the 2H & out'FD'd in the game, 39-15.
Nov. 14	Wyoming	G					The home team is 15-4 in this series since 1989 including 6 straight wins. Last time at home SDSt trailed 21-0 but got a 27 yd TD pass w/1:06 left to complete the comeback.
Nov. 21	at Utah	A					Nine of the last 10 in this series have been decided by 14+ pts with SDSt losing 3 straight. In the last 2 seasons the Aztecs have been outgained 1034-531 & outFD'd 57-31.
Nov. 28	at UNLV	A					The Aztecs have won 3 straight & 6 of 7 while the team with the most rushing yds has won 9 of 11. LY's 42 pts was their MWC best & their only game without any TO's.
Dec. 5							Bonus: The Aztecs have won 5 of 6 home finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Todd Santos 11,425 '84-'87
2. Billy Blanton 8,165 '93-'96
3. Kevin O'Connell 7,689 '04-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Marshall Faulk 4,589 '91-'93
2. Larry Ned 3,562 '98-'01
3. Jonas Lewis 2,843 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. JR Tolver 3,572 '99-'02
2. Darnay Scott 3,139 '91-'93
3. Will Blackwell 2,896 '94-'96

BRADY HOKE (Career 34-38) Bowls 0-1
1st Year at San Diego St — Ball St '03-'08

Hoke AT SAN DIEGO ST/OVERALL

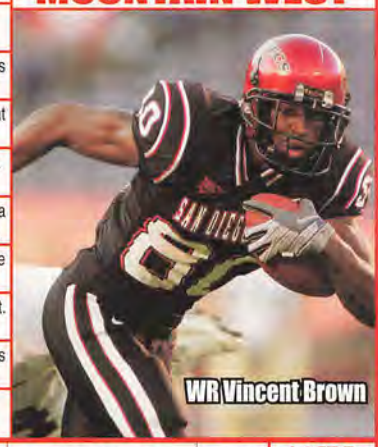
0-0 / 34-38	SU	0-0 / 0-1	Vs Top 10
0-0 / 17-15	Home	0-0 / 0-8	Vs Top 25
0-0 / 17-21	Away	0-0 / 1-16	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 0-2	Neutral	0-0 / 5-3	Off A Bye
0-0 / 27-21	Vs Conf	0-0 / 14-19	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (21,25,3)
Lost: 18 (7,11,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,376 (#83)
MOUNTAIN WEST



STADIUM: QUALCOMM STADIUM (54,000) (#52)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	4-9	6-6	4-7	5-7	3-9	4-8	2-10	34-72
Home	0-5	2-4	2-3	4-2	3-2	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-4	21-30
Away	3-3	1-4	2-6	2-4	1-5	2-4	0-6	2-4	0-6	13-42
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	2-5	4-3	3-4	2-5	4-4	3-5	3-5	1-7	25-42
vs Non-Conf	0-4	1-3	0-6	3-2	2-2	1-3	0-4	1-3	1-3	9-30
ATS	5-6	4-6	6-6-1	5-4-1	4-6	7-5	4-7	6-5	5-6	46-51-2
Home Fav	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	9-6
Home Dog	1-4	0-2	1-3	1-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	12-17
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-4-1
Away Dog	4-2	3-2	4-2	2-2-1	2-3	3-2	1-4	3-3	2-4	24-24-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	3-3-1	3-4	2-5	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	31-35-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	3-3	2-0-1	2-1	2-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	15-16-1
Off SU Win	0-3	0-2	2-1-1	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	0-1	1-3	0-1	9-16-2
Off SU Loss	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-3	2-5	5-1	4-5	5-1	5-5	35-31

Ted Tolver 1944 — Tom Catt — Chuck Long — Brady Hoke

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
47	Harbor	NL		Hardin-Simmons	0-53
69	Pasadena	NL		Boston University	28-7
86	Holiday	+7'		Iowa - #19	38-39
91	Freedom	-2'		Tulsa - #23	17-28
98	Las Vegas	+7		North Carolina	13-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
San Diego St's All-Time Bowl Record 1-4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
3	19.3	312	73	3.1	239	55.4	16.2	21	-6	2008	8	37.2	461	248	5.1	213	65.9	12.4	13
8*	25.1	377	104	3.5	273	59.0	15.0	30	+6	2007	4	34.4	498	242	5.3	257	67.0	14.5	15
5*	14.2	270	119	3.4	150	58.2	19.0	26	-7	2006	8	27.1	352	181	4.4	171	59.2	13.0	15
7*	26.9	379	148	3.9	232	61.3	14.1	27	+2	2005	3	27.1	406	185	4.3	221	58.0	15.0	17
6*	21.3	375	130	3.8	245	54.1	17.6	29	-1	2004	6	25.6	366	139	3.4	227	54.0	14.3	29
5*	18.7	340	123	3.6	217	54.5	18.2	25	-1	2003	7	17.3	290	130	3.3	160	51.0	16.8	27
4*	23.8	404	73	2.6	331	60.3	17.0	43	0	2002	5	31.6	411	171	3.9	240	55.9	13.0	28

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Atiyyah Henderson	120	542	52	490	4	4.1
Brandon Sullivan	48	205	20	185	1	3.9
Tyler Campbell	33	157	5	152	2	4.6
Mekell Wesley	11	46	4	42	1	3.8
Drew Westling	16	19	45	-26	1	-1.6
Ryan Lindley	31	48	110	-62	1	-2.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Ryan Lindley	427	242	56.7	2653	16	9
Drew Westling	56	27	48.2	206	0	2
Darren Mougey	4	2	50.0	12	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Vincent Brown	64	631	9.9	5	51	
Darren Mougey	34	437	12.9	4	43	
Roberto Wallace	31	405	13.1	1	34	
Matthew Kawulok	21	231	11.0	0	23	
Atiyyah Henderson	36	228	6.3	1	20	
Brandon Sullivan	21	205	9.8	2	45	
Justin Shaw	9	163	18.1	2	37	
Mekell Wesley	12	151	12.6	0	39	
DeMarco Sampson	11	111	10.1	1	20	
Alston Umuolo	14	110	7.9	0	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brian Stahovich	71	2807	39.5	19	32.9	1	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Lane Yoshida	27-29	1-2	4-5	3-4	0-1	8-12	49

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Russell Allen	107	2.5	7	3	0
Corey Boudreaux	101	0	1	4	2
Luke Laolagi	99	0	4	2	1
Andrew Preston	82	1	2.5	1	0
BJ Williams	74	3.5	7	0	0
Jonathan Soto	57	2.5	2	0	0
Aaron Moore	48	0	3	6	1
Nick Sandford	44	0	2	0	0
TJ McKay	38	0	0.5	0	1
Jerome Long	37	1	1	0	0
Vonnie Holmes	37	0	1	6	1
Jerry Milling	28	0	1.5	1	0
Marcus Yarbrough	28	0	0	0	0
Eric Ikonne	24	0	4.5	0	0
Miles Burris	19	0	1.5	0	0
Dey Juan Hemmings	17	0	0	0	0
Jose Perez	16	0	1	2	2
Siaosi Fifita	13	0	1	0	0
Ernie Lawson	10	1	2	0	0
Davion Mauldin	10	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Mekell Wesley	12	93	7.8	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Davion Mauldin	26	588	22.6	1
Mekell Wesley	20	407	20.4	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

SDSt 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
26,851	Cal Poly	23	23-27	1.2	27-45	352	2	21	51-263	5.2	12-21	220	3	-4
80,795	at Notre Dame	19	15-71	4.7	29-59	274	1	20	34-105	3.1	21-34	237	0	+2
19,854	at San Jose St	7	17-6	0.4	10-29	140	4	22	55-293	5.3	21-27	183	3	0
21,401	Idaho	23	35-158	4.5	26-40	445	0	20	40-182	4.6	16-34	169	2	+2
30,620	at TCU	4	15-(-13)	-0.9	10-26	98	4	28	71-383	5.4	10-19	115	1	0
43,630	Air Force	12	27-35	1.3	19-38	130	5	30	77-401	5.2	5-7	72	0	0
26,695	at New Mexico	13	22-66	3.0	19-39	161	2	28	63-419	6.7	10-15	146	0	-2
17,185	Colorado St	23	34-226	6.6	24-33	166	0	25	33-211	6.4	25-34	296	0	-1
11,779	at Wyoming	19	19-17	0.9	28-52	311	3	22	59-378	6.4	6-10	166	0	-1
64,107	at BYU	18	28-120	4.3	21-37	160	0	18	37-104	2.8	25-30	317	3	-3
19,342	Utah	19	19-73	3.8	23-41	247	0	30	40-198	5.0	28-40	322	0	-2
17,846	UNLV	27	30-92	3.1	35-50	387	0	16	23-33	1.4	26-40	316	1	+3
TOTALS		207	284-878	3.1	271-489	2871	21	280	583-2970	5.1	205-311	2559	13	-6
AVERAGES		17.3	24-73	3.1	23-41	239	4.3%	23.3	49-248	5.1	17-26	213	4.2%	-0.5

2004 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Idaho St	NL	38-21
-	at Michigan - #17	+20	21-24
-	Nevada	-14'	27-10
-	at UCLA	+6	10-33
-	at Wyoming	-3	10-20
-	Colorado St	-4	17-21
-	at New Mexico	+4'	9-19
-	Utah - #9	+18'	28-51
-	at BYU	+10'	16-49
-	at Air Force	+6	37-31
-	UNLV	-10	21-3

2005 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	UCLA	+9'	21-44
-	at Air Force	+7'	29-41
-	at Ohio St - #9	+27'	6-27
-	San Jose St	-13'	52-21
-	BYU	+1	31-10
-	at UNLV	-9'	10-13
-	at Utah	+10	28-19
-	New Mexico	-3	24-47
-	TCU - #20	+6'	20-23
-	at Colorado St	+8	30-10
-	Wyoming	-7	34-21
-	at Hawaii	+3	38-49

2006 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	UTEP	-2'	27-34
-	at Wisconsin	+13'	0-14
-	Utah	+8'	7-38
-	at San Jose St	-2'	10-31
-	at BYU	+28'	17-47
-	Air Force	+13'	19-12
-	Cal Poly	NL	14-16
-	at Wyoming	+14'	24-27
-	UNLV	-9'	21-7
-	at TCU	+17'	0-52
-	at New Mexico	+10'	14-41
-	Colorado St	+1'	17-6

2007 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Washington St	+14	17-45
-	at Arizona St	+28	13-34
-	Portland St	NL	52-17
-	Cincinnati - #24	+15	23-52
-	at Colorado St	+13	24-20
-	at Utah	+14	7-23
-	New Mexico	+8'	17-20
-	Wyoming	+4	27-24
-	at UNLV	+3	38-30
-	at Air Force	+11	23-55
-	TCU	+12'	33-45
-	BYU - #21	+16	27-48

2008 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Cal Poly	NL	27-29
-	at Notre Dame	+21'	13-21
-	at San Jose St	+6'	10-35
-	Idaho	-11'	45-17
-	at TCU	+24'	7-41
-	Air Force	+10'	10-35
-	at New Mexico	+14'	7-70
-	Colorado St	+9'	34-38
-	at Wyoming	+5'	10-35
-	at BYU - #17	+36'	12-41
-	Utah - #8	+30	14-63
-	UNLV	+9'	42-21

WYOMING COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 VHT rFr Karsten Sween (PS#28) started the last seven here becoming the Cowboys' first starting left handed QB ever. Sween was 5-2 as a starter throwing for 1,304 (60.4%) with a 9-8 ratio. He was the clear-cut starter in '07 and threw for 2,028 (59.9%) but had a 12-17 ratio. Ian Hetrick (PS#143JC) began to see more action at midseason and started vs UNLV hitting just 5 of 16 for 64 and Sween started the rest of the year. Hetrick threw for 211 (46.3%) with an 0-2 ratio. Last year they both returned and added to the mix was Chris Stutzriem (PS#103) and Dax Crum (6'4" 206, PS#91JC), who was in for the spring. Due to the 17 int of '07, Sween lost some of his swagger and Crum beat him out in Aug. The unit was plagued by turnovers. Crum took the majority of the snaps in the first 3 but was pulled in the 3Q vs BYU with both Sween and Stutzriem playing. Glenn announced that they would pull a QB if he had a turnover so four different QB's played vs BG. Sween took over the starting job vs N Mexico but hit just 9 of 19 for 71. He started the next two but was injured vs TCU on a late hit. Stutzriem started the final 4 guiding the team to a pair of wins and finally stabilizing the position. This year they lose Stutzriem (transfer) and Hetrick, so they return 2 QB's with starting experience and add in a rFr, JC and true frosh who will all contend and should greatly improve upon last year's 118 ypg and 8-17 ratio.

RUNNING BACKS - Wyoming had not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1998. That stat was surprising as they had a pair of freshmen burst onto the scene in 2005 in power back Wynel Seldon who had 871 (4.7) and Devin Moore (123, 4.7). Glenn called Moore the fastest guy he'd ever coached and he termed the duo "Thunder and Lightning." In 2006 Seldon rushed for 610 (3.9) and Moore 575 (7.2). In 2007 Moore almost got to 1,000 with 965 (4.9) while Seldon had 554 (3.7). Last year Moore finally broke the barrier rushing for 1,301 (5.2) while becoming WY's all-time career leading rusher. Seldon had 637 (4.4). This year both depart and the top returnee is Darius Terry, who was #5 with only 43 (2.7). James Davis (PS#125), Anthony Smith (PS#506JC) and James Caraway add depth. With a new HC it's very possible a newcomer can become the feature back but it will be tough to replace the "Thunder and Lightning" output of 4.9 ypc.

RECEIVERS - The Cowboys have had great success with their 3 career leaders all ranking among the top in the NCAA. In 2007 their top WR was Michael Ford who had 559 (11.6). Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 4 including Ford and their top returnee was Greg Bolling who had 375 (10.7). 2008's OC Bob Cole said the best thing he inherited was a lot of speed at WR. Unfortunately dropped passes plagued the team throughout the season. Combined with an unstable QB position (#114 pass eff), Bolling had one of the lowest totals for a leading receiver in 2008 with just 271 (10.4). After missing 5, rFr Brandon Stewart nearly led with 251 and an impressive 19.3 ypc. TE Jesson Salyards was #3 with 225 (10.7) and possession WR David Leonard had 187 (11.7). Chris Johnson looked like the best WR in the spring but missed 3 and had just 114 (9.5). This year they lose TE Chris Sundberg (6 st, 5 rec), Johnson (1 st) and Kyle Jacobo (3 rec). This is a more experienced unit and I look for a big jump in production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year I noted that with recent quality RB's like Moore and Seldon it was surprising to me that the Cowboys best ypc rushing in this decade was just 3.6 ypc. Those numbers came in '05 and '06, but the '06 OL also allowed 40 sacks (11.6%). In 2007 the unit was one of my main concerns on the team, with just two returning starters, both moving to new positions. It surprised me that the inexperienced unit played well early (4.2 ypc), especially vs Virginia's outstanding D-line. However, in 5 of the last 7 they failed to top 100 rushing and avg just 2.6 ypc (season's ypc 3.3). That unit allowed 30 sacks (7.3%). Last year the unit went from a question mark to a strength as all 5 starters returned (91 car st). Returning starting G Russ Arnold (ankle inj) started just 1. Despite their 4-8 record, WY's O-line had their best season of the decade opening holes for 178 ypg rush (4.3) while allowing just 18 sacks (6.5%). This year they lose RT Kyle Howard (12 st, 3Y st'r) and C Tim Bond (12 st, 3Y st'r). They only have 3 seniors among their 17 OL's. While not as experienced as last year, they do have 4 back who have been full-time starters (75 car st) so it should be another fine unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Wyoming's 3 soph starters had a combined 1 career start. Surprisingly the Cowboys allowed just 123 ypg (3.0) while the D had 33 sacks, an improvement over 2006's numbers. Last year the unit returned intact so it was equally surprising that they allowed 140 ypg rush (3.7) with the sacks decreasing to 17. This year the only losses are NG Rob Hollway (2 st, 5 tkl) and DT Danny Dutmer (1 st, 8 tkl). They figure to be one of the most veteran D-lines in the country with all senior starters and after underperforming last year, should have much better production.

LINEBACKERS - Wyoming's rush D is driven by their LB's. In 2007 they had a veteran group which is part of the reason for the improvement despite losing their entire D-line. Last year they had just 1 starter returning, having to replace their #4, #5, #9 and #12 tacklers. Glenn was very high on 4 rFr and Gabe Knapton could be one of the best Wyoming LB's ever. Due to TO's, the D was on the field for extended time and allowed 27.8 ppg, the highest since '03. This year they lose OLB Mike Juergens (12 st, 56 tkl, 5 sk), WLB Ward Dobbs (12 st, 101 tkl, 3 int, 8 tfl), SLB Jake Edmunds (17 tkl, 1 sk) and Mark Oliver (4 tkl). While they lose their #1, #4 and #6 tacklers, '08's leading returnee was only #10 and this year they return their #2, #4 and #13 including Knapton.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wyoming had a combined 5 starts return to the secondary in 2004 but surprisingly finished #31 in my pass D rankings. A banged up group in 2005 finished #30. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters but surprisingly rose to #18. In 2007 they had to replace both S's (one a #6DC) but CB Julius Stinson was a Jim Thorpe semifinalist and 1st Tm MWC (#2 tkl'r, 5 int, 12 pbu). The unit surprisingly dropped to #56. Last year they had to replace both CB's and then just prior to the year DC Breske installed brothers Marcell and true frosh Tashaun Gipson as the starting CB's (comb 3 car tkl). Returning starting SS Michael Ray lost his spot and WY finished #55. This year they lose one starter in S Quincy Rogers (11 st, 59 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu) as well as Ray (1 st, 8 tkl) and S Derrick McMahen (17 tkl, 1 int). The staff was very high on Chris Prosinski, who was regarded as their defensive MVP at midseason. The Cowboys should have their best finish in my pass D rankings in 3 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Joe Glenn's first five years, this unit finished #44, #10, #47, #87 and #85. Last year all the key players departed. Jake Scott looked like the top K but he was injured in late August. Scott did convert 5 of 8 (long 49). Nick Landess hit 2 of 3 (long 44) and had 5 TB on 39 KO. True frosh P Austin McCoy avg 37.9 ypp (31.6 tm net) with 2 blocks. David Leonard was the top PR (7.4). Overall the unit plummeted to its lowest finish ever at #118. This year the only losses are KR Moore (21.5) and LS Danny Dutmer. Wyoming should make a good climb in my ST rankings.

COACHES - In Joe Glenn's 2nd season (here 6 yrs), he turned Wyoming around with a 7-5 mark and made the cover of The Sporting News as one of the hot coaching prospects for BCS schools. Unfortunately, he did not have another winning season in his last 4 years. The new HC is Dave Christensen who was the OC under Gary Pinkel at both Toledo and Missouri and had a record breaking offense last year. His OC is Marcus Arroyo who was the co-OC at SJSt after playing QB with the Spartans. The DC is Marty English who is in his 6th year here and was the LB coach last season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into 2000 WY had not had a losing season since 1992. It was obviously a rebuilding year with just 7 starters back and a brand-new HC and I actually pegged them for last in the MWC. Wyoming fell from 7-4 to 1-10 and the next two years struggled with 2-9 and 2-10 records, including a 12 game losing streak. Joe Glenn inherited a veteran group with 14 returning starters in 2003 and they improved to 4-8. Wyoming had just 3 MWC home games in 2004 but moved up to 3-4 in the conf (-54.6 ypg). They earned their first bowl berth since 1993 and upset BCS member UCLA, 24-21. Earlier in the year they had beaten Ole Miss, their first win ever over an SEC team in 108 years. They had 15 starters back in 2005 and again opened up at 4-1. They had SEVEN turnovers vs TCU and their season came tumbling down. Showing how the ball bounces, WY fumbled 15 times on the season (lost 13) while forcing 26 fumbles and only recovering 6! They finished 8th in the MWC (2-6) and 4-7 overall. After being -12 in turnovers in '05, they improved their record in 2006 to 6-6 but had four close losses including a missed xp in OT at Virginia. They also lost to Boise and Syracuse, despite outgaining them and did not get a bowl invite. They jumped out to another 4-1 start in 2007 and received 2 votes in the AP poll but won just 1 of their final 7. Glenn made my "Coaches on the Hotseat" list prior to last season needing a winning record. Glenn's final season did not go as planned, mostly due to the instability at the QB position resulting in -22 in TO's. After barely getting past Ohio in the opener, they lost at home to AF by 20 thanks to 5 key TO's. They barely got past N Dak St as they needed a 29 yd FG with :04 left but then were waxed by BYU, 44-0. Against BG, Wyoming used 4 different QB's and were pummelled at home 45-16. On the first play the following week they were int'd and ret'd for a TD and NM rolled 24-0. Facing MWC powers Utah and TCU, they lost by a combined 94-14. They were 0-5 in MWC play being outscored by a 185-17 margin. They shockingly rallied to whip SDSt at home and then upset Tenn on the road, 13-7 with a 266-219 yd edge. They celebrated the upset too much and lost the next week at UNLV by 8 and then in what turned out to be Glenn's home finale, lost to Colo St in a game they led 14-3. Naturally they qualify for my Turnovers=Turnaround (pg 312). Wyoming has 8 starters back from a D that allowed just 330 ypg. I like the talent on both sides of the ball and the Cowboys have an extremely attractive home schedule including Texas, BYU & TCU. Unfortunately all 3 of those teams should be ranked in the Top 20 and will likely come away with wins, and 4 of their 6 road foes were in a bowl last year, so despite being more talented, WY will likely not match LY's 4 win total.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

QB 16 KARSTEN SWEEN SR. 6-2 229 PS#28. 21 st, 3636 (59%) 21-31 ratio 3Y. **11 Robert Benjamin PS#78JC.** Austyn Carta-Samuels PS#85. **13** Adam Barry (6'1" 217 rFr) PS#67.

RB 26 Darius Terry Jr. 5-11 209 PS#364.42 (2.5) 2Y. **25** James Davis (5'9" 186 So) PS#125. **1** James Caraway (5'11" 182 rFr) PS#374. Anthony Smith (5'7" 166 Jr) PS#506JC.

WR 33 DAVID LEONARD JR. 6-4 197 PS#380. 4 st, 134 (10.3) true. 6 st, 187 (11.7) 10 gm LY. **81** Donate Morgan (5'11' 185 Sr) JUCO. 5 st, 95 (8.6) here LY. **88** Zach Bolger (5'10" 180 Jr).

WR 84 GREG BOLLING SR. 6-2 180 PS#74. 1 rec true. 10 st, 375 (10.7) '07. 10 st, 271 (10.4) LY. **3** Travis Burkhalter (6'1" 191 Jr) PS#152. 8 rec 2Y. **4** Kaither Holiway (6'3" 210 So) PS#326.

WR 22 BRANDON STEWART SO. 5-11 193 PS#372.5 st (inj), 251 (19.3) rFr. **82** Justin Morgan (6'2" 201 rFr) PS#166. **32** Matt Sando (5'9" 175 So). **TE 86** Joe Evers (6'5" 250 Jr). 1 rec 2Y.

TE 85 JESSON SALYARDS SR. 6-5 235 PS#305. 8 st, 112 (9.3) 2Y. 10 st, 225 (10.7) LY. **88** Orlando Arnold (6'4" 230 Sr) PS#228JC. 5 gm LY. **42** Greg Genho (6'3" 240 Sr). 2 st FB LY.

C 70 Russ Arnold Sr. 6-4 289 15 st 2Y. 1 st, 7 gm LY. **64** Travis Hillen (6'5" 274 So) PS#266. **77** Brandon Self (6'3" 303 So) PS#179. **LS 58** Jordan Van Royen (6'0" 230 Jr).

RG 57 Jack Tennant Jr. 6-4 305 PS#462. Backup all year as rFr. 4 gm, lettered LY. **60** Nick Carlson (6'4" 235 Fr). Grayshirt LY. **65** Kyle Magnuson (6'6" 320 rFr) PS#186.

LG 75 SAM STERNER JR. 6-4 302 PS#411.12 st rFr. 12 st LY. **67** Zack Kennedy (6'6" 323 Sr) PS#606. 2 st at RG, 5 gm rFr. 3 gm LY. **63** Nick Williams (6'5" 284 rFr) PS#310.

RT 72 CLAYTON KIRVEN SO. 6-6 310 11 st, 11 gm rFr. **69** John Hutchins (6'5" 286 So) PS#335. 2 gm rFr. **61** Garrett King (6'6" 302 Jr). 1 gm rFr. 2 gm LY. Scott Criss is PS#337.

LT 71 RYAN OTTERSON SR. 6-5 275 2 gms, 1 ltt'd rFr. 12 st '07. 12 st LY. **76** Josh Leonard (6'4" 250 Fr) PS#434. Grayshirt LY. **68** Jim Downs (6'7" 280 rFr) PS#237.

K 21 JAKE SCOTT SR. 5-8 160 PS#68. 2-4 FG, L/47 rFr. 1 KO '07. 5-8 FG, L/49 LY. **40** Nick Landess (6'3" 203 Jr). 2 gm rFr. 2-3 FG, L/44 LY. **28** Austin McCoy (6'3" 195 So) PS#74.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

DE 98 MITCH UNREIN SR. 6-4 270 PS#470.13 st, 67 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 54 tkl, 2.5 tfl, HM MWC LY. **55** Corey Orth (6'5" 240 rFr) PS#173. Missed spg. **46** Trevor Shaw (6'4" 278 rFr) PS#206.

NG 90 FRED GIVENS SR. 6-0 305 22 st, 102 tkl, 7 tfl 3Y. **97** Alex Stover (6'3" 265 So) PS#235. 3 tkl rFr. **93** Marcus Felker (6'1" 328 So) PS#255. 6 tkl rFr. **99** Alex Hays (6'3" 265 So).

DT 91 JOHN FLETCHER SR. 6-6 272 PS#158.12 st, 69 tkl, 17 tfl 2Y. 11 st, 54 tkl, 6.5 tfl, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **47** Mike Neuhaus (6'3" 256 Sr). 30 tkl, 5.5 tfl 3Y. Mike Purcell PS#381.

OLB 36 WESTON JOHNSON SR. 6-3 233 PS#322. 45 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 78 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **45** Bryson Studnicka (6'3" 234 So). 4 tkl rFr. **44** Josh Biezuns (6'2" 236 So) PS#186. 3 st FB LY.

ILB 8 Brian Hendricks So. 6-1 223 PS#138.8 tkl, 9 gm (inj) rFr. **15** Ben Durbin (6'3" 233 rFr) PS#111. **35** Jimmy DeAndrea (6'0" 221 Sr). 6 tkl 3Y. ACL spg. **42** Mick Strand (6'1" 220 rFr).

ILB 52 GABE KNAPTON SO. 6-3 238 PS#254. 12 st, 92 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. **6** Alex Toney (6'1" 220 Jr). 3 tkl, 11 gm 2Y. **27** Todd Knight (6'2" 200 Fr) PS#129. Devyn Harris (6'3" 200 Fr) PS#298.

OLB 37 Matt Barella Sr. 6-2 228 1 tkl (inj) rFr. 1 tkl '07. 8 tkl last year. **34** Matt Birkeness (6'4" 226 rFr) PS#60. **59** Zeb Whipp (6'1" 233 Sr). 24 gms. 33 tkl 3Y. Jeff Roueche PS#289.

CB 2 MARCELL GIPSON JR. 5-10 178 Grayshirt '05. 3 tkl then left tm '06. Returned LY, 12 st, 45 tkl, 10 pd. **18** David James (5'11" 179 rFr) PS#345. **29** Luke Ruff (5'11" 190 Fr) PS#223.

CB 4 TASHAUN GIPSON SO. 6-0 190 12 st, 56 tkl, 10 pd as true. **12** Tramaine Brown (5'9" 172 Sr) PS#300JC. RS '07. 6 gm LY. **16** Kenny Browder (5'11" 175 Fr) PS#413.

SS 19 Jamichael Hall Jr. 6-2 190 PS#343JC. RS here LY. **17** Keith Lewis (5'11" 200 Jr). 10 tkl, 1 pbu true. 20 tkl, 3 pbu LY. Andrew Meredith PS#283. **20** Trendt Marsom PS#443.

FS 24 CHRIS PROSINSKI JR. 6-1 208 PS#280.37 tkl rFr. 12 st, 88 tkl, 12 pd, 3rd Tm MWC LY. **9** TJ Atwater (5'9" 190 Sr) PS#291. 8 tkl 2Y. 5 gm, 1 tkl LY. **23** Ghaali Muhammad PS#484.

P 28 AUSTIN McCOY SO. 6-3 195 PS#74. 69 punts (37.9), 31.6 tm net in 12 gms as true. **40** Nick Landess (6'3" 203 Jr). 3 punt (36.3) in 2Y here. **21** Jake Scott (5'8" 160 Sr) PS#68.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Robert Benjamin 6-2 205 PS#78JC
LB	Todd Knight 6-2 200 PS#129
QB	Austyn Carta-Samuels 6-2 210 PS#85
DB	Luke Ruff 5-11 190 PS#223
DB	Andrew Meredith 5-11 176 PS#283
OL	Scott Criss 6-5 250 PS#337
LB	Jeff Roueche 6-3 205 PS#289
LB	Devyn Harris 6-3 200 PS#298
DL	Mike Purcell 6-3 260 PS#381
DB	Kenny Browder 5-11 175 PS#413
RB	Alvester Alexander 5-11 200 PS#329
WR	Chris McNeill 6-1 170 PS#335
DB	Trendt Marsom 6-0 195 PS#443
TE	TJ Smith 6-3 215 PS#116
DL	Mark Willis 6-4 230 PS#409
DB	Ghaali Muhammad 6-0 200 PS#484
DL	Spencer Bruce 6-5 215 PS#441
RB	Anthony Smith 5-7 166 PS#506JC
OL	Josh Leonard 6-4 250 PS#434 '08
TE	David Tooley 6-5 210 PS#134
WR	Rodney Jaynes 6-4 205 PS#584
OL	Thomas Vonashek 6-9 280 PS#521
DB	Shamiel Gary 6-1 210 PS#801
DB	Larry Mitchell 6-3 185 PS#802
WR	Alo Moli 6-3 180 PS#735
RB	Duell Petsch 5-9 180 PS#887
OL	Nick Carlson 6-4 235 PS#525 '08
OL	Jordan Van Royen 6-0 230 PS#1805JC

WYOMING COWBOYS

Laramie, Wyoming
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#44

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WY	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	Weber St	A						The Cowboys are 6-0 in home openers all under former HC Glenn & have won 18 straight vs FCS teams. The Wildcats were 10-4 LY including losses to Hawaii & Utah.
Sep. 12	Texas	A						HC Christensen was OC at Missouri & LY Tigers scored 31 at Texas (UT allowed 16 ppg at home). The Cowboys are 5-2 hosting a current BCS team winning the L/2 (VA '07 & Ole Miss '04).
Sep. 19	at Colorado	G						WY is 2-23-1 vs CU with a 1 pt loss in last meeting ('97). The Cowboys have split their L/4 away vs BCS teams including a win at Tenn LY while both losses came in OT.
Sep. 26	UNLV	A						Last year's loss to UNLV snapped a 4 game series win streak. They led 14-9 into the 4Q but allowed the final 13 pts the week after pulling the huge upset at Tennessee.
Oct. 3	at Florida Atlantic	G						First meeting. Wyoming is 7-0 vs current Sun Belt teams with a 38-0 win vs ULM in '05 being the latest. Their last trip to the humid SE was a 32-14 loss at Florida in '05.
Oct. 10	New Mexico	A						WY is just 1-8 in this series S/'00 getting outscored 44-3 the L/2 gms. LY heavy rains crippled the pass attacks as the teams combined for 104 yds passing in the shutout loss.
Oct. 17	at Air Force	A						The Cowboys have now dropped 3 straight vs AF. Last time here Wyoming led 9-7 in the 4Q & fumbled at the AF15 which was returned for a TD as WY thought is was blown dead.
Oct. 24								
Oct. 31	at Utah	A						The Cowboys are 1-8 vs the Utes S/'00 including losing 4 straight in Salt Lake City with an avg score of 44-8 (2 shutouts). Wyoming has been ouscored 90-7 the last 2 years.
Nov. 7	BYU	A						WY considers BYU one of its biggest conf rivals but is just 2-14 S/'89 including 5 straight losses. In the L/3 gms Wyoming has been outscored 134-17 including getting shutout LY.
Nov. 14	at San Diego St	G						WY has lost 7 of L/10. LY WY snapped a 5 gm ssn losing streak with the help of Devin Moore who ran for a career high 234 yds (10.3) in the 35-10 win. It was WY's only MWC win of the yr.
Nov. 21	TCU	A						The HT has won 3 straight. Last time here Wyoming had a 21-6 lead after 3Q's & held on for the win. Last year TCU was off a BYU win but had no letdown winning 54-7.
Nov. 27	at Colorado St (Fri)	A						101st edition of the "Border War" & the visitor has lost 6 of 7. Wyoming is 2-8 S/'99 in series including LY when they led 20-17 into the 4Q but allowed 2 TD's (74/11pl & 56/11pl).
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Casey Bramlet 9,684 '00-'03
2. Tom Corontzos 7,945 '88-'91
3. Jay Stoner 7,674 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Devin Moore 2,963 '05-'08
2. Ryan Christopherson 2,906 '91-'94
3. Marques Brigham 2,605 '95-'98

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marcus Harris 4,518 '93-'96
2. Ryan Yarborough 4,446 '90-'93
3. Jovon Bouknight 3,626 '02-'05

DAVE CHRISTENSEN (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Wyoming (Christensen's Bowl Record: 0-0)

Christensen's records AT WYOMING

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

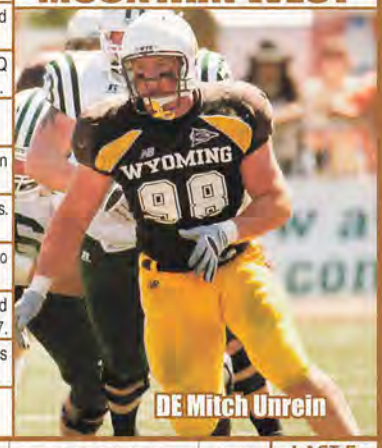
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (19,21,3)
Lost: 19 (9,10,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,234 (#103)

MOUNTAIN WEST



STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,514) (#96)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Desso Challenge Pro 60)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	2-10	4-8	7-5	4-7	6-6	5-7	4-8	35-70
Home	1-4	1-5	2-3	3-3	5-1	2-3	4-2	4-2	3-4	25-27
Away	0-6	1-4	0-7	1-5	1-4	2-4	2-4	1-5	1-4	9-43
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	0-7	0-7	1-6	2-5	3-4	2-6	5-3	2-6	1-7	16-51
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-4	2-3	4-1	2-1	1-3	3-1	3-1	19-19
ATS	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	5-6	8-3	5-6	6-6	2-9-1	2-9	42-56-2
Home Fav (Vic Koenning 2000)	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-2	0-3-1	1-2	8-12-1
Home Dog (Joe Glenn)	0-2	3-2	2-1-1	2-2	3-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-3	13-12-1
Away Favorite (Dave Christensen)	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-4
Away Dog	3-2	2-3	3-4	2-3	2-3	3-3	1-3	1-3	1-4	18-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	5-1-1	3-4	5-2	2-6	3-5	0-7-1	1-7	25-40-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	0-4	2-2	3-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	1-2	17-16
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-3	4-2	3-1	3-2	1-3-1	1-3	16-16-1
Off SU Loss	4-5	4-4	3-4-1	4-3	4-1	1-5	2-4	0-6	1-5	23-37-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Devin Moore	249	1336	35	1301	7	5.2
Wynel Seldon	145	682	45	637	2	4.4
Brandon Stewart	**16**	**93**	**15**	**78**	**0**	**4.9**
Chris Stutzriem	16	64	9	55	0	3.4
Darius Terry	**16**	**50**	**7**	**43**	**0**	**2.7**
Karsten Sween	**17**	**33**	**31**	**2**	**0**	**0.1**
Dax Crum	**18**	**40**	**84**	**-44**	**0**	**-2.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Stutzriem	98	55	56.1	660	5	5
Dax Crum	**101**	**53**	**52.5**	**429**	**2**	**6**
Karsten Sween	**70**	**34**	**48.6**	**304**	**0**	**6**
Ian Hetrick	2	0	0.0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Bolling	**26**	**271**	**10.4**	**2**	**29**
Brandon Stewart	**13**	**251**	**19.3**	**1**	**69**
Jesson Salyards	**21**	**225**	**10.7**	**1**	**25**
David Leonard	**16**	**187**	**11.7**	**0**	**33**
Chris Johnson	12	114	9.5	1	28
Donate Morgan	**11**	**95**	**8.6**	**1**	**23**
Chris Sundberg	5	56	11.2	1	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Austin McCoy	**69**	**2618**	**37.9**	**19**	**31.6(t)**	**2**	**13**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jake Scott	**13-14**	**3-5**	**0-1**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**5-8**	**49**
Nick Landess	**4-4**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**1-2**	**0-0**	**2-3**	**44**

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ward Dobbs	101	1	7	1	3
Gabe Knapton	**92**	**0**	**2.5**	**3**	**0**
Chris Prosinski	**88**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**3**
Weston Johnson	**78**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Quincy Rogers	59	1	2.5	2	1
Mike Juergens	56	5	1.5	1	0
Tashaun Gipson	**56**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**0**
John Fletcher	**54**	**4.5**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Mitch Unrein	**54**	**1.5**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Marcell Gipson	**45**	**1**	**1.5**	**10**	**0**
Fred Givens	**45**	**0**	**2.5**	**2**	**0**
Zeb Whipp	**21**	**0.5**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Keith Lewis	**20**	**0.5**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Jake Edmunds	17	1	0	0	0
Derrick McMahen	17	0	0	1	1
Mike Neuhaus	**8**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Danny Dutmer	8	0	0.5	1	0
Michael Ray	8	0	0	0	0
Brian Hendricks	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Matt Barella	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Leonard	**11**	**81**	**7.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Moore	31	667	21.5	0
Marcell Gipson	**6**	**138**	**23.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa - #18	19-20
88	Holiday - #15	+2'	Oklahoma St - #12	14-62
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St - #20	17-52
04	Las Vegas	+12'	UCLA	24-21

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	12.7	296	178	4.3	118	51.6	23.4	18	-22	2008	6	27.8	330	140	3.7	190	55.7	11.9	17
7*	19.4	323	130	3.3	193	58.7	16.6	30	-12	2007	5	25.9	332	123	3.0	209	57.0	12.8	33
6	21.5	311	132	3.6	179	60.7	14.5	40	-4	2006	6	22.0	263	107	3.2	156	52.0	12.0	29
8*	24.6	363	117	3.6	246	59.2	14.7	28	-12	2005	7	27.0	377	170	3.9	207	56.0	14.0	25
5	26.5	370	129	3.2	240	58.3	14.0	40	+6	2004	5	24.8	391	179	4.3	212	52.9	15.8	19
7*	23.8	346	84	2.7	261	57.1	14.5	42	+10	2003	7	30.0	443	230	5.0	212	57.8	14.8	14
10*	24.0	380	100	3.1	280	59.1	15.8	40	-2	2002	6	36.0	491	206	4.6	285	64.5	13.6	10

2008 STATS BY GAME

WY 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
20,430	Ohio	19	40-160	4.0	14-22	111	0	18	21-39	1.9	29-41	248	1	0
23,168	Air Force	10	33-140	4.2	8-22	76	4	12	63-261	4.1	3-4	15	0	-4
19,156	North Dakota St	14	41-176	4.3	11-17	90	5	13	26-98	3.8	16-30	215	1	+3
64,059	at BYU	19	35-140	4.0	17-36	136	1	23	34-163	4.8	20-37	201	0	-6
17,411	Bowling Green	18	37-192	5.2	16-32	124	0	22	40-101	2.5	22-36	287	3	-4
28,752	at New Mexico	12	44-130	3.0	9-19	71	4	18	48-317	6.6	8-21	33	1	-3
17,123	Utah	14	44-184	4.2	10-23	68	1	11	44-123	2.8	11-20	119	3	-5
30,103	at TCU	13	43-113	2.6	9-15	108	2	18	39-110	2.8	16-22	334	1	-2
11,779	San Diego St	22	59-378	6.4	6-10	166	0	19	19-17	0.9	28-52	311	3	+1
99,489	at Tennessee	15	48-167	3.5	9-17	99	0	15	31-101	3.3	14-36	118	3	+1
18,154	at UNLV	15	33-151	4.6	12-21	143	0	20	50-166	3.3	17-31	157	1	-3
18,569	Colorado St	25	45-209	4.6	22-43	220	1	17	38-186	4.9	16-29	236	0	0
TOTALS		**196**	**502-2140**	**4.3**	**143-277**	**1412**	**18**	**206**	**453-1682**	**3.7**	**200-359**	**2274**	**17**	**-22**
AVERAGES		**16.3**	**42-178**	**4.3**	**12-23**	**118**	**6.5%**	**17.2**	**38-140**	**3.7**	**17-30**	**190**	**4.7%**	**-1.8**

2004 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Appalachian St	NL	53-7
–	at Texas A&M	+11	0-31
–	Mississippi	+3'	37-32
–	ULM	-14	31-10
–	San Diego St	+3	20-10
–	at BYU	+7'	13-24
–	at Colorado St	+4	7-30
–	Air Force	-3	43-26
–	at UNLV	+3	53-45 3OT
–	Utah - #7	+23	28-45
–	at New Mexico	+8'	9-16

2005 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Florida - #10	+24	14-32
–	ULM	-21	38-0
–	at Air Force	+2'	29-28
–	at Mississippi	+2	24-14
–	UNLV	-18'	42-17
–	TCU	-6'	14-28
–	New Mexico	-6'	24-27
–	at Colorado St	+3	31-39
–	at Utah	+2'	13-43
–	BYU	+4'	21-35
–	at San Diego St	+7	21-34

2006 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Utah St	-13	38-7
–	at Virginia	+9	12-13 OT
–	Boise St	+7'	10-17
–	Air Force	-1	24-31
–	at Syracuse	+4'	34-40 3OT
–	at New Mexico	-1	14-10
–	Utah	+3	31-15
–	Colorado St	-4	24-0
–	at TCU	+6	3-26
–	San Diego St	-14'	27-24
–	at BYU - #25	+17'	7-55
–	at UNLV	-9'	34-26

2007 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Virginia	+3	23-3
–	Utah St	-25	32-18
–	at Boise St	+12'	14-24
–	at Ohio	-4	34-33
–	TCU	-3	24-21
–	New Mexico	-4	3-20
–	at Air Force	+2'	12-20
–	UNLV	-10'	29-24
–	at San Diego St	-4	24-27
–	at Utah	+13'	0-50
–	BYU	+10	10-35
–	at Colorado St	+3'	28-36

2008 RESULTS

WY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Ohio	-12'	21-20
–	Air Force	-2'	3-23
–	North Dakota St	NL	16-13
–	at BYU - #14	+27'	0-44
–	Bowling Green	+3	16-45
–	at New Mexico	+10'	0-24
–	Utah - #14	+23'	7-40
–	at TCU - #15	+30'	7-54
–	San Diego St	-5'	35-10
–	at Tennessee	+27	13-7
–	at UNLV	+7	14-22
–	Colorado St	+2	20-31

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Rocky Long didn't have a lot of success keeping his QB's healthy in recent years. Kole McKamey, a 3 year starter, was injured during the 2nd game in 2006. Chris Nelson started 6 and rFr Donovan Porterie started 5 and threw for 967 (53.4%) with a 6-2 ratio. In 2007 the job was Porterie's. In the first 4 he threw for 1,098 (69.5%) with a 6-1 ratio before hitting 20 of 38 for 231 vs BYU. Over the final 7, however, he avg for just 189 ypg (53.3%) with a 6-6 ratio. He threw for a career high 354 in the bowl and finished with 3,006 (58.4%, 15-9 ratio). Last year Porterie said he felt more comfortable in the offense but threw for 372 (66.7%) with an 0-5 ratio in 3.5 games before injury. Brad Gruner threw for 1,037 (53.8%) with a 3-6 ratio while rushing for 331 (4.4). Long opted to pull the RS off of JUCO Tate Smith (6'1" 190 Jr) vs BYU. Smith is a cousin of NM's all-time career passing leader Stoney Case and vs BYU he threw for 60 but Gruner took most of the snaps after that. With a new offense, Rocky Long's QB's (who were recruited to run the option) are now at a disadvantage. True frosh newcomers Darren Jones (PS#47) and Emmanuel Yeager (PS#54), who orig committed to L'ville, have a great shot at operating this year's new spread offense. Not listed in the PSL are Tate (4 gm), BR Holbrook (6'3" 175 rFr, PS#96) and Victor James (6'0" 199 Sr). Porterie took limited reps in spring. Last year, Lobo QB's threw for 131 ypg (55%) with a 4-14 ratio and while they're learning a new system, they can only be improved.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 the Lobos had to replace the school's and MWC's all-time leading rusher in DonTrell Moore (4973 yd). Rodney Ferguson (PS#118) was #3 in spring but I projected him as the starter. He only topped 100 once in the first 10 but ended with 3 straight 100+ efforts finishing with 1,234 and 4.9 ypc. Ferguson was more of a power runner. Paul Baker, a change-of-direction runner, had 123 (4.1). NM had a 1st Tm MWC RB every year from 2002-'07 (Ferguson 1177, 4.0 in '07). Ferguson proved to be a warrior last year playing with an injured shoulder. He missed WY but had 1,105 (5.0). Baker had 146 vs NMSt but missed 2 and parts of others finishing with 419 (3.8). James Wright was the only healthy back vs WY rushing for 120 (8.0) and finishing with 348 (6.4). Terence Brown (6'0" 186 Jr) had 62 on just 3 carries in 1 game. This year they lose Ferguson (11 st), Baker (1 st) and FB Matt Quillen (7 st, 67 ttl yd). NM will throw the ball more, most likely ending the NCAA's longest current streak of 1,000 yard rushers (7 years).

RECEIVERS - This unit was a question mark heading into 2008 as they had to replace a pair of 1,000 yard receivers who both were 1st Tm MWC. The leading returnees were Roland Bruno who had just 186 (8.9) and TE Chris Mark who had 147 (12.2) in '07. HC Long called Jermaine McQueen the fastest guy he ever coached (#4 in MWC 100M dash, 10.68). McQueen did start 3 but finished #4 (226, 9.4). After having a 1,000 yard duo in '07, the top 3 in '08 did not even combine to total 1,000 which can be attributed to the inexperience and injuries at both WR and QB. Chris Hernandez led with 428 (13.0), Bryant Williams had 272 (7.6) and Bruno had 242 (10.1). TE Mark had just 105 (13.1). This year they lose Mark (10 st), McQueen and TE's Mitch Straub (3 st, 0 rec) and Tim Merrill (2 gm). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Nelson Musselman (6'0" 175 rFr) and Andre McQueen (5'11" 175 rFr). This is a more experienced group and will get a lot more action in the new offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Under Rocky Long the Lobos annually featured one of the biggest OL's in the NCAA and they nicknamed themselves "The Hitmen." In 2003 all five starters returned and paved the way for 4.4 ypc (best in Long era) with three 1st Tm MWC honorees. The next four years the Lobos only opened holes for 4.1, 4.2, 3.3 and in 2007 just 3.5 ypc rush

(5.7% sacks). In each of those four years they had to replace two starters. Last year they went against the grain as 4 starters departed and their 14 career starts were 2nd fewest in the FBS. Surprisingly they even topped '03 with 208 ypg rush (4.6) while allowing just 18 sacks (6.2%). This year they lose LG Matt Streid (12 st) and LT Sylvester Hatten (12 st). Eight of the top ten are back including 2nd Tm MWC C Eric Cook. While this group is more experienced and should be one of the MWC's better units, it will be tough to top 2008's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Long always did a fine job with his 3-3-5 D-lines. For example, in '04 he had a small, inexperienced D-line but surprisingly NM allowed just 2.8 ypc while the D recorded 42 sacks. In 2006 they had to replace all 3 starters and the unit allowed 3.5 ypc. With a veteran unit in 2007 they allowed just 123 ypg (3.3). Last year they had to replace 2 starters but allowed just 122 ypg (3.3). This year they shift to a 4-3 and have zero starters returning. Gone are NT Wesley Beck (12 st, 32 tkl), DE Jeremiah Lovato (11 st, 30 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Kevin Balogun (12 st, 25 tkl) and DE Phillip Harrison (3 tkl, 1 sk). They do add in JUCO Peter Gardner (PS#142JC) but I doubt Locksley will be able to recapture the magic Long had with zero returning starters. This is a very thin unit whose 3rd string is made up of a couple of true frosh.

LINEBACKERS - With the departure of Rocky Long the LOBO position made famous by Brian Urlacher disappears from the NM defense. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (#5, #9, #11 tkl) but did return the #1, #4 and #7 tacklers. Ian Clark, who was #1 in '07, was lost after 9 starts. This year they lose MLB Zach Arnett (12 st, 92 tkl, 11 tfl), LLB Herbert Felder (12 st, 56 tkl, 7.5 sk) and LOBO Jake Bowe (1 st, 45 tkl) who were the #2, #5 and #8 tacklers. They return their top tackler in Clint McPeek (103) but he missed the spring and may not be 100% for the fall. They also move Clark (#4) to SS so just one starter returns and they must learn new schemes. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Trevor Tixier (6'0" 210 rFr), Julion Conley (6'0" 217 So), Griffin Keller (6'0" 240 So) and Cody Neely (6'2" 201 Jr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 all 4 starters returned and the Lobos climbed to #22 in my pass D rankings. Last year the unit looked like the strength of the defense with two top-notch CB's. They did lose backup CB Jerome Jenkins after 3 forcing Glover Quin and DeAndre Wright to play almost every snap until they pulled the RS off of true frosh Anthony Hooks (gm 7). Wright hurt his shoulder vs Utah and was far from 100% after that. The Lobos dropped to #56. This year they lose 1st Tm MWC CB Quin (12 st, 53 tkl, 5 int, 11 pbu, #4 DC HOU), 2nd Tm MWC CB Wright (11 st, 30 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu, #6 DC NYG), S Blake Ligon (12 st, 49 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu), CB Jenkins (2 tkl) and CB Abdullah Konte (4 tkl). They move LOBO Ian Clark (#1 tkl'r '07) to SS and not listed below is Nathan Enriquez (5'10" 180 rFr). With the loss of their CB's, this unit is less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - NM has produced a 1st Tm MWC K in 2 of the last 3 years. They finished #14 in my ST rankings in '07 as K John Sullivan rattled off a school record 18 straight FG's and P Jordan Scott improved his net to 38.0 (35.0 '06). Last year they had to replace Sullivan, Scott and their top KR. True frosh James Aho tied a school record with 5 FG vs AZ hitting 18 of 24 (long 48). He recorded the best season by any frosh K in NM history. RFr Drew Zamora had 14 TB on 57 KO. NM has the 6th longest KR TD drought in the NCAA (130 gm) but had its best KR avg since 1998 at 24.9 and also avg an outstanding 15.4 on PR's. New P Adam Miller avg 39.8 (33.1 tm net) and NM slipped to #53. This year they only lose KR Quin (32.3) and should be one of the MWC's top ST units.

COACHES - Rocky Long did a tremendous job in his 11 year tenure. This year's new HC is Mike Locksley who spent the last 4 years as the OC at Illinois and 2 years at Florida under Ron Zook. He is known as an outstanding coord and recruiter. They are switching to a no-huddle, high tempo, wide open spread offense piloted by OC Darrell Dickey who was N Texas' HC from '98-'06 and the OC at Utah St the last 2 years. The new DC is Doug Mallory who was the co-DC at LSU in '08 and the DB coach there from '05-'08. NM's D allowed just 336 ypg LY (#45 FBS).

PHIL'S FORECAST

As I mention under the Coaches section, I think Rocky Long did a tremendous job here. Fans will complain about his "boring offenses" but keep in mind from 1987-1991 the Lobos had a wide open offense under Mike Sheppard but taking away 4 wins vs their outclassed (at that time) rival NMSt, they won a total of 5 other games in those 5 years. Long's first season was just 3-9 but he improved to 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 wins the next 5 years. Long had the team bowl eligible in 7 of his 8 final years, a remarkable streak as they got their first bowl win ('07) since 1961. Long could have had some MWC Titles but had 3 close 2nd place finishes. The Lobos have not won a league title since 1964 and when Long unexpectedly stepped down at the end of a disappointing 2008 season, he cited that as a factor. Heading into 2008 NM was the only MWC team to be bowl eligible in each of the last 7 years and in 2007, their 9-4 record was mainly attributed to a D which finished #13 in the FBS. Last year they had just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest MWC) but as always, expectations were high. They had a 370-236 yd edge vs Texas A&M at home but lost. In Wk 3 they upset Arizona but were then pounded by Tulsa the next week to open 1-3 and their QB was lost for the year. The Lobos won their next 2 to get to 3-3 but Long was highly upset at a phantom penalty vs BYU which cost his team a TD and hence the game. They rebounded the next week to smack SDSt with a 565-227 yd edge pulling their starters on the first series of the 2H. Against AF they had a 303-228 yd edge but while threatening to take a 17-0 lead, had a fumble returned 96 yds for a TD and lost. Versus Utah (finished #2 AP), the Lobos were SOD on 4th & goal at the 5 and came up 3 points short. They had a 370-258 yd edge vs UNLV and led 14-6 but gave up a TD w/:03 left 1H on a jumpball and lost. With no shot at a winning season, they lost their finale to CSU. Long said he felt he could not lead them to a MWC Title and opted to step aside. Locksley steps into a great situation as NM was just 2-6 in conf play LY but +41.7 ypg in the MWC (4th best). They also had 3 net close losses. On the down side, they only return 9 starters (fewest MWC) and lose 23 lettermen (2nd highest). NM also loses 5 scholarships each of the next 3 years (NCAA pen). Due to the inexperience and drastic change of schemes on both sides of the ball, I'll call for the Lobos to have their 2nd straight losing season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 15 DONOVAN PORTERIE SR. 6-3 208 PS#145. 3973 (57%), 21-11 ratio 2Y. 4 st, (inj) LY. Darren Jones PS#47. **4** Emmanuel Yeager PS#54. IFS. **10** Brad Gruner (6'2" 217 So). 1037 pass LY.

RB 13 James Wright So. 5-11 235 PS#250. 7 gm, 348 (6.4) rFr. Demond Dennis is PS#118. **23** Terence Brown (6'0" 186 Jr) 4 gm, 62 (20.7) 2Y. **34** AJ Butler (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#391.

WR 18 CHRIS HERNANDEZ JR. 6-3 191 1 st, 2 rec true. 5 st. 428 (13.0) LY. **9** Michael Scarlett (6'2" 182 So) PS#229. 5 st, 11 gm, 104 (9.5), 42 rush, 2-3 pass rFr. **84** Ty Kirk (6'2" 180 rFr) PS#232.

WR 7 BRYANT WILLIAMS JR. 5-11 190 PS#224JC. 4 st, 272 (7.6) here LY. Derrell Person is PS#72. **97** Nick Wilhelm (5'11" 193 Jr) PS#429. Scout Tm Co-Off MVP '07. 1 gm LY.

WR 8 Roland Bruno Sr. 5-10 166 186 (8.9) '07. 8 st, 242 (10.1) LY. **5** Daryl Jones (6'4" 212 Sr). 4 st 3Y. Carmeiris Stewart (6'3" 190 rFr) PS#360. Quintell Solomon (6'3" 185 rFr).

TE 97 Lucas Reed rFr. 6-6 215 PS#109. **14** Jonathan Mader (6'4" 200 rFr) PS#253.

FB 32 Josh Fussell (6'2" 235 Jr). 1 st, 14 yd, 5 rec 2Y. **51** Chris Biren (6'2" 245 rFr) PS#312.

C 69 ERIK COOK SR. 6-6 315 9 st 2Y. 11 st, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **70** Ben Contreras (6'2" 300 Sr) **PS#84JC**. 1 st LY. **LS** Evan Jacobsen PS#460. **52** Tim Lutz (6'6" 220 So) 12 gm true.

RG 66 JOSHUA TAUFALELE SR. 6-2 310 PS#151JC. 12 st, 119 kd here LY. **65** Derek Tallent (6'4" 303 Jr) PS#412. 2 gm 2Y. Mike Muñiz (6'4" 271 So) PS#365. **75** Jon Washington (6'5" 311 So).

LG 77 Maurice Mears Jr. 6-4 295 PS#291JC. RS Alcorn St '06, 1 gm, ltt'd here LY. **56** Mike Cannon (6'3" 295 Jr) PS#372. 3 gm, ltt'd, first off bench as rFr. 1 gm, ltt'd LY.

RT 74 BYRON BELL SO. 6-5 325 12 st, 86 kd, 747 pl, 3 sk all'd as rFr. **76** Zayn Bin-Bilal (6'5" 320 Jr) PS#169. 1 gm 2Y, Ltt'd LY. Dillon Farrell (6'5" 270 Fr) PS#485.

LT 78 Ivan Hernandez Sr. 6-6 295 PS#406JC. 4 gm 2Y. **73** Karlin Givens (6'3" 295 Jr) PS#209JC. RS LY. JV Mason PS#667. **72** Bryan Wightman (6'7" 313 So).

K 12 JAMES AHO SO. 5-9 175 18-24 FG, L/48, **2nd Tm Fr AA** LY. **17** Drew Zamora (6'1" 187 So). 57 KO, 14 TB LY. Gordon Rowe (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#77. Garrett Hentrup (5'10" 210 rFr).

DE 48 Jaymar Latchison So. 6-3 245 18 tkl, 3 tfl, 12 gm as rFr. Pass rusher. 7 tkl spg gm. **88** Johnathan Rainey (6'2" 225 So) 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl as rFr. Jacori Greer (6'3" 240 Fr) PS#433.

DT 93 Peter Gardner Jr. 6-4 295 PS#142JC. In for spring & should make an immediate impact on DL. **91** Brett Kennedy (6'3" 272 So) PS#230. 7 tkl, 1 tfl, 1 int, 10 gm rFr.

DT 53 Kendall Briscoe Sr. 6-2 285 PS#325. 19 tkl, 1.5 tfl as true. 9 tkl, 13 gm '07. 1 st, 12 gm, 15 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **60** Jake Carr (6'3" 240 rFr) PS#262. Mat McBain is PS#506.

DE 98 DeAndre Davis Sr. 6-2 252 PS#422JC. RS his first year here. 24 tkl, 2 tfl, 11 gm last year. **57** Mark Hunter (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#192. Ahraya Crespin (6'2" 252 rFr).

SLB 44 Joe Harris rFr. 6-2 215 PS#90. Inj and RS LY. **55** Tray Hardaway (6'0" 215 Sr) PS#314JC. 13 tkl here LY. **39** Joe Stoner (5'10" 215 rFr) PS#185. Scout Tm Def MVP.

MLB 11 CLINT McPEEK SR. 6-1 227 8 st, 52 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 103 tkl, **2nd Tm MWC** LY. **59** Seth Johannemann (6'3" 224 Jr). 13 tkl 2Y. **46** Spencer Merritt (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#328.

WLB 58 Carmen Messina So. 6-2 210 1 st, 12 gm, 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl rFr. **45** Terel Anyaibe (6'1" 221 Jr) PS#190. 1 tkl rFr, 2 st, 11 tkl LY. Greyson Wieczorek (6'3" 218 Jr) PS#247. No action L2Y.

CB 6 Anthony Hooks So. 5-11 170 PS#224. 1 st, L/5 gm (RS pulled due to inj's), 9 tkl, true. **28** Bubba Forrest (6'1" 205 So) PS#273. 4 tkl rFr. Alex Bustos (6'0" 185 Jr) Knee inj LY.

CB 26 Frankie Baca Sr. 5-11 190 PS#242. 19 tkl 2Y. 37 tkl LY. **38** Edrick Boger (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#416. Freddy Young (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#456. DeShawn Mills (5'10" 170 rFr) PS#416.

SS 30 IAN CLARK SR. 6-0 210 PS#513. 5 st, 101 tkl 2Y. 9 st, 10 gm (inj), 57 tkl, 6 tfl, 12 PR (19.7), **2nd Tm MWC ST** LY. **33** Danny Martin (6'1" 211 Sr). 16 gm, 4 tkl 2Y.

FS 96 FRANKIE SOLOMON SR. 5-10 180 PS#388. 62 tkl, 9 pd 2Y. 12 st, 73 tkl, 7 pd, 22 KR LY. **37** Mica Williams (6'2" 195 So) PS#357. 15 tkl rFr. Jesse Paulsen (6'2" 175 rFr).

P 14 ADAM MILLER SR. 6-2 224 No punts first 2Y. 58 punts (39.8), 6 TB, 33.1 net LY. One of strongest P's in NM history, 455 squat. Ben Skaer is PS#280. TJ Tahti (5'10" 190 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Darren Jones	6-3 195 PS#47
QB	Emmanuel Yeager	6-2 190 PS#54
WR	Derrell Person	6-1 208 PS#72
DT	Peter Gardner	6-4 295 PS#142JC
RB	Demond Dennis	5-9 195 PS#118
RB	Kasey Carrier	5-9 175 PS#175
LB	Dallas Bollema	6-2 210 PS#208
WR	Adam Watson	5-10 175 PS#273
RB	Vince Minor	5-9 175 PS#359
OL	Evan Jacobsen	6-1 240 PS#460
DL	Jacori Greer	6-3 240 PS#433
OL	Dillon Farrell	6-5 270 PS#485
WR	Emmanuel McPhearson	5-10 185 PS#386
DL	Mat McBain	6-4 265 PS#506
QB	Dante Caro	6-0 185 PS#303
OL	JV Mason	6-5 275 PS#667
K	Ben Skaer	6-0 185 PS#280
OL	Darryl Johnson	6-4 310 PS#1788
OL	Calvin McDowney	6-4 340 PS#1788
RB	Demarcus Rogers	5-11 170 PS#1607

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#73

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	at Texas A&M	G						New Mexico is 5-14 vs BCS foes but they have won 4 of the L/7. Last year NM had a 370-236 yd edge but 4 TO's gave A&M an IR & drives of 20 & 21 yds for TD's.
Sep. 12	Tulsa	G						LY the Lobos traveled to Tulsa the wk after upsetting Arizona & were drilled 56-14. QB Porterie was knocked out & lost for the season & the 56 pts were the most allowed S/'98.
Sep. 19	Air Force	G						The Lobos have held AF under its season rushing avg 9 times in the last 10 yrs. Last time here NM overcame a 21-10 deficit as AF lost 5 fumbles incl 3 in the 4Q.
Sep. 26	New Mexico St	G						NM is 33-6-1 S/'69 in "The Battle of I-25" for the Maloof Trophy & has won 6 straight & 8 of 9. LY they trailed 14-0 in the first 3:41 but scored 19 pts the final 10:16.
Oct. 3	at Texas Tech	A						The Lobos 27-24 win in '04 snapped a 10 gm series losing streak. They played yearly from 2000-'04. NM had dropped 22 straight away (w/bowls) vs BCS tms before winning the L/2.
Oct. 10	at Wyoming	A						New Mexico has controlled winning 8 of 9 including 4 straight in Laramie. Last year NM held WY to 201 yds in their 1st MWC shutout & 1st conf shutout since 1983.
Oct. 17								
Oct. 24	UNLV	G						Lobos have won 4 of the L/5 with 4 of the L/6 decided by 4 pts or less (LY's gm 7 pts). LY NM finished with a 370-258 yd edge but were picked off at LV11 & had a blocked punt ret'd for TD.
Oct. 31	at San Diego St	G						NM has won the L/8 & LY exploded for 70 pts, the most S/'03 (72, TX St). Their 49 1H pts were the most since that record had been kept. Ex-HC Rocky Long is now the DC at SDSt!
Nov. 7	at Utah	A						LY NM held UT to a season low 13 pts. The Lobos had the ball at the UT48 with 3:43 left but failed on 4&3. NM is 17-31-2 all-time vs Utah but is tied 5-5 in MWC play.
Nov. 14	BYU	G						NM is just 4-33 S/'72 vs BYU with the last win at home in '97 (5 straight L's). Last time here NM trailed 28-24 w/ 7:24 left. They held BYU & had momentum but fumbled the punt.
Nov. 21	Colorado St	G						CSU HC Fairchild was NM's OC '87-'89. The only 100 yd rusher allowed on the season was CSU's Gartrell Johnson (actually 15 gm span of no 100 yd rushers).
Nov. 28	at TCU	G						These two signed a contract to play each other regularly in the season finale. In the last 2 games NM has been outscored 63-3 and outgained 712-305 by TCU.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Stoney Case 9,460 '91-'94
2. Jeremy Leach 9,382 '88-'91
3. Casey Kelly 5,686 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. DonTrell Moore 4,973 '02-'05
2. Mike Williams 3,862 '75-'78
3. Rodney Ferguson 3,564 '04, '06-'08

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terance Mathis 4,254 '85-'87, '89
2. Carl Winston 2,972 '90-'93
3. Hank Baskett 2,288 '02-'05

MIKE LOCKSLEY (Career 0-0)

1st Year at New Mexico — Locksley's Bowl Record: 0-0

Locksley's records AT NEW MEXICO

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

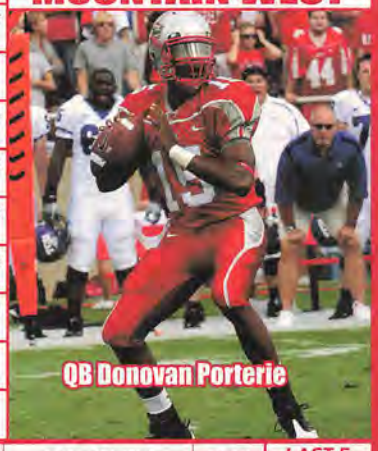
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,18,4)
Lost: 23 (10,12,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,713 (#77)

MOUNTAIN WEST


QB Donovan Porterie

NEW MEXICO LOBOS - NEW MEXICO LOBOS

STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (40,094) (#77)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	6-5	7-7	8-5	7-5	6-5	6-7	9-4	4-8	58-53
Home	3-3	4-2	5-1	5-2	3-2	2-3	3-5	6-1	3-3	34-22
Away	2-4	2-3	2-5	3-2	4-2	4-2	3-2	3-3	1-5	24-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	5-2	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	2-6	37-30
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	2-5	3-3	2-3	2-1	2-3	4-1	2-2	21-23
ATS	7-4	6-4-1	7-6	7-5	7-5	4-7	7-4-1	5-7	6-6	56-48-2
Home Fav (Rocky Long 1998)	1-1	4-1	3-0	2-2	1-1	0-5	1-1	3-2	2-0	17-13
Home Dog	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	3-1-1	0-1	2-2	11-9-1
Away Favorite (Mal Lockley 1998)	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-2	6-9
Away Dog	4-2	0-1-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	4-2	2-1	2-2	1-2	22-14-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
vs Conf	5-2	4-3	6-1	5-2	4-3	3-5	5-2-1	2-6	4-4	38-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1-1	1-5	2-3	3-2	1-2	2-2	3-1	2-2	18-20-1
Off SU Win	3-1	3-1-1	3-4	5-3	4-3	2-4	3-2-1	2-5	2-2	27-25-2
Off SU Loss	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	4-2	3-1	4-3	28-17

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rodney Ferguson	223	1176	71	1105	13	5.0
Paul Baker	111	438	19	419	2	3.8
James Wright	54	361	13	348	2	6.4
Brad Gruner	76	404	73	331	3	4.4
Terence Brown	3	62	0	62	1	20.7
Donovan Porterie	23	86	39	47	0	2.0
Michael Scarlett	8	42	0	42	0	5.2
Tate Smith	18	69	44	25	0	1.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brad Gruner	184	99	53.8	1037	3	6
Donovan Porterie	75	50	66.7	372	0	5
Tate Smith	21	7	33.3	82	0	2
Michael Scarlett	3	2	66.7	60	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Hernandez	33	428	13.0	0	81
Bryant Williams	36	272	7.6	1	30
Roland Bruno	24	242	10.1	0	40
Jermaine McQueen	24	226	9.4	1	38
Chris Mark	8	105	13.1	1	23
Michael Scarlett	11	104	9.5	0	18
Rodney Ferguson	14	101	7.2	0	30

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Miller	58	2310	39.8	10	33.1	3	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
James Aho	24-24	7-7	5-7	6-10	0-0	18-24	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Clint McPeek	103	0	4.5	9	1
Zach Arnett	92	2	9	0	0
Frankie Solomon	73	0	1	6	1
Ian Clark	57	4	2	4	0
Herbert Felder	56	7.5	5	3	0
Glover Quin	53	0	4.5	11	5
Blake Ligon	49	2	4	7	2
Jake Bowe	45	0.5	0	0	0
Frankie Baca	37	0	0.5	1	0
Carmen Messina	35	1.5	2	1	0
Wesley Beck	32	0	0	0	0
DeAndre Wright	30	0	2	5	2
Jeremiah Lovato	30	0	2	1	0
Kevin Balogun	25	0	1	1	0
DeAndre Davis	24	0	2	1	0
Jaymar Latchison	18	1.5	1.5	1	0
Johnathan Rainey	15	1	1.5	0	0
Kendall Briscoe	15	0	1.5	0	0
Mica Williams	15	0	0.5	0	0
Tray Hardaway	13	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ian Clark	12	236	19.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Frankie Solomon	22	479	21.8	0
Glover Quin	10	323	32.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Las Vegas	+10'	UCLA	13-27
03	Las Vegas	+2	Oregon St	14-55
04	Emerald	-3	Navy	19-34
06	New Mexico	-3	San Jose St	12-20
07	New Mexico	-2'	Nevada	23-0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS BY	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	21.1	340	208	4.6	131	55.0	16.1	18	+3	2008	5	22.8	336	122	3.3	214	57.7	14.8	21
8*	24.7	372	136	3.5	236	57.9	15.1	25	0	2007	10	19.0	320	123	3.3	197	55.0	16.8	23
6*	21.8	317	111	3.3	206	52.3	14.5	43	+2	2006	4	24.0	355	118	3.5	237	60.0	14.8	29
8*	29.6	397	200	4.2	197	60.1	13.4	19	-1	2005	4	29.7	385	131	3.7	254	57.4	13.0	36
5	20.3	298	179	4.1	119	44.8	14.7	24	+9	2004	4	18.7	323	108	2.8	215	55.6	17.3	42
10*	30.1	401	210	4.4	191	52.4	13.3	26	+5	2003	7	22.3	334	86	2.6	248	56.6	15.0	39
5*	24.4	325	179	4.2	146	54.5	13.3	17	+2	2002	6	25.6	333	115	3.1	218	54.0	13.0	38

2008 STATS BY GAME

NM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
31,583	TCU	9	32-56	1.8	7-24	130	5	20	48-171	3.6	16-26	120	2	-2
28,007	Texas A&M	20	38-216	5.7	22-38	154	1	16	39-92	2.4	13-24	144	3	-3
32,337	Arizona	18	47-221	4.7	14-18	114	2	21	24-67	2.8	27-50	321	3	+4
30,000	at Tulsa	16	37-126	3.4	18-25	190	1	28	37-137	3.7	24-39	469	2	-1
30,343	at New Mexico St	23	63-297	4.7	7-16	55	1	15	18-48	2.7	24-38	382	1	0
28,752	Wyoming	18	48-317	6.6	8-21	33	1	12	44-130	3.0	9-19	71	4	+3
64,105	at BYU	19	51-139	2.7	13-22	146	3	19	28-124	4.4	22-34	258	0	-2
26,695	San Diego St	28	63-419	6.7	11-15	146	0	13	22-66	3.0	19-39	161	2	+2
25,101	at Air Force	14	47-212	4.5	9-18	91	1	17	69-227	3.3	1-3	1	1	-1
30,901	Utah	16	37-119	3.2	16-26	165	2	17	35-198	5.7	23-33	195	1	+2
13,154	at UNLV	22	47-222	4.7	12-27	148	1	14	32-55	1.7	17-34	203	1	-1
17,401	at Colorado St	17	30-155	5.2	23-39	204	0	23	43-152	3.5	16-27	237	1	+2
TOTALS		220	540-2499	4.6	159-289	1576	18	215	439-1467	3.3	211-366	2562	21	+3
AVERAGES		18.3	45-208	4.6	13-24	131	6.2%	17.9	37-122	3.3	18-31	214	5.7%	0.3

2004 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Washington St	+3'	17-21
-	Texas Tech	+3'	27-24
-	at Oregon St	+13'	7-17
-	at New Mexico St	-6	38-3
-	Utah - #14	+10	7-28
-	at Air Force	+3'	23-28
-	at UNLV	+2	24-20
-	San Diego St	-4'	19-9
-	at Colorado St	+2	26-17
-	at BYU	+6'	21-14
-	Wyoming	-8'	16-9

2005 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	UNLV	-15	24-22
-	at Missouri	+10'	45-35
-	New Mexico St	-21'	38-21
-	at UTEP	+2'	13-21
-	at TCU	+1'	28-49
-	BYU	-7'	24-27
-	at Wyoming	+6'	27-24
-	at San Diego St	+3	47-24
-	Colorado St	-6	25-35
-	at Utah	+6	31-27
-	Air Force	-12	24-42

2006 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Portland St	NL	6-17
-	at New Mexico St	-6'	34-28
-	Missouri	+14	17-27
-	UTEP	+9'	26-13
-	at Air Force	+13'	7-24
-	Wyoming	+1	10-14
-	at UNLV	-2'	39-36 OT
-	Utah	+6	34-31
-	at Colorado St	+6'	20-19
-	TCU	+6	21-27
-	at BYU - #23	+27	17-42
-	San Diego St	-10'	41-14

2007 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at UTEP	-3'	6-10
-	N Mexico St	-7	44-34
-	at Arizona	+10	29-27
-	Sacramento St	NL	58-0
-	BYU	+4	24-31
-	at Wyoming	+4	20-3
-	at San Diego St	-8'	20-17
-	Air Force	-5'	34-31
-	at TCU	+3'	0-37
-	Colorado St	-9	26-23
-	at Utah	+15	10-28
-	UNLV	-10'	27-6

2008 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	TCU	+6'	3-26
-	Texas A&M	+3	22-28
-	Arizona	+10'	36-28
-	at Tulsa	+10	14-56
-	at New Mexico St	-3	35-24
-	Wyoming	-10'	24-0
-	at BYU - #9	+23	3-21
-	San Diego St	-14'	70-7
-	at Air Force	+5'	10-23
-	Utah - #10	+7	10-13
-	at UNLV	-6	20-27
-	at Colorado St	-2	6-20

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CONFERENCE USA

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 CUSA TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Case Keenum, Houston	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP	Joe Webb, UAB	Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU
RB	Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss	Curtis Steele, Memphis	André Anderson, Tulane	Kendrick Hardy, Sothern Miss
RB	Bryce Beall, Houston	Darius Marshall, Marshall	Charles Clay, Tulsa	Rashaud Slaughter, UAB
WR	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	Kris Adams, UTEP	Jeremy Williams, Tulane	Carlos Singleton, Memphis
WR	Tyron Carrier, Houston	Damaris Johnson, Tulsa	Slick Shelley, Tulsa	Frantrell Forrest, UAB
WR	DeAndre Brown, Southern Miss	Aldrick Robinson, SMU	Jeff Moturi, UTEP	Duke Calhoun, Memphis
TE	Cody Slate, Marshall	Jeffery Anderson, UAB	Jonathan Massey, Southern Miss	Taylor Wardlow, Rice
C	Sean Allen, E Carolina	Jake Seitz, UAB	Mitch Enright, SMU	Carl Barnett, Houston
OG	Cameron Raschke, UTEP	Dominik Riley, Memphis	Cory Dowless, E Carolina	Malcom Rawls, Memphis
OG	Ryan Hebert, Southern Miss	Doug Palmer, E Carolina	Curt Puckett, Tulsa	Terence Campbell (OG/OT), EC
OT	Terence Edge, UAB	Calvin Wilson, Southern Miss	Jah Reid, UCF	CJ Wood, Marshall
OT	Mike Aguayo, UTEP	Tyler Holmes, Tulsa	Roy Watts, Houston	Scott Mitchell, Rice
DE	CJ Wilson, E Carolina	Bruce Miller, UCF	Logan Kelley, Tulane	Jarvis Geathers, UCF
DT	Torrell Troup, UCF	Linval Joseph, E Carolina	Reggie Scott, Tulane	Chance Talbert, Rice
DT	Jay Ross, E Carolina	Anthony Gray, Southern Miss	Wilson Garrison, Tulsa	DJ Reese, UAB
DE	Albert McClellan, Marshall	Scott Solomon, Rice	Bryant Turner, UAB	Cheta Ozougwu, Rice
LB	Marcus McGraw, Houston	Pete Fleps, SMU	Lawrence Young, UCF	Cory Hogue, UCF
LB	Mario Harvey, Marshall	Korey Williams, Southern Miss	Terrance Garmon, Rice	Derrick Odom, Memphis
LB	Nick Johnson, E Carolina	Chance Henderson, UCF	Youri Yenga, SMU	David Kirksey, Tulane
LB	Mike Bryan, Tulsa	Greg Jackson, Memphis	Matt Nicholson, Houston	Brandon Burns, Marshall
CB	Brandon Brinkley, Houston	Cornelius Brown, UTEP	Emanuel Davis, E Carolina	CJ Bailey, Southern Miss
CB	DeQuan Bembry, Marshall	Bryan McCann, SMU	DeAundre Brown (S), Tulsa	Kenny D Sims, Tulsa
SS	James Lockett, Tulsa	Alton Starr, Memphis	Da'Mon Cromartie-Smith, UTEP	Chico Hunter, Southern Miss
FS	Van Eskridge, E Carolina	Andrew Sendejo, Rice	Eddie Hicks, Southern Miss	Braxton Amy, UTEP
K	Ben Hartman, E Carolina	Matt Reagan, Memphis	Jordan Mannisto, Houston	Logan Barrett, UTEP
P	Matt Dodge, E Carolina	Kyle Petersen, UTEP	Ross Thevenot, Tulane	Kase Whitehead, Marshall
KR	Damaris Johnson, Tulsa	Darius Marshall, Marshall	Dwayne Harris, E Carolina	Tyron Carrier, Houston
PR	Travis Simmons, E Carolina	DA Griffin, Memphis	Andre Watson, Southern Miss	Trae Johnson, Tulsa

Tulsa
SS James Lockett

Southern Miss
WR DeAndre Brown

Marshall
CB DeQuan Bembry

Houston
QB Case Keenum

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 CUSA FORECAST

CUSA WEST

1. UTEP - UTEP has the most returning lettermen (55), 15 ret starters and the best schedule. They avoid both SM and EC out of the East and get to host both of their rivals. UTEP has finished 5th, 5th and 4th in the West the last 3 years but I'll call for them to get to the CUSA Title game. They may have the 3rd best talent of the top 3 but with schedule, I give them the nod here.

1. HOUSTON - Houston figures to have the most explosive offense in CUSA led by QB Keenum, RB Beall and WR Carrier. They lost some major talent on D but last year had 11 returning starters overall and this year have 12. UH does have to play both Tulsa and UTEP on the road. Last year they were +190.7 ypg in CUSA (league best) and were -6 in TO's and have just 19 lettermen lost. It was very difficult for me to seperate the top 3 in the West.

1. TULSA - LY Tulsa had an inexperienced QB who helped generate 47.2 ppg. That QB was surrounded by my #1 RB's, WR's and OL in the league. This year they have an inexp QB and O-line while they lose their top RB and top WR. Still, TU has an improved D but draws both SM and EC from the East. Even if the offense scores a TD/gm less than LY, that would be 40.2 ppg and they have a much improved D and figure to be the preseason favorite in CUSA West. The Hurricane should have another outstanding season.

4. SMU - SMU has lost an amazing 17 consec CUSA games so I imagine most folks will have them pegged for the basement. The team has 16 ret starters and is in the 2nd season of June Jones' systems with an exp QB. They were also -13 in TO's, had 5 net close losses and should have beaten both league powers Tulsa and Houston LY but came up short in the end. SMU makes my Most Improved List this year which means I think they will be bowl eligible and not only end their conf losing streak, but make a jump in the standings.

5. RICE - Last year Rice had a tremendous set of skill players and despite being picked either 5th or 6th in the CUSA West, went 7-1 tying for the West Title. This year looks like a rebuilding season as they lose QB Clement, RB Ugokwe and 2 NFL WR's. They do have 9 starters back on D and 2 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for Rice to have a winning CUSA record. They benefitted from +15 in TO's, have the 2nd fewest ret starters in CUSA (13), the most lettermen lost (27) and despite their 7-1 mark LY were only +21.3 in conf play.

6. TULANE - While Tulane has just 13 returning starters (3rd fewest CUSA), they are a much stronger team than most would think. Last year they lost their top RB and WR to injuries and with the depleted offense, were walloped in their last 5 games. They get back RB Anderson and WR Williams not to mention a veteran QB. They do have one of the tougher schedules in CUSA play with most of their winnable games on the road. They were also -127.7 ppg in CUSA play (league worst) and while a stronger team, I'll call for a drop to the basement.

CUSA EAST

1. SOUTHERN MISS - SM was very fortunate last year to avoid a losing season. They benefitted from +13 in TO's and after opening 2-6, needed a comeback in the bowl for their 7th win. This year's team won't need any luck as they have 19 returning starters (most CUSA) and last year were +99.3 ypg in CUSA play. I rate their RB's, WR's, OL and DB's all #1 in the conference and 8 of my 9 sets of power ratings have them as the most talented team in the league. They have to play both Houston and EC on the road but have a great shot at getting to their first CUSA Title game in 3 years.

1. EAST CAROLINA - EC has been a perplexing team for me to forecast the last two years. They caught some breaks last year as they were +2.8 ypg in CUSA but got a very fortunate CUSA Title being outgained 399-278 but benefitting from +6 TO's versus Tulsa. They had 4 net close wins on the season. That would normally signal a downward trend but EC also had 41 starts lost LY to injury and have HC Skip Holtz's best team yet with 16 ret starters with last year's injuries making them even more experienced. Keep in mind this is an EC team that, after knocking off VT and WV, appeared poised to be a BCS buster. They also have a better CUSA schedule than SM as they avoid UH out of the West and host SM.

3. MARSHALL - Marshall has 16 returning starters and just 15 lett lost. They also have my #4 rated O-line and #2 D-line in CUSA. They also have my #2 rated ST. HC Mark Snyder probably needs a winning season to hold on to his job but I feel he's got a good shot at getting it as Marshall figures to be one of the most underrated teams in the league.

4. MEMPHIS - Memphis has an explosive offense led by QB Hall, RB Steele and WR Singleton and is one of the most talented teams in the East. They are also the only team in the East to pull each of the top 3 out of the West which gives them the toughest schedule in the division. HC Tommy West always does well under adverse conditions and they could surprise.

5. UCF - It is an odd numbered year and while HC George O'Leary's teams are 6-18 in even numbered years they went to the Title game in both 2005 and 2007. They lose just 12 lettermen and have a vastly improved offense. They also have a top-notch Def front 7, as UCF has my #2 rated defense in the entire league and figures to be a darkhorse East contender in 2009.

6. UAB - UAB does have 18 returning starters and by far their best team under HC Neil Callaway as they get close to their full allotment of scholarships including some veteran depth. They will be buoyed by their final 3 games last year where they whipped Tulane and UCF on the road by a 56-24 margin and nearly beat CUSA Champ EC at home. UAB does have to play 7 road games in a 9 game stretch but it wouldn't surprise me at all if they outperformed my '09 projection.

CUSA Notes: Tulsa's 268 ypg rushing and 569.9 ypg total offense set CUSA records. Rice TE/WR/RB James Casey set a CUSA single season record with 111 rec in 2008. Since division play began in 2004 each division has won two titles thanks to last year's upset by EC in the title game. There have been 40 games played between the two divisions and they are split dead even at 20-20. Last year the West had arguably the 3 best teams in the league but also had the two weakest. After having 5 bowl teams in 2006 the CUSA has increased it to 6 in each of the last two seasons. Huge strides were made in the postseason as after being 3-8 in bowls in '06-'07, CUSA teams were 4-2 last year with Tulsa knocking off the only ranked foe faced in the postseason (#23 Ball St). Every member of the league has been to at least one bowl since 2002 with the exception of SMU whose last bowl was pre-Death Penalty (1984). CUSA was just 2-21 vs BCS schools with East Carolina winning in B2B weeks over Virg Tech and WVirg. CUSA's record in non conf, non BCS, FBS matchups was 9-9 (tied for 3rd best) but they were 7-1 vs the Sun Belt and 2-8 vs the others. **There has now been a different league champ SEVEN straight years with TCU in '02, SMiss is '03, L'ville in '04, Tulsa in '05, Houston in '06 , UCF in '07 and EC in '08.** At different times during '08 both EC and Tulsa were considered possible BCS bowl busters.

2008 CUSA vs CUSA OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
5	Tulsa	49.4	1	577.1	2	290.5	1	5.9	1	286.6	5	64.7	2	11.7	10	15	6	11	2
11	Houston	43.6	3	599.5	1	178.5	6	5.3	2	421.0	1	68.6	1	13.7	7	17	8	19	11
16	Rice	44.1	2	490.4	3	162.6	7	4.6	7	327.8	2	64.7	2	11.1	12	12	5	12	3
22	Southern Miss	33.8	5	456.3	4	205.6	2	5.0	3	250.6	6	56.6	9	13.5	9	7	2	16	6
42	Memphis	28.4	6	418.8	6	203.8	3	4.7	5	215.0	8	59.1	6	14.8	4	11	3	12	3
48	UTEP	36.9	4	427.5	5	108.1	11	3.7	8	319.4	3	58.2	7	11.6	11	6	1	18	10
78	UAB	22.3	10	368.0	7	181.0	5	4.6	6	187.0	10	59.7	5	16.5	2	19	9	15	5
88	East Carolina	23.4	8	333.4	10	118.6	8	3.2	10	214.8	9	60.2	4	14.3	6	20	11	17	7
105	Marshall	23.0	9	353.9	8	182.0	4	4.8	4	171.9	11	52.2	11	15.4	3	11	3	9	1
112	SMU	23.5	7	339.1	9	49.5	12	2.6	12	289.6	4	57.0	8	14.4	5	23	12	17	7
114	Tulane	18.4	11	331.9	11	115.6	10	3.6	9	216.3	7	54.8	10	18.1	1	16	7	17	7
120	UCF	17.1	12	235.0	12	116.0	9	3.0	11	119.0	12	41.4	12	13.7	8	19	9	24	12

2008 CUSA vs CUSA DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
41	UCF	25.5	3	344.3	2	125.9	3	3.3	1	218.4	3	52.6	1	13.5	7	16	5	21	2
45	East Carolina	19.5	1	330.6	1	122.4	2	3.6	2	208.3	1	57.9	5	17.0	12	17	1	19	3
63	Southern Miss	23.8	2	357.0	4	121.8	1	4.1	6	235.3	5	58.6	7	15.0	10	16	3	12	9
78	Marshall	26.4	5	418.6	7	149.4	8	3.6	3	269.3	9	56.1	3	15.9	11	12	2	17	4
82	Memphis	26.1	4	356.3	3	134.6	4	4.5	8	221.6	4	54.7	2	13.6	9	11	4	11	10
87	Tulsa	30.9	6	396.4	5	138.4	6	4.0	5	258.0	7	58.2	6	12.8	4	14	9	26	1
92	Houston	32.0	8	408.8	6	136.8	5	3.7	4	272.0	10	60.3	8	12.8	3	14	10	16	5
93	Tulane	38.1	12	459.6	9	242.0	12	6.1	12	217.6	2	66.7	12	12.1	1	14	12	11	10
109	Rice	34.8	9	469.1	11	145.9	7	4.5	7	323.3	12	57.3	4	13.5	7	18	5	15	8
110	UAB	31.9	7	428.5	8	170.9	9	4.8	10	257.6	6	62.4	10	13.4	6	16	7	7	12
111	UTEP	37.8	11	499.9	12	221.6	11	5.5	11	278.3	11	60.9	9	13.2	5	16	8	16	5
116	SMU	37.1	10	461.8	10	202.4	10	4.6	9	259.4	8	63.1	11	12.4	2	12	11	16	5

2008 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2008	2007	2006
E Carolina	6	2	187	156	9	5	328	295	+2.8	-29.3	+16.3
S Mississippi	4	4	270	190	7	6	398	313	+99.3	+69.6	+29.6
Memphis	4	4	227	209	6	7	353	353	+62.5	+5.8	-68.2
UAB	3	5	178	255	4	8	273	375	-60.5	-188.1	-53.5
UCF	3	5	137	204	4	8	199	289	-109.3	+139.1	+53.0
Marshall	3	5	184	211	4	8	246	332	-64.7	-23.2	-15.0
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2008	2007	2006
Tulsa	7	1	395	247	11	3	661	391	+180.7	+100.0	+96.4
Rice	7	1	353	278	10	3	537	433	+21.3	-59.2	-28.0
Houston	6	2	349	256	8	5	528	402	+190.7	+137.3	+145.2
UTEP	4	4	295	302	5	7	395	444	-72.4	-78.5	-10.7
Tulane	1	7	147	305	2	10	200	414	-127.7	-14.0	-117.9
SMU	0	8	188	297	1	11	256	458	-122.7	-59.2	+47.4

Coach of the Year: David Bailiff, Rice
CUSA Title Game: E Carolina 27 Tulsa 24

2007 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UCF	7	1	349	196	10	4	502	372
E Carolina	6	2	294	227	8	5	403	395
Memphis	6	2	259	282	7	6	380	419
S Mississippi	5	3	254	183	7	6	361	314
Marshall	3	5	223	244	3	9	298	411
UAB	1	7	158	302	2	10	235	421
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tulsa	6	2	328	251	10	4	576	467
Houston	6	2	288	248	8	5	449	379
Tulane	3	5	215	256	4	8	293	375
Rice	3	5	308	340	3	9	377	515
UTEP	2	6	286	353	4	8	403	445
SMU	0	8	251	331	1	11	340	477

Coach of the Year: George O'Leary, UCF
TITLE GAME: UCF '44 Tulsa 25

2006 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S Mississippi	6	2	213	132	9	5	356	260
E Carolina	5	3	188	154	7	6	280	270
Marshall	4	4	233	222	5	7	311	351
UCF	3	5	173	211	4	8	232	345
UAB	2	6	177	220	3	9	225	297
Memphis	1	7	193	256	2	10	281	365
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Houston	7	1	275	173	10	4	462	329
Rice	6	2	255	244	7	6	350	432
Tulsa	5	3	226	155	8	5	360	262
SMU	4	4	216	212	6	6	325	294
UTEP	3	5	202	246	5	7	328	375
Tulane	2	6	130	256	4	8	224	400

Coach of the Year: Todd Graham, Rice
TITLE GAME: Houston 24 Southern Miss 20

2008 CONFERENCE USA LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
David Johnson, Tulsa	400	258	64.5	18	4059	10.1	46	178.7
Chase Clement, Rice	490	326	66.5	7	4119	8.4	44	163.9
Case Keenum, Houston	589	397	67.4	11	5020	8.5	44	159.9
Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP	418	246	58.9	9	3274	7.8	33	146.4
Patrick Pinkney, East Carolina	363	223	61.4	7	2675	7.4	13	131.3
Austin Davis, Southern Miss	454	261	57.5	8	3128	6.9	23	128.6
Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU	410	236	57.6	23	2865	7.0	24	124.4
Arkelon Hall, Memphis	335	191	57.0	7	2275	6.8	12	121.7
Joe Webb, UAB	353	208	58.9	16	2367	6.7	10	115.5
Kevin Moore, Tulane	334	187	56.0	13	2194	6.7	8	111.3
Mark Cann, Marshall	307	154	50.2	13	1767	5.8	14	105.1
Rob Calabrese, UCF	165	65	39.4	5	664	4.0	7	81.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/GM
Case Keenum, Houston	13	76	221	589	5020	5241	403.2
Chase Clement, Rice	13	154	693	490	4119	4812	370.2
David Johnson, Tulsa	14	92	186	400	4059	4245	303.2
Joe Webb, UAB	12	198	1021	353	2367	3388	282.3
Austin Davis, S Miss	13	155	508	454	3128	3636	279.7
Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP	12	45	-31	418	3274	3243	270.3
Bo Levi Mitchell, SMU	12	51	-140	410	2865	2725	227.1
Arkelon Hall, Memphis	11	76	200	335	2275	2475	225.0
Patrick Pinkney, E Carolina	14	90	50	363	2675	2725	194.6
Kevin Moore, Tulane	12	31	-58	334	2194	2136	178.0
Mark Cann, Marshall	11	35	-40	307	1767	1727	157.0
Damion Fletcher, S Miss	12	219	1313	0	0	1313	109.4
Tarrion Adams, Tulsa	14	247	1523	0	0	1523	108.8

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Joe Burnett, UCF	26	745	2	28.7
Darius Marshall, Marshall	30	790	0	26.3
Damaris Johnson, Tulsa	54	1382	1	25.6
Josh Ferguson, UTEP	24	572	0	23.8
Tyron Carrier, Houston	27	601	1	22.3
Dwayne Harris, E Carolina	19	446	0	23.5
Freddie Parham, Southern Miss	28	620	0	22.1
Jessie Henderson, SMU	48	1056	0	22.0
Ja'Corey Shepherd, Rice	41	885	0	21.6
Frantrell Forrest, UAB	35	746	1	21.3
DA Griffin, Memphis	18	383	0	21.3
Travis Burks, Tulane	20	412	0	20.6

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Joe Burnett, UCF	26	378	0	14.5
Travis Simmons, E Carolina	13	147	0	11.3
DA Griffin, Memphis	23	190	0	8.3
James Casey, Rice	14	112	0	8.0
Andre Watson, S Miss	22	170	0	7.7
Trae Johnson, Tulsa	21	143	0	6.8

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/GM
Andre Anderson, Tulane	7	174	864	7	5.0	123.4
Damion Fletcher, S Miss	12	219	1313	10	6.0	109.4
Tarrion Adams, Tulsa	14	247	1523	14	6.2	108.8
Bryce Beall, Houston	13	198	1247	13	6.3	95.9
Curtis Steele, Memphis	13	218	1223	7	5.6	94.1
Darius Marshall, Marshall	12	224	1095	5	4.9	91.3
Joe Webb, UAB	12	198	1021	11	5.2	85.1
CJ Ugokwe, Rice	13	167	809	2	4.8	62.2
Chase Clement, Rice	13	154	693	12	4.5	53.3
Brynn Harvey, UCF	10	125	519	1	4.2	51.9
Norman Whitley, E Carolina	14	142	698	4	4.9	49.9
Rashaud Slaughter, UAB	12	113	514	4	4.5	42.8
Terrell Jackson, UTEP	11	107	451	2	4.2	41.0

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/GM	REC AVG	YDS/GM
Aldrick Robinson, SMU	10	59	1047	11	5.9	17.7	104.7
James Casey, Rice	13	111	1329	13	8.5	12.0	102.2
Jarett Dillard, Rice	13	87	1310	20	6.7	15.1	100.8
Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	10	67	958	9	6.7	14.3	95.8
DeAndre Brown, Southern Miss	13	67	1117	12	5.2	16.7	85.9
Brennan Marion, Tulsa	13	43	1112	8	3.3	25.9	85.5
Kris Adams, UTEP	12	50	958	14	4.2	19.2	79.8
Patrick Edwards, Houston	8	46	634	4	5.8	13.8	79.2
Tyron Carrier, Houston	13	80	1026	9	6.2	12.8	78.9
Darius Passmore, Marshall	12	56	945	7	4.7	16.9	78.8
Mark Hafner, Houston	13	86	907	11	6.6	10.5	69.8
Dwayne Harris, E Carolina	10	58	654	1	5.8	11.3	65.4
Carlos Singleton, Memphis	13	52	791	5	4.0	15.2	60.8
Jeff Moturi, UTEP	12	51	655	9	4.3	12.8	54.6
Frantrell Forrest, UAB	10	42	536	2	4.2	12.8	53.6
Damaris Johnson, Tulsa	14	53	743	10	3.8	14.0	53.1

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Phillip Hunt, Houston	14	107
CJ Wilson, E Carolina	10.5	61
James Lockett, Tulsa	8.5	62
Clinton McDonald, Memphis	7	55
Logan Kelley, Tulane	7	49
Bruce Miller, UCF	7	42
Youri Yenga, SMU	6.5	36
Anthony Gray, S Miss	6	55
Jarvis Geathers, UCF	5.5	36
Cordarro Law, S Miss	5	48
Zack Slate, E Carolina	5	38
Jay Ross, E Carolina	5	34
Tate Stewart, Houston	5	12
Mario Harvey, Marshall	4.5	37
Scott Solomon, Rice	4.5	36
Antonio Wallace, UCF	4.5	25
Tanner Antle, Tulsa	4.5	19

TFL

	NO	YDS
Phillip Hunt, Houston	18.5	124
CJ Wilson, East Carolina	18.5	84
Bruce Miller, UCF	17	66
James Lockett, Tulsa	16.5	79
Torrell Troup, UCF	12.5	45
Joe Henderson, UAB	12.5	29
Moton Hopkins, Tulsa	12	49
Greg Jackson, Memphis	11.5	46
Tokumbo Abanikanda, S Miss	11	41
Youri Yenga, SMU	10.5	52
Mike Bryan, Tulsa	10.5	37
Lawrence Young, UCF	10.5	35
Nick Johnson, E Carolina	10	32
Jarvis Geathers, UCF	9.5	45
Jay Ross, East Carolina	9.5	43
Gerald McRath, S Miss	9.5	33
Pierre Bell, East Carolina	9.5	32

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	LONG
Swayze Waters, UAB	12	24	19	79.2	50
Jarod Tracy, Tulsa	13	13	10	76.9	37
Jose Martinez, UTEP	12	27	20	74.1	64
Thomas Morstead, SMU	12	15	11	73.3	49
Matt Reagan, Memphis	9	11	8	72.7	44
Ben Hartman, East Carolina	11	31	21	67.7	51
Ben Bell, Houston	11	15	10	66.7	36
Craig Ratanamorn, Marshall	10	11	7	63.6	50
Britt Barefoot, Southern Miss	13	15	9	60.0	46
Clark Fangmeier, Rice	13	10	6	60.0	46
Ross Thevenot, Tulane	12	20	9	45.0	50

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Ross Thevenot, Tulane	12	45	2061	45.8
Chase Turner, Houston	13	41	1864	45.5
Matt Dodge, East Carolina	14	73	3207	43.9
Swayze Waters, UAB	12	55	2396	43.6
Kyle Petersen, UTEP	11	46	1978	43.0
Michael Such, Tulsa	11	22	947	43.0
Thomas Morstead, SMU	12	59	2465	41.8
Brent Sutherland, Memphis	13	52	2127	40.9
Britt Barefoot, Southern Miss	13	49	1987	40.6
Blake Clingan, UCF	12	88	3560	40.5
Kase Whitehead, Marshall	12	63	2438	38.7
Kyle Martens, Rice	13	51	1953	38.3

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Gerald McRath, S Miss	13	78	59	137	10.5
Adam Vincent, UTEP	12	51	59	110	9.2
Mario Harvey, Marshall	12	43	64	107	8.9
Pete Fleps, SMU	12	68	38	106	8.8
Andrew Sendejo, Rice	11	64	30	94	8.5
Mike Bryan, Tulsa	14	53	66	119	8.5
Maurice Kitchens, Marshall	12	37	60	97	8.1
Marcus McGraw, Houston	13	48	55	103	7.9
Pierre Bell, E Carolina	13	57	43	100	7.7
Chico Hunter, S Miss	9	44	24	68	7.6
Justin Smart, SMU	10	51	23	74	7.4
Nick Johnson, E Carolina	14	55	47	102	7.3
Matt Nicholson, Houston	9	35	31	66	7.3
Joe Henderson, UAB	12	55	32	87	7.3
Corey Sonnier, Tulane	12	42	44	86	7.2
Cody Lubojasky, Houston	12	32	53	85	7.1
Kenneth Fontenette, Houston	13	54	38	92	7.1
Van Eskridge, E Carolina	14	59	38	97	6.9
Alton Starr, Memphis	13	52	38	90	6.9
Travis Bradshaw, Rice	13	67	22	89	6.8
Jason Venson, UCF	12	60	22	82	6.8

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Brandon Brinkley, Houston	15	4	19
Joe Burnett, UCF	11	4	15
Sha'reff Rashad, UCF	10	5	15
Johnell Neal, UCF	9	4	13
DeQuan Bembry, Marshall	11	1	12
Emanuel Davis, East Carolina	8	4	12
Kevin Sanders, UAB	3	7	10
Derrius Bell, SMU	9	1	10
Cornelius Brown, UTEP	7	3	10
Christopher Douglas, Rice	7	3	10
Jason Venson, UCF	8	2	10
Kenneth Fontenette, Houston	9	1	10
Ernest Miller, Houston	9	1	10
Charles Harris, Tulane	9	1	10
TJ Drakeford, Marshall	9	1	10

PHIL'S CUSA UNIT RANKING

West	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
UTEP	2	7	5	6	7	9	9	7	4
Houston	1	2	1	5	11	7	11	3	7
Tulsa	3	4	3	6	8	3	4	4	3
SMU	7	11	3	10	11	10	4	9	6
Rice	9	12	12	11	8	8	4	6	7
Tulane	11	6	11	9	10	11	10	11	9
East	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Southern Miss	5	1	1	1	4	6	1	8	9
E Carolina	8	7	8	3	3	4	2	1	1
Marshall	10	4	10	4	2	5	3	2	11
Memphis	5	2	5	8	4	2	4	9	4
UCF	12	7	5	12	1	1	8	5	2
UAB	3	10	9	2	6	11	12	12	12

UTEP MINERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2007 five QB's vied to replace UTEP's career leading passer Jordan Palmer. Trevor Vittatoe was the top pocket passer in the bunch with a monster arm but in HS played on a team that ran the ball or he would have been higher in the recruiting rankings (PS#164). Vittatoe started all 12 setting the frosh school record throwing for 3,101 (55%) with a 25-7 ratio. Last year his backups were walk-on Kyle Wright (6'1" 205 Sr) and James Thomas (5'11" 190 Jr). Wright played in 10 but hit just 1 of 9 (5-13 '07). Thomas was the #2 rusher with 351 (6.8) while hitting 11 of 21 for 134 yd. He also started 3 at WR (12 rec). Thomas did play the bulk of the game vs NMSt when Vittatoe was injured early and became only the 3rd Miner QB since 1982 to rush for over 100 yds (142). Vittatoe had 3 int's in the opener which all came on tipped passes and was nearly flawless the rest of the year. He set a school record with 33 TD's while throwing just 6 more int's. For the second time in his career he threw 5 TD's in a game (vs UL), and set a school record with 8 straight games of 3+ TD passes, all of this despite an ankle injury which threw off his mechanics. Tim Curry (PS#61) could be the backup TY and Price said Curry "is as good as it gets." Vittatoe should continue to improve and that makes him one of the top QB's in CUSA.

QB Trevor Vittatoe

RUNNING BACKS - Price has had success with transfers from BCS schools. Marcus Thomas (PS#23 at Ariz) rushed for 791 (5.3) in '05. With a young O-line in '06, Thomas saw his numbers drop to 513 (3.3) but he did contribute 39 rec (6.2). In 2007 I called for UTEP to have the most improved rush attack in the NCAA and they did, going from 58 ypg rushing to 148. Thomas had UTEP's first 100+ game by a RB in 16 games vs TX Southern in what was his first of a school record 5 consec 100+ games. Terrell Jackson (PS#17 at Oreg) led with 70 in the opener but was inj and finished with just 202 (5.2). Vernon Frazier, who Price said will be a future star at RB, RS. Last year they had to replace Thomas (#5DC) and Jason Williams (PS#162) fractured his ankle. Versus NMSt with their top 2 RB's out, Frazier rushed for 74 and Daniel Palmer had 64. In the first six, 4 diff players led. Jackson finished with 451 (4.2) and David Buckram was #3 with 348 (4.6). Frazier added 176 (5.7) and Palmer had 132 (3.2). One of Price's recruiting goals was to get some bigger RB's (pass protection, short ydg). This year they lose Jackson but get Williams back and not listed below are Leilyon Myers (PS#183JC) and Joe Banyard (6'1" 190 So, PS#221, TCU trans). They have more experience and should improve even after losing their #1 rusher.

RECEIVERS - UTEP had a large veteran receiving corps from 2004-'06 but in 2007 three of the top 4 departed including their star, Johnnie Lee Higgins (4.29 spd, #3DC) who had 1,319 (16.1) in '06. Jeff Moturi had just 1 rec as a frosh but led with 891 (13.7) in '07. The team dropped under 300 ypg passing for the first time since '05. Last year they had to replace four of their top 5 rec with Moturi the lone returnee. Moturi led in rec's (51) and had 655 (12.8) but Kris Adams (5 rec '07), had a Moturi-like "soph morphing" and finished with 958 (19.2) and 14 TD's. TE Jamar Hunt (135, 11.2 in '07) was #3 with 367 (11.8). QB Thomas had 128 (10.7). This year they only lose Hunt (9 st) and Chris Day (5 rec). Not listed below are Jeken Frye (5'10" 160 rFr), Darius Austin (5'8" 180 rFr, PS#173), Derek Brooks (6'2" 200 rFr), Julio Lopez (5'11" 175 So) and Chris Vassell (5'10" 200 Jr). This group is vastly more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 nine different OL earned starts due to injuries. With a constantly reshuffled line, UTEP avg just 58 rush ypg and their 2.4 ypc was their lowest since 1968. Three frosh OL started at times. Eight ret'd with starting experience in '07 and I called them one of the most improved OL's in the NCAA. RB Coach Banks said, "Regardless of who it is from 3rd tackle to backup G, to C, this is the best O-line we've had." As I expected, the numbers improved dramatically to 148 ypg and their 4.3 ypc was actually their best since 1988! Last year they had to replace two starters (#3DC) but had 8 of the top 10 back. They did lose starting RG Rod Huntley in Wk 6 and then C Robby Felix in Wk 10 which proved to be a huge loss (EC 4 sk). LT Mike Aguayo only started 9 (inj). Since all 5 OL's started all 12 in '07 and the '08 unit was banged up, it's not surprising that the rushing stats dropped to 122 ypg (4.0). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA C Felix (10 st, 4Y st'r) but they do have 9 of their top 10 back. UTEP has 86 career OL starts returning (#25 FBS) and provided they stay healthier, should have much improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The lowest ypc allowed by UTEP from 1998-2003 was 4.7. Price's first two D's allowed 3.7 and 3.9 ypc. In '06 they had the most veteran D-line in the FBS with 8 seniors in the 3 deep but surprisingly UTEP slipped to 4.2 ypc rush. In '07 the losses were heavy with 0 ret starters. They yielded 203 ypg (worst since 2001) and 4.8 ypc. Last year they had 7 back with starting experience only replacing one player (7 st) and shifted to a 3-3-5. Surprisingly UTEP allowed 199 ypg and the ypc slipped to 5.1. This year they lose DE James Olalekan (11 st, 24 tkl, 1.5 sk), DE Ja-Boy Leomiti (2 st, 31 tkl, 2 sk), DE Brandis Dew (1 st, 11 tkl), Craig Wood (3 tkl) and Dane O'Neill (3 st '07). Two JUCO's, Aaron King (PS#97) and Tory Robinson (PS#241) were cleared late LY by the NCAA. Despite being slightly less experienced, it is their 2nd year in the 3-3-5 and I look for good sized improvement.

LINEBACKERS - UTEP runs a 3-3-5 but I list the Miner position (similar to LOBO in the NM D) with the LB's. Last year they had to replace 2 LB's incl their #3 tackler (2nd Tm CUSA) but did return Ariz St transfer Adam Vincent (#4 tkl'r '07), so they had 1 starter back. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA Vincent (12 st, #1 tkl'r) and Nuuese Punimata (11 st, 48 tkl, 2.5 sk). Da'Mon Cromartie-Smith (#2 tkl'r) returns, but could see time at Saf. They also return Anthony Morrow (#6 tkl'r). Roddray Walker (RS LY) moved from S in spring and caught the coaches' attention. Even though they basically lose 2 starters, they actually have more experience with 40 career starts.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UTEP's DB's have played to their expectations recently. With four starters back in '04 they finished #36 in my pass D rankings. In '05 they had to replace 3 starters and dropped to #90. In '06 with 3 starters back they moved up to #58. In '07 they had one starter back and dropped to #83. Last year they had just 2 starters returning, as they unexpectedly lost Braxton Amy (ACL, #1 tkl'r '07). UTEP dropped to #104 allowing 270 ypg (62.7%) with a 34-14 ratio. This year they lose HM CUSA S Josh Ferguson (56 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu), S George Kelly (4 st, #3 tkl'r) and backups Negale Miller (1 st, 28 tkl) and Ramonte Harris (10 tkl). Even with losing their #3 and #4 tacklers, they get a huge return of Amy (may also see time at Miner) and can really only improve upon last year's poor numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Price puts an emphasis on ST's and even has a silent practice on Friday so that players fully concentrate on their duties. He inherited a UTEP unit that was #42 in 2003. In his first 4 years UTEP finished #17, #48, #25 and #34. Last year they ret'd super K Jose Martinez. Martinez attempted a 66 yarder and six of his 7 misses were from 50+ (two 60+). P Kyle Petersen got off to a great start as a frosh in '07 but tailed off and Greg Hiett had 5 punts. Petersen regained the job LY and avg 43.0 (tm 36.0 net). UTEP's return game was average although KR's Josh Ferguson (23.8) and Jeff Moturi (26.7) were solid. They were -4 in the TD/Blk category and surprisingly dropped to #80. This year they lose their star in Martinez as well as Ferguson but could actually move up.

COACHES - Mike Price enters his 6th year here and his 30 wins since 2003 are the most at UTEP in a 5 year span in 41 years. He previously guided Wash St to a pair of Rose Bowls and three 10 win seasons in his 14 years there. He was the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 1992, 1997 and 2001. They have co-OC's in Bob Connelly who was an OL coach at UCLA and Alabama and Aaron Price (HC's son). UTEP ranked #117 in D in 2007 and completely changed schemes as well as coord in '08 breaking in Osia Lewis who was the DC at N Mex from '03-'07. At NM Rocky Long called most of the defensive signals so it was not a lateral move. While UTEP was porous again (finished #115), they did have 11 players who had season ending injuries on defense (see Hardcore).

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004 Mike Price stepped into a great situation as he took over a team with 17 ret starters, one that had caught some bad breaks in '03 including -15 in TO's. There had been just 3 winning seasons here at UTEP since 1971 prior to Price's arrival. I called for them to be the WAC's surprise team and my #3 Most Improved Team. While they opened 1-2, they finished 7-1 moving as high as #23 (AP poll). They accomplished this vs an easy schedule (#101). Despite having just 11 starters back in '05, they were arguably the most talented team in CUSA. After opening 8-1 (#24), UTEP needed just one win to advance to the CUSA Title game but ended up dropping their final 2, both vs teams with losing records. They were also embarrassed in the bowl and finished 8-4. It was however, their first B2B winning seasons since 1987-'88 although amazingly, they did not have a single 1st Tm CUSA player. UTEP set a school record with 13 straight crowds of 40,000+. Price had 26 seniors on hand but took on a more difficult schedule in '06. They had 51,500 on hand vs TT but the Raiders' 49 yd FG bounced in off the upright in OT and UTEP lost. At 4-2 they were thinking CUSA Title but they would go just 1-5 down the stretch. In '07 they had to replace 13 of their top 17 tacklers and also QB Jordan Palmer! At 4-2 they suffered a tough loss to EC and during the year led TT 28-17 at the half, led NMSt 24-23 in the 4Q, led UH 31-27 in the 4Q and led Rice 48-28 but ended up losing all 4. After their disappointing 4-5 start they lost their final 3 by 15, 26 and 16. Mike Price's UTEP teams are 23-15 prior to Nov 1st but just 7-15 after. In '07 they were +9 in TO's. Last year UTEP was one of the most confusing teams to forecast as some of my power ratings had them one of the top teams in CUSA and others had them among the weakest. Looking ahead to their huge HG vs Texas, UTEP was throttled by eventual MAC champ Buff 42-17. It was actually 14-14 when UB got a 34 yd TD pass with :30 left in the half. In front of a big sellout crowd vs Texas they trailed just 28-13 in the 4Q but gave up 2 TD's in :11. They lost QB Vittatoe to injury on the 3rd series vs NMSt and lost by 1. After waxing UCF at home, they went into SM and got a win in 2OT. They trailed Tulane 21-14 but got a 68 yd TD pass with 4:22 left for the win, 24-21. It was 28-28 vs Tulsa at the end of the 1Q but Tulsa rolled 77-35. UTEP led Rice 17-7 but lost by 5 in a shootout. They were a surprising dog to Sun Belt member UL but won 37-24. SMU was without their top 2 WR's (susp) and UTEP rolled 36-10. They were 5-5 and needed just 1 win for a bowl and led UH 28-9 in the 3Q. They blew that lead as UH got a TD w/:41 left. Their first 8 poss vs EC were a TD, 4 punts, 2 int and a blk'd FG and they were blown out 53-21. LY's team had just 12 ret starters and 6 starters that were inj'd LY will return. UTEP has 15 ret starters including veteran QB Vittatoe. My 2 biggest concerns are that UTEP benefitted from +12 in TO's (pg 312) and had a 12.3 off ypp (pg 299). They were 4-4 in CUSA, but were -72.4 ypg (4th worst). An amazing stat is that UTEP has not won a reg ssn finale S/'88 (0-20) and are 0-4 in bowls S/'67. Still, UTEP has 55 ret lettermen (most CUSA), should stay healthier and has by far the most favorable schedule of any CUSA team which has me calling for them to get to the CUSA Title game in '09.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 10 TREVOR VITTATOE JR. 6-2 220 PS#164. Scout tm MVP '06. 3101 (55%), 25-7 ratio, HM CUSA rFr. 12 st, 3274 (59%), 33-9, HM CUSA LY. **11** Tim Curry (6'4" 215 rFr) PS#61.

RB 22 Daniel Palmer So. 5-10 210 PS#169. 1 st, 132 (3.2) true. **3** Donald Buckram (5'10" 190 Jr). 140 (4.0) 2Y. 2 st, 348 (4.6) LY. Vernon Frazier (5'7" 165 So) PS#299. 1 st, 176 (5.7) rFr.

WR 2 KRIS ADAMS JR. 6-3 195 PS#306. 1 st, 49 (9.8) rFr. 10 st, 958 (19.2), HM CUSA LY. **86** Darrin Moore (6'4" 200 rFr) PS#360. Russell Carr (6'2" 200 So) PS#117. 7 gm, 2 rec rFr.

WR 6 JEFF MOTURI SR. 6-0 190 PS#240. 8 gm true. 12 st, 891 (13.7), 1st Tm CUSA '07. 12 st, 655 (12.8), HM CUSA LY. Evan Davis (6'1" 185 Jr) PS#373. 22 gm, 2 st, 228 (11.4) 2Y.

WR 9 TUFICK SHADRAWY SR. 6-2 195 1 st, 2 rec 2Y. 7 st, 284 (14.2) LY. **84** Donavon Kemp (6'1" 180 So) PS#340. 1 st, 142 (17.8) rFr. **7** Pierce Hunter (6'5" 225 Jr) PS#233. 1 st, 95 (10.6) 2Y.

TE 86 Jonny Moore Jr. 6-5 250 PS#66. 3rd string '07. 3 st, 9 gm (inj), 80 (8.9) LY. Elijah Goldtrap (6'5" 265 Jr). 11 tkl '07. 3 rec (13.0) LY. Geoff Amato (6'2" 230 So). Also #1 LS spg.

C 79 Tanner Cullumber Jr. 6-4 280 1 gm rFr. 2 st, 8 gm LY. **63** Eloy Atkinson (6'3" 280 rFr) PS#350. **72** Daniel Garcia (6'3" 330 Sr). 3 gm 2Y. **LS 57** Matt Camilli (6'4" 235 So).

RG 74 ROD HUNTLEY JR. 6-3 315 PS#282. 8 gm true. 6st (inj) LY. **64 Colby Meek** (6'4" 305 Sr) PS#540. 1 st, 23 gm 2Y. **7 st**, 11 gm LY. **60** Nathan McCage (6'4" 275 So) PS#485.

LG 78 CAMERON RASCHKE SR. 6-4 320 PS#243. 3 st (inj) rFr. 12 st '07. 12 st, HM CUSA LY. **65** Anthony McNac (6'4" 325 Jr) PS#467. 5 st 3Y. **66** Ty Stout (6'6" 295 Sr). 5 gm 2Y.

RT 70 ALEX SOLOT JR. 6-8 320 PS#213. 5 st, 15 gm 2Y. **Will Osolinsky** (6'8" 280 Jr) PS#320. 6 gm rFr. **8 st**, 11 gm LY. Lance Evbuomwan PS#226JC. Paul Santillan (6'4" 280 rFr).

LT 71 MIKE AGUAYO SR. 6-4 300 PS#280. 4 st rFr. 12 st, HM CUSA '07. 9 st, HM CUSA LY. **Britt Mitchell** (6'7" 305 rFr) **PS#68. Okla trans.** Deryck Beveridge (6'8" 305 rFr).

K 22 Logan Barrett rFr. 6-1 175 PS#74. **72 yd FG in spring scrimmage** LY. **38** Mike Scott (6'1" 150 So) PS#63. No gm action rFr. **49** Kevin Lopez (6'0" 180 Fr).

DE 98 Aaron King Sr. 6-4 250 **PS#97JC.** 23 tkl, 4 tfl here LY. **99** Chris Moore (6'2" 260 Sr) PS#164. 20 tkl 3Y. **75** LJ Brown (6'5" 275 Sr) PS#461. John Wright (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#464.

NT 95 STEVE RIDDICK SR. 5-11 275 5 tkl rFr. 7 st, 29 tkl '07. 12 st, 32 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **93** Tory Robinson (6'3" 290 Sr) PS#241JC. 12 tkl here LY. Charles Ofili (6'3" 285 Sr) PS#372JC. 1 tkl here LY.

DE 13 ROBERT SOLEYJACKS JR. 6-2 250 PS#330. 12 st, 16 tkl rFr. 10 st, 28 tkl LY. Bernard Obi (6'2" 235 So) PS#219. 15 tkl true. Austin Shaffer (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#464. Ruben Munoz (6'0" 270 rFr).

LLB 11 ANTHONY MORROW JR. 6-0 205 4 st, 31 tkl rFr. 12 st, 44 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Landon Goodwell (6'2" 245 Sr) PS#189. 8 tkl 2Y. 4 st, 32 tkl LY. Eric Reynolds (5'11" 230 Jr) PS#169. 2 tkl, 8 gm true. 7 tkl LY.

MLB NA Justin Hickman So. 6-3 245 PS#185JC. **8** Jeremy Springer (6'3" 220 So) PS#366. Moved from QB. **17** Brian Wilkins (6'2" 245 Sr) PS#321. 15 tkl rFr. 2 st, 9 tkl '07. 1 st, 22 tkl LY.

RLB 26 Roddray Walker Sr. 6-1 215 PS#396JC. 2 tkl '07. RS LY. **52** Royzell Smith (6'1" 215 So) PS#239. ACL, RS '07. 3 st, 7 gm (inj), 25 tkl LY. Isaiah Carter (6'2" 215 Jr) PS#245.

MIN 22 DA'MON CROMARTIE-SMITH SR. 6-2 210 21 tkl rFr. 12 st, 93 tkl, 9 pd, HM CUSA '07. 12 st, 77 tkl, 5 pd, HM CUSA LY. Greg Holleman (6'0" 215 So). 17 tkl, 9 gm LY. Jo Jo Ortiz (6'1" 190 Jr). **AZ trans.**

CB 47 CORNELIUS BROWN SR. 6-0 200 PS#448. 10 tkl true. 11 st, 46 tkl, 13 pd '07. 9 st, 29 tkl, 10 pd, HM CUSA LY. **1 Clarence Ward** (6'0" 190 Sr) PS#163JC. **7 st**, 31 tkl here LY.

CB 4 MELVIN STEPHENSON SR. 5-10 185 PS#444. 3 tkl true. 3 st, 26 tkl '07. 7 st, 38 tkl, 7 pd LY. **21** Dustin Bell (5'11" 180 Sr) PS#145JC. 1 st, 8 tkl LY. Antwon Blake (5'10" 180 So) PS#408. 11 tkl LY.

LS 14 BRAXTON AMY JR. 6-0 210 PS#261. 5 st, 52 tkl rFr. 9 st, 112 tkl '07. RS (inj) LY. **12** Nick Sampson (6'0" 200 So) PS#266. 19 tkl, 9 gm true. Brandon Miller is PS#250JC.

RS 2 DeShawn Grayson Fr. 6-0 190 PS#175. GS LY. In for spring. **20** Wiston Jeune (6'3" 205 Jr) PS#337JC. **3** Chancey Dariso (5'10" 190 Jr). **31** Austin Contreras (5'10" 190 So). 4 tkl LY.

P 15 KYLE PETERSEN JR. 6-4 245 **PS#7.** 51 punts (40.7), tm net 35.4, 72 KO rFr. 46 punts (43.0), tm net 36.0, HM CUSA LY. **98** Greg Hiett (6'5" 225 Sr). 11 punts (42.1) 2Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Leilyon Myers 6-1 225 PS#183JC
LB	Justin Hickman 6-3 245 PS#185JC
OL	Lance Evbuomwan 6-4 285 PS#226JC
DB	Brandon Miller 6-2 200 PS#250JC
DB	Richard Spencer 6-2 200 PS#191
LB	James Davidson 6-2 215 PS#200
RB	Keldon Hampton 6-1 220 PS#205
QB	Andy McCloud 6-2 190 PS#134
OL	Wayne Frazier 6-3 315 PS#316
OL	Jerél Watkins 6-2 265 PS#317
DL	Adam Ayala 6-5 265 PS#345
DL	Germard Reed 6-2 240 PS#391
TE	Craig Wenrick 6-5 235 PS#110
LB	Hunter Nix 6-0 215 PS#420
WR	Marlon McClure 5-9 160 PS#627
OL	Brander Craighead 6-6 265 PS#914
TE	Kevin Perry 6-5 230 PS#253
LB	Aubrey Alexius 6-0 200 PS#959
RB	Garrette Nunn 5-10 225 PS#933
LB	Darren Mickens 6-2 215 PS#986
DB	Montreyle McCormick 5-10 180 PS#1875

UTEP MINERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#82

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UTEP	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Buffalo	A					
Sep. 12	Kansas	A					
Sep. 19	at New Mexico St	G					
Sep. 26	at Texas	A					
Oct. 3	Houston	A					
Oct. 10	at Memphis	A					
Oct. 17							
Oct. 21	Tulsa (Wed)	A					
Oct. 31	UAB	A					
Nov. 7	at Tulane	A					
Nov. 14	at SMU	A					
Nov. 21	at Rice	A					
Nov. 28	Marshall	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jordan Palmer 11,084 '03-'06
2. Billy Stevens 6,485 '65-'67
3. Trevor Vittatoe 6,375 '07-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. John Harvey 3,576 '85-'88
2. Howard Jackson 3,466 '01-'04
3. Robert Elliott 2,834 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnnie Lee Higgins 3,218 '03-'06
2. Lee Mays 2,908 '98-'01
3. Chuck Hughes 2,882 '64-'66

LY UTEP was outgained 474-266 in the 42-17 loss at Buffalo, their 1st ever meeting. UTEP is 1-4 all-time vs current MAC tms & 12-6 in home openers but 1-2 the L/3.

First meeting & only 4th HG vs a BCS team. UTEP is 7-28-1 all-time vs current Big 12 tms. The Miners are 0-5 vs BCS tms under HC Price with an avg score of 40-23.

UTEP is 3-21 away vs non-conf opp's S/'97. These tms have avg'd 67 ppg the L/3. LY QB Vittatoe was inj'd early 1Q & UTEP couldn't overcome 3 TO's in the 34-33 home loss.

UTEP is 0-3 all-time vs UT, including LY's 42-13 loss (1st meeting S/'33). UTEP actually outgained UT 412-404 & only trailed 28-13 into the 4Q in the 1st ever mtg in El Paso.

UTEP is 1-1 at home in CUSA play vs Houston with both gms decided by 3 pts. LY UTEP led 28-9 late 3Q but allowed 26 4Q pts as UH pulled out a 42-37 win.

Last met in '06. UTEP is 0-2 all-time vs Memphis, losing by avg score of 33-20. Coming into 2009, UTEP is 2-7 away vs conf opponents with both wins in OT.

LY UTEP allowed 791 yds in the 77-35 loss at Tulsa. UTEP actually led 28-21 before UT reeled off 35 unanswered pts. HT has won L/5 & the tms have avg'd 82 ppg in that span.

Third meeting between these two programs. The home team has lost both of the previous meetings by an avg of 16 ppg. UTEP is 2-4 at home vs CUSA East foes.

Last year UTEP allowed 318 yds rushing, but pulled out a 24-21 home win. UTEP is 3-1 in the series, but lost here in 2007. The Miners are just 7-25 in Nov since '01.

LY UTEP outgained SMU 544-201 in a 36-10 win as QB Vittatoe threw for 410 yds & the Miners forced 6 Mustang TO's. UTEP has won 5 of L/6 including 2 of 3 in Dallas.

UTEP has lost the L/3 meetings by a combined 19 pts. The teams have avg'd 79 pts in the L/5. Last year the Miners allowed 543 yds & 30 FD's in the 49-44 home loss.

Third meeting all in CUSA play. The home team has won the previous two each by a 28 pt margin. UTEP is just 4-15-1 since 1989 in Sun Bowl finales.

MIKE PRICE (Career 113-108) (FCS 46-44)
6th Year at UTEP Bowls: 3-4 Washington St '89-'02

Price AT UTEP/OVERALL

30-30 / 113-108	SU	0-1 / 2-15	Vs Top 10
19-11 / 64-43	Home	0-3 / 18-37	Vs Top 25
11-17 / 45-61	Away	0-5 / 5-14	Vs BCS Tms
0-2 / 4-4	Neutral	4-6 / 14-13	Off A Bye
20-20 / 69-83	Vs Conf	8-17 / 35-58	Off A Loss

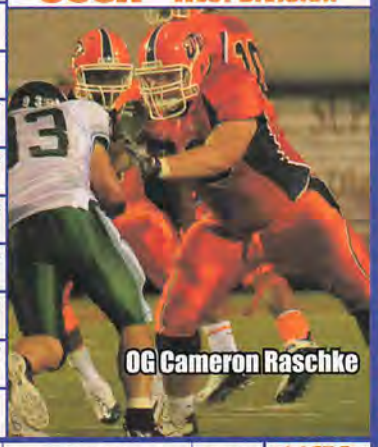
2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (26,27,2)
Lost: 17 (5,11,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,296 (#65)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION


OG Cameron Raschke

STADIUM: SUN BOWL (51,500) (#57)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	2-9	2-10	2-11	8-4	8-4	5-7	4-8	5-7	44-64
Home	5-0	2-3	2-3	1-6	5-1	5-1	3-3	3-3	3-3	29-23
Away	3-4	0-6	0-7	1-5	3-2	3-2	2-4	1-5	2-4	15-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	7-1	1-7	1-7	1-7	6-2	5-3	3-5	2-6	4-4	30-42
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-4	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-2	1-3	14-22
ATS	6-6	2-8	3-8	6-5	7-4	4-7	5-7	7-4	5-7	45-56
Home Fav	3-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-1	2-3	1-4	0-1	1-2	10-13
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	1-0	0-0	1-0	3-1	1-2	11-11
Away Favorite	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	0-1	0-2	0-0	4-8
Away Dog	1-4	1-5	2-5	4-2	2-1	0-0	3-2	4-0	3-3	20-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	6-2	2-6	3-5	5-3	6-2	2-6	3-5	4-4	4-4	35-37
vs Non-Conf	0-4	0-2	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-0	1-3	10-19
Off SU Win	4-4	0-2	0-2	2-0	6-2	2-5	2-3	3-1	3-2	22-21
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-5	3-6	4-4	1-1	1-2	2-4	3-3	2-4	20-30

Last 5 Years | Mike Price

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terrell Jackson	107	482	31	451	2	4.2
James Thomas II	52	395	44	351	3	6.8
Donald Buckram	75	365	17	348	2	4.6
Vernon Frazier	31	191	15	176	1	5.7
Daniel Palmer	41	135	3	132	0	3.2
Trevor Vittatoe	45	186	217	-31	1	-0.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Trevor Vittatoe	418	246	58.9	3274	33	9
James Thomas II	21	11	52.4	134	1	0
Kyle Wright	9	1	11.1	2	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kris Adams	50	958	19.2	14	85	
Jeff Moturi	51	655	12.8	9	68	
Jamar Hunt	31	367	11.8	2	33	
Tufick Shadrawy	20	284	14.2	3	40	
Evan Davis	19	217	11.4	1	37	
Terrell Jackson	23	213	9.3	1	31	
Donald Buckram	15	199	13.3	0	38	
Donavon Kemp	8	142	17.8	0	53	
James Thomas II	12	128	10.7	0	25	
Jonny Moore	9	80	8.9	1	25	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kyle Petersen	46	1978	43.0	12	36.0(t)	3(t)	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jose Martinez	45-46	5-5	8-8	6-7	1-7	20-27	64

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Adam Vincent	110	1.5	6	5	0
Da'Mon Cromartie-Smith	77	1	1	3	2
George Kelly	65	0	1	1	0
Josh Ferguson	56	1.5	1	6	2
Nuuese Punimata	48	2.5	4	3	1
Anthony Morrow	44	2	2	1	1
Melvin Stephenson II	38	0	0.5	5	2
Landon Goodwell	32	1.5	2.5	2	0
Steve Riddick	32	1.5	3	1	0
Clarence Ward	31	0	1.5	4	2
Ja-Boy Leomiti	31	2	2.5	2	0
Cornelius Brown	29	0	0	7	3
Isaiah Carter	29	0	0.5	0	0
Negale Miller	28	0	2	1	0
Robert Soleyjacks	28	0	2.5	1	0
Royzell Smith	25	0	2.5	0	0
James Olalekan	24	1.5	2	0	0
Aaron King	23	2	2	0	0
Brian Wilkins	22	0.5	1	0	0
Nick Sampson	19	0	0.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Josh Ferguson	6	47	7.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Josh Ferguson	24	572	23.8	0	
Jeff Moturi	13	347	26.7	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
67	Sun	NL	Mississippi	14-7
88	Independence	-1	Southern Miss	18-38
00	Humanitarian	+9	Boise St	23-38
04	Houston	+4	Colorado	28-33
05	GMAC	+3	Toledo	13-45

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	32.9	407	122	4.0	284	57.6	12.3	27	+12	2008	7	37.0	469	199	5.1	270	62.7	12.7	23
8	33.6	423	148	4.3	275	55.0	12.6	24	+9	2007	2	37.1	505	203	4.8	302	61.9	13.6	16
7*	27.3	370	58	2.4	313	64.9	13.6	25	0	2006	9	31.3	395	152	4.2	243	64.6	12.6	22
6*	31.8	423	122	3.7	301	58.5	13.3	29	-10	2005	5	25.9	373	161	3.9	213	57.0	14.4	29
8*	35.8	394	142	3.8	251	58.3	11.0	20	+2	2004	9	25.1	361	154	3.7	207	52.3	14.4	42
8*	22.2	367	169	4.1	198	50.6	16.6	38	-15	2003	6	38.3	448	191	4.7	257	56.7	11.7	21
6	18.3	333	154	3.6	179	45.3	18.2	27	-19	2002	10	42.6	440	194	4.9	246	56.5	10.3	19

2008 STATS BY GAME

UTEP 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
16,656	at Buffalo	16	26-67	2.6	20-37	199	2	23	51-253	5.3	10-15	221	3	-1
53,415	Texas	23	31-145	4.7	25-46	267	2	26	31-122	3.9	20-29	282	1	0
42,930	New Mexico St	21	48-277	5.8	11-26	95	3	22	25-37	1.5	29-39	329	3	+1
33,339	UCF	15	31-119	3.8	20-35	284	0	17	39-175	4.5	14-34	161	3	+5
28,788	at Southern Miss	25	32-116	3.6	25-44	266	2	26	45-277	6.2	21-37	264	2	+1
33,121	Tulane	20	34-156	4.6	21-32	296	1	20	39-318	8.2	11-22	94	3	-1
21,873	at Tulsa	14	21-32	1.5	21-37	306	6	36	54-321	5.9	23-30	470	0	+1
30,702	Rice	23	23-149	6.5	20-38	318	1	30	41-167	4.1	29-43	376	3	-1
21,065	at Louisiana	25	33-114	3.5	24-33	294	2	18	35-199	5.7	14-25	185	0	+2
30,271	SMU	24	44-134	3.0	21-34	410	3	14	20-64	3.2	13-36	137	2	+6
18,134	at Houston	25	33-102	3.1	27-45	362	1	32	32-220	6.9	41-51	480	3	+1
38,098	at E Carolina	16	15-57	3.8	23-41	313	4	26	53-231	4.4	19-28	244	0	-2
TOTALS		247	371-1468	4.0	258-448	3410	27	290	465-2384	5.1	244-389	3243	23	+12
AVERAGES		20.6	31-122	4.0	22-37	284	6.0%	24.2	39-199	5.1	20-32	270	5.9%	1.0

2004 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arizona St	+24'	9-41
–	Weber St	NL	32-0
–	Boise St - #23	+29'	31-47
–	New Mexico St	-7'	45-0
–	at Fresno St	+17'	24-21
–	Hawaii	-3'	51-20
–	at Louisiana Tech	+2	44-27
–	at San Jose St	-14'	38-20
#23	Rice	-16	35-28 2OT
#24	SMU	-21'	57-27
#24	at Tulsa	-8'	35-37

2005 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at New Mexico St	-9'	34-17
–	Houston	-12	44-41 2OT
–	New Mexico	-2'	21-13
–	at Memphis	-3'	20-27
–	at Tulane	-7	45-21
–	Marshall	-13'	31-3
–	at Rice	-20	38-31
–	Tulsa	-8	41-38
–	Texas Southern	NL	45-0
#24	UAB	-7'	23-35
–	at SMU	-7	27-40

2006 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at San Diego St	+2'	34-27
–	Texas Tech - #24	+8	35-38 OT
–	at New Mexico	-9'	13-26
–	New Mexico St	-16'	44-38
–	SMU	-12'	24-21
–	Tulane	-12'	34-20
–	at Houston	+6	17-34
–	at Tulsa	+15	20-30
–	Rice	-8'	31-37
–	at UAB	+2	36-17
–	at Marshall	+3	21-49
–	Memphis	-13	19-38

2007 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	New Mexico	+3'	10-6
–	at Texas Tech	+25	31-45
–	at New Mexico St	+5'	24-29
–	Texas Southern	NL	52-12
–	at SMU	+1	48-45 OT
–	Tulsa	+3	48-47
–	East Carolina	-3	42-45 OT
–	Houston	+6	31-34
–	at Rice	-7'	48-56
–	at Tulane	-4	19-34
–	Southern Miss	+3	30-56
–	at UCF	+21	20-36

2008 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Buffalo	+3	17-42
–	Texas - #10	+26'	13-42
–	New Mexico St	-7	33-34
–	UCF	+4'	58-13
–	at Southern Miss	+7'	40-37 2OT
–	Tulane	-4	24-21
–	at Tulsa	+18'	35-77
–	Rice	+3	44-49
–	at Louisiana	+10	37-24
–	SMU	-13'	36-10
–	at Houston	+17	37-42
–	at East Carolina	+6'	21-53

HOUSTON COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Kevin Kolb started as a true frosh and had a storied 4 year career topping David Klingler as the school's all-time leading passer. His backup in 2006 was Blake Joseph who played in 2 (56 yds). In 2007 Joseph battled rFr Case Keenum. The two QB's alternated starts and at times alternated series over the first 8. Joseph has a big arm while Keenum is a mobile, cerebral QB with an average arm. Keenum won the job and threw for 2,259 (68.5%) with a 14-10 ratio (412 rush). Joseph threw for 1,324 (64.5%) with a 9-4 ratio (109 rush). Last year Keenum won the starting job in mid-Aug. He had a streak of 13 straight 300 yd games end in the bowl, which was 1 away from the FBS record. He set an FBS record with 25 straight comp over a 2 game span (Tee Martin 24 at Tenn,1998). Keenum was #9 in the FBS in pass eff and threw for 5,020 (67.4%) and his ratio went from 14-10 in '07 to 44-11 as he avg 386.2 ypg!! Joseph played in 9 splitting time at WR (21 passes) and now departs. Adding depth are Austin Elrod (6'1" 196 So) and Crawford Jones (6'1"180 rFr). It's going to be tough for Keenum to improve upon his 2008's stats but they are now in the 2nd year of Sumlin's system.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cougars have had some top-notch RB's in recent years. In the year prior to Briles' arrival, Joffrey Reynolds set a CUSA record for rushing yards in a single season (1,545). They produced 1,000 yard rushers in '03 and '05. In '06 Anthony "Quick Six" Alridge rushed for 959 with an amazing 10.1 ypc! In '07 Alridge finished with 1,597 (6.2) while adding 42 rec (10.2). He was the first player at UH since 1977 (Alois Blackwell) to have 5 straight 100 yard games. His main backup was true frosh Terrance Ganaway (550, 5.0) while rFr Andre Kohn added 146 (5.2). LY they had to replace Alridge, then Ganaway transferred and Kohn was inj'd. Justin Johnson (PS#96QB) was the #1RB in the fall but true frosh Bryce Beall (pronounced Bell) who is physical, strong and fast, took over. Kohn led with 54 in the opener, however, Beall led the RB's with just 28 and 43 the next two but had 91 vs Colo St and gained confidence and topped 100 four of the next 5 including 176 (8.4) vs Tulane. He added 167 (8.8) vs UTEP and finished with 1,247 (6.3) along with 496 rec (14.6). Kohn had 4 starts (257, 4.1) while Johnson had just 97 (4.0). Unlike LY's inexperienced group, this year the group returns intact. Not listed below are Chris Wilson (6'0" 210 rFr, PS#180), Marc Woods (5'10" 185 So, PS#311) and Michael Daniel (5'10" 180 rFr).

RB Bryce Beall

RECEIVERS - The Cougars had to replace two of their top 4 rec in '07 including their all-time career receiving leader Vincent Marshall who led in '06 with 979 (12.2). Donnie Avery (4.3 spd) was #2 in '06 with 852 (14.9) and #3 Jeron Harvey (6'5") had 671 (16.4). Avery had some phenomenal games in '07 with 350 all-purp yards vs EC and then CUSA and school records with 346 rec yd and 427 all-purp yds vs Rice. He finished with 1,456 (16.0) while Harvey added 673 (12.2). TE Mark Hafner started 5 and had 445 (11.1). Last year they had to replace 5 of their top 6 with the top 2 returnees being Hafner and LJ Castile (106, 15.1). Castile is 6'3" with a 40" VL and at times does stuff in practice that nobody has ever seen. Patrick Edwards (4.33 spd), who has been inconsistent, was just 145 lbs coming out of HS but "bulked up" to 175. Edwards had 11 rec vs EC but he suffered a brutal compound leg fracture against Marshall. Tyron Carrier (4.4 spd, sprinter on track tm) got a TD with :24 left to beat SMU and at 5'8" 162, was recruited by most of the "bigger" schools as just a returnman. Hafner led in rec with 86 (10.5) and was 1 of 8 semifinalists for the Mackey Award. Carrier led in yards with 1,026 (12.8) and the two combined for 20 TD's. Edwards was #3 with 634 (13.8). Castile avg a team high 17.1 ypc with 8 TD's but started just 2 and added 531 yds while JC transfer Kierrie Johnson had 499 (15.6) and walk-on Chaz Rodriguez had 418 (10.4). This year they only lose Hafner and not listed below are Oge Anoliefo (6'3" 195 rFr), Gino Collins (5'11" 185 rFr, PS#408), Ronnie Williams (5'11" 180 rFr, PS#202) and Chris Gilbert (5'8" 170 Sr). This group is more experienced than 2008 and they add Iowa transfer James Cleveland (PS#50) and VHT true frosh AJ Dugat (PS#31).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 UH had an inexperienced O-line and had their weakest totals in the Briles era opening holes for 3.3 ypc rush. The next 3 years they had experienced OL's and improved to 4.2 in '05 and 4.8 in '06. In 2007's magazine I called it UH's most talented O-line in years and they opened holes for 224 ypg rush (4.9), their best since joining CUSA while allowing 34 sacks (7.8%). Last year they not only had 8 of the top 10 back, they also ret'd SirVincent Rogers (24 st '04-'06) who missed '07 (inj). Rogers missed the last 7 in '08 with a broken foot. In '07 Briles' offense had 599 rush att (57.8%) but last year Sumlin rushed the ball only 40% of the time so it's not surprising that the ypg dropped to 161, however the ypc did improve to 5.2 and the sacks dropped to 27 (4.4%). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA LT Sebastian Vollmer (13 st, 2Y st'r, #2DC NE), RG Michael Bloesch (13 st, 3Y st'r), RT Rogers (6 st) and Isaiah Agson (13 gm). Kansas transfer Josh Bell (PS#27 TE) did get in two starts at RT missing 5 (Achilles). Their 47 career starts returning ranks them #97 in the FBS making this a less experienced line, but it should still be a top-notch unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cougars' rush D improved in each of Briles' first 5 years going from allowing 209 ypg (5.1) in '03 to 140 (3.8) in '07 (see right). Briles used a 3-4 D and had 2 starters back in '07. Last year the unit ret'd intact with 3 veteran senior starters but did move to a 4-3 and Cody Pree (16 sts '05-'06) figured to be plugged into the open spot. They did lose returning starter DT Ell Ash after 2 starts. DE Phillip Hunt became the CUSA Def POY LY with 14 sacks. Surprisingly UH allowed 175 rush ypg (4.2) while the team had just 24 sacks. This year they lose DE Hunt (13 st, 52 tkl), DT Jake Ebner (11 st, 19 tkl, 3.5 tfl), DE Tate Stewart (13 st, 60 tkl, 5 sk), DT Ash (3 tkl) and DT Pree (3 st, 45 tkl, 8.5 tfl). This unit is my biggest concern on the 2009 Cougars.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cougars had just one starter back and had to replace their #3 (moved to SS), #4, #6 and #8 tacklers. This year they lose Cody Lubojasky (12 st, 85 tkl, 5 pbu) and Chris Pilot (11 tkl). They lose their #3 tackler and return their #1, #4 and #7 tklr's which includes CJ Cavness who had 77 tackles despite starting just 4. Not listed below is Shomari Williams (6'2" 245 Sr). This is a much more experienced unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cougars finished #55 in my pass D rankings in '07 and last year had to replace two starters (incl #1 tkl'r by far) and a backup. They did move starting LB Ernest Miller to SS (3 st back). Surprisingly the Cougars dropped to #94. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA FS Kenneth Fontenette (12 st, #2 tkl'r, 9 pbu), SS Miller (11 st, 72 tkl, 9 pbu), CB Quinte Williams (8 st, 52 tkl) and FS Stephen James (1 st, 43 tkl). They add PS#59JC Jacky Candy (IFS) but are less experienced with just one starter back. Not listed below are Marcus Williams (5'10" 170 rFr), Jeremiah Alexander (5'7" 173 rFr, PS#222), Chris Cermin (5'10" 184 rFr), Demetrius Woods (6'0" 195 rFr, PS#101) and North Texas transfer Desmon Chatman (6'2" 205 Jr, PS#258).

SPECIAL TEAMS - UH's best finish in my ST rankings under Briles was his first season at #50. In his final 4 years they were #115, #106, #92 and #90. PK Ben Bell missed '07 with injury and 2 missed FG's by his replacement in the final 2:00 vs EC basically cost UH the CUSA West Title. In 2008, they had to replace their super KR Donnie Avery (28.3) as well as their top PR. P Chase Turner improved his avg to 45.5 (net 36.5) which would have been #4 in gross avg in the FBS if he would have had enough att's. Bell ret'd and hit 10 of 15 FG's (long 36) and after he missed from 19 and 28 vs UTEP, true frosh Jordan Mannisto was called upon vs Rice (miss 41). Mannisto had 4 TB's on 53 KO. As expected, the return game suffered a dropoff. They were +2 in TD/blks which was their best since 1998. With stronger kicking, UH rose to #59 despite losing top KR Patrick Edwards at midseason. This year almost everyone returns and it should be one of the top ST units in CUSA.

COACHES - Art Briles did a great job here in his five years guiding the team to four bowl games and last year left for Baylor. They had a tough situation in the bowl with an interim HC, OC and DC. Keep in mind, Briles kept the playbook in his head. Last year the new HC was Kevin Sumlin, who was Okla's ST coach from '03-'05 before being elevated to co-OC in 2006 and 2007. The co-OC's are Dana Holgorsen, who was the OC at Texas Tech ('05-'07) and Jason Phillips (WR cch here '07). The DC is John Skladany who was at Iowa St for 10 years and the DC at UCF in '07.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Art Briles took over a team that won 3, 0 and 5 games the previous 3 seasons and had just 7 returning starters. His brand-new multiple offenses dumbfounded opponents and they avg 34.5 ppg and 458 ypg despite using a true frosh at QB. UH went from zero wins to a bowl in 2 years. It was a magical season in '03 as UH achieved their 7-6 record despite losing 4 gms by 20 ppg to the only CUSA foes they faced with winning records. With a tougher schedule including Okla (#2), Miami (#4) and L'ville (#8) they dropped to 3-8 in '04. In 2005 I called for UH to return to a bowl and while they had 3 net close losses, they did just that going 6-5 before losing to Kansas in the Fort Worth Bowl. They were my pick to win the CUSA West in '06 (media picked them #3) and they delivered, not only winning the West, but the CUSA Title going 10-4 with one of their losses being to ULL (Hail Mary TD on the final play). 2007 was Briles' first year without QB Kevin Kolb but surprisingly they avg 34.5 ppg tying '03 for his most productive offense. They had tough losses to EC (2 miss FG) and Bama (int in EZ) and dropped their 8th straight bowl game. UH achieved their 8-5 record despite being -7 in TO's but they had just two starts lost to inj. Last year UH had just 11 ret starters (tied for 2nd fewest CUSA) and UH outgained CUSA foes by 137.3 ypg in '07 (2nd best). My main concern was how they would adjust to the new playbook but Sumlin's offense increased the ppg to 40.6 (best S/'90). UH finished with an identical 8-5 record but probably had a more successful season. In the 3rd week, due to a hurricane, they were forced to play their HG vs AF in Dallas in front of a few hundred people at 10:00 am. AF, (a military academy), adjusted better to the poor weather conditions and UH lost by 3. The next week UH was still displaced and practiced in Dallas. The Cougars were int'd in the EZ with :08 left vs Col St. At 1-3 they were able to practice back at home and dominated #23 EC on the road 41-24 with a 621-275 yd edge. They trailed UAB 20-3 at the half but outscored the Blazers 42-0 in the 2H. They were fortunate to leave SMU with a victory as they trailed 35-23 going into the 4Q before getting a TD with :24 left. In cold weather at Marshall they trailed 30-3 in the 3Q and lost. They rebounded to beat Tulane 42-14 then in an apparent showdown for the CUSA West Title, they got revenge for the previous year's 56-7 loss to Tulsa by rolling to a 70-30 win. The next week they trailed UTEP 28-9 but got the biggest comeback in school history rallying for a 42-37 win. If they had beaten Rice in the "Bayou Bucket" game, they would have won the CUSA West Title but they lost 56-42 trailing 35-21 at the half. They got their first bowl win since the 1980 Garden State Bowl when they got revenge vs AF. Houston had 31 starts lost due to injury and this year have the league's top returning QB and #2 RB but do have just 4 starters back on D. UH was #1 in CUSA (+190.7 ypg). Houston topped 400 yards in every game in '08 (1st time S/1969) and again has the most explosive off in CUSA. They lose 7 starters from the D but I think they have a shot at topping LY's 8 win total and they are a prime contender for the CUSA Title this year.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN RED | 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN RED | DEFENSE

QB 7 CASE KEENUM JR. 6-2 210 PS#317.7 st, 2259 (69%) rFr. 13 st, 5020 (67%), 44-11 ratio, **CUSA Off POY** LY. **12** Cotton Turner (6'0" 190 So) PS#104. JUCO. RS here LY.

RB 25 BRYCE BEALL SO. 5-11 205 PS#299.8 st, 1247 (6.3), **CUSA Frosh POY** true. **6** Andre Kohn (5'11" 195 Jr). 4 st, 403 (4.4) 2Y. Justin Johnson (6'1" 220 So). 2 st, 97 (4.0) rFr.

WR 83 PATRICK EDWARDS SO. 5-9 175 7 st (inj), 634 (13.8) rFr. **88** EJ Smith (6'1" 185 So) PS#95. 3 st, 9 gm, 54 (9.0) rFr. **89** Isaiah Sweeney (5'9" 170 So) PS#212. 6 gm true.

WR 10 LJ CASTILE JR. 6-3 210 PS#77. 106 (15.1) rFr. 2 st, 531 (17.1) LY. **82** Chaz Rodriguez (6'2" 185 Sr). 10 st, 451 (10.7) 2Y. Tim Monroe (6'2" 185 Sr) PS#284. DB '07. 17 rec LY.

WR 3S TYRON CARRIER SO. 5-8 162 PS#341. 10 st, 1026 (12.8), 27 KR (22.3), **2nd Tm CUSA** rFr. AJ Dugat is **PS#31**. **18** Wesley Scourten (6'6" 240 Jr) PS#169. 3 st, 6 rec 2Y.

WR NA James Cleveland Jr. 6-1 205 **PS#50 '06. Iowa trans.** 11 st, 464 (12.9), B10 Frosh Tm as rFr. **84** Kierrie Johnson (5'10" 175 Jr). 4 st, 499 (15.6) LY. **TE 43** Brian Smelek (6'4" 210 Sr).

C 57 CARL BARNETT SR. 6-2 285 PS#538. CUSA FR Tm rFr. 26 st 2Y. **77** Blake Sargent (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#292. **68** Michael Sanchez (6'2" 248 So). **LS 94** Cory Johnson (6'1" 220 So).

RG 70 CHRIS THOMPSON SO. 6-2 295 PS#319. 11 st (7 @ LG, 4 @ RT), 12 gm, **CUSA Frosh Tm** rFr. **75** Jarve Dean (6'3" 325 Jr) PS#303JC. IFS. **61** Ken Van Heule (6'4" 265 rFr).

LG 73 JORDAN SHOEMAKER JR. 6-3 270 PS#214. 1 st @ FB, move to OT at mid-ssn as rFr. L/6 st at LG, 13 gms LY. No spg (inj). **60** Jaryd Anderson (6'4" 280 Jr). 4 gm rFr. 3 gm LY.

RT 74 Roy Watts Jr. 6-6 315 **PS#15JC.** In for spg. **79** Matt Hart (6'6" 310 Sr) PS#268. 7 gm as rFr. 13 gm '07. 1 st, 3 gms LY. Kevin Forsch is PS#206. Ty Cloud is PS#224.

LT 71 Josh Bell Sr. 6-5 315 PS#27TE. **Kansas trans.** 8 gm here '07. 2 st, 8 gm (inj) LY. **76** Jacolby Ashworth (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#434. **66** Ari Tatum (6'5" 240 rFr) PS#74TE.

K 16 JORDAN MANNISTO SO. 6-1 175 PS#55. 2-3 FG, L/37 true. **14** Ben Bell (6'0" 175 Sr). 22-30, L/42 '05-'06. Med RS '07. 10-15 FG, L/36 LY. Matt Hogan (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#76.

DE 43 Tyrell Graham Sr. 6-3 225 PS#154. **Ark trans.** 2 gm at Ark true. Trans '07. 12 gm, 13 tkl here LY. **98** Michael Ray (6'3" 250 So) PS#233. 2 tkl rFr. **67** Creighton Wells (6'2" 220 Sr).

NT 97 ISAIAH THOMPSON JR. 6-4 285 PS#330. 4 gm, 6 tkl rFr. 10 st, 32 tkl LY. **62** Doug Winfield (6'1" 260 So) PS#433. 1 gm as true. **77** Charles Foster (5'11" 325 So) PS#451. 1 gm rFr.

DT 95 David Hunter So. 6-2 285 PS#319. 13 games, 16 tackle as true. **4.9 speed.** **72** Demarcus Lattier (6'2" 265 So) PS#264. No game action rFr. **96** Joseph Kelly (6'0" 280 rFr).

DE 98 Mohammed Usman So. 6-1 235 PS#421. 9 gm (inj), 10 tkl true. **93** Doran Guillory (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#421. Brandon Hartson (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#180. Tyrone Campbell is PS#219.

WLB 55 MARCUS McGRAW SO. 5-11 220 PS#368. 13 st, 103 tkl, 6.5 tfl, **CUSA Frosh Tm** true. **45** Britton Maxwell (6'0" 235 Jr) PS#103. 1 st, 21 tkl 3Y. **31** Kris Johnston (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#209.

MLB 30 Matt Nicholson Sr. 6-3 225 43 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. 9 st (inj), 66 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **54** Nicholas Thurston (6'1" 255 Sr) PS#478JC. 11 tkl LY. **50** AJ Johnson (6'2" 240 Sr) PS#474JC. 1 gm LY.

SLB 40 CJ CAVNESS SR. 6-1 220 Inj'd rFr. 4 st, 105 tkl L2Y. **52** Anthony Lewis (6'1" 215 rFr) PS#89. John McIntyre (6'0" 230 So). 2 tkl rFr. Ryan Tennison (5'11" 215 So) PS#372. 5 gm rFr.

CB 23 Carson Blackmon Sr. 5-11 185 PS#242. 13 tkl true. 21 tkl '07. 1 st, 29 tkl LY. **22** Loyce Means (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#443. 18 gms, 7 st, 36 tkl, 12 pd 2Y. **2** BK Johnson (5'10" 170 So) PS#397.

CB 21 BRANDON BRINKLEY SR. 6-0 180 PS#524. 19 tkl, 7 pd rFr. 9 st, 29 tkl, 12 pd '07. 13 st, 74 tkl, **19 pd** LY. Devin Mays is PS#177JC. **32** Jamal Robinson (5'10" 185 Jr) PS#355. 2 tkl 2Y.

SS 41 Nick Saenz So. 5-11 185 PS#229.2 st, 13 gm, 6 tkl true. **39** Roisean Haynes (5'11" 185 So) PS#443. 13 gm, 11 tkl rFr. **12** Tim Mercer (5'10" 180 Sr). 26 gms, 23 tkl 3Y.

FS 27 Jacky Candy Jr. 5-11 205 **PS#59JC.** In for spg. **37** Jackie Hinton (5'11" 187 rFr) PS#108. 3 gm but inj and RS as true. **29** Ricardo Bates (5'11" 175 So) PS#138. 7 tkl rFr.

P 80 CHASE TURNER SR. 6-4 229 45 punts (42.7), tm net 31.2, HM CUSA '07. 41 punts (45.5), 36.5 net, HM CUSA LY. **16** Jordan Mannisto (6'0" 175 So) PS#55. Matt Hogan PS#76.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Roy Watts 6-6 315 PS#15JC
DB	Jacky Candy 5-11 205 PS#59JC
WR	AJ Dugat 6-0 188 PS#31
WR	James Cleveland 6-1 205 PS#50 '06
DB	Thomas Bates 5-11 180 PS#137
QB	Broderick Thomas 6-3 180 PS#74
DB	Devin Mays 5-11 170 PS#177JC
QB	Drew Hollingshead 6-3 190 PS#75
RB	Charles Sims 6-0 190 PS#126
DL	Radermon Scypion 6-4 213 PS#181
DL	DeAnthony Sims 6-3 300 PS#197
OL	Kevin Forsch 6-5 301 PS#206
OL	Ty Cloud 6-4 300 PS#224
DL	Tyrone Campbell 6-1 270 PS#219
OL	Jarve Dean 6-3 325 PS#303JC
TE	Tyler Chambers 6-4 233 PS#62
OL	Ralph Oragwu 6-3 276 PS#243
OL	Keenan Flax 6-4 270 PS#253
LB	Kelvin King 6-2 240 PS#233
RB	Jared Pickett 5-9 178 PS#266
LB	Steven Robertson 6-2 225 PS#282
LB	Phillip Steward 6-1 203 PS#310
DL	Zeke Riser 6-4 230 PS#401
LB	George Bamfo 5-11 200 PS#522
WR	Jeffery Lewis 5-9 175 PS#593

HOUSTON COUGARS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#79

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Northwestern St	G					
Sep. 12	at Oklahoma St	A					
Sep. 19							
Sep. 26	Texas Tech	G					
Oct. 3	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 10	at Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 17	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 24	SMU	G					
Oct. 31	Southern Miss	G					
Nov. 7	at Tulsa	A					
Nov. 14	at UCF	G					
Nov. 21	Memphis	G					
Nov. 28	Rice	G					
Dec. 5							

1st meeting. The Demons play in the Southland Conf (FCS) & went 7-5 LY including a 51-6 loss to Baylor. Houston is 25-0 vs non-FBS schools ('55), winning the L/3 by an avg of 52-10.

Cougars have lost 11 straight if 1st RG is vs a BCS school. These tms have split the L/4 gms. LY UH allowed a ssn-high 699 yds to OSU, including 379 on the ground, but led 16-14 at HT.

First meeting since 1995. UH leads series 17-10-1, but has lost 5 straight. Entering '09, the Cougars are 6-1 at home vs non-conf teams, including a win over OKSt in '06.

Cougars have won 3 straight vs UTEP. LY UH recorded the largest come-from-behind win in school history as they trailed 28-9 w/3:46 3Q. UH had a ssn high with 700 ttl yds.

Third meeting since 2003, with the Cougars winning 2 previous. Houston is 1-15 since '00 when visiting current BCS schools, but only win came here vs Miss St in 2005.

Cougars have won 6 straight vs TU with an avg score of 38-15. LY UH RB Beall ran for a career-high 178 yds (Fr gm rec) as the Cougars rushed for a season high 299 yds.

Houston has won 6 of 7 in the series and has won 5 of L/7 at home vs the Mustangs. LY UH QB Keenum threw for 404 yds as the Cougars overcame a 12-pt 4Q deficit.

The home team has won 4 straight in this series. UH trails 4-7 all-time in series. Last meeting was the 2006 CUSA Championship in which Houston won 34-20.

The HT has won 3 in a row. LY UH got a career high 6 TD passes from Keenum as the Cougars scored 70 pts for 1st time S/'91. Last time here ('07) the Cougars were pounded 56-7.

Third meeting. Series tied with the HT winning both. Houston is 3-3 on the road vs CUSA East S/'05. Coming into '09, the Cougars are just 19-39 on the road S/'00 (neutral included).

UH has lost 3 of the last 4. The Cougars are 0-3 at home vs Memphis since 2001, losing by an average of 22 ppg. Entering '09: UH is 5-2 at home vs CUSA East foes.

These tms combined to avg 101 ppg the L2Y. LY the Cougars allowed 6 TD passes & lost despite a ssn-high 494 pass yds by QB Keenum. Prior to LY, UH had won 3 straight.

Bonus: Houston is 10-1 in games televised on CSTV & CBS College Stations.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kevin Kolb 12,964 '03-'06	1. Ketric Sanford 3,636 '96-'99	1. Vincent Marshall 3,770 '03-'06
2. David Klingler 9,430 '88-'91	2. Chuck Weatherspoon 3,247 '87-'90	2. Elmo Wright 3,347 '68-'70
3. Jason McKinley 8,694 '97-'00	3. Robert Newhouse 2,961 '69-'71	3. Donne Avery 3,286 '04-'07

KEVIN SUMLIN (Career 8-5)
2nd Year at Houston Sumlin's Bowl Record: 1-0

Sumlin's records AT HOUSTON

8-5	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
5-0	Home	2-0	Vs Top 25
2-4	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	3-0	Off A Bye
6-2	Vs Conference	3-2	Off A Loss

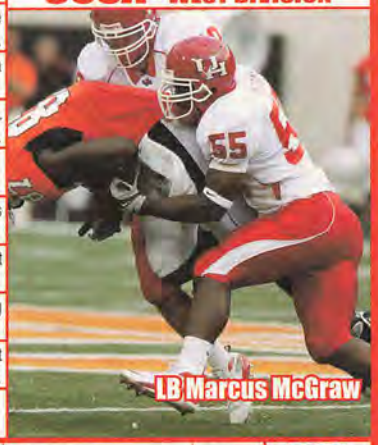
2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,18,4)
Lost: 19 (6,12,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,518 (#87)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000) (#90)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	0-11	5-7	7-6	3-8	6-6	10-4	8-5	8-5	50-60
Home	2-2	0-6	3-3	3-3	3-2	3-3	7-1	5-1	5-0	31-21
Away	1-6	0-5	2-4	3-2	0-5	3-2	3-2	3-3	2-4	17-33
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-6
vs Conf	2-5	0-7	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	8-1	6-2	6-2	36-35
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-4	2-2	3-2	0-3	2-2	2-3	2-3	2-3	14-25
ATS	2-9	4-7	5-7	7-5-1	3-8	6-5	8-5	4-8	5-7	44-61-1
Home Fav	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	1-2	2-2	5-1	1-4	2-1	14-17
Home Dog	1-1	2-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	8-9
Away Favorite	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	0-0	1-1	1-2	2-1	0-4	6-9-1
Away Dog	1-5	2-2	3-3	0-2	1-4	3-0	1-1	1-2	1-1	13-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	3-5
vs Conf	2-5	2-5	2-6	4-4	2-6	5-3	6-3	2-6	4-4	29-42
vs Non-Conf	0-4	2-2	3-1	3-1-1	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-3	15-19-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-0	2-2	4-3	1-2	2-4	7-2	2-5	2-5	21-25
Off SU Loss	1-6	4-6	2-5	2-2-1	2-5	4-0	1-2	2-2	3-2	21-30-1

Dana Dimel (2000) · Art Briles · Chris Thetford (Iowa) · Kliff Kingsbury

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Hawaii	+10'	Hawaii (3OT)	48-54
05	Fort Worth	+3	Kansas	13-42
06	Liberty	+5	South Carolina	36-44
07	Texas	+6	TCU	13-20
08	Armed Forces	-3'	Air Force	34-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Houston's All-Time Bowl Record 8-10-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	40.6	563	161	5.2	402	67.4	13.9	27	-6	2008	6	30.9	413	175	4.2	238	60.1	13.4	24
6	34.5	502	224	4.9	278	66.6	14.5	34	-7	2007	7	29.2	366	140	3.8	226	52.1	12.5	25
7*	33.0	446	168	4.8	278	67.4	13.5	33	+9	2006	9	23.5	351	143	4.2	208	57.4	15.0	23
8*	28.1	439	166	4.2	272	60.4	15.6	29	-4	2005	6	27.0	397	177	4.6	220	52.8	14.7	17
5*	20.9	390	138	3.3	251	55.9	18.6	44	+6	2004	8	32.2	399	192	4.7	207	60.4	12.4	17
3	34.5	458	216	4.3	243	60.8	13.3	24	-6	2003	4	36.0	440	209	5.1	232	54.7	12.2	25
6	26.7	393	170	3.9	223	51.5	14.7	19	-16	2002	6	32.8	403	134	3.7	269	55.8	12.3	24

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bryce Beall	198	1272	25	1247	13	6.3
Andre Kohn	63	276	19	257	3	4.1
Case Keenum	76	410	189	221	7	2.9
Tyron Carrier	12	143	3	140	0	11.7
Justin Johnson	24	100	3	97	0	4.0
Blake Joseph	17	111	18	93	0	5.5
Patrick Edwards	2	52	0	52	0	26.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Case Keenum	589	397	67.4	5020	44	11
Blake Joseph	21	14	66.7	201	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Tyron Carrier	80	1026	12.8	9	66	
Mark Hafner	86	907	10.5	11	43	
Patrick Edwards	46	634	13.8	4	70	
LJ Castile	31	531	17.1	8	53	
Kierrie Johnson	32	499	15.6	5	84	
Bryce Beall	34	496	14.6	4	70	
Chaz Rodriguez	40	418	10.4	1	38	
Andre Kohn	25	301	12.0	2	32	
Tim Monroe	17	237	13.9	1	49	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chase Turner	41	1864	45.5	7	36.5	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ben Bell	48-50	7-10	3-4	0-1	0-0	10-15	36
Jordan Mannisto	14-14	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-3	37

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Marcus McGraw	103	0.5	6	5	0
Kenneth Fontenette	92	0	2.5	9	1
Cody Lubojasky	85	0	5	5	0
CJ Cavness	77	0	4	1	0
Brandon Brinkley	74	0	5.5	15	4
Ernest Miller	72	0	1	9	1
Matt Nicholson	66	1	3.5	0	1
Tate Stewart	60	5	1.5	3	0
Phillip Hunt	52	14	4.5	1	0
Quinte Williams	52	0	1	3	1
Cody Pree	45	0	8.5	1	0
Stephen James	43	0	2	0	0
Isaiah Thompson	32	0	0.5	0	0
Carson Blackmon	29	0	2	0	0
Loyce Means	23	0	0	5	4
Jake Ebner	19	1	2.5	2	0
Tim Monroe	17	0	0	0	0
David Hunter	16	0	1	0	0
Tim Mercer	14	0	0	0	0
Britton Maxwell	13	0	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Tyron Carrier	8	77	9.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Tyron Carrier	27	601	22.3	1	
Patrick Edwards	25	506	20.2	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

UH 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
26,555	Southern	31	33-148	4.5	39-49	467	2	13	23-35	1.5	25-39	217	3	+2
45,001	at Oklahoma St	28	22-96	4.4	35-62	387	0	28	51-379	7.4	14-21	320	1	+2
2,546	† Air Force	29	28-172	6.1	34-57	362	3	20	71-380	5.4	0-7	0	0	-2
21,539	at Colorado St	26	22-88	4.0	38-55	385	2	23	40-146	3.7	24-34	276	2	-4
43,641	at E Carolina	25	39-220	5.6	37-45	401	3	13	36-126	3.5	15-28	149	2	-1
18,526	UAB	20	31-132	4.3	26-40	417	2	18	38-118	3.1	24-40	234	4	+2
18,972	at SMU	30	38-131	3.4	28-37	404	3	26	23-48	2.1	29-40	365	2	+1
20,716	at Marshall	24	30-106	3.5	22-42	317	4	23	54-249	4.6	15-25	157	1	-3
23,522	Tulane	31	37-299	8.1	30-43	394	2	18	27-61	2.3	20-44	207	2	-3
20,855	Tulsa	32	35-180	5.1	29-42	461	0	27	46-192	4.2	21-35	309	2	+4
18,134	UTEP	32	32-220	6.9	41-51	480	3	25	33-102	3.1	27-45	362	1	-1
35,534	at Rice	27	27-140	5.2	30-54	494	2	30	38-198	5.2	30-43	393	2	-2
41,127	† Air Force	20	32-163	5.1	22-33	252	1	21	67-243	3.6	8-18	109	2	-1
TOTALS		355	406-2095	5.2	411-610	5221	27	285	547-2277	4.2	252-419	3098	24	-6
AVERAGES		27.3	31-161	5.2	32-47	402	4.4%	21.9	42-175	4.2	19-32	238	5.7%	-0.5

2004 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	–	† Rice	-4	7-10
–	–	at Oklahoma - #2	+37	13-63
–	–	Army	-15'	35-21
–	–	Miami, FI - #4	+29'	13-38
–	–	at Memphis	+13	14-41
–	–	at Southern Miss	+17	29-35 OT
–	–	at TCU	+6'	27-34
–	–	Tulane	-9'	24-3
–	–	East Carolina	-16'	34-24
–	–	at UAB	+9'	7-20
–	–	Louisville - #8	+22	27-65

2005 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	–	Oregon	+7'	24-38
–	–	Sam Houston St	NL	31-10
–	–	at UTEP	+12	41-44 2OT
–	–	at Tulsa	+2'	30-23
–	–	at Tulane	-1'	35-14
–	–	Memphis	-10'	20-35
–	–	at Mississippi St	+2	28-16
–	–	at UCF	-2	29-31
–	–	Southern Miss	-2	27-24
–	–	SMU	-13	24-29
–	–	Rice	-15'	35-18

2006 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	–	at Rice	-14'	31-30
–	–	Tulane	-14	45-7
–	–	Grambling St	NL	42-22
–	–	Oklahoma St	-1	34-25
–	–	at Miami, FI	+16'	13-14
–	–	Louisiana	-17	28-31
–	–	at Southern Miss	+2	27-31
–	–	UTEP	-6	34-17
–	–	UCF	-17	51-31
–	–	Tulsa	+3'	27-10
–	–	at SMU	-3	37-27
–	–	at Memphis	-17	23-20 OT
–	–	Southern Miss	-5'	34-20

2007 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	–	at Oregon	+16	27-48
–	–	at Tulane	-14'	34-10
–	–	Colorado St	-7	38-27
–	–	East Carolina	-13'	35-37
–	–	at Alabama	+11	24-30
–	–	Rice	-22'	56-48
–	–	at UAB	-13'	49-10
–	–	at UTEP	-6	34-31
–	–	SMU	-19	38-28
–	–	at Tulsa	+1	7-56
–	–	Marshall	-12	35-28
–	–	Texas Southern	NL	59-6

2008 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Rank	Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	–	Southern	NL	55-3
–	–	at Oklahoma St	+15'	37-56
–	–	† Air Force	-2'	28-31
–	–	at Colorado St	-6'	25-28
–	–	at E Carolina - #23	+10'	41-24
–	–	UAB	-18	45-20
–	–	at SMU	-13'	44-38
–	–	at Marshall	-7'	23-37
–	–	Tulane	-16'	42-14
–	–	Tulsa - #25	+4	70-30
–	–	UTEP	-17	42-37
–	–	at Rice	-3	42-56

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Mobility and accuracy by the QB are key to the Tulsa offense. In Paul Smith's first year as a starter ('05) he threw for 2,847 (62.4%) with a 20-6 ratio (258 rush) and was the Liberty Bowl MVP. After having just a 15-9 ratio as a junior he flourished in the new no-huddle offense. Billy Guy Anderson had the school's single season passing record with 3,464 in 1965 (10 gm). Smith beat that mark in 10 games and went on to throw for a CUSA record 5,065 (60.1%) with a 47-19 ratio (119 rush). His TD passes topped Jerry Rhome's 1964 record (32) and he left as TU's all-time passing leader. David Johnson (14 passes '06) got in 8 gms with 8 passes in '07. Contending with Johnson last year was JUCO Jacob Bower (PS#49 at BYU '03). In 2007 Bower had 3,034 yards passing and 35 TD's at JC and joined Tulsa in the spring. This was the biggest question mark on the team heading into '08 but Johnson had a much better season than anyone could have expected throwing for 4,059 (64.5%) with a 46-18 ratio (186 rush). Unfortunately, threatening to set the NCAA record for pass eff in a single season, Johnson had 5 int in the CUSA Title game. Bower played in 14 (15 pass). He is 242 lbs, yet mobile. He will have to battle Texas transfer GJ Kinne (PS#24) who was on the scout team last yr and true frosh Shavodrick Beaver (PS#23, orig commit Mich). The winner of the job will be the first VHT QB to direct this offense.

RUNNING BACKS - In '07 Tarrion Adams rushed for 1,225 (5.6) while also hauling in 30 rec (10.0). True frosh FB Charles Clay rushed for 304 (5.3) but more importantly had 1,024 yards receiving (14.8 ypc)! When Adams was inj vs Tulane, powerful inside runner rFr Jamad Williams had 153 on 31 carries and finished with 458 (4.3). Everyone ret'd last year. Oklahoma transfer Courtney Tennial (PS#40, miss '07 inj) was used mostly as a short yardage back and finished with 220 (4.9). Adams became the school's single season and career leader in rushing with 207 in the GMAC bowl and had 1,523 (6.2). Williams rushed for 523 (6.1) and Charles Opeseyitan who was also working at LB had 355 (7.9). Clay had just 145 rushing and 464 receiving. In the opener he had 87 yds rec and also played DL (1 sk). This year they lose Adams (10 st), Tennial (1 st), FB Jacob Frank (1 st, 2 rec) and Aaron Johnson (73 yd). While still a quality unit, they will miss Adams' speed and are not as deep.

RECEIVERS - Tulsa has had some excellent WR's throughout the years including Steve Largent, Howard Twilley and Drew Pearson. In 2007 they lost all of their top rec for a second straight year as their top returner had just 8 rec. Eighteen players worked out at WR in Aug and new OC Malzahn said that there would not be one go-to guy, but rather 3 or 4 that would be pretty good. JUCO Brennan Marion emerged as the deep threat avg an NCAA record 31.9 while also leading in yards (1244) despite having 31 less rec than the #1 man. True frosh Trae Johnson led in rec with 70 (1088, 15.5). They combined for 24 TD's. FB Clay was the #3 and Jesse Meyer was #4 with 585 (15.0). JUCO Dion Toliver added 392 (11.5). Last year everyone ret'd and they added VHT Tenn transfer Slick Shelley (PS#9). He finished #3 with 627 (16.1). Brennan Marion set a CUSA record for ypc in a game (38.8) vs UTEP and had 1,112 yards (25.9). True frosh Damaris Johnson proved to be a dangerous returnman and rec and added 743 (14.0) while rushing for 327 (8.0). Converted RB AJ Whitmore added 261 (9.7) and Trae Johnson had 475 (23.8). This year they lose Marion (6 st) and Toliver (0 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Tyler Pistoia (6'0" 195 Jr), Mike Sullivan (6'3" 247 Sr) and Michael Britton (5'10" 241 So). This is still one of CUSA's best receiving corps but it will be down a notch or two without their top guy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Tulsa had the 3rd most experienced line in the country (95 car st). They allowed just 16 sacks (4.4%) while opening holes for 162 ypg rush (4.4). In '07 this unit was a major question mark losing 4 multiyear starters who played every snap of '06 (only 22 car st ret). The line performed better than I expected as they opened holes for 173 ypg (4.3) while allowing 31 sacks (5.5%). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup (5 st) and Graham called it his best O-line here. The veteran unit was dominating at times as they opened holes for 268 ypg (5.6), their best since joining IA. Those numbers could have been better but over the last 3 they allowed 11 sacks (24 on yr, 5.7%). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA RG Justin Morsey (12 st, 3Y st'r), 2x HM CUSA RT Rodrick Thomas (14 st, 2Y st'r), C Jody Whaley (14 st, 2Y st'r) and backup Travis Wike. They have 45 career starts returning (#98 FBS)and won't match 2008's mind-boggling numbers. The O-line was the biggest ? in the spring.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Run D has not been a strength at Tulsa. In 2005 the 4.3 ypc they allowed was actually their BEST since 1991. In 2006 I called for their best rush D in the last 2 decades and they trimmed their ypc to 4.2 and their 138 ypg rush allowed was their best in the last 17 years. With basically 2 starters back in '07, they slipped to 185 ypg (4.4). Last year they had to replace one starter and another moved to LB so they had just 1 starter return but did have 5 with starting experience including VHT Terrel Nemons (PS#36).

Graham predicted their DL would be better than it had ever been and Tulsa yielded just 130 ypg and 3.8 ypc with 38 sacks by the D. This year they lose 2nd Tm CUSA DE Moton Hopkins (14 st, 77 tkl, 12 tfl) and NG Nemons (12 st, 38 tkl, 2.5 tfl). Not listed below are Shawn Santos (6'3" 296 Jr, PS#465JC) and Nathan Baine (6'2" 238 Jr). This unit is close to 2008 in terms of experience.

LINEBACKERS - I list the SPUR Saf as a LB. In 2006 all 4 LB starters ret'd plus they got back an '03 starter so it was a deep, veteran unit. In 2007 they had to replace CUSA Def POY Nick Bunting but returned 1st and 3rd Tm CUSA LB's. Last year they had to replace their top 4 tacklers but did move in starting DE George Clinckscale. True frosh Zach Wallace started the opener and DC Patterson said "It was the best performance of any frosh LB we've had here." Unfortunately Wallace was lost after 2 starts (inj) and his career has ended. Also gone is Jeph McAlester (2 tkl) and Donald Gobert (4 tkl) . Not listed below is Kollin Hancock (6'0" 191 Sr, PS#429JC). They return their #1, #2, #6 and #8 tacklers and this should be one of the CUSA's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tulsa had three top 30 finishes in my pass D rankings from 2003-'06. In Graham's first year he had to replace two starters and then lost his FS after 6. Tulsa plummeted to #99 allowing a 28-11 ratio. Last year they only had to replace 1.5 starters and had 5 players back with starting experience. True frosh DeAundre Brown (PS#66) had 6 starts. Tulsa was a disappointing #97 allowing a 32-9 ratio. This year they lose Roy Roberts (14 st, 65 tkl, 3 int) and Nick Henderson (1 tkl). The Hurricane will easily surpass Graham's first 2 units.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006, Tulsa finished #42 in my ST rankings. In Graham's first year they had to replace their top KR, PR and P and as you would expect, fell to #96. Last year the unit ret'd intact plus they added true frosh Damaris Johnson who had a school record 1,382 KR yards (25.6). Jarod Tracy hit 10 of 13 FG's (long 37) and P Michael Such avg'd 43.0 (tm net only 32.1). QB David Johnson had 10 punts. While Tulsa allowed just 19.2 per KR in '07, the avg KO was only to the 16 so that was a weakness. They brought in true frosh Cory Jefferis who was nicknamed Sonic Boom in HS and he had 14 TB on 92 KO. True frosh Kevin Fitzpatrick (PS#74) hit 1 of 2 FG's and had 1 TB on 19 KO. TU improved to #66 and even with the loss of career scoring leader Jarod Tracy (bested Jason Staurovsky 1981-'85) could improve once again.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe did a great job here guiding the team to 3 bowls in his 4 seasons. His DC the first 3 years was Todd Graham who left to be Rice's HC in '06. He was also the co-DC at WV in 2002 when they went from 3-8 to 9-4. Graham did a tremendous job at Rice taking them to their first bowl in 45 years. He brought in co-OC's Gus Malzahn (Ark OC '06) and Herb Hand who left Rice for Tulsa and spent the previous 6 years at WV. This year Malzahn moves on to Auburn and Hand is the sole OC. Graham had co-DC's in Paul Randolph who was his DC at Rice and Keith Patterson. Randolph is now Assoc HC of Def and Patterson will split the DC job with Ron West (LB cch at Clemson L10Y).

PHIL'S FORECAST

In their heyday Tulsa was actually the first team in NCAA history to play in five straight NY Day bowl games. They were in just 5 bowls from 1964-2002 and after consecutive one win seasons, they brought in new HC Steve Kragthorpe in 2003. Under Kragthorpe they had the largest turnaround in the country (1-11 to 8-5). In 2004 they had 16 returning starters including a veteran QB. Surprisingly they went just 4-8 thanks in part to being -11 in turnovers. In '05 I said they were capable of returning to a winning season despite a tougher schedule (move from WAC to CUSA). They did just that getting to the CUSA Title game where they dispatched UCF and then beat Fresno in the Liberty Bowl. Tulsa did benefit from +19 TO's and the offense avg'd 33.1 ppg (best S/'75). They opened '06 at 7-1 but finished just 8-5 including their bowl loss to Utah. In '07 Tulsa had just 3 starters back on offense but one of them was super QB Paul Smith. They knocked off BYU early but after a 2-2 start in conf play, it appeared their CUSA West chances were out the door. They rallied to get to the Title game including a 56-7 win over Houston. While they lost the Title game to UCF by 19, they destroyed BG by 56, the largest bowl win ever, breaking Alabama's 1953 Orange Bowl record (61-6). It was their first 10 win season since 1991 as they won 7 of their last 9. They were the first school in NCAA history to have a 5,000 yard passer, three 1,000 yard receivers and a 1,000 yard rusher. Last year they had to break in a new QB but I noted that I had their RB's rated #1, WR's #1 and OL #2 in CUSA. I also mentioned that 2 of my then-8 sets of power ratings had them going unbeaten, so they were my pick to win the CUSA West. Tulsa actually trailed UAB 22-21 at half but rolled to a 45-22 win. In their refurbished home stadium with new FieldTurf they pounded NM 56-14. They were tied with Rice at 14 late 2Q but TU exploded for a 63-28 win and a 5-0 start. Tulsa caught a big break the next week when SMU led 31-24 and Tulsa, on 4th & 21 got a 33 yd TD pass to tie. SMU later dropped a TD on 3rd & 2 from the TU26 and just missed on a 4th & 2 pass. They were tied with UTEP at 28 in the 2Q but then exploded for a 77-35 win. Setting a pattern, they actually trailed UCF 19-14 at the half but won 49-19. There was talk of Tulsa being the BCS-buster along with Boise and Utah. That talk came crashing down when Ark upset them in what would be Tulsa's 18th straight loss to a BCS school. With their BCS bubble burst, they were destroyed by Houston 70-30. After blowing out banged up Tulane 56-7 they barely got past Marshall on the road 38-35. In the CUSA Title game, Tulsa had 399-278 yd and 28-14 FD edges but thanks to -6 in TO's, lost 27-24 to EC. They made up for it in the bowl (Tulsa's first ever B2B bowl wins) by rolling to a 45-13 win over a Ball St team that was 12-0 in the reg season. Tulsa outgained CUSA foes by an impressive 180.7 ypg (#2 CUSA). They do lose their QB for a 2nd straight year and benefitted from great health last season (only 5 starts lost). Despite QB Johnson's 46-18 ratio, they were actually -5 in TO's on the year. Although TU has 66% of their lettermen returning but just 13 returning starters, 6 of my 9 sets of power ratings call Tulsa the most talented team in the West, which makes them a prime time contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 15 Jacob Bower Jr. 6-3 242 **PS#28JC.** 138 (73%), 106 rush, 14 gm here LY. **4** GJ Kinne (6'2" 215 So) **PS#24. Texas trans. 7** Shavodrick Beaver is **PS#23.** In for spg.

RB 23 Jamad Williams Jr. 5-9 212 PS#329. 7 st, 458 (4.3) rFr. 13 gms, 523 (6.1) LY. **37** Charles Opeseyitan (5'10" 205 So) PS#87. 14 gm, 355 (7.9) rFr. Alex Singleton is PS#115.

FB 9 CHARLES CLAY JR. 6-3 230 PS#370. 10 st, 304 (5.3), HM CUSA true. 9 st, 145 (5.8), 464 rec LY. Willie Carter (6'2" 206 rFr). **TE** Jake Collums (6'4" 242 Sr) PS#151. 11 st, 12 rec 3Y.

WR 3 DAMARIS JOHNSON SO. 5-8 170 PS#164. 10 st, 743 (14.0), **2ndTm CUSA** as true. **2** AJ Whitmore (5'9" 172 Jr) PS#316. 8 st, 529 (10.0) 2Y. **11** Justin Smith (5'11" 168 rFr) PS#368.

WR 88 SLICK SHELLEY SR. 6-4 200 **PS#9. Tenn trans.** 6 st, 14 gm, 627 (16.1) here LY. Ricky Johnson (6'2" 190 Fr) PS#91. **89** Chris Ford (6'2" 189 So) PS#210. 5 gm, 0 rec rFr.

WR 1 Trae Johnson Jr. 5-11 180 12 st, 1563 (17.4) 2Y. **84** Jesse Meyer (6'4" 203 Sr). 12 st, 842 (15.0) 3Y. **TE 82** Clay Sears (6'4" 223 Jr) PS#326. Phillip Dokes (6'6" 210 rFr) PS#253.

C 58 Jon Bell Jr. 6-2 274 PS#90. 2 st DE, 6 tkl rFr. 8 gm bkup C LY. Trent Dupy PS#257. **62** Aaron Ringle (6'4" 265 So) PS#485. **LS** Bo Abbott (5'10" 188 So). Travel squad rFr.

RG 76 CURT PUCKETT SR. 6-4 309 PS#530. 1 gm rFr. 13 st LG '07. 14 st (12 LG, 2 RG) LY. Gabe Moyer (6'2" 311 Fr) PS#402. GS LY. In spg. **57** Jacob Rader (5'11" 275 rFr).

LG 72 Clint Anderson So. 6-2 272 PS#280. Last 2 st at RG, 11 gm true. Brian DeShane is **PS#75. 60** Nick Gates (6'2" 270 Jr). 2 gm true. 7 gm LY. **66** Matt Best (5'11" 230 rFr).

RT NA Eric Sproal So. 6-4 305 PS#129JC. Originally signed with Fresno St. Brandon Thomas (6'5" 274 So) PS#503. 2 gm spec teams rFr. Stetson Burnett is PS#258.

LT 78 TYLER HOLMES SO. 6-4 306 PS#348. Canadian. 14 st, **CUSA All-FR tm** rFr. Jared Grigg (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#405. Wilson Holloway (6'6" 275 So). Beat cancer to play 6 gm rFr.

K 47 Kevin Fitzpatrick So. 6-2 188 PS#74. 1-2 FG, L/41, 19 KO, 1 TB true. **48** Matt Hulse (5'11" 188 So). No gm action (inj) LY. **30** Cory Jefferis (5'10" 175 So). 92 KO, 14 TB true.

DE 56 Un'Tavious Scott Sr. 6-3 245 JUCO. 4 st, 14 gms, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl here in '08. **55** Rashad Robinson (6'1" 246 So) PS#426. 4 tkl, 7 gm rFr. Matt Hesterberg (6'2" 240 rFr).

NG 96 WILSON GARRISON SR. 6-3 283 PS#404. 3 st, 9 gm (inj), 16 tkl '07. 10 st, 53 tkl, HM CUSA LY. **94** Wayne Thompson (6'0" 285 rFr) PS#307. **90** Derrick Jackson (6'2" 266 rFr) PS#463.

DE 80 Odrick Ray Jr. 6-3 261 PS#365. 1 st, 13 gms, 11 tkl true. 1 st, 13 gm, 10 tkl LY. **93** Cory Dorris (6'4" 255 rFr) PS#413. **52** Cedric Godfrey (6'2" 261 Sr) PS#170. 6 tkl 3Y.

SLB 8 GEORGE CLINCKSCALE SR. 6-0 238 PS#434. 12 tkl true. Med RS '06. 8 st, 22 tkl '07. 13 st (inj), 53 tkl LY. **33** Kenny R. Sims (6'0" 210 Jr) PS#322. 7 tkl 2Y. **44** Bo Abbott (5'10" 188 So).

MLB 43 MIKE BRYAN SR. 6-3 226 PS#186. 13 gm, 17 tkl true. 25 tkl '07. 13 st, 119 tkl, 10.5 tfl, HM CUSA LY. **28** Kaipo Sarkissian (6'1" 225 Sr) PS#193JC. 12 gm, 11 tkl LY.

WLB 40 TANNER ANTLE JR. 6-4 225 1 st, 38 tkl rFr. 12 st, 63 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **32** Curnelius Arnick (6'1" 230 So). 2 st, 14 gm, 28 tkl rFr. **11** Alan Dock (5'10" 203 So) PS#421. 10 tkl LY.

SPUR 6 JAMES LOCKETT SR. 5-11 203 PS#360. 2 tkl rFr. 13 st, 82 tkl, 16.5 tfl, **2ndTm CUSA** LY. **42** Ade' Manga (6'2" 215 Sr) PS#236JC. 14 tkl here LY. Brian Moore (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#113.

CB 27 KENNY D. SIMS SR. 5-11 197 8 st, 55 tkl 2Y. 14 st, 41 tkl, 9 pd, HM CUSA LY. Laquentin Black is PS#280JC. **4** Reid Singleton (5'10" 175 So) PS#443. No gm action LY.

CB 18 JOHN DESTIN SR. 6-0 195 PS#445JC. 1 st, 19 tkl '07. 5 st, 26 tkl LY. **21** John Flanders (5'10" 170 So) PS#110. 5 st, 37 tkl true. **22** Cody Lambert (6'0" 178 rFr) PS#408.

BAN 5 DeAundre Brown So. 5-11 195 PS#66. 6 st, 56 tkl true. Arthur Render PS#146JC. **38** Marqieno Meadows (5'10" 200 So). 9 tkl true. **15** Bryan Burnham (6'2" 199 rFr) PS#274.

FS 24 CHARLES DAVIS SR. 5-9 180 13 st, 73 tkl '07. 13 st, 78 tkl, 6 pd LY. **7** Trent Wilkins (5'11" 198 rFr) PS#316. **19** Josh Burris (5'10" 190 Sr) 3 st, 33 tkl 3Y. Genesis Cole (6'1" 182 So).

P 35 MICHAEL SUCH JR. 6-2 198 PS#79. Former Neb walk on. 43 punts (39.0), tm net 33.3 '07. 22 punts (43.0), tm net 32.1, HM CUSA LY. **30** Cory Jefferis. KO's as true.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Shavodrick Beaver 6-3 190 PS#23
OL	Brian DeShane 6-3 290 PS#75
OL	Eric Sproal 6-4 305 PS#129JC
DB	Arthur Render 6-0 175 PS#146JC
WR	Ricky Johnson 6-2 190 PS#91
LB	Cody Wilson 6-0 220 PS#108
RB	Alex Singleton 6-1 235 PS#115
LB	Shawn Jackson 6-0 240 PS#117
TE	Greg Brown 6-2 240 PS#38
WR	Brett Davis 5-11 188 PS#147
WR	Jordan James 6-2 197 PS#154
WR	Anthony Foster 5-9 173 PS#160
DB	Laquentin Black 5-10 175 PS#280JC
WR	Justin Skillens 5-9 165 PS#182
OL	Trent Dupy 6-2 280 PS#257
OL	Stetson Burnett 6-4 308 PS#258
DL	Jack Jewell 6-6 250 PS#273
DB	Tony Peoples 5-11 172 PS#299
WR	Freeman Kelley 5-11 165 PS#261
DB	Dexter McCoil 6-4 175 PS#382
DB	Antonio Parker 5-10 165 PS#385
LS	Michael Brodsky 6-1 210 PS#379OL
DL	Daeshon Bufford 6-3 222 PS#355
DL	Gabe McGee 6-1 305 PS#372
OL	Gabe Moyer 6-2 311 PS#402 '08
OL	Brian Mincher 6-3 280 PS#641
RB	JC Watts 5-11 187 PS#1022

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

Tulsa, Oklahoma
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#60

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 4	at Tulane (Fri)	A						Tulsa has won all 4 gms in CUSA play by an avg score of 45-12. In last yr's matchup, RB Adams set the school record with 323 rush yds as TU ran for a ssn-high 489 yds.
Sep. 12	at New Mexico	G						Tulsa leads series 3-2 but the visitor has lost 3 of L/4. LY in the 1st game at newly renovated Chapman Stadium, TU rolled to a 56-14 win as QB Johnson threw 6 TD passes.
Sep. 19	at Oklahoma	G						TU has lost 9 of L/10 to the Sooners by an avg margin of 36 ppg. The Golden Hurricane are just 0-10 vs Big 12 tms & have lost 15 straight RG's vs current BCS teams.
Sep. 26	Sam Houston St	A						The Bearkats went 4-6 LY as a member of the Southland Conf (FCS). Tulsa is 13-0 vs current FCS schools S/'90, winning by 26 ppg & beat SLC member Central Ark 62-34 LY.
Oct. 3	at Rice	A						Tulsa has won 5 of 6 in the series, including the last 3 at Rice. In last year's meeting, the Golden Hurricane rushed for 386 yds & outscored Rice 42-14 in the 2nd half.
Oct. 10								
Oct. 14	Boise St (Wed)	A						TU is 0-4 vs their former WAC foe. These tms have combined to avg 82 ppg in 2 meetings in Tulsa. Only 2nd meeting with a WAC school since TU left the WAC for CUSA in 2005.
Oct. 21	at UTEP (Wed)	A						The visitor has lost 5 straight. The teams have avg'd 82 ppg the L/6. LY Tulsa rolled up 791 yds (NCAA season high) & the 77 pts were their most since 1967.
Oct. 31	SMU (HC)	A						Tulsa has won 4 of the last 6 & the home team has won 6 of 7 in the series. LY TU trailed 31-24 going into the 4Q, but got 2 TD's in a 1:13 span and held on for the win.
Nov. 7	Houston	A						TU is just 1-3 vs the Cougars in CUSA play. LY Tulsa allowed a ssn-high 641 yds & 6 TD passes & trailed 42-17 at the half. The 70 pts were the most allowed since '88.
Nov. 15	East Carolina (Sun)	A						TU leads series 5-3, but lost at home in LY's CUSA Title gm. Tulsa was held to a ssn-low 399 yds & had 7 TO's, but still had a chance to win until QB Johnson threw his 5th pick with 1:03 left.
Nov. 21	at Southern Miss	A						Tulsa is 2-0 vs the Eagles in CUSA play winning by 16 ppg & leads the overall series 3-2-1. Entering '09: the Golden Hurricane are 12-3 vs the CUSA East, including 6-1 at home.
Nov. 27	Memphis (Fri)	A						The Golden Hurricane are just 8-14 all-time vs Memphis, but have won the last 2. The HT is 2-6 S/'90. Five of the L/7 meetings have been decided by 6 pts or less.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Paul Smith 10,936 '03, '05-'07
2. TJ Rubley 9,324 '87-'91
3. John Fitzgerald 5,822 '94-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Tarrion Adams 3,651 '05-'08
2. Micheal Gunter 3,536 '80-'83
3. Eric Richardson 2,645 '00-'03

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Howard Twilley 3,343 '63-'65
2. Dan Bitson 3,300 '87-'89, '91
3. Damon Savage 2,952 '96-'99

TODD GRAHAM (Career 28-13)

3rd Year at Tulsa — Bowls: 2-1 Rice '06

Graham AT TULSA/OVERALL

21-7 / 28-13	SU	0-1 / 0-2	Vs Top 10
11-2 / 14-3	Home	1-1 / 1-3	Vs Top 25
8-5 / 12-8	Away	0-2 / 2-3	Vs BCS Tms
2-0 / 2-2	Neutral	4-1 / 5-2	Off A Bye
13-5 / 19-7	Vs Conf	6-1 / 8-4	Off A Loss

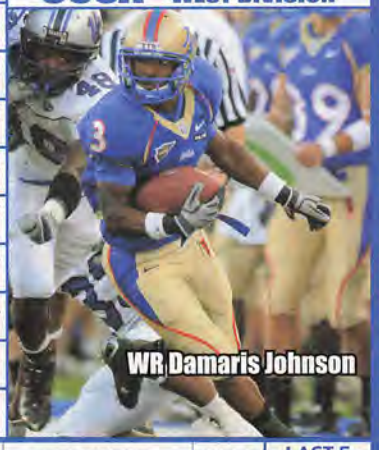
2008 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (16,20,3)
Lost: 20 (12,5,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,368 (#84)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION


WR Damaris Johnson

STADIUM: HA CHAPMAN STADIUM (30,000) (#107)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	1-10	1-11	8-5	4-8	9-4	8-5	10-4	11-3	57-57
Home	3-3	1-5	1-5	5-1	4-2	3-2	5-1	5-1	6-1	33-21
Away	2-4	0-5	0-6	3-3	0-6	5-2	3-3	4-3	4-2	21-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	3-2
vs Conf	4-4	0-8	1-7	6-2	3-5	7-2	5-3	6-3	7-2	39-36
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	0-4	2-3	1-3	2-2	3-2	4-1	4-1	18-21
ATS	7-5	1-9	4-7-1	7-4-1	4-7	10-3	6-6	5-9	8-5	52-55-2
Home Fav	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-2	3-2	1-3	5-1	15-11
Home Dog	3-1	1-3	0-4-1	2-0	3-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	10-10-1
Away Favorite	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1-1	0-1	3-0	2-2	2-3	2-4	11-13-1
Away Dog	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-1	1-4	4-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	12-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	3-2
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	4-4	5-2-1	3-5	7-2	4-4	2-7	5-4	36-38-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-2	0-3-1	2-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	3-2	3-1	16-17-1
Off SU Win	3-1	0-1	0-1	5-2-1	1-2	6-2	4-4	3-6	5-4	27-23-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	1-8	4-6	2-1	3-4	4-0	2-2	1-3	2-1	23-28

Keith Burns 2000 · Steve Kinghorn 2001 · Todd Graham 2007

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tarrion Adams	247	1548	25	1523	14	6.2
Jamad Williams	86	536	13	523	3	6.1
Charles Opeseyitan	45	356	1	355	2	7.9
AJ Whitmore	51	361	15	346	6	6.8
Damaris Johnson	41	347	20	327	1	8.0
Courtney Tennial	45	221	1	220	7	4.9
David Johnson	92	358	172	186	3	2.0
Charles Clay	25	151	6	145	2	5.8
Jacob Bower	18	116	10	106	1	5.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
David Johnson	400	258	64.5	4059	46	18
Jacob Bower	15	11	73.3	138	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brennan Marion	43	1112	25.9	8	97	
Damaris Johnson	53	743	14.0	10	42	
Slick Shelley	39	627	16.1	8	64	
Trae Johnson	20	475	23.8	3	44	
Charles Clay	38	464	12.2	9	73	
AJ Whitmore	27	261	9.7	2	48	
Tarrion Adams	23	213	9.3	1	30	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Michael Such	22	947	43.0	4	32.1(t)	1(t)	3
David Johnson	10	341	34.1	0	–	–	4
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jarod Tracy	78-80	6-6	4-6	0-1	0-0	10-13	37

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Bryan	119	4	6.5	0	0
James Lockett	82	8.5	8	3	0
Charles Davis	78	0	1	4	2
Moton Hopkins	77	2.5	9.5	3	0
Roy Roberts	65	2	1.5	5	3
Tanner Antle	63	4.5	3	4	0
DeAundre Brown	56	0.5	1.5	2	2
George Clinkscale	53	2	4	2	0
Wilson Garrison	53	2.5	4	1	0
Kenny D Sims	41	0	1.5	8	1
Terrel Nemons	38	1	1.5	0	0
John Flanders	37	0	0	5	0
Curnelius Arnick	28	2	1	1	0
Un'Tavious Scott	27	4	2.5	0	0
John Destin	26	0	0	2	1
Ade' Manga	14	0	0	0	0
Josh Burris	13	0	0	0	0
Zack Wallace	12	1	0	0	0
Kaipo Sarkissian	11	0	0	0	0
Odrick Ray	10	1	2	0	0
Dion Tolliver	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trae Johnson	21	143	6.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Damaris Johnson	54	1382	25.6	1	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Humanitarian	+7	Georgia Tech	10-52
05	Liberty	+7	Fresno St	31-24
06	Armed Forces	+1'	Utah	13-25
07	GMAC	-5	Bowling Green	63-7
08	GMAC	-2'	Ball St - #23	45-13

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9	47.2	570	268	5.6	302	63.8	12.1	24	-5	2008	5	27.9	379	130	3.8	250	58.8	13.6	38
3*	41.1	544	173	4.3	371	59.6	13.2	31	-6	2007	6	33.4	452	185	4.4	267	60.1	13.5	30
7*	27.7	389	162	4.4	226	66.6	14.0	16	-5	2006	8	20.2	297	138	4.2	159	54.4	14.7	20
6	33.1	402	165	4.4	237	62.8	12.2	26	+19	2005	6	23.5	348	165	4.3	183	53.9	14.8	30
8*	28.8	355	168	3.9	187	54.4	12.4	33	-11	2004	8	33.2	402	211	4.7	191	49.5	12.1	13
8*	30.8	388	192	4.8	196	57.5	12.6	23	+3	2003	7	27.8	379	198	4.6	181	50.7	13.6	25
8*	19.4	317	123	3.4	193	52.9	16.3	35	+6	2002	8	34.8	459	256	5.7	202	58.8	13.2	16

2008 STATS BY GAME

TU ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
19,672	at UAB	19	38-240	6.3	21-25	361	1	21	36-245	6.8	17-31	169	1	+3
22,785	at North Texas	27	35-135	3.9	27-35	420	0	25	34-203	6.0	30-45	247	4	+2
30,000	New Mexico	28	37-137	3.7	24-39	469	2	16	37-126	3.4	18-25	190	1	+1
20,646	C Arkansas	29	42-329	7.8	20-27	312	1	23	35-93	2.7	24-34	342	2	-2
24,926	Rice	31	53-386	7.3	14-26	191	0	30	35-103	2.9	25-46	350	2	+3
15,324	at SMU	32	50-321	6.4	17-31	281	2	21	28-151	5.4	19-34	318	3	-2
21,873	UTEP	36	54-321	5.9	23-30	470	0	14	21-32	1.5	21-37	306	6	-1
30,000	UCF	22	39-172	4.4	17-28	264	2	13	48-63	1.3	8-16	124	9	0
70,021	at Arkansas	25	47-184	3.9	18-33	344	3	19	31-50	1.6	25-38	385	3	-2
20,855	at Houston	27	46-192	4.2	21-35	309	2	32	35-180	5.1	29-42	461	0	-4
20,391	Tulane	28	59-489	8.3	9-13	104	0	13	35-73	2.1	16-31	159	4	0
21,571	at Marshall	29	55-203	3.7	21-33	313	4	17	36-260	7.2	14-19	177	1	0
22,740	East Carolina	28	55-204	3.7	23-42	195	3	14	35-156	4.5	10-24	122	0	-6
32,816	† Ball St	30	64-439	6.9	15-26	193	4	9	28-78	2.8	9-29	145	2	+3
TOTALS		391	674-3752	5.6	270-423	4226	24	267	474-1813	3.8	265-451	3495	38	-5
AVERAGES		27.9	48-268	5.6	19-30	302	5.7%	19.1	34-130	3.8	19-32	250	8.4%	-0.4

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas	+4	3-21
–	at Oklahoma St	+21'	21-38
–	Navy	-1	0-29
–	Missouri St	NL	49-7
–	at Hawaii	+11	16-44
–	Boise St - #21	+21	42-45
–	at Nevada	+3	48-54 3OT
–	Rice	+1	39-22
–	at SMU	-12	35-41 OT
–	at Louisiana Tech	+6'	21-38
–	San Jose St	-10'	34-24
–	UTEP - #24	+8'	37-35

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Minnesota	+17	10-41
–	at Oklahoma - #18	+30'	15-31
–	at North Texas	+3'	54-2
–	Memphis	-1'	37-31 OT
–	Houston	-2'	23-30
–	at Southern Miss	+12'	34-17
–	at Rice	-7'	41-21
–	SMU	-15'	20-13
–	at UTEP	+8	38-41
–	East Carolina	-9	45-13
–	at Tulane	-15	38-14
–	at UCF	-2'	44-27

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Stephen F Austin	NL	45-7
–	at BYU	+4	24-49
–	North Texas	-19'	28-3
–	at Navy	+5	24-23 OT
–	Southern Miss	-5	20-6
–	at East Carolina	-2'	31-10
–	at Memphis	-13'	35-14
–	UTEP	-15	30-20
–	at Houston	-3'	10-27
–	Rice	-14'	38-41 2OT
–	at SMU	-6'	24-34
–	Tulane	-17	38-3

2007 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at ULM	-3'	35-17
–	BYU	+6'	55-47
–	Oklahoma - #4	+23	21-62
–	UAB	-23	38-30
–	at UTEP	-3	47-48
–	Marshall	-13'	38-31
–	at UCF	+2'	23-44
–	SMU	-13'	29-23
–	at Tulane	-6'	49-25
–	Houston	-1	56-7
–	at Army	-15'	49-39
–	at Rice	-13'	48-43
–	at UCF	+7'	25-44

2008 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UAB	-13'	45-22
–	at North Texas	-21'	56-26
–	New Mexico	-10	56-14
–	C Arkansas	-32	62-34
–	Rice	-16'	63-28
–	at SMU	-24'	37-31
–	UTEP	-18'	77-35
#22	UCF	-23	49-19
#19	at Arkansas	-7	23-30
#25	at Houston	-4	30-70
–	Tulane	-28'	56-7
–	at Marshall	-16	38-35
–	East Carolina	-11'	24-27

SMU MUSTANGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Prior to 2006, SMU's completion % for the season only topped 52.8% ONCE in the last 10 years and that was in '04 (54.4%)! Also prior to '06, the last time a Mustang QB threw over 10 TD's in a season was in '99, while the last QB with double digit TD passes and single digit int's was Lance McIlhenny in '83. In 2006, Justin Willis was susp for one but broke Chuck Hixon's record (1968) for TD passes in a season (21). Willis threw for 2,047 (67.4%) with an outstanding 26-6 ratio. In '07 Willis threw for 2,944 (58.5%) with a 25-18 ratio and was the #1 rusher with 699 (3.9). Willis was susp for the spring in '08 and with a new HC it opened the door for true frosh Bo Levi Mitchell (PS#122). Mitchell had a 34-7 ratio as a Sr in HS and was originally going to sign with Hawaii. He and true frosh Braden Smith (PS#92) got 90% of the snaps with the #1's in Aug but it was Logan Turner (PS#90) that was named the backup. Mitchell injured his shoulder in the 2Q vs Mem and was replaced by Turner and when he ret'd, he was not 100%. Willis was only used a couple of times in running situations at QB (0 pass). Mitchell threw for 2,865 (57.6%) and while he had 24 TD's, he also had 23 int (worst in the NCAA). Turner played in 5 and threw for 410 (50.8%) with a 5-2 ratio. Willis moved to WR and his TD rec vs SM, made him the school's career leader in TD's. This year Turner departs. Mitchell should show significant improvement, especially in his TD-int ratio.

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played here. In 2005 DeMyron Martin narrowly missed SMU's frosh rushing record by 30 yards finishing with 854 (4.6). He missed 5 in '06 only rushing for 369 (4.0). In '07 Martin rushed for 458 (4.3) while James Mapps led the RB's with 526 (4.9). Last year Mapps was dismissed and Martin was inj'd vs Tulane and was limited. Martin rushed for 165 (3.8). Andrew McKinney (6'4" 263) moved from TE and started vs UCF. He was the top rusher with just 190 (4.1) on the year. After 6 games the team's longest run was 34 yards and it was by P Thomas Morstead. Soph Chris Butler had a 38 yd run vs Tulsa (95 ttl) but was injured (174, 5.3). Bryce Lunday moved from WR and had 59 (3.5) while the speedy BJ Lee (4.37) added 11(1.1). Not listed below are Billy Dugal (6'2" 232 rFr) and Clay Wilson (6'2" 230 Jr, PS#195QB). This year they lose Martin and McKinney and although they have to replace 2 of their top 3 RB's, they can only be more productive especially if Miami, Fl transfer Shawnbrey McNeal (PS#39) qualifies over the summer.

WR Aldrick Robinson

RECEIVERS - In 2006 rFr Emmanuel Sanders led with 605 (13.2) and led once again in '07 with 889 (12.0). Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 4 WR's. Jones said that Sanders' great work ethic reminded him of Jerry Rice. Jones also said that Aldrick Robinson may be the best outside receiver he's ever coached and keep in mind he coached Andre Rison and Terrance Mathis in Atlanta! Those two did not disappoint as Robinson led with 1,047 (17.7) and Sanders added 958 (14.3) even though they were both susp for the final 2. True frosh Cole Beasley had 366 (8.7), rFr Terrance Wilkerson added 233 (9.7) and rFr Bradley Haynes had 198 (12.4). Former QB Willis had 11 catches for 88 yds vs SM as he finally got acclimated to the position. This year everyone returns and not listed in the PSL is TE Mario Walker (6'1" 228 Sr, PS#58). I think Sanders and Robinson are clearly the best receiving combo in CUSA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 SMU had 9 of the top 10 OL's returning and as you would expect, improved the rushing totals to 170 ypg (4.3) while allowing 30 sacks (6.9%). Having a mobile QB like Justin Willis (#1 rusher) helped. Last year this was a major question mark as they had their least experienced line in 3 years and had to replace 3 multiyear starters while learning a new system. Vincent Chase, missed the last two (inj'd) and the other returning starter, C Mitch Enright, broke his hand in Wk 2 and missed 9. Five of the 8 OL's were on the 2 deep for the first time at SMU (3 frosh starters). It's not surprising that the numbers plummeted to 41 ypg rush (2.3) but they did allow a respectable 27 sacks (5.7%). This year the Mustangs lose G Sean Lobo (12 st, 3Y st'r), RT Chase (8 st, 2Y st'r) and RT Tommy Poynter (4 st). All three of those frosh starters return as well as C Enright and while this is overall still a young group, they will make a huge improvement in the OL numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 I said SMU had one of CUSA's strongest D-lines and the experienced unit allowed their 2nd best rush defense since the Death Penalty (3.0, 1999) with just 3.2 ypc while the D had 31 sacks. In 2007 they had to replace 3 starters then lost their only returning starter after six games. As you would expect, SMU's rush defense numbers ballooned to a Bennett era high 5.0 ypc (20 sk). Last year they had to replace 3 players (comb 17 st, 76 tkl) and NT Chris Parham (8 st '07) had just 4 tackles (5 gm). They yielded 226 ypg rush (#116 FBS), their most since 1995 (4.9). This year they lose DT Serge Elizee (12 st, 55 tkl, 1.5 sk), DT Patrick Handy (10 st, 21 tkl, 2 sk), DE Anthony Sowe (5 st, 10 tkl), DE Adrian Dizer (4 st, 15 tkl) and DE Jordan Johnson (6 tkl). They also move starting DE Youri Yenga to LB but do move MLB Justin Smart to DE and switch to a 3 man front. Adding depth are Josh Geldert (6'3" 247 Jr), Jesse Andrew (6'4" 269 Jr), Mickey Dollens (6'2" 248 Jr) and Szymon Czerniak (6'4" 268 So). This is not an overwhelming line, but they can only be stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Mustangs had to replace 3 players who combined for 24 starts including their #3 and #7 tkl'rs. They did return their #1 tackler, Will Bonilla. New starter Pete Fleps was the #1 tackler in '08 and Justin Smart (6 st DE '07) was #2 from his MLB spot. This year they move to a 4 man group but add DE Yenga (11 st, #3 tkl'r). They lose Bonilla (8 st, 49 tkl, 1 sk), Julian Herron (1 st, 17 tkl) and Alex Odiari (7 tkl). Not listed in the PSL is John Nwisienyi (5'10" 230 Jr). Smart moves back to DL (6 st DE '07), so they have 2 open positions but with the return of their #1 and #3 tkl'rs, they should be an improved group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Mustangs finished #84 in my pass D rankings in 2006 and #86 in 2007. Last year both returning starting Saf's Bryce Hudman (susp) and David Haynes (inj) DNP so they had just one starter back. SMU slid to #117. This year they lose CB Deyon McElroy (1 st, 10 tkl) and De'Von Bailey (4 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jake Rogers (5'10" 195 rFr), Robert Mojica (5'8" 175 rFr), Chase Courtney (5'9" 174 Jr), Fred Leach (5'11" 164 rFr), Owen Lindsey (6'2" 191 rFr), Brett Haness (6'0" 178 rFr) and Shaun Moore (6'1" 187 Jr). This year's group is vastly more experienced (7 w/st exp) including Hudman, so they should have one of the most improved pass D's in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - SMU was #60 in my ST rankings in 2005 but thanks to the emergence of P Tom Morstead (net 37.0) and KR Jessie Henderson (36.9), improved to #30 in '06. In 2007 both returned and Bennett said that Henderson and Aldrick Robinson could be AA KR's. Morstead increased his net to 39.3 (#4 FBS) but after hitting 13 of 18 FG's in '06, he hit just 13 of 20 (3 from 50+). Kellis Cunningham had 5 TB's on 63 KO's. SMU had a large drop in KR avg (23.0 '06, 18.5 '07) and surprisingly dropped to #53. Everyone ret'd last year and Henderson became the NCAA's all-time leader in KR yards with 2,945 breaking Tulane's Jeff Liggon's record (2,922 from 1993-96). Morstead did have his xp streak end at 78 but finished his career with a 43.4 avg (3rd best SMU hist). He had a 37.2 net in '08. Henderson, despite having 1,056 yards in KR's, avg just 22.0 and the PR units were mediocre. They add Texas A&M transfer Matt Szymanski who hit 15 of 25 FG's (long 45) in '07. Cunningham had 4 TB's on 50 KO. This year they lose Morstead (#5DC NO) and Henderson and figure to drop some from their #60 finish.

COACHES - June Jones took over an 0-12 Hawaii team and guided the 1999 team to a winning record including a bowl win and was named National Coach of the Year. Jones was 76-41 at Hawaii and was his own OC. He was lured here with a salary of $2 million per year and enjoys better facilities and a bigger budget. Dan Morrison is the offensive Asst HC and was the QB coach at Hawaii for the previous 9 years, mentoring the NCAA's all-time leading passer Timmy Chang and all-time TD pass leader Colt Brennan. The DC is Tom Mason, who was the LB coach at Fresno St for 7 years. Both enter their 2nd season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981-1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country going 41-5-1 but the "Death Penalty" hit and they've had just one winning season since with their last bowl coming in 1984. Phil Bennett's squads showed improvement as they had a pair of 3 win seasons in his first 3 years, improved to 5 wins in 2005 (3-1 vs bowl teams) and 6 wins in '06. In '06 they knocked off Tulsa to become bowl eligible with the winner of the SMU/Rice contest getting the invite. They led 27-24 but gave up a late TD. They were 4-4 in CUSA (+47.4 ypg). In '07 they had 13 returning starters. SMU had many close losses including 3 in OT. Last year a lot of things were pointed toward success for SMU. In Jones' first year at Hawaii they went from 0-12 to 9-4, the largest turnaround in NCAA history. SMU was -9 in TO's and had an amazing 5 net close losses in '07 as it was a very frustrating final year for Coach Bennett. During the spring Jones susp QB Justin Willis and although Willis was allowed to return in the fall, Jones gave the job to his own recruit, true frosh Bo Levi Mitchell. SMU led Rice 13-0 in the opener but TO's set up short drives for Rice which snowballed to a 56-27 loss. They were smashed by powerhouses TT and TCU. They did trail Tulane 31-7 but made a big 2H comeback and only lost by 7. They could have easily beaten UCF as they had a 376-280 yd edge but lost in Bright House Stadium. Taking on CUSA West champ Tulsa, the Mustangs led 31-24 in the 4Q but Tulsa got a miracle 4th & 21, 33 yd TD pass to tie it then an int set up a 26 yd TU TD drive. Against another CUSA power Houston, they led 35-23 in the 4Q but UH got a TD with :24 left to pull out the win, 44-38. SMU's pass offense was hurt by windy and rainy conditions at Navy and then lost QB Mitchell in the 2Q vs Mem and without their QB, SMU still only lost by 5. In the final 2, Jones susp his top 2 WR's and a shorthanded SMU team was whipped by UTEP and SM and finished with the same 1-11 record they had in '07. SMU was -122.7 ypg in CUSA play (2nd worst). SMU has lost 17 consec CUSA games. Once again, there are plenty of factors pointing in SMU's favor. The first is they had 5 net close losses counting UCF (pg 299). They were -13 in TO's (pg 312), are in the 2nd year of Jones' system, have 16 ret starters and an experienced QB. The games vs league powers UH and Tulsa impressed me and while LY SMU was one of the rare teams to make my Most Improved List and not be bowl eligible, they make the List a 2nd straight year and should deliver this time around.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 9 BO LEVI MITCHELL SO. 6-1 201 PS#122. 12 st, 2865 (58%), 24-23 ratio true. **14** Braden Smith (5'11" 194 rFr) PS#92. #2 QB vs UCF but RS. Kyle Padron is PS#136.

RB 1 Chris Butler Jr. 5-10 216 PS#361. 12 gm, 116 (5.3) rFr. 8 gm (inj), 174 (5.3) LY. Shawnbrey McNeal (5'10" 190 Jr) **PS#39.** 90 (4.5) '07. **Miami trans. 4** Bryce Lunday (5'8" 182 So).

WR 18 TERRANCE WILKERSON SO. 5-10 175 PS#288. 8 st, 233 (9.7) rFr. **88** Bradley Haynes (6'3" 209 So) PS#177. 198 (12.4) rFr. BJ Lee (5'5" 152 So) PS#356. 1 st true. William Webb (5'8" 171 So).

WR 11 COLE BEASLEY SO. 5-9 174 PS#211. 7 st, 11 gm, 366 (8.7) true. **16** Justin Willis (5'11" 197 Sr) PS#109. **22 st QB 2Y.** 1 st WR, 143 (10.2) LY. Josh Bryant (5'6" 171 Jr). 4 st LY.

WR 17 EMMANUEL SANDERS SR. 5-11 180 PS#259. 16 st, 1494 (12.5) 2Y. 10 st (susp), 958 (14.3), **2ndTm CUSA** LY. **84** Cole Loftin (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#208. A'Darius Medford (5'8" 170 Jr) PS#138.

WR 24 ALDRICK ROBINSON JR. 5-10 176 PS#254. 166 (16.6) true. 10 st (susp), 1047 (17.7), HM CUSA LY. **7** EJ Drewery (6'5" 219 rFr) PS#336. Zach Zimmerman (6'1" 165 Sr). 7 st, 16 rec 3Y.

C 51 MITCH ENRIGHT SR. 6-1 275 **PS#83.** 5 gm as rFr. 12 st in'07. 2 st, 3 gm (inj) LY. **63 Blake McJunkin** (6'1" 263 So) PS#440. **10 st true. LS** Kevin Grenier (6'4" 255 So) PS#125.

RG 64 BRYCE TENNISON SO. 6-2 276 PS#415. 10 st rFr. **78** Jordan Free (6'2" 294 rFr) PS#232. Chris Atchison (6'1" 278 Fr) is PS#218. Jimmy Chase (6'3" 271 rFr) PS#434.

LG 77 Josh LeRibeus So. 6-3 330 PS#177. 2 st at RG, 10 gm as rFr. **71** Kelly Turner (6'3" 293 So) PS#485. 8 gm as rFr. **75** Zach Boyd (6'4" 258 So) PS#370. 9 gm LY.

RT 79 JT Brooks So. 6-5 312 PS#485. 4 gm as rFr. Ben Hughes (6'4" 265 Fr) is PS#221. **61** Sidney Nwangwu (6'4" 320 rFr) PS#434. Will Densmore (6'5" 251 rFr).

LT 70 KELVIN BEACHUM SO. 6-3 271 12 st at LT as rFr. **76** Josh Emshoff (6'4" 268 Fr) PS#246 '08. Grayshirt LY. In for spg. Christian Miller (6'4" 295 Fr) is PS#299.

K 6 Matt Szymanski Jr. 6-1 185 PS#76. 2-5 FG, L/35 true. 15-25 FG, L/45 '07. Trans from **Texas A&M** LY. **4** Kellis Cunningham (5'10" 194 Sr) PS#78. 174 KO, 25 TB 3Y.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 99 MARQUIS FRAZIER SO. 6-4 281 **PS#61 '07.** JUCO, in for spg. **40 Justin Smart** (6'2" 237 Jr) PS#249. 6 st, 29 tkl '07. 10 st, 74 tkl LY. **90** Kevin Grenier. Also LS. Margus Hunt (6'8" 267 rFr).

NT 93 Chris Parham Sr. 6-0 298 3 tkl rFr. 8 st, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl in '07. 5 gm, 4 tkl LY. **97** Evan Huahulu (6'1" 335 So). 9 gm true. **46** Zac Thomas (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#314. 7 tkl 2Y.

DE 47 Taylor Thompson So. 6-6 256 PS#48. 3 st, 10 gm, 23 tkl true. **91** Torlan Pittman (5'11" 275 So) PS#464. 1 st, 11 gm, 11 tkl true. Brandon Henderson (6'0" 230 Fr) PS#196. GS LY.

SLB 89 PATRICK FLEMING JR. 6-4 236 PS#237. 8 rec true. 1 st DE, 7 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **43** Andrew Ellison (6'2" 226 So) PS#111. **41 Tyler Jones** (6'1" 201 Jr) PS#326. 4 st, 51 tkl '07. 6 st DB, 38 tkl LY.

ILB 52 PETE FLEPS JR. 6-1 228 PS#397. 10 tkl rFr. 12 st, 106 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. **39** Ryan Moczygemba (6'0" 223 Jr) PS#486. 1 tkl rFr. 19 tkl LY. Aaron Davis (6'3" 240 So). **Fresno St trans.**

MLB 29 Chase Kennemer Sr. 6-0 211 PS#170. **Tex A&M trans.** 14 tkl here '07. 2 st, 25 tkl LY. **33** Victor Jones (6'0" 214 So) PS#208. 5 tkl as true. Jason Jackson (5'11" 226 Jr). 1 st, 17 tkl 2Y.

WLB 45 YOURI YENGA JR. 6-1 223 PS#252. 15 st, 100 tkl, 16.5 tfl 2Y. Robert Parker PS#464. **58** Brendan Ahern (6'0" 217 rFr). Cameron Rogers (6'0" 208 rFr). Michael Morse (5'11" 219 So).

CB 6 BRYAN McCANN SR. 5-10 179 PS#236. 16 st, 97 tkl, 17 pd 2Y. 11 st, 35 tkl, 8 pd LY. **31** Bennie Thomas (5'7" 178 Jr) PS#478JC. 2 tkl LY. Tim Crosby (5'11" 170 Jr) PS#236. 1 st, 9 tkl LY.

CB 12 DERRIUS BELL JR. 5-10 165 PS#369. 9 gm, 8 tkl as true. 11 st, 53 tkl, 10 pd LY. **28** Keith Robinson (5'8" 166 So) PS#217. 14 tkl true. **23** Chris Castro (5'8" 180 So). 1 st, 9 tkl rFr.

SS 10 ROCK DENNIS SR. 5-9 186 PS#297JC. RS (inj) here '07. 12 st, 53 tkl, 7 pd LY. Ryan Clark is **PS#50JC. 20** Ryan Smith (5'11" 183 rFr) PS#456. Ryan Armstrong (5'8 174 So).

FS 22 CHRIS BANJO SO. 5-10 190 PS#261. 8 st, 12 gm, 61 tkl true. **25** Bryce Hudman (6'2" 204 Sr) PS#358. 12 st, 114 tkl 3Y. Susp LY. **27** Jay Angotti (5'10" 202 Jr) PS#419. 13 tkl 2Y.

P 6 Matt Szymanski Jr. 6-1 185 PS#76. 1 punt in 2 years at **Tex A&M.** Sat out LY after transferring. **4** Kellis Cunningham (5'10" 194 Sr) PS#78. 174 KO, 25 TB in 3 years.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Ryan Clark 6-0 197 PS#50JC
OL	Joey Fontana 6-2 284 PS#133
DL	Marquis Frazier 6-4 281 PS#61 '07
DL	Brandon Henderson 6-0 230 PS#196
QB	Chris Frazier 6-0 195 PS#101
DB	Sterling Moore 5-10 210 PS#265JC
K	Mike Loftus 6-1 191 PS#17
OL	Chris Atchison 6-1 278 PS#218
OL	Ben Hughes 6-4 265 PS#221
DB	Deonte McDade 5-7 165 PS#229
DL	Braylon Williams 6-4 241 PS#244
WR	Chayse Joubert 6-0 185 PS#200
OL	Josh Emshoff 6-4 268 PS#246 '08
DB	Keivon Gamble 5-8 173 PS#262
QB	Kyle Padron 6-3 193 PS#136
DB	KJ Vaifale 5-10 196 PS#294
OL	Jordan Favreau 6-2 233 PS#296
OL	Bryan Collins 6-2 273 PS#298
OL	Christian Miller 6-4 295 PS#299
WR	Darius Johnson 5-9 167 PS#233
DB	James Scott 6-2 180 PS#369
LB	Ja'Gared Davis 6-1 200 PS#303
DB	JR McConico 5-8 172 PS#404
WR	Aron Franklin 5-11 181 PS#312
LB	Taylor Reed 5-11 195 PS#365
LB	Zach Line 6-1 233 PS#341QB
LB	Robert Parker 5-11 213 PS#464 '08
LB	Beck Coulter 6-1 232 PS#518
LB	Byron Brown 5-11 198 PS#600

SMU MUSTANGS

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JUNE JONES (Career 77–52)
2nd Year at SMU Bowls: 4-2 Hawaii '99-'07

Jones AT SMU/OVERALL

1-11 / 77-52	SU	0-0 / 1-3	Vs Top 10
1-5 / 57-25	Home	0-1 / 3-11	Vs Top 25
0-6 / 20-26	Away	0-1 / 7-12	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 0-1	Neutral	0-2 / 13-11	Off A Bye
0-8 / 47-32	Vs Conf	1-9 / 27-21	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (1–11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (23,27,1)
Lost: 22 (7,12,3)

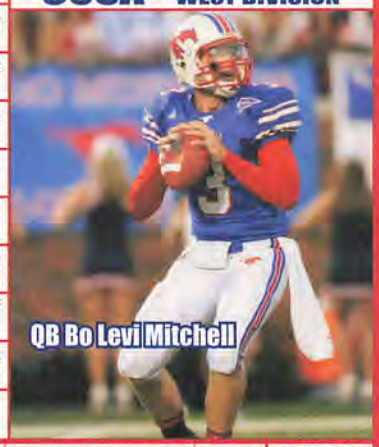
2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,780 (#95)

CUSA – WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#90

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SMU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	Stephen F Austin	A						The Lumberjacks, a member of the Southland Conference (FCS), went 4-8 LY including a 67-7 loss at TCU. SMU beat fellow Southland member Texas St for their only win of '08.
Sep. 12	at UAB	A						SMU has lost 17 straight CUSA gms (last win in '06), but have won both previous matchups vs UAB. The Mustangs have dropped 12 straight road openers & are 3-9 vs CUSA East tms S/'05.
Sep. 19	at Washington St	A						First meeting between these 2 programs & SMU's 1st gm vs a Pac-10 opponent since '94 (UCLA). The Mustangs are 9-7 vs current Pac-10 tms, but are 0-3 since 1985.
Sep. 26								
Oct. 3	at TCU	G						Eighty-ninth meeting, most vs any opponent. SMU has lost 8 of the last 9 in the series. LY SMU was outgained 498-210 with only 10 FD's & were held to -8 rush yards.
Oct. 10	East Carolina	A						SMU has lost 2 previous matchups by an average score of 31-19. The Mustangs are 0-3 at home vs CUSA East teams the L/2 years, losing by an avg of 17 ppg.
Oct. 17	Navy	A						The home team is 2-5 since '93. LY Navy became the 1st NCAA team in 11 yrs to not attempt a pass as they rushed for 404 yds & held SMU to 144 yds in windy, rainy conditions.
Oct. 24	at Houston	G						Last yr, the Mustangs led 35-23 heading into the 4Q, but the Cougars scored 14 pts in the last 2:34 for the comeback win. QB Mitchell was 29-39 for 365 yds & 4 TD's.
Oct. 31	at Tulsa	A						The Mustangs have lost the last 3 in Tulsa. In last yr's home loss, WR Beasley dropped a TD pass with less than a minute left that could have given SMU the lead.
Nov. 7	Rice (HC)	A						SMU has lost 6 of the last 7 in the series. LY the Mustangs scored the first 13 points, but turned the ball over 5 times as the Owls spoiled the debut of HC June Jones.
Nov. 14	UTEP	A						Mustangs lead series 9-7, but have lost 5 of 6. Last year SMU broke the school record with their 30th TD pass, but were held to a season-low 137 passing yards.
Nov. 21	at Marshall	A						Third meeting. Last meeting WR Willis was the QB & threw four TD's coming off the bench. The visitor has lost the previous two games.
Nov. 28	Tulane	A						The Mustangs are 2-8 vs Tulane since 1990. LY after trailing 31-7 at the half, the Mustangs got within a TD with 2:03 left 4Q, but kicked deep & Tulane was able to run out the clock.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chuck Hixson 7,179 '68-'70	1. Eric Dickerson 4,450 '79-'82	1. Emanuel Tolbert 2,784 '76-'79
2. Mike Ford 6,239 '77-'80	2. Reggie Dupard 3,772 '82-'85	2. Emmanuel Sanders 2,452 '06-Present
3. Mike Romo 6,041 '89-'92	3. Craig James 3,743 '79-'82	3. Ron Morris 2,410 '83-'86



STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD STADIUM (32,000) (#91)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (A-Turf Premier)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	4-7	3-9	0-12	3-8	5-6	6-6	1-11	1-11	26-79
Home	3-3	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-2	3-3	5-1	1-5	1-5	20-33
Away	0-6	2-3	1-5	0-6	0-6	2-3	1-5	0-6	0-6	6-46
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	3-5	0-8	3-5	4-4	4-4	0-8	0-8	20-52
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-3	0-4	0-4	0-3	1-2	2-2	1-3	1-3	6-27
ATS	5-7	6-5	5-7	3-9	5-6	7-4	6-5	4-8	4-6-1	45-57-1
Home Fav (Mike Cavan 1967)	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-0	0-4	(Doug) 0-0	8-10
Home Dog (Phil Bennett 1980)	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	0-2	(Phil) 2-2	15-17
Away Favorite	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-4
Away Dog	2-3	2-1	2-3	1-5	1-5	4-1	1-2	4-2	2-3-1	19-25-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	5-3	3-5	3-4-1	33-38-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-3	1-2	12-19
Off SU Win	1-2	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	2-2	3-3	0-1	1-0	12-12
Off SU Loss	3-5	3-3	5-4	3-8	2-5	5-1	3-1	4-6	3-5-1	31-38-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andrew McKinney	46	201	11	190	1	4.1
Chris Butler	33	179	5	174	0	5.3
DeMyron Martin	43	184	19	165	1	3.8
Bryce Lunday	17	63	4	59	0	3.5
Logan Turner	8	40	3	37	0	4.6
BJ Lee	10	25	14	11	0	1.1
Justin Willis	4	15	5	10	0	2.5
Bo Levi Mitchell	51	85	225	-140	1	-2.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Bo Levi Mitchell	410	236	57.6	2865	24	23
Logan Turner	65	33	50.8	410	5	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aldrick Robinson	59	1047	17.7	11	94	
Emmanuel Sanders	67	958	14.3	9	77	
Cole Beasley	42	366	8.7	3	26	
Terrance Wilkerson	24	233	9.7	2	24	
Bradley Haynes	16	198	12.4	2	35	
Justin Willis	14	143	10.2	1	31	
Zach Zimmerman	7	89	12.7	0	23	
DeMyron Martin	17	86	5.1	0	17	
Cole Loftin	5	52	10.4	1	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Thomas Morstead	59	2465	41.8	10	37.2	0	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Thomas Morstead	29-30	2-3	4-6	5-6	0-0	11-15	49

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Pete Fleps	106	0.5	6	4	0
Justin Smart	74	0.5	0.5	0	1
Youri Yenga	73	6.5	4	0	0
Chris Banjo	61	0	0.5	1	1
Serge Elizee	55	1.5	1	0	0
Derrius Bell	53	0	1.5	6	1
Rock Dennis	53	0	1.5	6	1
Will Bonilla	49	1	0.5	1	0
Tyler Jones	38	0	0	2	1
Bryan McCann	35	1	1	5	3
Chase Kennemer	25	0	2	0	0
Taylor Thompson	23	0	1.5	0	0
Patrick Handy	21	2	1	0	0
Ryan Moczygemba	19	0	4	0	0
Julian Herron	17	0	0	0	0
Adrian Dizer	15	2	0	0	0
Jason Jackson	15	0	0	1	0
Keith Robinson	14	0	0	0	0
Torlan Pittman	11	0	0	0	0
Anthony Sowe	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Bryan McCann	6	31	5.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jessie Henderson	48	1056	22.0	0	
Chris Butler	12	206	17.2	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
68	Bluebonnet - #20	NL	Oklahoma - #10	28-27
80	Holiday - #19	-1	BYU - #14	45-46
82	Cotton - #4	E	Pittsburgh - #6	7-3
83	Sun - #6	-4	Alabama	7-28
84	Aloha - #10	+1'	Notre Dame - #17	27-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
SMU's All-Time Bowl Record 4–6–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6	21.3	314	41	2.3	273	56.5	14.7	27	-13	2008	5	38.2	480	226	4.9	254	64.1	12.6	18
8*	28.3	422	170	4.3	252	57.9	14.9	30	-9	2007	5	39.8	499	197	5.0	301	62.4	12.5	20
8	27.1	320	125	3.7	194	64.2	11.8	32	+1	2006	6	24.5	353	108	3.2	246	64.1	14.4	31
9*	20.8	308	131	3.5	177	52.5	14.8	30	+5	2005	7	25.5	393	143	3.7	250	58.0	15.4	19
4*	18.4	334	125	3.4	209	54.4	18.2	27	-19	2004	7	38.2	467	209	4.9	258	61.2	12.2	10
6*	11.2	260	129	3.1	131	46.6	23.3	41	-13	2003	7	32.2	389	164	4.2	225	56.4	12.1	12
6	17.3	341	182	4.0	159	52.1	19.8	20	-12	2002	6	31.5	403	159	4.5	244	54.1	12.8	20

2008 STATS BY GAME

SMU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
23,164	at Rice	19	14-11	0.8	30-49	326	2	30	44-208	4.7	24-37	258	2	-3
22,218	Texas St	19	17-61	3.6	24-37	370	2	26	47-233	5.0	20-31	232	1	+5
53,383	at Texas Tech	17	23-61	2.7	18-37	213	3	33	27-180	6.7	37-55	513	1	-4
30,923	TCU	10	12-(-8)	-0.7	20-39	218	3	23	47-271	5.8	19-29	227	0	-3
25,643	at Tulane	16	13-55	4.2	21-44	256	2	24	42-220	5.2	19-24	254	1	0
43,147	at UCF	15	21-25	1.2	29-45	351	4	11	38-154	4.1	9-17	126	2	-3
15,324	Tulsa	21	28-151	5.4	19-34	318	3	32	50-321	6.4	17-31	281	2	+2
18,972	Houston	26	23-48	2.1	29-40	365	2	30	38-131	3.4	28-37	404	3	-1
31,698	at Navy	8	11-(-13)	-1.2	16-28	157	2	23	77-404	5.2	0-0	0	0	0
18,224	Memphis	20	16-38	2.4	24-38	311	0	24	55-306	5.6	9-19	130	1	+1
30,271	at UTEP	14	20-64	3.2	13-36	137	2	24	44-134	3.0	21-34	410	3	-6
13,020	Southern Miss	20	19-4	0.2	26-49	253	2	19	39-145	3.7	15-26	212	2	-1
TOTALS		205	217-497	2.3	269-476	3275	27	299	548-2707	4.9	218-340	3047	18	-13
AVERAGES		17.1	18-41	2.3	22-40	273	5.7%	24.9	46-226	4.9	18-28	254	5.3%	-1.1

SMU Pre-Rank Opponent Line Post-Score

2004 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Texas Tech	+24'	13-27
–	at TCU	+22'	0-44
–	at Oklahoma St	+34'	7-59
–	San Jose St	-1'	36-13
–	at Boise St - #23	+38	20-38
–	at Rice	+13	10-44
–	Louisiana Tech	+10	10-41
–	at Fresno St	+27'	0-42
–	Tulsa	+12	41-35 OT
–	Nevada	+7	38-20
–	at UTEP - #24	+21'	27-57

2005 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Baylor	+1'	23-28
–	TCU - #22	+14'	21-10
–	at Texas A&M	+28	8-66
–	Tulane	+3'	10-31
–	at Marshall	+11'	13-16 OT
–	at UAB	+20	28-27
–	East Carolina	-2	17-24
–	at Tulsa	+15'	13-20
–	Rice	-7'	27-7
–	at Houston	+13	29-24
–	UTEP	+7	40-27

2006 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Texas Tech - #25	+25	3-35
–	at North Texas	-5	6-24
–	Sam Houston St	NL	45-14
–	Arkansas St	-7	55-9
–	at Tulane	-3	33-28
–	at UTEP	+12'	21-24
–	Marshall	-4'	31-21
–	at East Carolina	+5	21-38
–	UAB	-5	22-9
–	Houston	+3	27-37
–	Tulsa	+6'	34-24
–	at Rice	-1	27-31

2007 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Texas Tech	+8'	9-49
–	North Texas	-17'	45-31
–	at Arkansas St	+3	28-45
–	at TCU	+23	7-21
–	UTEP	-1	45-48 OT
–	at Southern Miss	+9	7-28
–	Tulane	-6'	34-41 OT
–	at Tulsa	+13'	23-29
–	at Houston	+19	28-38
–	Rice	-6'	42-43
–	UCF	+12'	20-49
–	at Memphis	+7	52-55 3OT

2008 RESULTS

Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Rice	+3'	27-56
–	Texas St	-14	47-36
–	at Texas Tech - #12	+36'	7-43
–	TCU	+24	7-48
–	at Tulane	+18'	27-34
–	at UCF	+14	17-31
–	Tulsa	+24'	31-37
–	Houston	+13'	38-44
–	at Navy	+12	7-34
–	Memphis	E	26-31
–	at UTEP	+13'	10-36
–	Southern Miss	+14'	12-28

RICE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Usually when a team moves from the option to a spread offense, it's a 3 to 4 year process but Chase Clement had Rice going against the grain. In the option offense of 2005, Clement had one start throwing for 582 (42.7%) and contemplated a transfer. In '06, their first year of the switch, Rice was 6-2 with Clement in the lineup (1-4 when he was inj). Clement threw for 1,707 (57.7%) with an outstanding 21-5 ratio. In '07 Clement was healthy all year and he rewrote the Rice record books topping marks that were established by Randy Hertel (1977-'80) and Tommy Kramer (1973-'76). He had just a 3-7 ratio after 4 (3 BCS tms) but threw for 3,377 (59.1%) with a 29-16 ratio and was also the #1 rusher (535). In 2008, Clement became the first player in Owl history to top 10,000 yds total offense in his career and the first in CUSA history to top 1,500 rushing and 8,000 passing. Clement threw for 4,119 (66.5%) with an amazing 44-7 ratio and also had 693 rush. Backup John Thomas Shepherd (PS#308) started one in '06. In 2007 he hit 8 of 9 and in 15 games in 3 years has hit 26 of 49 for 297 yards. I expect Alabama transfer Nick Fanuzzi (PS#22) to win the starting job and also in the mix are rFr Ryan Lewis (PS#80) and Brent Hotard (6'1" 225 So). I like the potential of Fanuzzi but naturally losing a record breaking veteran QB means this unit will likely have a significant dropoff in '09.

RUNNING BACKS - In the first year of the new spread offense, Quinton Smith rushed for 1,096 (5.2) and left as the #2 career leading rusher here (2505). In '07 the leading returning RB was CJ Ugokwe who had just 16 yds (2.7) in '06 (263, 4.1 in '07) and TE/FB/QB/DE James Casey had 121 (2.7). Justin Hill led the RB's with 321 (3.6). Last year I stated Rice RB's combined for just 766 yds in '07 and could only improve. QB Clement was the team's leading rusher in 5 of the first 6 but Ugokwe finally emerged with 90 vs SM, 111 vs Tulane, 103 vs UTEP and 110 vs Houston and led with 809 (4.8) on the season while also adding 11 rec (4.7). Multi-dimensional Casey had 241 (4.2) and Jeramy Goodson, who was moved to WR early, ret'd to RB and had 69 (5.8). Marcus Knox (5'10" 199 Sr) added 46 (3.1). Ugokwe opted not to return for his senior season making this another position that will be in a rebuilding mode. Justin Hill (5'11" 220 Jr), who started 6 at RB in '07 and played LB in 2008, does return.

RECEIVERS - WR Jarett Dillard came to Rice despite the fact that they ran the option offense and as a rFr had 524 (15.0), the most by a Rice receiver in 12 years. Dillard adapted to the spread offense quickly and was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award as a soph. He had a streak of 15 straight games with a TD (2nd longest in FBS history) and set a CUSA single-season record for TD rec with 21 in '06. In '07 Dillard was covered better by opp D's and had just 4.2 catches per game in the first 5 but that increased to 8.3 in the 2H of the year (1057, 13.4 total) as James Casey emerged. Casey, a "true frosh," spent 3 years in the White Sox farm system. He is 6'4" 245 lbs and was #2 with 585 (12.7). Toren Dixon had 448 (9.7) and Tommy Henderson had 348 (9.7). Last year all 4 ret'd and Dillard and QB Clement became the most prolific TD producing combo in the history of the NCAA (59) topping Tim Rattay/Troy Edwards (LA Tech) and Colt Brennan/Davone Bess (Hawaii). Dillard finished with 1,310 (15.1) and became the 1st ever player to have two 20 TD seasons and was one of two FWAA AA rec. Casey actually broke the school single season record for rec (111) and led with 1,329 (12.0). Dixon added 598 (12.0) and Corbin Smiter emerged with 14 rec in the first 8 and 16 rec in the final 5 and finished with 487 (16.2). Soph Patrick Randolph had 164 (10.2) Not listed below are Denzel Wells (5'11" 180 rFr, PS#360) and Will Allday (5'8" 150 So). This year they lose Dillard (13 st, #5DC JAX), Casey (13 st, #5DC HOU) as well as Henderson (1 st). With the loss of two NFL DC's who combined for 2,639 yards and 33 TD's and a new QB, this unit will have a significant drop in receiving yards.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Under former HC Hatfield and the option offense, Rice was traditionally on top of the NCAA in rush ypg and in 2004 led IA with 307 ypg (4.9). In 2005 they had to replace 7 players (comb 41 st '04) and dropped to 234 (4.3). In 2006 they only had to replace one starter but switched to the spread offense and the unit was banged up with 7 different starting lineups in the first 8 weeks. The rushing numbers dropped dramatically to 131 ypg (3.9) and they allowed 35 sacks (8%). They had 9 of the top 10 back in '07 and were in the 2nd year of the system but dropped to 111 ypg rush (3.5, lowest since '89) with 30 sacks (5.7%). Last year they had to replace two starters but had five players back with 5+ starts. As you would expect, the numbers improved to 144 ypg rush (4.2) with 29 sacks (5.6%). This year they lose a pair of 4 year starters in C Austin Wilkinson (13 st) and 2nd Tm CUSA RG David Berken (13 st) along with LG Jimmy Miller (10 st) and Charlie Wiebusch (3 st). The unit is less experienced and has just 31 career starts returning (#108 FBS).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, Rice allowed 5.4 ypc rush and only trimmed it slightly in '06 to 5.3 then to 4.8 in '07 as they played 2 true frosh. While they had to replace 2 starters last year, they figured to be stronger. Rice trimmed the ypg allowed to 183, its lowest in 5 years, but yielded 5.2 ypc. This year they lose DT Chris Ptaszek (13 st, 28 tkl), Todd Mohr (16 tkl, 2 sk), Will Moss (2 tkl), Victor Brooks (4 tkl) and Cameron Thompson (4 tkl). Perhaps the myriad of injuries at LB hurt the ypc. Three full-time starters return and I'll call for Rice to yield its lowest ypc in at least 5 years.

LINEBACKERS - While Rice plays a 4-2-5, I list the KAT safety as a LB. Last year Rice ret'd 6 with starting experience only having to replace their #6 tackler. Unfortunately, Brian Raines (#2 tkl'r '07) missed 8 and Vernon James (#3 tkl'r '07) missed 11 so they basically had zero returning starters as injuries decimated the unit. This year they lose Raines (5 st, 27 tkl), KAT Bencil Smith (6 st, 35 tkl), James (2 st, 9 tkl) and Ryan Craig (16 tkl). While they lose their #9 and #14 tacklers, they return #2, #3 and #5 tkl'rs so I list them as having all 3 starters back. If they stay healthier, this will be a much improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rice was #96 in my pass D rankings in '06 allowing a 32-11 ratio. In '07 they had to replace two starters then a returning starter lost his spot and they finished #102. Last year they only had to replace two players (9 comb st) but CB Brandon King was lost after 3 starts. Their #1 tackler, Andrew Sendejo, missed most of 3. The Owls made positive strides moving up to #70. This year they lose CB's Christopher Douglas (10 st, 32 tkl), King (12 tkl) and Ja'Corey Shepherd (1 st, 6 tkl). Four return who started 5+ last year making it a more experienced group that should continue to climb.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rice was #86 in my ST rankings in '06 and had to replace their P and top KR in '07. K Clark Fangmeier made the CUSA Frosh Team hitting 8 of 11 FG's as a true in '06 but hit just 7 of 12 in '07. Rice was also -2 in TD/Blk's and dropped to #116. Last year they only had to replace their P. Fangmeier hit just 6 of 10 FG's (long 46). True frosh Kyle Martens (PS#38) avg 38.3 (33.8 tm net). Ja'Corey Shepherd improved his KR avg from 17.5 to 21.6 and James Casey avg 8.0 on PR's. Rice moved up to #92. This year the only losses are Shepherd and Casey, and I'll call for continued improvement.

COACHES - Rice was a pillar of stability with Ken Hatfield as the HC for 12 straight years ('94-'05). In '06, Todd Graham took over and did a great job taking a 1-10 team to its first bowl in 45 years. Graham left for Tulsa and Rice got its 3rd coach in 3 years. The new HC was David Bailiff who spent the prior 3 ssn as Texas St HC (21-15). Bailiff did a tremendous job LY getting Rice to 10 wins (most S/'53 Cotton Bowl ssn). Bailiff signed a 5 year ext (thru 2013) after '08. He lost his OC Tom Herman, who left for Iowa St, and brings in Ed Zaunbrecher who was the OC at Purdue the L3Y. Bailiff's co-DC's for the L3Y have been Chuck Driesbach and Craig Naivar.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A 45 year drought ended in '06 as Rice had not been to a bowl since 1961. The Owls had just 6 winning seasons in that time frame with Ken Hatfield being responsible for 3 in his 12 years here. Rice is a small school with just 46,509 alumni and an enrollment of only 5,145. They must try to fill a 70,000 seat home stadium (reg ssn capacity 47,000) and in '05 averaged just 10,072. Not much went right for Rice in '05 as they had their worst year since 1988 (0-11) going 1-10. Some things had them poised for a turnaround as they were -17 in turnovers (pg 312) and 29 of their top 44 players were either frosh or soph with just 10 seniors. In 2006 Graham switched the offense from the wishbone to a spread pass attack. With 10 starters back on offense and the emergence of QB Chase Clement, they were able to improve their ppg to 26.9 (21.9 in '05). They would have improved more if they had not played such a tough non-conf slate (UCLA, Texas, Fla St) and Clement hadn't missed 5 starts (inj). The Owls refurbished Rice Stadium including a new $1.1 million FieldTurf surface which kept them healthier after playing on rock-hard artificial turf. They did have 5 net close wins in their 7-5 regular season record including 3 wins on the last offensive snap (+8 TO's) during '06. Rice was 6-2 in CUSA play but -28 ypg and Graham left for Tulsa. In 2007 Rice was learning their 3rd system in 3 years. Despite QB Clement and WR Dillard both returning, I called for Rice to drop below .500. Rice's 3-5 CUSA record (3-9 overall) was tied for 3rd in the CUSA West but they were -59.2 ypg (3rd worst CUSA). Of the 43 players on the depth chart, 34 ret'd last year and I called it Rice's best team since 2001 (8-4) giving them a shot at their 2nd bowl in 3 years. With the senior duo of Clement and Dillard plus Casey, Rice did rally for some big wins. They whipped SMU in the opener but had to overcome a 35-20 deficit vs Memphis. They actually led Vandy 21-14 in the 2Q but lost by 17. After an expected trouncing by Texas, they thrashed NT 77-20. They trailed Tulsa 21-14 at the half but were throttled by 35. Bailiff looked at the media guide and saw the team was just 1-5 in '06 and rebounded for a bowl so he thought their chances were still good at 3-3. They led SM 45-26 before giving up a couple of late TD's in their 5 point win. The next week vs a banged up Tulane team they rolled to a 42-17 win and then won a shootout vs UTEP 49-44. They led Army 31-10 at the half before allowing some late points. The next week vs Marshall it was just 7-7 at the half but Rice rolled to a 25 point win. Houston needed a win to get the CUSA Title game but Rice beat them 56-42 and for the first time in 54 years they won a bowl game trouncing WM 38-14. Despite their 7-1 CUSA record, they were just +21.3 ypg (5th best). LY's squad had 22 seniors and benefitted from +15 in TO's and also 3 net close wins (pg 299). With the loss of QB Clement, RB Ugokwe and 2 NFL receivers, Rice is in a rebuilding year on offense and draws 3 BCS teams on their non-conf slate. While 2 of my 9 sets of power ratings actually call for a winning year, I will call for a 6th losing season in the last 8 years.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE	JERSEY # IN BLUE	DEFENSE
QB	7	Nick Fanuzzi So. 6-3 215 PS#22. Ala trans. 17 John Thomas Shepherd (6'1" 195 Sr) PS#308. 297 (53%) 3Y. 12 Ryan Lewis (6'3" 205 rFr) PS#80. Brent Hotard (6'1" 225 So).
TB	18	Jeramy Goodson Sr. 5-9 185 PS#482. 6 gm, 2 rec '07. 10 gm, 69 (5.8), 7 rec LY. 37 Tyler Smith (5'7" 190 So) PS#429. 5 gm true. RS (inj) LY. Shane Turner (5'9" 175 rFr) PS#227.
WR	80	CORBIN SMITER SR. 6-2 210 2 st, 163 (12.5) 2Y. 9 st, 487 (16.2) LY. 22 Taylor Dupree (6'1" 212 Jr). 8 tkl 2Y. WR in spg. FB 29 Kevin Pool (5'7" 220 So). No gm action LY.
WR	3	TOREN DIXON SR. 6-2 212 PS#271. 40 (8.0) true. 11 st, 448 (9.7) '07. 9 st, 598 (12.0) LY. 6 Patrick Randolph (5'11" 170 Jr). 8 st, 215 (11.3) 2Y. Derek Clark (6'2" 182 rFr) PS#360.
WR	11	Pierre Beasley Jr. 6-3 221 PS#48QB. 4 gm rFr. 11 gm, 49 (16.3) LY. 10 Roddy Maginot (5'10" 160 So) PS#177. 44 (14.7) true. 87 Michael Patterson (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#250.
TE	84	Taylor Wardlow Sr. 6-6 236 PS#126. 12 st, 391 (12.2) 3Y. 88 Vance McDonald PS#154. Wil Norris (6'1" 231 So) PS#237. 11 gm true. RS LY. Luke Wilson (6'5" 232 rFr) PS#152.
C	52	Keshawn Carrington So. 6-3 265 PS#186. 3 gm as rFr. 78 Eric Ball (6'3" 280 rFr) PS#285. LS 51 Brandon Long (6'0" 222 Jr). 12 gm rFr. 13 gm as LS, HM CUSA LY.
RG	71	Davon Allen So. 6-2 322 12 gm, also served as short-yardage TE as rFr. 76 Travis Mason (6'4" 294 Sr) PS#389. 4.9 spd. 3 gm, 1 tkl rFr. 9 gm at LT '07. 3 gm as bkup LY.
LG	66	JAKE HICKS SO. 6-3 283 PS#520. 10 st@RT including last 9, 13 gms as rFr. 68 Clay Hebert (6'3" 290 rFr) PS#214. Cade Shaw (6'5" 275 Fr) PS#226. 17 yr old.
RT	64	Tyler Parish So. 6-4 280 PS#329. Started 3 of first 4, then lost job, 13 gm as rFr. Bobby Janisch (6'6" 280 Fr) PS#235. 72 Stefan Nazar (6'5" 280 rFr) PS#481.
LT	56	SCOTT MITCHELL JR. 6-4 290 Last 5 sts, 8 gm, CUSA Frosh Tm true. 13 st LY. 65 Kody Emmert (6'6" 261 So) PS#136. 2 gms as rFr. Jon Hodde (6'7" 295 Fr) PS#363.
K	NA	CHRIS BOSWELL FR. 6-3 180 PS#15. 46 Clark Fangmeier (5'11" 184 Sr) PS#103. 15-23 FG, L/46, 81-82 xp 2Y. 6-10 FG, L/46, 73-73 xp LY. Brandon Yelovich (6'1" 185 So).
DE	13	SCOTT SOLOMON JR. 6-3 263 9 st, 49 tkl, 11 tfl true. 12 st, 40 tkl, 4.5 sk, HM CUSA LY. 92 Kramer Lucio (6'4" 249 Jr) PS#67TE. 1 st, 11 gm, 12 tkl 2Y. 62 Ross Hill (5'11" 234 rFr).
DT	89	CHANCE TALBERT SR. 6-5 283 PS#377. 7 st@TE, 53 (13.2) 2Y. 11 st@DT, 28 tkl, HM CUSA LY. 98 Brian Stacey (6'1" 270 So) PS#306. 1 tkl rFr. 58 Jamael Thomas (6'0" 247 rFr).
NG	55	John Gioffre So. 6-0 293 PS#421. 1 st, 9 gm, 6 tkl true. 99 Michael Smith (6'1" 307 So) PS#213. 1 st, 6 gm (inj), 6 tkl true. 75 Cameron Vester (6'3" 270 Jr). From OL in spg.
DE	95	CHETA OZOUGWU JR. 6-2 246 PS#246. 8 st, 43 tkl as true. 12 st, 40 tkl, 6 tfl in '08. 53 Arnaud Gascon-Nadon (6'4" 236 So). 11 tkl, 11 gm true. 26 Jared Williams (6'3" 232 rFr) PS#81.
SLB	42	ROBERT CALHOUN SR. 6-1 233 6 tkl true. 4 st, 31 tkl '07. 7 st, 35 tkl LY. 45 Tanner Shuck (5'11" 210 So) PS#209. 12 gm, 15 tkl rFr. 50 Matt Nordstrom (5'10" 207 So). 2 tkl, 7 gm rFr.
MLB	34	TERRANCE GARMON SR. 6-2 220 PS#220. 5 st, 61 tkl 2Y. 10 st, 66 tkl, 7 tfl LY. 47 Aaron Williams (6'3" 213 Jr) PS#258. 20 gm, 3 st. 26 tkl 2Y. Ronnie Lillard (6'3" 210 So) PS#404. 9 tkl true.
KAT	35	TRAVIS BRADSHAW SO. 6-1 200 6 st, 89 tkl, 5 pbu, CUSA Fr Tm rFr. 4 Randy Kitchens (6'3" 215 So) PS#181. 8 tkl true. RS LY. 32 Willie Garley (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#485. 15 st, 87 tkl 2Y.
CB	1	Jarrett Ben So. 5-10 171 PS#262. 13 gm, 7 tkl true. 2 Joseph Leary (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#211. 9 st, 46 tkl, 6 pbu 2Y. 82 John Welch (6'2" 185 Sr). 2 st, 14 rec 2Y. From WR in spg.
CB	38	CHRIS JAMMER SO. 6-1 186 PS#408. 6 st, 40 tkl, 5 pd, 69 yd gm-winning IR TD vs Mem true. Alex Francis PS#312. 43 Martin Uwah (5'8" 164 So). Andre Brackens PS#286.
SS	44	CHRIS JONES JR. 6-3 200 PS#270. 3 st, 38 tkl true. 7 st, 59 tkl, 6 pd LY. Broderick Jackson PS#187. 33 Max Anyiam (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#349. 4 tkl rFr. 9 gm, 18 tkl LY.
FS	30	ANDREW SENDEJO SR. 6-1 211 PS#323. 23 st, 160 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 94 tkl, 6 pd, HM CUSA LY. 14 Xavier Webb (5'11" 207 So) PS#213. 8 tkl true. David Falgout (6'0" 195 So) 8 tkl true.
P	41	KYLE MARTENS SO. 6-6 196 PS#38. 51 punt (38.3), tm net 33.8, CUSA Frosh Tm true. 96 Mark Brundage (6'0" 181 So). 1 (32.0), 27 KO, 1 TB LY. Garrett Rhodes (5'11" 197 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Trey Briggs 6-1 216 PS#124
DB	Broderick Jackson 5-11 200 PS#187
K	Chris Boswell 6-3 180 PS#15
LB	Nic Hammett 6-4 230 PS#183
OL	Cade Shaw 6-5 275 PS#226
OL	Bobby Janisch 6-6 280 PS#235
RB	Charles Ross 6-1 200 PS#196
DL	Alex Lowry 6-2 295 PS#267
DB	Andre Brackens 5-9 190 PS#286
DL	Josh Skinner 6-5 250 PS#270
DB	Alex Francis 5-9 175 PS#312
QB	Turner Petersen 6-2 205 PS#162
WR	Andre Gautreaux 6-0 185 PS#253
OL	Jon Hodde 6-7 295 PS#363
DB	Phillip Gaines 6-0 175 PS#370
DL	Cody Bauer 6-4 240 PS#349
QB	Taylor McHargue 6-2 200 PS#191
DB	Paul Porras 6-1 185 PS#394
DL	Hosam Shahin 6-4 265 PS#397
DB	Corey Frazier 6-1 175 PS#501
DB	Tolu Akinwumi 6-1 200 PS#799
DB	Kevin Gaddis 5-9 170 PS#800
WR	Klein Kubiak 6-1 175 PS#891
TE	Vance McDonald 6-5 237 PS#154 '08
WR	Donte Moore 6-1 175 PS#973

RICE OWLS

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DAVID BAILIFF (Career 13-12) (FCS 21-15)
3rd Year at Rice
Bailiff's Bowl Record: 1-0

Bailiff's records AT RICE

13-12	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
7-5	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
5-7	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	4-0	Off A Bye
10-6	Vs Conference	4-7	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (18,26,5)
Lost: 27 (11,16,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,179 (#94)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

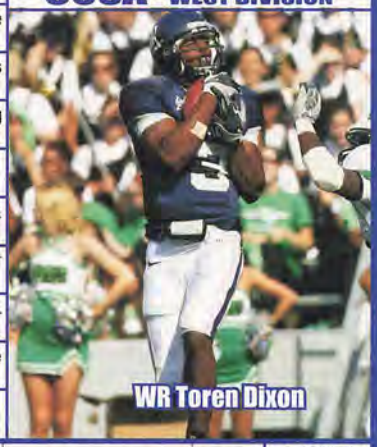
Phil's Homefield Edge-2.75
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#69

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score RICE	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	at UAB	A						Third meeting. The visitor has lost the previous 2. Teams have avg'd 69 ppg in 2 matchups. Rice went 3-0 vs CUSA East LY & are 7-2 vs the East the last 3 yrs.
Sep. 12	at Texas Tech	A						The Owls are 20-26-1 against their former SWC foe & have lost 5 in a row in Lubbock. Rice fell 59-24 to the Red Raiders & was outgained 592-311 in their last meeting in '07.
Sep. 19	at Oklahoma St	A						First meeting since 1923. Rice is 0-14 vs the Big 12 since the league was formed in '96, losing by an avg score of 45-14. Entering '09, Rice is 6-21 vs non-conf opponents the L7Y.
Sep. 26	Vanderbilt	A						Rice is 0-14 vs BCS schools S/'02 losing by an avg of 31 ppg. LY Rice outgained Vandy 407-344, but had just 130 in the 2H as they were outscored 17-0 after being tied at HT.
Oct. 3	Tulsa	A						Rice has lost 5 of 6 to TU including 3 straight at home. LY WR Dillard set an NCAA record with his 51st TD catch, but the Owls allowed 577 yds including 386 on the ground.
Oct. 10	Navy	A						The Owls have lost 3 in a row vs Navy ('03-'05), including being outscored 79-15 in 2 home losses. Rice defeated Navy's rival Army 38-31 LY & is 9-11-1 vs Service Academies.
Oct. 17	at East Carolina	G						Series is tied at 1-1 with both teams winning at home. The Owls are just 2-16 on grass since 2004. Entering '09, Rice is 8-4 on the road in CUSA play the last 3 years.
Oct. 24	UCF	A						Series is tied 1-1 & the road tm has won both. Teams have avg'd 64 ppg. In the last meeting Rice opened the gm with a recovered on-side kick on the way to a 40-29 win.
Oct. 31								
Nov. 7	at SMU	A						Rice has won 3 straight & 16 of 20. LY QB Clement tied a CUSA record with 6 TD passes & the Rice D forced 5 TO's as the Owls outscored SMU 56-14 after trailing 13-0 in the 1Q.
Nov. 14	Tulane (HC)	A						The series is tied 2-2 in CUSA play & the home tm has lost the L/2. The Owl's rushed for a season-high 230 yds & held TU to just 34 yds on the ground in LY's 42-17 win.
Nov. 21	UTEP	A						Rice has won 3 in a row in the series & the tms have combined to avg 88 ppg in that span. The Owls clinched bowl-eligibilty in LY's win, in which the tms combined for 1,010 yds.
Nov. 28	at Houston	G						Rice is just 2-5 vs Houston & have lost the L/3 on the Cougar's home field. LY the Owls rolled up a season-high 591 yds & clinched their first 9-win season S/'53.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chase Clement 9,785 '05-'08
2. Tommy Kramer 6,197 '73-'76
3. Randy Hertel 6,161 '77-'80

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Trevor Cobb 4,948 '89-'92
2. Quinton Smith 2,505 '03-'06
3. Michael Perry 2,496 '95-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jarett Dillard 4,165 '05-'08
2. David Houser 2,358 '74, '76-'78
3. Eric Henley 2,199 '88-'91



STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (47,000) (#67)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	8-4	4-7	5-7	3-8	1-10	7-6	3-9	10-3	44-62
Home	3-2	5-0	2-3	3-2	2-1	1-4	3-1	1-5	6-0	26-18
Away	0-6	3-4	2-4	2-4	0-6	0-6	4-3	2-4	3-3	16-40
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	2-4
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	2-6	1-7	6-2	3-5	7-1	34-38
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-1	1-2	0-4	1-2	0-3	1-4	0-4	3-2	10-24
ATS	5-6	6-6	6-5	8-3-1	6-5	3-8	9-4	5-6	9-4	57-47-1
Home Fav (Kevin Hatcher 1994)	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0 (Todd Graham)	0-2	4-1	12-8
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	3-0	1-1-1	1-1	2-2	4-0	2-1	1-0	16-5-1
Away Favorite (David Baliff)	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-8
Away Dog	1-4	3-2	1-2	4-1	3-0	0-6	5-1	3-3	2-3	22-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	2-4
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-3	7-0-1	3-5	3-5	7-1	5-3	7-1	44-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-0	0-3	2-3	0-3	2-3	13-20
Off SU Win	0-3	3-5	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	5-2	2-1	6-3	22-19-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-1	5-1	6-1	3-4	2-7	3-2	3-5	2-1	30-25

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33
06	New Orleans	-5	Troy	17-41
08	Texas	-3	Western Michigan	38-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Rice's All-Time Bowl Record 5-4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9*	41.3	471	144	4.2	327	65.7	11.4	29	+15	2008	6	33.3	452	183	5.2	269	56.7	13.6	22
9*	31.4	404	111	3.5	293	59.1	12.9	30	-2	2007	6	42.9	511	198	4.8	312	58.0	11.9	19
10*	26.9	345	131	3.9	214	57.0	12.8	35	+8	2006	7	33.2	414	188	5.3	227	56.4	12.5	33
5*	21.9	337	234	4.3	103	42.4	15.4	21	-17	2005	7	40.6	455	212	5.4	243	65.5	11.2	12
8*	25.4	382	307	4.9	75	43.4	15.1	19	-4	2004	7	34.3	365	150	4.2	215	57.2	10.6	29
6*	28.6	397	317	5.5	80	47.7	13.9	11	-3	2003	3	31.5	432	208	5.0	225	61.3	13.7	18
4*	23.0	347	248	4.5	99	44.4	15.1	14	0	2002	4	26.9	385	143	3.8	242	61.2	14.3	27

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
CJ Ugokwe	167	833	24	809	2	4.8
Chase Clement	154	942	249	693	12	4.5
James Casey	57	248	7	241	6	4.2
Jeramy Goodson	12	69	0	69	0	5.8
Marcus Knox	15	49	3	46	1	3.1
Patrick Randolph	2	22	0	22	0	11.0
John Thomas Sheperd	9	29	22	7	0	0.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chase Clement	490	326	66.5	4119	44	7
John Thomas Sheperd	15	8	53.3	78	0	0
Jeramy Goodson	3	2	66.7	39	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Casey	111	1329	12.0	13	47
Jarett Dillard	87	1310	15.1	20	80
Toren Dixon	50	598	12.0	5	50
Corbin Smiter	30	487	16.2	3	54
Patrick Randolph	16	164	10.2	2	35
Taylor Wardlow	9	93	10.3	3	53
CJ Ugokwe	11	52	4.7	0	13
Tommy Henderson	7	51	7.3	0	18
Pierre Beasley	3	49	16.3	1	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Martens	51	1953	38.3	9	33.8(t)	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Clark Fangmeier	73-73	1-1	4-5	1-4	0-0	6-10	46

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Andrew Sendejo	94	0	1.5	3	3
Travis Bradshaw	89	0	0	5	0
Terrance Garmon	66	2.5	4.5	1	2
Chris Jones	59	0	2	5	1
Willie Garley	54	2	3	0	0
Scott Solomon	40	4.5	4.5	2	0
Cheta Ozougwu	40	3.5	2.5	0	0
Chris Jammer	40	1	1	4	1
Robert Calhoun	35	1	2	0	1
Bencil Smith	35	1	0	1	0
Chris Douglas	32	0	0.5	7	3
Chance Talbert	28	1.5	1	4	0
Chris Ptaszek	28	1	0	1	0
Brian Raines	27	0	2.5	1	1
Aaron Williams	20	0	1	0	0
Joseph Leary	18	0	0	4	0
Max Anyiam	18	0	0	0	0
Todd Mohr	16	2	3	0	0
Ryan Craig	16	0	0	0	0
Tanner Shuck	15	1.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Casey	14	112	8.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ja'Corey Shepherd	41	885	21.6	0
Chris Jammer	10	179	17.9	0

RICE 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
23,164	SMU	30	44-208	4.7	24-37	258	2	19	14-11	0.8	30-49	326	2	+3
28,351	at Memphis	24	27-112	4.1	26-44	318	1	22	37-150	4.1	29-39	373	1	0
37,370	at Vanderbilt	23	34-108	3.2	25-40	299	3	22	43-273	6.3	7-16	71	1	-2
97,201	at Texas	19	24-17	0.7	30-48	301	7	28	44-259	5.9	20-24	341	2	+2
16,885	North Texas	26	39-174	4.5	23-30	328	2	25	30-155	5.2	26-45	257	2	+6
24,926	at Tulsa	30	35-103	2.9	25-46	350	2	31	53-386	7.3	14-26	191	0	-3
11,117	Southern Miss	26	32-142	4.4	30-44	444	1	32	33-112	3.4	32-62	461	4	+1
17,841	at Tulane	22	34-230	6.8	20-25	168	0	20	27-34	1.3	24-43	340	3	+2
30,702	at UTEP	30	41-167	4.1	29-43	376	3	23	23-149	6.5	20-38	318	1	+1
19,243	Army	22	29-133	4.6	21-28	384	2	24	65-461	7.1	6-15	31	2	+1
15,131	Marshall	27	35-141	4.0	25-41	315	1	19	46-185	4.0	13-24	83	2	0
35,534	Houston	30	38-198	5.2	30-43	393	2	27	27-140	5.2	30-54	494	2	+2
58,880	† W Michigan	28	37-135	3.6	31-47	320	3	15	19-61	3.2	20-43	217	0	+2
TOTALS		337	449-1868	4.2	339-516	4254	29	307	461-2376	5.2	271-478	3503	22	+15
AVERAGES		25.9	35-144	4.2	26-40	327	5.6%	23.6	35-183	5.2	21-37	269	4.6%	1.2

2008 STATS BY GAME

2004 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Houston	+4	10-7
–	Hawaii	+1'	41-29
–	at Texas - #5	+32'	13-35
–	at San Jose St	-14'	63-70
–	SMU	-13	44-10
–	at Nevada	-8	10-35
–	at Navy	+9'	13-14
–	at Tulsa	-1	22-39
–	Fresno St	+7	21-52
–	at UTEP - #23	+16	28-35 2OT
–	† Louisiana Tech	-3	14-51

2005 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UCLA	+24'	21-63
–	at Texas - #2	+40'	10-51
–	at UAB	+17'	26-45
–	at East Carolina	+4	28-41
–	Tulsa	+7'	21-41
–	Navy	+7	9-41
–	UTEP	+20	31-38
–	at SMU	+7'	7-27
–	Tulane	-1	42-34
–	UCF	+11	28-31
–	at Houston	+15'	18-35

2006 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Houston	+14'	30-31
–	at UCLA	+27'	16-26
–	† Texas - #8	+33	7-52
–	at Florida St - #18	+31	7-55
–	at Army	+11	48-14
–	at Tulane	-2'	24-38
–	UAB	+5	34-33
–	at UCF	+5'	40-29
–	at UTEP	+8'	37-31
–	at Tulsa	+14'	41-38 2OT
–	East Carolina	+2'	18-17
–	SMU	+1	31-27

2007 RESULTS

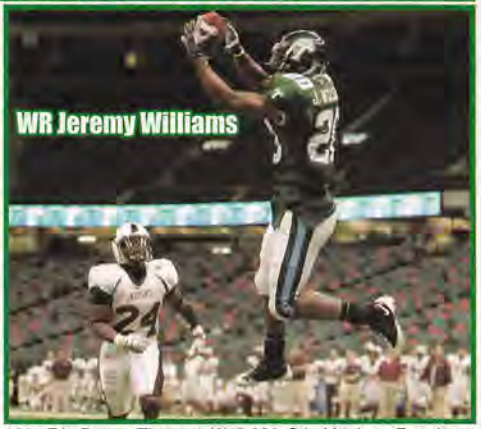
RICE Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Nicholls St	NL	14-16
–	at Baylor	+7	17-42
–	Texas Tech	+28	24-59
–	at Texas - #7	+38	14-58
–	at Southern Miss	+20'	31-29
–	at Houston	+22'	48-56
–	Memphis	-1	35-38
–	at Marshall	+9	21-34
–	UTEP	+7'	56-48
–	at SMU	+6'	43-42
–	Tulane	-3	31-45
–	Tulsa	+13'	43-48

2008 RESULTS

RICE Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	SMU	-3'	56-27
–	at Memphis	+3	42-35
–	at Vanderbilt	+8	21-38
–	at Texas - #7	+29	10-52
–	North Texas	-17	77-20
–	at Tulsa	+16'	28-63
–	Southern Miss	-1'	45-40
–	at Tulane	+2'	42-17
–	at UTEP	-3	49-44
–	Army	-9'	38-31
–	Marshall	-9	35-10
–	Houston	+3	56-42

TULANE GREEN WAVE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009


WR Jeremy Williams

QUARTERBACKS - Tulane sent four consecutive QB's to the NFL in Shaun King, Patrick Ramsey, JP Losman and Lester Ricard, with Ricard leaving after 2006. Scott Elliott started the last 3 over Ricard in 2005 and played in 13 over 2 years (647 yd. with a 4-5 ratio). Anthony Scelfo played in 4 (6 att in '06). With Scelfo spending the '07 spring playing baseball, Elliott (PS#85) was named the starter. HC Toledo's offense does not need a big armed QB but does need one that has a full understanding of the offense as they have 3 options on every play call that comes from the sideline. They also must be accurate. Elliott had the knowledge but unfortunately struggled with his accuracy (47.7%). Scelfo took over in Wk 4 vs LSU. Toledo wanted to run a 2-QB offense and went with rFr Kevin Moore (PS#137) to split duties. Moore has a bigger arm and is a better pocket passer. Scelfo threw for 1,396 (54.1%) but with a 6-7 ratio (171 rush). Moore threw for 432 (55.6%) with a 2-0 ratio. Last year they added rFr Joe Kemp (PS#148) who was impressive on the scout team in '07. Scelfo signed a MLB contract and didn't return and Elliott had only 25 pass att. There was talk of splitting the snaps between Moore and Kemp but Moore took almost every snap early and hit 62% in the first 5 (incl vs Ala & EC D's). He threw for 273 vs Army but down big, Kemp came in and threw for 57. Moore hit just 10 of 20 for 80 vs UTEP and just 9 of 20 vs Rice. In the 2H vs Rice with the team trailing by 35, Kemp hit 14 of 20 for 201. The two split snaps vs LSU but Moore was more productive and Kemp broke his collarbone the following week. In the final 7, Moore (without his top RB and WR) completed just 50% with a 2-7 ratio. Added to the mix this year are Ryan Griffin (PS#45) and DJ Ponder (6'2" 194 rFr, PS#253). No matter who wins the job, I look for increased QB productivity.

RUNNING BACKS - Matt Forté led TU in rushing as a true frosh in '04 with 624 (4.5). He was injured most of '05 but still led with 655 (3.9). In '06 Forté upped it to 859 (5.3) despite missing the final 3. The 225 lb Forté, who had 4.45 speed, became an NFL prospect in '07 (#2DC) rushing for 2,127 (5.9) with 23 TD's (32 rec). André Anderson (PS#110) was the #2 RB with 91 (6.5). Last year Anderson rushed for just 32 in the opener and then had 82 vs EC but on 33 att (2.5). He had 157 (4.1) vs ULM, 219 (6.1) vs SMU, 107 (5.1) vs Army then a huge 255 (8.8) vs UTEP. Anderson was lost for the year the next week or would have easily topped 1,000 (864, 5.0). True frosh Nathan Austin (6'2" 226, PS#187) rushed for 292 (3.1), but was moved to LB for spring and may stay there. RFr JT McDonald (5'9" 210 So) had 124 (3.4). Big things were expected from true frosh Albert Williams who was also the team's KR and he had 109 (6.4) but missed the final 4 with inj. The unit returns intact. While I don't see this RB corps equaling Forté's '07 season, they should top the Green Wave's 2008 production.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 TU had to replace two of their top 3 rec but ret'd Jeremy Williams who had 484 (12.1) in '06. Toledo said the WR's had the best depth of any position. Williams, who Toledo believes has the best talent of the WR's, went into the doghouse early in '07. Later he had 188 vs UTEP and led with 773 with an impressive 16.8 ypc. Brian King was #2 with 446 (14.9). TE Gabe Ratcliff had 125 (10.4) but lost his spot after a key missed block vs Army and true frosh Tyler Helm (3 rec) started the final 2. Last year they only had to replace Ratcliff (8 st) and Williams was on his way to another big year with 437 (16.2) after just 5 but broke his hand and suffered a season ending knee inj. Eventually Brian King (PS#208), thanks to playing in 12, led with 544 (13.3). TE Cody Sparks was #3 with 245 (12.2) and soph Alan Mitchell (8 gm, susp) added 224 (11.2). This year they must replace King (12 st), Chris Dunn (1 st), Michael Batiste (2 st, 214) and TE Justin Kessler (9 st, 4 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tristan Tobin (6'0" 163 rFr), Reece Thomas (6'1" 200 Sr), Matthew Ranzinger (6'0" 186 rFr) and Charles Gaspard (6'2" 180 So). As long as Williams returns healthy, I look for increased production and a 1,000 yard season from Williams.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07 they had 8 of the top 10 OL back and showed dramatic improvement (92, 3.1 in '07) to 201 ypg rush (4.9) while allowing just 19 sacks (5.3%), their lowest total since 1997. Having Matt Forté in the backfield helped. Last year they only had to replace one starter but Tyler Rice (5 st '07) was inj'd Wk 1 (only st). It was surprising the numbers dropped to 118 ypg rush (3.6) with 21 sacks allowed (5.1%). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA LT Troy Kropog (12 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC TEN), C Michael Parenton (12 st, 4Y st'r) and Travis Olexa (inj). They do have 3 starters back (5 w/st exp) and despite losing their Top 2, could improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tulane had a veteran front in '07 and allowed just 3.9 ypc (133 rush ypg), their lowest ypc since 1997 (3.8). Last year they had to replace 2 DT's (83 car st). The numbers still surprised me as they yielded 218 ypg and this time their 5.7 ypc allowed was their worst in over 20 yrs. This year they lose DT Julian Shives-Sams (10 st, 27 tkl, 1 sk) and DE Troy Wilson (7 tkl). Reggie Scott was granted a 6th year so they have 3 starters back (7 w/st exp) and can only improve upon 2008's woeful numbers.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Green Wave had to replace all 3 starters including the #3 all-time tackler in CUSA history. In 2007 they were more experienced. Last year the unit ret'd intact including their #1, #8 and #10 tacklers. This year they lose MLB Evan Lee (10 st, 49 tkl, 2 sk), WLB Devin Holland (6 st, 61 tkl, 2.5 tfl), James Dillard (3 st, 13 tkl) and Jordan Ellis (9 car st). They lose their #2 and #4 tacklers but return their #9 and #10 and despite this unit being less experienced, they should still improve their rush D.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - When Tulane had super CB Lynaris Elpheage they finished #11 in my pass D rankings ('02). Since then they have finished #65, #96, #93, #106, #116 and #84. Last year it appeared they had just two starters returning but FS David Skehan, who moved to LB in the spring, was moved back to FS after he lost 23 lbs following hernia surgery. Skehan did start the last 5 at FS (#3 tkl'r). This year they lose CB Josh Lumar (12 st, 42 tkl, 3 pbu), Skehan (53 tkl), NB Dominique Dade (5 st, 29 tkl) and CB Matt Harding (1 st, 7 tkl). They basically have 3 starters returning as Chinonso Echebelem lost his spot to Skehan last year but was still the #6 tackler, so they should show continued improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 Tulane finished #110 in my ST rankings and had to replace most of their key players in '07 (#114). Last year almost everyone ret'd but they only moved up to #107. They did lose ST coach Fred Bleil who became the DC at Texas St and the ST's yielded some big plays early. Ross Thevenot, who has a solid leg, had 5 FG's blocked and hit just 9 of 20 (13-18 in '07). Thevenot had a 33.2 net in '07 and the team had a 33.1 net last year. When asked about his FG kicker early in the year, Toledo said that the problem could not be corrected until he signed a K this year. Darren deRochemont (PS#14) is on the roster but he had only one KO and 4 punts last yr. They lost their top KR Jeremy Williams (24.3) after 5 and LB Travis Burks (former DB) avg 20.6. With Williams at KR plus their K and P back and some additions, I look for Tulane to show improvement.

COACHES - In the 14 seasons prior to Chris Scelfo taking over, some pretty good coaches in Tommy Bowden, Buddy Teevens, Greg Davis and Mack Brown combined for just a 54-103 record. Scelfo won 37 games in just 9 years. He had to go through the hurricane disruptions of '05 which affected the program the following year as well. In '07 they brought in a new HC in Bob Toledo. He was the HC at UCLA from '96-'02. In '06 Toledo was OC at New Mexico. His OC, ironically, is Dan Dodd who was the OC at NM for six years prior to Toledo's arrival. This year he wanted a more experienced DC and brings in Steve Stanard. Stanard was the DC at Colo St from '03-'07 and the DL coach at Ohio last year. He was also the DC at NMSt from '99-'02, plus was the HC at Nebraska Weslyn (NAIA) in '94-'95.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Only one coach since 1982 has had consecutive winning seasons here (Tommy Bowden '97-'98). Former Coach Scelfo did lead the team to winning records in 2 out of 3 years from 2000-'02 but had 4 losing seasons to end his tenure. In '05 the team was hurt by the hurricane disruptions. In '06 they showed improvement but were still feeling the effects as some players were allowed to transfer without sitting out a year. They did however upset Miss St on the road. The team also lost 10 players (6 starters) to season ending injuries and was -11 in TO's. Those were all positive factors for '07 but a tough schedule kept me from calling for Tulane to top their previous year's four wins. Tulane was -117.9 ypg in '06 and improved to -14.0 in '07. They also improved their conf mark from 2-6 to 3-5. Tulane was the last FBS team to begin their preseason drills as their first game wasn't until Sept 8th and being a game behind in preparation, they lost their first two to bowl squads but did go 4-6 after that. Last year they had 14 starters back but Toledo said that in '07 the strength and conditioning was the worst of any team he had been HC of. He thought the conditioning was much improved in '08. They lost 3 close games in '07 or could have easily had a winning record but they did have to replace their outstanding RB Matt Forté (2,127 in '07). TU has not beaten a ranked team since 1982. In their opener vs a Bama team that would move to #1 during the year, Tulane had a 318-172 yd edge but thanks to a pair of TD's on a blocked punt and a PR TD, they lost by 14. They led #14 ranked EC 24-21 with EC getting the game winning TD with 1:41 left. After an expected win vs ULM, they led SMU 31-7 at half and held on for a 34-27 win. They played Army in Tad Gormley Stadium and gave up 2 ret TD's, a blk'd punt and a blk'd FG and despite a 486-334 yd edge, lost 44-13. TU also lost its top WR Jeremy Williams to injury. The next week they led UTEP 21-14 at half but UTEP got a 68 yd TD pass with 4:22 left to pull out the win. Rice beat them 42-17. With the depleted offense and 4 road games in their final 5, Tulane would suffer their 6th straight losing season as they lost their last 5 by 31.6 ppg. It's not surprising that TU finished 1-7 in CUSA (-128.8 ypg - worst). They finished the last 25 Q's without having the lead and their 10 losses tied a school record. There are a lot of factors pointing in a positive direction in '09. TU figures to be healthier and get both RB Anderson and WR Williams back. Their off and def ypp's both qualify for a positive system (see pg 299). Tulane does have just 13 ret starters (2nd fewest CUSA) and the schedule makers did them no favors drawing BYU and LSU in non-conf play while most of their CUSA HG's are vs the powers meaning their winnable games are on the road. This will be an improved Tulane team but will likely suffer a 7th straight losing year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 7 JOE KEMP SO. 6-4 206 PS#148. 344 pass before inj LY. **2 Kevin Moore** (6'5" 234 Jr) PS#137. 12 st, 2626 pass (56%), 10-13 ratio 2Y. **11** Ryan Griffin (6'5" 215 rFr) PS#45.

RB 32 ANDRÉ ANDERSON SR. 6-0 211 PS#110. HM CUSA LY. 993 (4.8) 3Y. Albert Williams (5'11" 178 So) 109 (6.4). JT McDonald (5'9" 210). 124 (3.4). Greg Friedman (6'2" 188 rFr).

WR 87 ALAN MITCHELL JR. 6-3 160 224 (11.2). **FB Kasey Stelly** (6'1" 239 So) PS#189. 6 st, 27 ttl yd true. Antoine Duplessis (6'3" 247 So). Jordan Stephany (6'0" 252 Jr) 3 st, 184 ttl yd 2Y.

WR NA DJ Banks Fr. 5-9 175 PS#93. **19** Casey Robottom (5'11" 173 Jr) PS#247. **13 st**, 385 (14.3) 2Y. **15** Taylor Echols (6'2" 183 So) PS#406. Chandler Davis (6'2" 180 So) PS#376.

WR 20 JEREMY WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 201 8 st, 484 (12.1) rFr. 4 st, 773 (16.8) '07. 5 st, 437 (16.2) LY. Jordan Sullen (5'11" 181 Fr) PS#198. Wilson Van Hooser (5'11" 177 Fr) PS#203.

TE 80 Cody Sparks Jr. 6-4 239 4 st LB '07, 7 tkl. 3 st TE LY, 245 (12.2). Brock Sanders (6'3" 225 Fr) PS#33. **88** Tyler Helm (6'5" 230 Jr) 4 st, 4 rec 2Y. Kevin Burris PS#138.

C 68 ANDREW NIERMAN JR. 6-1 294 PS#259. 12 st RG as true. 12 st RG LY. **63** Kevin Leary (6'2" 296 Sr). 2 gm bkup LY. Zach Morgan PS#255. **LS** John Edwards (6'3" 251 rFr).

RG 75 Tyler Rice Sr. 6-4 292 PS#359. 5 st at RT, 12 gm in '07. 1 st RG, 4 gm (inj) LY. **66** Joey Ray (6'2" 301 So) 7 gm as bkup LY. Mike Henry (6'5" 289 Fr) PS#204.

LG 71 HARRIS HOWARD SO. 6-4 300 PS#249. Last 5 st LG, 8 gm as true. **76** John Landa (6'3" 327 Sr) PS#184. 27 gm as bkup L3Y. Rio Mares PS#227. **57** Ian Assael (6'1" 289 Jr).

RT 78 Nick Landry Sr. 6-7 295 PS#355. 1 st C, 6 gm true. 2 st, 11 gm '07. 6 st LG, 9 gm LY. **79** Eric Jones (6'6" 297 So) PS#330. 6 gm true. **73** Duke Krause (6'5" 330 So).

LT 58 PETE HENDRICKSON JR. 6-7 297 2 st at RT, 5 gm as a rFr. 12 st at RT last year. LJ Abrams (6'5" 329 Fr) is PS#179. **74** Rafael Vazquez (6'6" 327 So) PS#343. 4 gm '08.

K NA RYAN ROME FR. 5-9 166 PS#22. 8-11 FG, 2 from 50+ as HS senior. Ross Thevenot (6'0" 180 Sr) 31-53 FG, L/50 3Y. **40** Darren deRochemont (5'9" 198 Jr) PS#14.

DE 93 Logan Kelley Sr. 6-2 246 PS#221 1st, 57 tkl, 10 sk 3Y. **95** Justin Adams (5'11" 260 Jr) PS#205. 14 tkl true. 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Shane Delery PS#208. Austen Jacks PS#281.

DT 92 REGGIE SCOTT SR. 6-4 260 23 st, 58 tkl, 15.5 tfl, HM CUSA L2Y. **99 Chris Asumnu** (6'2" 285 So) 5 st, 14 tkl true. Rich Bell (6'1" 271 rFr) PS#215. Josh Smith (6'2" 243 So).

DT 62 OSCAR PONCE de LEON JR. 6-2 302 10 gm, 2 st, 14 tkl LY. **98** Cedric Wilson (6'2" 279 So) 4 st, 13 tkl. **52** Emmanuel Aluko (6'3" 281 So) PS#243. 7 tkl true. Jourdan Nicaud (5'1" 272 rFr).

DE 90 ADAM KWENTUA SR. 6-3 250 PS#162. 10 st, 20 tkl, 5 tfl '07. 12 st, 48 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Tony Bryant (6'3" 263 Jr) 2 st, 6 tkl 2Y. Brooks Cunningham (6'2" 247 So). Casey Blum (6'3" 252 rFr).

WLB 6 Travis Burks Sr. 6-0 215 PS#238. 4 st, 68 tkl, 5.5 tfl in 34 games. **43** Sule Osagiede (6'0" 200 So) PS#170. 9 gm, 7 tkl true. **46** Adam Podet (5'10" 212 So). RS '07.

MLB 55 David Kirksey Sr. 6-1 224 6 st, 27 tkl, 2 tfl '07. 2 st, 41 tkl LY. **34** Darryl Farley (5'11" 228 rFr) PS#148. **53** James McMurchy (6'1" 229 Sr) 1 st, 28 gm, 14 tkl 3Y.

SLB 42 Kristofar Rhymes So. 6-0 220 PS#229. 15 tkl, 12 gm true. Moved LB from DB late LY. Cody Ledford (5'11" 213 Fr) PS#153. **29** Nathan Austin (6'2" 226 So) RB to LB spg.

CB 21 CHARLES HARRIS SR. 6-3 176 PS#355 WR. 2 st, 11 tkl, 3 pbu '07. 11 st, 45 tkl, 9 pbu, 1 int LY. **8** Alex Wacha (6'0" 186 Jr) 5 st, 40 tkl 2Y. Kendrick Washington (5'9" 160 Fr) PS#279.

CB 13 Phillip Davis Jr. 5-10 170 PS#264. 4.43 spd. 4 st, 11 gm, 32 tkl, 2 pbu as true. 3 st, 21 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Kendrell Washington (5'9" 160 Fr) PS#270. Derrick Strozier PS#459.

SS 24 CHINONSO ECHEBELEM SR. 6-1 200 31 tkl, 11 gm true. 3 st, 61 tkl '07. 7 st, 47 tkl LY. **28** Ian Harson (5'11" 174 So) 12 tkl true. **10** David Allen (6'3" 186 rFr). Adam Krueger (5'10" 184 Jr).

FS 38 COREY SONNIER SR. 5-10 189 4 tkl '07. 12 st, 86 tkl, 6 pbu LY. **17** Alex Lauricella (6'0" 178 rFr) 4.4 spd. Jordan Garrett (5'11" 194 Fr) PS#381. Shakiel Smith (6'0" 185 Fr).

P 47 ROSS THEVENOT SR. 6-0 180 PS#57. **2nd Tm CUSA** P LY, 45.8 avg (**#1 CUSA**), 33.1 tm net. 5 TB/44 KO. **40** Darren deRochemont (5'9" 198 Jr) 4 punts, 36.2 avg LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	DJ Banks 5-9 175 PS#93
TE	Brock Sanders 6-3 225 PS#33
LB	Cody Ledford 5-11 213 PS#153
OL	LJ Abrams 6-5 329 PS#179
OL	Mike Henry 6-5 289 PS#204
DL	Shane Delery 6-3 255 PS#208
RB	Payten Jason 5-11 193 PS#170
OL	Rio Mares 6-5 314 PS#227
K	Ryan Rome 5-9 166 PS#22
OL	Zach Morgan 6-2 295 PS#255
WR	Jordan Sullen 5-11 181 PS#198
WR	Wilson Van Hooser 5-11 177 PS#203
DB	Kendrell Washington 5-9 160 PS#270
DB	Kendrick Washington 5-9 160 PS#279
DL	Austen Jacks 6-3 220 PS#281
OL	Hunter Howden 6-4 277 PS#313
RB	Stephen Barnett 5-11 184 PS#251
WR	Ryan Grant 6-0 179 PS#276
WR	Devin Figaro 6-2 197 PS#284
DB	Ryan Travis 5-11 160 PS#380
DB	Jordan Garrett 5-11 194 PS#381
DL	Devin Williams 6-2 220 PS#389
DB	Derrick Strozier 5-8 162 PS#459
DB	Shakiel Smith 6-0 185 PS#558
TE	Kevin Burris 6-2 235 PS#138

TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#76

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 4	Tulsa (Fri)	A					Tulane is 1-4 vs Tulsa, being outscored by an avg of 39-15. LY The Green Wave allowed a ssn-high 489 rush yds, including 323 to RB Adams (Tulsa school record). 1st ever Tulane Fri nite HG at the Superdome.
Sep. 12	BYU	A					First meeting since 2001 & the 1st meeting in the Superdome. The teams have split their 2 meetings. The Wave are 17-6 at home vs non-conference foes since 1998.
Sep. 19							
Sep. 26	McNeese St	A					First meeting. The Cowboys went 7-4 as a member of the Southland Conf (FCS), including a 35-27 loss at UNC. Tulane is 10-0 all-time vs current Southland Conf tms.
Oct. 3	at Army	A					Tulane leads series 8-7-1 but has lost 2 straight & 3 of 4 on the road. LY the Wave had 4 TO's & a pair of blocked kicks & allowed 291 rush yds as Army spoiled TU's HC.
Oct. 10	Marshall (HC)	A					The Green Wave are 0-2 vs Marshall. First meeting in Superdome as '05 game was moved due to Katrina. Tulane is just 1-4 vs CUSA East teams at home since 2006.
Oct. 17	Houston	A					TU is just 4-10 all-time vs the Cougars & have lost 6 straight by an avg of score of 38-15. The Green Wave allowed a season-high 693 yds in last year's 42-14 loss.
Oct. 24	at Southern Miss	A					The Green Wave are just 3-17 vs Southern Miss S/'87 & have lost 6 straight in Hattiesburg. Coming into '09, Tulane is 4-19 on the road since '05, including 0-6 last yr.
Oct. 31	at LSU	G					Tulane has lost 17 in a row vs the Tigers & haven't beaten them since 1982. LY the Wave were held to a ssn-low 163 yds & scored their only TD on a 43 yd IR in the 4Q.
Nov. 7	UTEP	A					Tulane is just 1-3 vs the Miners, but 1-0 in the Superdome. LY RB Anderson rushed for a career-high 255 yds, but the Wave lost their lead as they allowed a 68-yd TD pass with 4:22 left.
Nov. 14	at Rice	A					Series tied at 2-2 in CUSA play. LY RB Anderson suffered a season-ending shoulder inj in the 1Q & Tulane was held to a ssn-low 34 rush yds. TU trailed 35-0 at the half.
Nov. 21	at UCF	G					TU is 1-2 vs the Knights. Tulane is 0-6 on the road vs CUSA East teams. In their last meeting ('06) TU led 10-9 & stopped UCF's final drive w/a forced fumble.
Nov. 28	at SMU	A					TU has won 7 of 8 vs the Mustangs & 5 straight in Dallas. LY the Wave led 31-7 at the half. SMU got within a score with 2:03 left, but they kicked deep & TU was able to run out the clock.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Patrick Ramsey 9,205 '98-'01
2. Shaun King 8,419 '95-'98
3. Terrence Jones 7,684 '85-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mewelde Moore 4,364 '00-'03
2. Matt Forté 4,265 '04-'07
3. Eddie Price 3,095 '46-'49

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marc Zeno 3,725 '84-'87
2. Roydell Williams 3,207 '00-'04
3. JaJuan Dawson 3,048 '96-'99

BOB TOLEDO (Career 69-80) (DII 15-6)

3rd Year at Tulane

Bowls: 1-2
Pacific '79-'82
UCLA '96-'02

Toledo AT TULANE/OVERALL

6-18 / 69-80	SU	0-1 / 5-12	Vs Top 10
4-9 / 39-30	Home	0-4 / 16-20	Vs Top 25
2-9 / 29-48	Away	0-4 / 11-20	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 1-2	Neutral	0-1 / 8-10	Off A Bye
4-12 / 41-52	Vs Conf	4-12 / 28-45	Off A Loss

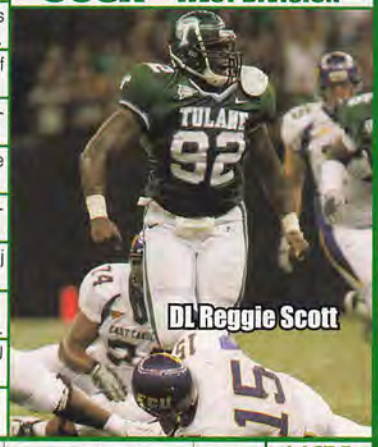
2008 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (28,23,2)
Lost: 20 (9,10,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,750 (#85)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (69,703) (#29)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-9	8-5	5-7	5-6	2-9*	4-8	4-8	2-10	39-67
Home	4-1	2-3	5-2	3-2	4-2	1-5	3-2	2-5	2-4	26-26
Away	2-4	1-6	2-3	2-4	1-4	1-4	1-6	2-3	0-6	12-40
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-4	1-6	4-4	3-5	3-5	1-7	2-6	3-5	1-7	21-49
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-3	4-1	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-3	1-3	18-18
ATS	6-5	3-8	9-3	6-5	5-5	2-7-1	4-8	5-6	5-7	45-54-1
Home Fav	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-4	8-8
Home Dog	1-1	1-3	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-4-1	1-2	2-3	1-0	12-17-1
Away Favorite	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3
Away Dog	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-3	2-3	1-3	2-5	3-2	3-3	20-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	5-2	2-5	6-2	5-3	4-4	2-5-1	1-7	3-5	2-6	30-39-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-1	3-1	15-15
Off SU Win	2-3	1-2	7-0	3-1	2-3	0-1	0-4	2-2	0-2	17-18
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-5	2-3	2-4	3-1	2-5-1	4-3	3-3	4-5	26-30-1

Chris Brown (UCF) Jr win
Thurman Kenna Stadium
Bob Toledo

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
79	Liberty - #15	+2'	Penn St	6-9
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24
98	Liberty - #10	-7	BYU	41-27
02	Hawaii	+14	Hawaii	36-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Tulane's All-Time Bowl Record
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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	16.7	340	118	3.6	221	55.7	20.4	21	-5	2008	7	34.5	391	218	5.7	173	63.9	11.3	21
5	24.4	396	201	4.9	195	51.1	16.2	19	-3	2007	8	31.3	420	133	3.9	288	65.0	13.4	28
6*	18.7	339	92	3.1	247	55.7	18.1	29	-11	2006	4	33.3	400	150	4.2	250	64.0	12.0	19
7*	21.3	321	89	2.9	232	51.5	15.1	23	-12	2005	9	31.6	372	194	4.6	179	58.4	11.8	20
8	27.3	361	127	3.7	234	59.8	13.2	24	-6	2004	8	32.8	421	195	4.4	227	61.1	12.8	27
9*	28.1	390	132	3.9	258	59.5	13.9	27	+5	2003	3	35.3	465	244	4.9	221	53.8	13.1	15
5	27.8	313	109	3.0	204	55.9	11.3	42	+22	2002	9	21.7	372	180	4.4	192	52.5	17.1	48

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
André Anderson	174	893	29	864	7	5.0
Nathan Austin	93	313	21	292	2	3.1
JT McDonald	37	129	5	124	3	3.4
Albert Williams	17	115	6	109	1	6.4
Alan Mitchell	7	61	1	60	0	8.6
Joe Kemp	7	7	41	-34	0	-4.9
Kevin Moore	31	34	92	-58	0	-1.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kevin Moore	334	187	56.0	2194	8	13
Joe Kemp	46	26	56.5	344	2	1
Scott Elliott	25	13	52.0	93	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brian King	41	544	13.3	0	57	
Jeremy Williams	27	437	16.2	5	51	
Cody Sparks	20	245	12.2	0	37	
Alan Mitchell	20	224	11.2	1	44	
Michael Batiste	20	214	10.7	0	27	
Casey Robottom	16	203	12.7	1	42	
André Anderson	25	202	8.1	1	28	
Jordan Stephany	12	144	12.0	0	29	
Nathan Austin	15	116	7.7	0	49	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ross Thevenot	45	2061	45.8	2	33.1(t)	1(t)	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ross Thevenot	23-24	3-5	2-3	3-10	1-2	9-20	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Corey Sonnier	86	0	1	6	0
Devin Holland	61	1	1.5	2	1
David Skehan	53	0	0.5	1	3
Evan Lee	49	2	0.5	3	0
Adam Kwentua	48	1.5	2.5	0	0
Chinonso Echebelem	47	0	1	2	0
Charles Harris	45	0	0	9	1
Josh Lumar	42	2	2	3	1
David Kirksey	41	0	0	1	0
Travis Burks	40	2	2.5	0	2
Reggie Scott	31	2	4.5	1	1
Dominique Dade	29	0	0	0	0
Logan Kelley	28	7	0	2	0
Justin Adams	27	1.5	2	1	0
Julian Shives-Sams	27	1	3	0	0
Phillip Davis	21	1	2	1	0
Alex Wacha	19	0	0.5	1	0
Kristofar Rhymes	15	0	0	0	0
Chris Asumnu	14	0	0	0	0
Oscar Ponce de Leon	14	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Casey Robottom	10	63	6.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Travis Burks	20	412	20.6	0	
Jeremy Williams	9	219	24.3	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

TU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
92,138	at Alabama	18	32-86	2.7	29-50	232	1	11	26-99	3.8	11-23	73	4	+1
27,189	East Carolina	16	37-76	2.1	21-37	236	2	20	30-56	1.9	22-32	260	5	+2
23,419	ULM	24	45-182	4.0	19-34	272	1	9	28-64	2.3	13-18	118	4	0
25,643	SMU	24	42-220	5.2	19-24	254	1	16	13-55	4.2	21-44	256	2	0
23,794	Army	25	38-156	4.1	26-42	330	0	13	44-291	6.6	4-5	43	0	-4
33,121	at UTEP	20	39-318	8.2	11-22	94	3	20	34-156	4.6	21-32	296	1	+1
17,841	Rice	20	27-34	1.3	24-43	340	3	22	34-230	6.8	20-25	168	0	-2
92,136	at LSU	11	30-72	2.4	12-24	91	2	21	46-231	5.0	8-20	99	2	0
23,522	at Houston	18	27-61	2.3	20-44	207	2	31	37-299	8.1	30-43	394	2	+3
18,614	UAB	18	26-98	3.8	17-34	263	0	23	46-272	5.9	15-21	154	0	-3
20,391	at Tulsa	13	35-73	2.1	16-31	159	4	28	59-489	8.3	9-13	104	0	0
15,012	at Memphis	10	21-45	2.1	14-24	177	2	32	66-379	5.7	10-12	109	1	-3
TOTALS		217	399-1421	3.6	228-409	2655	21	246	463-2621	5.7	184-288	2074	21	-5
AVERAGES		18.1	33-118	3.6	19-34	221	5.1%	20.5	39-218	5.7	15-24	173	7.3%	-0.4

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi St	+6'	7-28
–	Florida A&M	NL	39-19
–	Southern Miss	+14	14-32
–	at East Carolina	+3'	25-27
–	at Memphis	+23	24-49
–	UAB	+18	59-55
–	at Houston	+9'	3-24
–	Navy	+11	42-10
–	Army	-6'	45-31
–	at TCU	+13'	35-31
–	Louisville - #7	+30'	7-55

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi St	+2'	14-21
–	at SMU	-3'	31-10
–	SE Louisiana	NL	28-21
–	Houston	+1'	14-35
–	UTEP	+7	21-45
–	at UCF	+6	24-34
–	Marshall	+1	26-27
–	at Navy	+11	21-49
–	at Rice	+1	34-42
–	Tulsa	+15	14-38
–	at Southern Miss	+21	7-26

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Houston	+14	7-45
–	at Mississippi St	+11	32-29
–	at LSU - #10	+36	7-49
–	SMU	+3	28-33
–	Rice	+2'	38-24
–	at UTEP	+12'	20-34
–	at Auburn - #8	+31	13-38
–	Army	-5'	42-28
–	at Marshall	+4'	21-42
–	Southern Miss	+4'	3-31
–	UCF	-2	10-9
–	at Tulsa	+17	3-38

2007 RESULTS

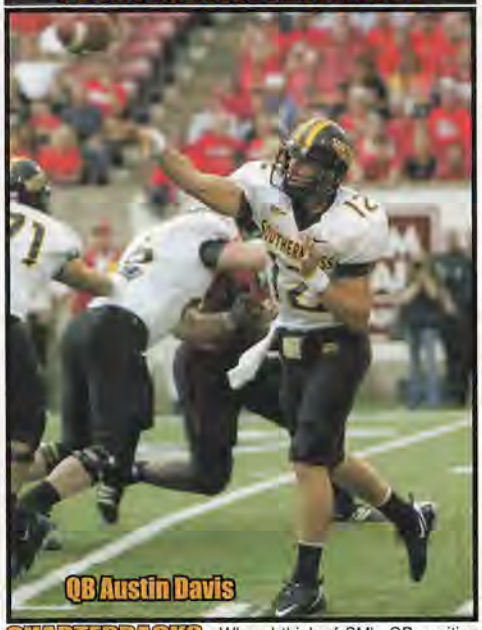
TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi St	+5'	17-38
–	Houston	+14'	10-34
–	SE Louisiana	NL	35-27
–	LSU - #2	+41	9-34
–	at Army	+6'	17-20 OT
–	at UAB	+2'	21-26
–	at SMU	+6'	41-34 OT
–	Memphis	-2'	27-28
–	Tulsa	+6'	25-49
–	UTEP	+4	34-19
–	at Rice	+3	45-31
–	at East Carolina	+12	12-35

2008 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Alabama - #13	+29'	6-20
–	East Carolina - #14	+12'	24-28
–	ULM	-6	24-10
–	SMU	-18'	34-27
–	Army	-19'	13-44
–	at UTEP	+4	21-24
–	Rice	-2'	17-42
–	at LSU - #15	+27	10-35
–	at Houston	+16'	14-42
–	UAB	-5'	24-41
–	at Tulsa	+28'	7-56
–	at Memphis	+14	6-45

SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009


QB Austin Davis

QUARTERBACKS - When I think of SM's QB position I, of course, think back to their most famous alum, Brett Favre, who is the Golden Eagles' career passing leader. In 2005 Dustin Almond set the single season yardage mark with 2,860 (54.8%) and a 23-12 ratio. SM QB's threw for 161 ypg in '06 (56.1%) and in '07 just 188 (57.1%). Due to injuries, rFr Martevious Young got a start vs Rice but broke his leg on the 3rd play. Young, who has a powerful arm and is very mobile, had the 3 career snaps for SM QB's heading into 2008 and he battled rFr Austin Davis. Davis started and set numerous school single season records throwing for 3,128 (57.5%) with a 23-8 ratio and was the #2 rusher with 508 (3.3). He set school records with 461 pass yds vs Rice and 5 rushing TD's vs UAB. He also broke the school record for TD passes by a frosh previously held by Favre (16). Davis also earned MVP of the bowl. Young played in just 3 (2 att). This year battling for the backup spot are Young, Fedora recruit Bret Jefcoat (PS#108) and true frosh Chris Campbell (PS#92). Davis is already one of CUSA's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 true frosh Damion Fletcher broke Derrick Nix's frosh rushing record with 1,388 (5.0) which was the 2nd highest total in school history behind Sam Dejarnette (1,545 in '82). Fletcher's rapid rise was aided by the other top 4 RB's either quitting or being injured. In '07 Fletcher rushed for a school record 1,586 (5.4) with his top backup being Tory Harrison who had 393 (4.1). True frosh VJ Floyd (5'10" 186 Jr) was the #3 RB (93, 3.9). Harrison (6'1" 188) was susp in the spring but ret'd and was the backup again LY. Fletcher opened with 222 (10.6) vs UL and 260 (7.6) vs UTEP. After two more 100 yard efforts, Fletcher was inj'd vs UAB and Harrison rushed for 137 (6.9) while Floyd added 114 (5.4). Fletcher was out vs UCF and Floyd led the RB's with 66 (3.9) after Harrison was injured. Fletcher rushed for 1,313 and avg a super 6.0 ypc and is already the school's all-time career leading rusher. This year they lose Bubba Kirksey (118, 5.4) and FB Josh Barton (3 st). Added to the mix are true frosh Kendrick Hardy (PS#16), Tracy Lampley (PS#86), Kameron Roan (5'8" 160 Jr) and Ken Meeks (5'6" 185 So). Fletcher should have his best season yet as a senior and Hardy will have an impact as a VHT true.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes plagued this unit for years including those by Shawn Nelson who was already the career leading receiving TE here going into 2008. SM not only had their top 2 back in Nelson and Torris Magee (632, 14.4 in '07) but got the tremendous addition of 6'6" DeAndre Brown (PS#7) who draws comparisons to Randy Moss. Magee was injured early and had 10 rec in 2 starts, but quit the team midyear. Nelson had his best season finishing with 557 (10.5) while Gerald Baptiste (283, 10.1 in '07) added 460 (13.1). Brown lived up to his VHT billing with 1,117 (16.7) earning 1st Tm CUSA before a gruesome broken tibia in the bowl. He missed the spring but should be 100% in fall. This year they lose TE Nelson (12 st, #4DC BUF), Magee, Ed Morgan (8 st, 14 rec) and Chris Rhoden (2 rec). Despite the loss of 2 of their 4 starters, Brown's presence makes this one of CUSA's premier receiving units and they add PS#16JC Justin Jordan.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 SM had 4 starters returning up front (84 career starts) and former HC Bower said SM had a chance to be as good as ever on the O-line. As you would expect, it was the first time they had over 4.0 ypc rush since Bower took over in '91 at 4.4 (5.4% sacks). In '07 they had to replace 3 starters (all multi-year). They got a huge addition in Miss St transfer Calvin Wilson (PS#37, 353 lbs) who started the last 9 at LT (HM CUSA). RT Ryan McKee did not allow a sack (2nd Tm CUSA). The rush totals surprisingly improved to 202 ypg (4.6) with just 5.8% sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but their 45 career starts (#94 in FBS) were actually more than '07 (39 car st). OL coach Chris Kapilovic did a fine job in '08 as SM improved to 4.7 ypc (192 ypg) while allowing 29 sacks (6.3%). Kapilovic does not rotate OL's with the 5 starters basically playing the entire game as only 7 saw significant time LY. The great news for SM is that 5 of the 7 return and the only losses are LG Wesley Housley (5 st, 12 car st) and McKee (13 st, 3Y st'r). Calvin Wilson was susp'd for 2 and never regained his spot but should be back in good graces and this unit is much more experienced than LY.

DEFENSIVE LINE - SM is known for its strong rush D's but surprisingly in Bower's final six years, they allowed 3.8 ypc or higher five times. In 2007 they had six seniors in the DL 2 deep including all 4 starters and yielded 134 ypg (3.8) while the D had 28 sacks. Naturally, the losses were heavy last year. Nine different players earned starts with 7 of them consisting of 1 true, 2 rFr, 3 soph and a JUCO. Surprisingly they only allowed 140 ypg rush although their 4.2 ypc was the worst since 2004 and the D had just 20 sacks. This year they lose Eric Phillips (8 st, 11 tkl) and Demar Dotson (1 st, 4 tkl). Since the top 7 tacklers from the D-line are back (4 of them had 7+ starts), I count them as having 4 returning starters making them vastly more experienced than LY.

LINEBACKERS - SM LB's were named CUSA Def POY for 3 straight years from 2003-'05. After Gerald McRath "only" earned 3rd Tm CUSA in '06, he was the CUSA Def POY in '07. Last year SM had McRath (#1 tkl'r) and Tokumbo Abanikanda (#6) returning but lost 1 starter (#7 tkl'r). McRath was 1st Tm CUSA and led with 137 tackles but opted to leave early for the NFL draft (13 st, 9.5 tfl, #4DC TEN). Also gone this year is Abanikanda (12 st, #2 tkl'r, 11 tfl) and Jerome Lyons (6 tkl). Two near-VHT's are in this group in Korey Williams (PS#63) and Martez Smith (PS#65) and they add Ole Miss transfer Scottie Williams (PS#97) and JUCO Hendrick Leverette (IFS). True frosh Jamie Collins is PS#31QB. I like the talent of this group, but with the loss of their top 2 tacklers, there figures to be a drop-off.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest finish in my pass D rankings from 1995-2004 was #41! An injury plagued unit in '05 slipped to #70. They had to replace 2 starters in '06 but moved up to #9. In '07 they had to replace both starting CB's and SM slipped to #47. Last year they had to replace two starters. Chico Hunter took over the SS spot but was lost (knee inj) after 9. SM dropped some to #51. This year they lose CB Eddie Willingham (5 st, 20 tkl) and Jamison Hughes (1 tkl) but basically have 4 returning starters (7 w/st exp) including 2nd Tm CUSA FS Eddie Hicks. Not listed below are John Green (6'0" 222 Sr), Kevie Thompson (6'0" 189 Jr) and Cladarrius Jefferson (6'1" 180 rFr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Former HC Bower almost always had a fine ST unit. In his last 4 years they finished #25, #23, #84 and #43. In Fedora's first year the unit finished #87 as missed FG's may have cost the team another 2 or 3 wins. Justin Estes hit 15 of 22 FG's (long 43) in '07 but he and Britt Barefoot combined to hit just 13 of 22 FG's (long 46) LY. Barefoot avg'd 42.5 (37.0 net in '07) but dropped to 40.6 (30.7 team net) in '08 (14 TB on 71 KO). They had to replace their top 2 returnmen and those units were average. This year they lose Barefoot but everyone else is back including their top gunner, Martez Smith, so I look for a move up in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Jeff Bower was a SM alum and spent 17 years here as the head man. They went to a bowl game in 10 of his last 11 years. SM was one of just 5 teams in the NCAA that had 14 straight winning seasons heading into last season (Florida, Fla St, Mich, VT). Bower was forced to resign prior to the bowl in '07. The new HC last year was Larry Fedora who was the OC at Okla St from 2005-'07 and the OC at Florida in '04. Under Fedora, OSU was balanced in '07 avg 243 ypg both rushing and passing. Fedora's OC is Darrell Wyatt who was Arizona's WR cch and passing game coor in '07. The DC is Todd Bradford who was the LB coach at Okla St (prev 3Y). He has 21 years coaching experience (8 diff schl) and was the OC at BYU for 2 years. Both coordinators return for their 2nd season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jeff Bower spent 29 years here either as an asst or head coach and was forced to resign after his 17th season as HC. In the first four years of CUSA play, SM was an outstanding 21-2 but in the next 3 stunningly lost 9 out of 22 league games. They rebounded to go 8-0 in the CUSA in '03 and after a couple of 5-3 CUSA finishes, won CUSA East with a 6-2 record in '06 but came up short in the title game vs Houston. It was actually the first time in 5 years they had outgained league foes (+29.6 ypg). In 2007 SM was the preseason favorite to win the CUSA title but they surprisingly finished 4th in the East. They were +69.6 ypg (2nd best East). They went 4-0 on the road in CUSA play and came up just short vs #20 Cincy in the bowl. Fedora inherited just 10 ret starters (fewest CUSA). Last year MM Roberts Stadium underwent a $31.5 mil expansion and capacity was increased by 3,000. It appeared they were headed for their first losing season in 14 years as the team suffered its first 5 game losing streak since 1976. They did set a school att record drawing 180,475 (30,079 per gm). SM opened the year with a 51-21 win over UL. Then after an expected loss to Auburn, they were outgained 447-348 by Ark St but won 27-24. They lost their 3rd and 4th straight CUSA HG's to Marshall and UTEP by 7 and 3, the latter in 2 OT's then were whipped by Boise. Rice led 45-26 with SM getting a couple of late scores. Memphis was down to their #3 QB but beat SM 36-30 with the Tigers having a 516-416 yd edge. It was the first time ever SM had four CUSA losses (0-4) and their 2-6 start was their worst S/'93. Amazingly SM swept their final 4 blowing out UAB 70-14, topping UCF on the road then beating an injury-plagued EC team at home, 21-3. In the season finale SMU was without their top 2 WR's. In the bowl, Troy led 27-17 in the 4Q but a 4th & 2, 35 yd TD pass with 7:20 left kept SM alive and they got the comeback win to avoid a losing season. On the negative side they benefited from +13 in TO's (pg 312). On the positive side they are now in the 2nd year of Fedora's system and have a more veteran team with 19 ret starters and 2 of their key off players in '08 (QB Davis & WR Brown) were both Fr LY. Despite a 4-4 record, SM was +99.3 (best East). Two of my 9 sets of power ratings call for SM to go 12-0 this year which means they are a prime contender to be '09's BCS-buster.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 12 AUSTIN DAVIS SO. 6-2 206 PS#285. 13 st, 3128 (58%) 23-8 ratio, 508 rush LY. **3** Bret Jefcoat (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#108. Martevious Young (6'1" 188 Jr) PS#166. 1 st, 15 gm, 8 yd 2Y.

RB 25 DAMION FLETCHER SR. 5-10 177 PS#176. **1st Tm CUSA '06 & '08.** 1388 (5.0) true. 1586 (5.4) '07. 1313 (6.0) LY. Kendrick Hardy **PS#16**. Desmond Johnson (5'11" 188 rFr) PS#141.

WR 6 FREDDIE PARHAM SR. 6-0 172 **PS#44JC**. 6 st, 173 (9.1) LY. **83** Johdrick Morris (6'3" 206 Jr) PS#330. 1 st, 63 (12.6) LY. Jacoby Bell PS#69. **FB 40** Josh Hurd (6'0" 220 Jr).

WR 5 DeANDRE BROWN SO. 6-6 228 **PS#7**. 7 st, **1st Tm CUSA**, 1117 (16.7) LY. Quentin Pierce (5'11" 163 rFr) PS#158. **27** William Spight (5'10" 167 So) 2 rec. Montrez Mosley (5'9" 178 Jr).

WR 86 GERALD BAPTISTE SR. 6-0 182 PS#194. 22 st, 743 (11.8) 2Y. **Justin Jordan PS#16JC.** Jordan McNair (6'3" 172 rFr). Deon Hodges (6'2" 204 Jr). JJ Smith (6'1" 203 Sr). Jamie Wheat (6'2" 219 rFr).

TE 19 Jonathan Massey Jr. 6-3 251 PS#21. 2 st, 50 (12.5) LY. **84** Leroy Banks (6'3" 230 Sr) PS#417JC. 87 (17.4) LY. David Rue (6'5" 253 Jr) PS#200JC. **37** Kane Wommack (6'0" 223 Sr).

C 59 CAMERON ZIPP JR. 6-1 297 PS#170. 3 gm '07. 13 st C LY. **62** Austin Quattrochi (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#326. **68** Kyle Clark (6'0" 265 So). **LS** Cody Tawater (6'3" 232 Sr) HM CUSA.

RG 71 RYAN HEBERT SR. 6-5 310 PS#196. 13 st RG LY, HM CUSA. **70** Brennan Houston (6'4" 314 Sr) **PS#49JC**. 11 gm. James Brady (6'4" 253 So). Jacob Johnson (6'1" 290 rFr).

LG 69 MICAH BROWN SR. 6-2 287 1 st RG, 6 gm '07. 8 st, 12 gm LY. RJ Brown (6'3" 301 Sr) PS#124JC. 9 gm LY. Alex Michael (6'2" 310 Jr) PS#221. 13 gm LY. Joe Duhon (6'2" 308 rFr).

RT 72 CALVIN WILSON SR. 6-6 353 **PS#37**. 1 st RT true. 9 st LT, HM CUSA '07. 5 st LT, 10 gm LY. **75** Ben Schoenberger (6'5" 293 So) PS#103JC. Jonathan Guerry (6'4" 290 Fr) PS#175.

LT 78 KYLE BURKHART SR. 6-5 290 PS#148JC. 8 st LT, 12 gm LY. **74** Trevor Newsom (6'8" 276 Jr) PS#175JC. **67** Dyron White (6'5" 309 rFr) PS#295. Nathaniel Worrell PS#305.

K 13 Justin Estes Jr. 5-9 151 PS#75. 15-22 FG L/43 as true, HM CUSA. 4-7 FG LY, L/45, 9-9 xp. **80** Daniel Hrapmann (5'9" 152 So) PS#32. Dylan Lanphere (6'3" 193 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 91 DEDDRICK JONES SO. 6-3 242 PS#265. 8 st, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Terrance Pope (6'3" 275 So) PS#393. 14 tkl LY. David Boyce (6'6" 248 Jr) PS#86. 3 tfl. Andrew Burns (6'4" 248 So) 5 tkl.

NT 95 ANTHONY GRAY JR. 6-0 301 PS#258. **2nd Tm CUSA**, 7 starts, 29 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **98** Logan Hickman (6'3" 245 So) PS#343. 5 st, 14 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Joel Ross (6'1" 300 rFr) PS#161.

DT 99 ROLANDO BARRAGAN SR. 6-3 295 PS#264JC. 9 st, 23 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **97** Willie Packer (6'1" 275 rFr) PS#91 LY. Darius Barnes (6'4" 260 rFr). **98** De'Anthony Bandy (5'10" 238 So).

DE 45 ROSHAAD BYRD JR. 6-3 247 **PS#54LB**. 8 tkl '07. 13 st, 29 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Cordarro Law (6'2" 243 So). 21 tkl, 5 sk LY. Terrance Conner (6'3" 234 Sr) PS#160JC. 3 tkl.

SLB 56 Scottie Williams So. 6-3 222 PS#97. **Ole Miss trans. 56** Ronnie Thornton (6'3" 230 So) PS#391. 4 tkl. Jamie Collins (6'3" 210 Fr) PS#31QB. **43** Tim Green (6'3" 200 So) 2 tkl.

MLB 42 Korey Williams So. 6-2 228 PS#63. 4 st (inj) 24 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **94** Hendrick Leverette (5'10" 221 Jr) PS#151JC. IFS. **36** Jeremy Snowden (6'3" 197 So) PS#241. 6 tkl.

WLB 32 MARTEZ SMITH JR. 6-0 211 PS#65. 7 tkl '07. 8 st, 59 tkl, 6 tfl, 2 pbu, 1 int LY. **21** Brandon Davis (6'1" 200 Sr) PS#162. 31 gm, 15 tkl 3Y. Will Martin (6'0" 201 Fr) PS#123.

CB 20 CJ BAILEY JR. 5-10 189 PS#103. 11 st, 40 tkl, 10 pbu, 2 int '07. 13 st, 36 tkl, 5 pd LY. **28** Michael McGee (5'10" 181 Sr) 52 tkl, 3 tfl, 5 pbu, 1 int 3Y. Martez Thompson PS#174.

CB 12 ANDRE WATSON SR. 5-10 180 PS#133JC. 7 st, 32 tkl, 3 pbu, 3 int LY. Gerald West (5'11" 175 Fr) PS#88. **15** Marcal Robinson (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#117. Deron Wilson PS#164.

SS 30 CHICO HUNTER JR. 6-0 195 PS#190. 10 st, 87 tkl, 6 pbu 2Y. **8** Justin Wilson (5'11" 187 Jr) PS#294. 8 st, 62 tkl, 11 pbu, 6 int 2Y. Micah Pellerin (6'1" 183 So) 5 tkl, 11 gm LY.

FS 18 EDDIE HICKS SR. 6-2 183 13 st, 84 tkl, 8 pd '07. **2nd Tm CUSA** LY, 13 st, 64 tkl, 4 int. **26** Kendrick Presley (6'2" 188 So) PS#63. 9 tkl true. **3** Cameron O'Neal (6'0" 206 So) 15 tkl.

P 3 Bret Jefcoat rFr. 6-1 200 PS#108QB. **87** Dylan Lanphere (6'3" 193 Jr). **13** Justin Estes (5'9" 151 Jr) 19-29 FG, long 45 2Y. Daniel Hrapmann (5'9" 152 So) PS#32.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR Justin Jordan 5-11 190 PS#16JC
RB Kendrick Hardy 6-0 200 PS#16
LB Jamie Collins 6-3 210 PS#31QB
OL Ben Schoenberger 6-5 293 PS#103JC
WR Jacoby Bell 6-3 210 PS#69
DB Gerald West 5-11 175 PS#88
RB Tracy Lampley 5-9 170 PS#86
WR Mujahid Assad 6-1 184 PS#89
LB Hendrick Leverette 5-10 221 PS#151JC
LB Will Martin 6-0 201 PS#123
OL Trevor Newsom 6-8 276 PS#175JC
TE David Rue 6-5 253 PS#200JC
DB Deron Wilson 5-10 167 PS#164
DB Martez Thompson 6-1 180 PS#174
OL Jonathan Guerry 6-4 290 PS#175
QB Chris Campbell 6-2 180 PS#92
DB Jerrion Johnson 6-1 195 PS#204
DB Alex Smith 5-11 175 PS#226
TE Ryan Hanks 6-5 235 PS#73
OL Nathaniel Worrell 6-5 265 PS#305
OL Ed Preston 6-4 287 PS#366
DB Troy Hulbert 6-0 166 PS#795JC
WR Montrez Mosley 5-9 178 PS#796JC
DL Octavius Thomas 6-3 230 PS#477

SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Weather (601) 544-1763 (Ext. 1)

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#91

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SM	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Alcorn St	A				
Sep. 12	UCF	A				
Sep. 19	Virginia	A				
Sep. 26	at Kansas	A				
Oct. 1	at UAB (Thur)	A				
Oct. 10	at Louisville	A				
Oct. 17	Memphis	A				
Oct. 24	Tulane (HC)	A				
Oct. 31	at Houston	G				
Nov. 7						
Nov. 14	at Marshall	A				
Nov. 21	Tulsa	A				
Nov. 28	at East Carolina	G				
Dec. 5						

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brett Favre 7,695 '87-'90
2. Dustin Almond 7,342 '02-'05
3. Jeff Kelly 7,095 '98-'01

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Damion Fletcher 4,287 '06-Present
2. Ben Garry 3,595 '74-'77
3. Derrick Nix 3,584 '98-'00, '02

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Sherrod Gideon 3,214 '96-'99
2. Todd Pinkston 2,366 '96-'99
3. Shawn Nelson 2,054 '05-'08

First meeting. Schools are 152 miles apart. The Braves went 2-10 LY as a member of the SWAC (FCS). The Golden Eagles have won 10 straight home openers.

SMiss is 3-1 vs the Knights & the HT has lost 3 straight. In LY's matchup, the Golden Eagles allowed a season-low 208 yds to get the win despite playing without RB Fletcher.

First meeting. Only 5 BCS teams have visited "The Rock" since 2001. The Golden Eagles went 3-2 in those games with wins over Oklahoma St, Illinois & NC State.

First meeting. The Eagles are 3-11 all-time vs current Big 12 teams. SMiss won 21-17 at Nebraska in 2004, which was their last visit to a Big 12 school.

SM is 9-0 all-time vs the Blazers. LY QB Davis set a school record with 5 rushing TD's as the Eagles scored the 1st 28 pts & dominated with a 610-223 edge in total yds.

The Eagles are 18-8-1 all-time vs their former CUSA rival, but have lost 3 straight. Coming into '09, SMiss has dropped 7 straight true away gms vs BCS tms by 18 ppg.

SM has lost 4 of 5 to the Tigers including 2 straight at home. LY the Eagles allowed a season high 285 rush yds despite the fact that Memphis was down to their 3rd & 4th QB's.

Southern Miss leads all-time series 21-7. The Golden Eagles have won 4 straight by an avg of 20 ppg. They have won 6 straight at home in the series by an avg of 31 ppg.

Last met in 2006 CUSA Championship, a 34-20 loss for the Golden Eagles. Three of the L/4 meetings have been decided by 6 pts or less. The visitor has lost 4 straight.

Prior to LY, the Golden Eagles had won all 3 of the previous meetings. LY SMiss got a TD w/1:33 left to pull within a score & got the ball back (w/1:11) but could only advance to the MU 35.

The Golden Eagles have lost both meetings in CUSA play by an avg score of 27-12. Southern Miss is 6-1 in home finales with the only loss to #4 Cal in 2004.

The Golden Eagles have won 11 of 13 in the series including 7 straight at ECU. LY QB Davis and WR Brown hooked up for a school-record 97 yd TD pass in the 21-3 win.

LARRY FEDORA (Career 7-6)

2nd Year at Southern Miss — Fedora's Bowl Record: 1-0

Fedora's records AT SOUTHERN MISS

7-6	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
3-3	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
3-3	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	2-1	Off A Bye
4-4	Vs Conference	2-4	Off A Loss

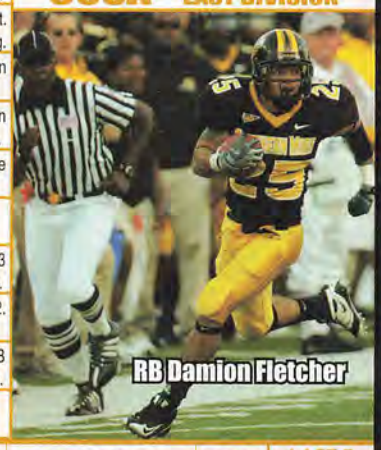
2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (17,22,2)
Lost: 23 (9,11,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,079 (#76)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: MM ROBERTS STADIUM (36,000) (#83)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	6-5	7-6	9-4	7-5	7-5	9-5	7-6	7-6	67-46
Home	2-2	4-1	5-1	5-1	3-2	3-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	33-16
Away	5-2	2-4	2-4	4-2	3-3	3-3	3-4	4-2	3-3	29-27
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	5-3
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	5-3	8-0	5-3	5-3	6-3	5-3	4-4	46-25
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	2-2	2-2	3-2	2-3	3-2	21-21
ATS	6-5	4-7	2-8-2	8-5	8-4	5-6	6-7	6-6	8-5	53-53-2
Home Fav	1-2	2-3	2-2	4-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	1-4	3-2	19-21
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3
Away Favorite	2-3	1-1	0-3-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	4-0	2-1	17-11-1
Away Dog	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-2	2-1	3-1	0-4	0-2	2-1	11-16
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-2-1
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	5-3	3-5	4-5	5-3	4-4	35-35-1
vs Non-Conf	4-0	1-3	0-3-1	1-4	3-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	4-1	18-18-1
Off SU Win	3-3	2-4	1-5-1	5-4	3-3	3-3	3-5	2-5	5-1	27-33-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	1-3-1	3-0	4-1	1-3	3-1	4-1	2-4	22-17-1

Bowl (1990 Bowl) / Jeff Fedora

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Damion Fletcher	219	1347	34	1313	10	6.0
Austin Davis	155	729	221	508	9	3.3
Tory Harrison	53	261	7	254	7	4.8
VJ Floyd	59	258	12	246	2	4.2
Bubba Kirksey	22	123	5	118	1	5.4
Martevious Young	5	44	2	42	0	8.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Austin Davis	454	261	57.5	3128	23	8
Martevious Young	2	1	50.0	6	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
DeAndre Brown	67	1117	16.7	12	97	
Shawn Nelson	53	557	10.5	3	29	
Gerald Baptiste	35	460	13.1	2	64	
Damion Fletcher	33	246	7.5	1	24	
Freddie Parham	19	173	9.1	0	24	
Ed Morgan	14	109	7.8	1	23	
Leroy Banks	5	87	17.4	1	39	
Torris Magee	10	86	8.6	0	17	
Tory Harrison	5	83	16.6	0	28	
Johdrick Morris	5	63	12.6	1	26	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Britt Barefoot	49	1987	40.6	4	30.7(t)	0	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Britt Barefoot	38-40	6-7	2-4	1-4	0-0	9-15	46
Justin Estes	9-9	2-3	0-1	2-3	0-0	4-7	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Gerald McRath	137	1.5	8	2	0
Tokumbo Abanikanda	84	2	9	1	1
Chico Hunter	68	0	0.5	6	0
Eddie Hicks	64	0	3.5	3	4
Martez Smith	59	0	6	2	1
CJ Bailey	36	0	0.5	3	2
Andre Watson	32	0	1	3	3
Anthony Gray	29	6	1.5	0	0
Roshaad Byrd	29	0	3.5	2	0
Michael McGee	28	0	0	4	1
Korey Williams	24	0	4	1	0
Rolando Barragan	23	1	3.5	1	0
Cordarro Law	21	5	1	0	0
Deddrick Jones	20	0	3.5	1	0
Eddie Willingham	20	0	1	2	1
Justin Wilson	19	0	1	5	4
Cameron O'Neal	15	0	0	0	0
Terrance Pope	14	0	2.5	1	0
Logan Hickman	14	1	2	0	0
Eric Phillips	11	0	0.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Watson	22	170	7.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Freddie Parham	28	620	22.1	0
Tory Harrison	13	265	20.4	0

SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	New Orleans	-6	North Texas	31-10
05	New Orleans	-15'	Arkansas St	31-19
06	GMAC	-6	Ohio	28-7
07	Papajohns.com	+11	Cincinnati - #20	21-31
08	New Orleans	+4'	Troy (OT)	30-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
S Miss' All-Time Bowl Record 9-8

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6	30.6	434	192	4.7	241	57.3	14.2	29	+13	2008	4	24.1	366	140	4.2	226	58.2	15.2	20
6*	27.8	390	202	4.6	188	57.1	14.0	22	-1	2007	8	24.2	366	134	3.8	232	56.9	15.2	28
9	25.4	331	170	4.4	161	56.1	13.0	19	+6	2006	6	18.6	308	128	3.9	180	52.4	16.6	25
4*	29.6	357	111	3.3	246	54.8	12.1	15	+14	2005	5	22.7	394	160	3.9	234	57.6	17.4	31
9*	25.8	326	145	3.7	181	48.4	12.7	19	+5	2004	4	24.8	376	175	4.4	201	51.4	15.1	30
4*	22.5	325	122	3.0	203	51.6	14.4	32	+5	2003	8	17.4	330	156	3.6	174	51.9	19.0	37
7	21.7	333	144	3.6	189	50.1	15.3	48	-3	2002	9	18.3	336	167	3.8	169	46.8	18.4	39

2008 STATS BY GAME

SM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
32,792	Louisiana	30	61-427	7.0	14-22	206	1	21	43-263	6.1	11-24	131	0	+2
87,451	at Auburn	20	27-37	1.4	33-50	268	3	22	41-132	3.2	21-34	248	1	+1
25,938	at Arkansas St	21	41-129	3.1	18-31	219	2	26	35-191	5.5	17-35	256	2	+1
28,178	Marshall	23	31-123	4.0	27-49	308	1	22	42-205	4.9	16-25	228	2	0
28,788	UTEP	26	45-277	6.2	21-37	264	2	25	32-116	3.6	25-44	266	2	-1
30,912	Boise St	15	33-118	3.6	15-34	160	3	19	34-180	5.3	21-30	170	1	0
11,117	at Rice	32	33-112	3.4	32-62	461	4	26	32-142	4.4	30-44	444	1	-1
24,034	at Memphis	19	28-230	8.2	21-40	186	0	30	51-285	5.6	18-28	231	2	+1
29,147	UAB	24	62-463	7.5	7-8	147	0	14	27-96	3.6	16-23	127	2	+6
41,652	at UCF	22	54-150	2.8	21-34	188	5	10	16-64	4.0	13-33	144	1	+2
30,658	East Carolina	16	40-145	3.6	18-30	239	2	10	21-66	3.1	20-34	189	0	+1
13,020	at SMU	19	39-145	3.7	15-26	212	2	20	19-4	0.2	26-49	253	2	+1
30,197	† Troy	20	37-146	3.9	20-34	276	4	21	35-73	2.1	26-44	255	4	0
TOTALS		287	531-2502	4.7	262-457	3134	29	266	428-1817	4.2	260-447	2942	20	+13
AVERAGES		22.1	41-192	4.7	20-35	241	6.3%	20.5	33-140	4.2	20-34	226	4.5%	1.0

2004 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Nebraska	+14'	21-17	
-	at Tulane	-14	32-14	
-	at USF	-6	27-20	
-	Houston	-17	35-29	OT
#24	at Alabama	+7	3-27	
-	East Carolina	-19'	51-10	
#21	Cincinnati	-6	24-52	
-	at Memphis	+6	26-30	
-	at TCU	-1	17-42	
-	UAB	-1	26-21	
-	California - #4	+24'	16-26	

2005 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Alabama	+12'	21-30	
-	McNeese St	NL	48-20	
-	at East Carolina	-7'	33-7	
-	Tulsa	-12'	17-34	
-	UCF	-8'	52-31	
-	at UAB	+2'	37-28	
-	at NC State	+6'	17-21	
-	at Marshall	-7	27-24	OT
-	at Houston	+2	24-27	
-	Memphis	-7	22-24	
-	Tulane	-21	26-7	

2006 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Florida - #7	+20'	7-34	
-	SE Louisiana	NL	45-0	
-	NC State	-3	37-17	
-	at UCF	-6	19-14	
-	at Tulsa	+5	6-20	
-	Houston	-2	31-27	
-	at Virginia Tech	+16'	6-36	
-	East Carolina	-6	17-20	OT
-	at Memphis	-7	42-21	
-	at Tulane	-4'	31-3	
-	UAB	-14'	25-20	
-	Marshall	-6	42-7	
-	at Houston	+5'	20-34	

2007 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	UT-Martin	NL	35-13	
-	at Tennessee - #24	+11	19-39	
-	at East Carolina	-1	28-21	
-	at Boise St	+10'	16-38	
-	Rice	-20'	29-31	
-	SMU	-9	28-7	
-	at Marshall	-4	33-24	
-	UCF	-3	17-34	
-	at UAB	-10'	37-7	
-	Memphis	-17	26-29	
-	at UTEP	-3	56-30	
-	Arkansas St	-14	16-10	

2008 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	Louisiana	-10'	51-21	
-	at Auburn - #9	+18'	13-27	
-	at Arkansas St	+2'	27-24	
-	Marshall	-7'	27-34	
-	UTEP	-7'	37-40	2OT
-	Boise St - #15	+11	7-24	
-	at Rice	+1'	40-45	
-	at Memphis	-4	30-36	
-	UAB	-8	70-14	
-	at UCF	-3	17-6	
-	East Carolina	-3	21-3	
-	at SMU	-14'	28-12	

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - EC has had some fine QB's including David Garrard, Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandell. James Pinkney was a 3 year starter and left after '06 as the #2 career passer. He was injured in the '06 bowl and Rob Kass, who played in 5, hit 10 of 19 for 138. Kass won the starting job in '07 but was susp for the opener and Holtz alternated Brett Clay (PS#159) and PS#88 Patrick Pinkney (no relation to James). Kass ret'd in Wk 2 and started 7 while Pinkney started 5 and Clay (inj) saw little action after the opener. Pinkney led with 1,358 (61%) with an 11-4 ratio and was the #2 rusher (306). Kass threw for 1,164 (55%) with a 9-4 ratio. Pinkney was the clear-cut starter going into '08 but lost 5 fumbles in the first 6 gm. He alternated with Kass vs Mem and UCF but then threw every pass vs Marshall and SM. After 2 int and a fmbl vs UAB, Kass came in and directed the game winning TD drive. Pinkney started 13 and threw for 2,675 (61.4%) with a 13-7 ratio including a season high 296 in the bowl while Kass threw for 321 (46.3%) with a 2-2 ratio. Pinkney was granted a 6th year. Adding depth are Josh Jordan (6'4" 210 rFr, PS#105), Miss St transfer Taylor Mazzone (6'1" 197 Sr) and Joseph Sloan (5'11" 174 Sr).

RUNNING BACKS - Chris Johnson rushed for 1,423 with an outstanding 6.0 ypc and 17 TD's in 2007 and set an NCAA bowl record with 408 all-purp yards. Dominique Lindsay was #3 with 205 (3.1). Johnson was a #1DC (TEN) and had a fine rookie season. The entire Pirate team was hit hard by susp and injuries LY and the RB's started it off. Lindsay was the proj starter but was inj'd (knee) in preseason and RS. Jonathan Williams (PS#117) was leading with 380 (5.1) when he was susp. Former walk-on Brandon Simmons rushed for 474 (3.5) but it was diminutive Norman Whitley (5'9" 187 Jr) who took charge. He had two 100 yard efforts in the final 7 and rushed for 698 (4.9). Holtz wants Whitley to bulk up like Johnson did his senior year to be more durable, but he was susp in the spring and is questionable for fall. JR Rogers (5'11" 197 Sr, PS#222JC) hurt his ankle in Aug and played in 10 (134, 4.1). Not listed in the PSL are Whitley, Rogers, FB Ben Herlocker (6'0" 219 So, PS#328) and Darnell Ballard (5'7" 190 Sr). This year the only losses are Brandon Simmons (9 st) and FB Jason Simmons (2 st). If Lindsay, Williams and Whitley all return, they will be much more experienced than LY.

RECEIVERS - EC had an inexperienced receiving corps in '07. The entire unit suffered from dropped passes and Jamar Bryant (11 rec as true '06) led with 704 (14.7). Phillip Henry, who had 484 (14.2) in '06, had just 279 (10.3) and Steven Rogers, who had 378 (17.2) in '06, had 252 (10.1). Dwayne Harris was #5 with 246 (9.5). Last year they had to replace both Henry and Rogers and this unit was hit hard by susp & injuries. Bryant played in just 5. Harris was the clear feature WR but missed 4 and parts of others and was #2 with 654 (11.3). TE Davon Drew led with 695 (16.2). Alex Taylor (6'4") was #4 with 310 (13.5) and rFr Darryl Freeney added 352 (16.0). TJ Lee was lost after 7 games (4 starts). Lee's claim to fame was blocking a punt for a TD vs VT. This year they must replace TE Drew (14 st, #5DC BAL), Lee (4 st, 9 rec) and TE JR Kraemer (3 st). Not listed in the PSL are Javon Brumsey (6'4" 191 Jr), TJ Terrell (5'10" 173 Jr), Andrew Bodenheimer (6'3" 195 rFr), Justin Ruffin (5'10" 192 Jr) and TE Dedrick Anders (6'4" 220 Jr). With the return of Bryant (still susp in spring) and Harris, this unit should be improved, provided they can stay healthier.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 this unit basically had 2 returning starters but C Fred Hicks was lost after 9. Thanks in part to having RB Chris Johnson, EC actually improved their rushing totals to 183 ypg (4.9) while allowing 26 sacks (6.6%). Last year they had to replace two multi-year starters (2nd Tm & HM CUSA). They did get back Cory Dowless (8 st '06) and Terence Campbell (13 st '06) who both missed '07. The unit was banged up with only one player starting all 14 at the same position in LG Dowless. Despite being very experienced, they dropped to 126 ypg (3.4) with 28 sacks (6.7%) due to the injuries. This year they lose LT Stanley Bryant (6 st, inj) and C Fred Hicks (2 st). Due to injuries the last two years, this unit has 114 career starts returning (3rd most in FBS) and if they can stay healthier, should be one of the most improved OL's in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 EC had 7 DL back with starting experience and allowed 142 rush ypg (3.9). Last year the line appeared to return intact. Then backup DT Brandon Setzer was lost in Aug, NG Khalif Mitchell was lost after 7 games (4 st) and DE Marcus Hands missed the last 8. Three DL started 13+ and DE CJ Wilson was named 1st Tm CUSA (10.5 sk, 70 tkl) and the other 3 starters earned HM CUSA honors. EC improved only slightly to 136 ypg (3.8) with 31 sks. This year they lose DE Zack Slate (13 st, 48 tkl, 5 sk) as well as Mitchell, Setzer and Hands. This is an improved line and should help EC have their best ypc allowed S/'01.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Jeremy Chambliss and Pierre Bell both missed the spring but when they returned in the fall, EC had six players back with starting experience and two others who had a combined 81 tackles. They did lose returning starting OLB Quentin Cotton after 3 starts (15 tkl, 1.5 sk) and the 2nd string was then 3 rFr. Due to the unit being banged up, walk-on Matt Pick (6'0" 215 Jr) started vs Houston but even he missed the last 8 (knee). This year they lose 2nd Tm CUSA Bell (13 st, 100 tkl, 9.5 tfl), Cotton and Dalvon Mack (6 tkl until inj). Provided they stay healthy all year, this should be an improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - EC had 3 starters back in 2006 and moved up to #71 in my pass D rankings. An inexperienced unit dropped to #98 in '07. Last year they only had to replace one starter but returning starting CB Jerek Hewett was lost after six starts and FS JJ Milbrook (ankle) had just 7 starts. EC still moved up to #27. This year they lose FS Leon Best (8 st, 42 tkl), Milbrook (7 st, 47 tkl, 2 int), Hewett (6 st, 13 tkl) and Kurtis von Bargen (4 tkl). Their top DB, 1st Tm CUSA SS Van Eskridge returns (at FS in spg) and four CB's have starting experience (comb 7 int & 16 pbu LY). Not listed in the PSL are Rahkeem Morgan (6'0" 180 rFr, PS#341), Jeremy Bullock (6'0" 195 Sr), Julian Carter (6'2" 191 So), Spencer Hampton (5'10" 202 Jr) and Bill Wallace (5'11" 185 rFr). This is an experienced group capable of matching last year's #27 finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '07 EC had to replace their K and P. App St transfer Matt Dodge avg 41.3 per punt (32.8 net). K Ben Hartman missed 3 FG's vs NC but did also boot the game winner. He hit 13 of 22 (long 52) along with a school record 59 straight xp's. Chris Johnson avg a super 28.0 on KR. Holtz went to a group he called the dirty dozen with 12 non-starters playing all the ST snaps and the coverage units improved. Surprisingly they finished just #106 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace Johnson but climbed to #32. Dodge improved his net punting (37.9). Hartman missed the first 3 games but ret'd to hit 21-31 (long 51). This year everyone returns so they could finish even stronger.

COACHES - Louis "Skip" Holtz had success as a HC at Connecticut ('94-'98) with final Top 25 IAA rankings his last 4 seasons and a 34-23 overall record. He was the OC at S Car from '99-'04 and it was thought that he would take over the HC job there after his father retired. He has done a fine job here at EC taking the Pirates to 3 straight bowls and prior to '08 was given a contract extension through 2013. He has co-OC's in Steve Shankweiler (5th yr) and Todd Fitch (3rd yr). Fitch had been the QB coach at Iowa St ('04-'06) and has worked with Holtz for 12 years (3Y OC at Conn) and took over most of the play calling. Greg Hudson is now in his 5th year as DC after holding the same position at Minnesota from '03-'04.

PHIL'S FORECAST

EC had a string of 4 straight winning seasons snapped in 2002 and surprisingly fired the school's all-time winningest HC, Steve Logan. EC brought in John Thompson and with the team going through the coaching change, they went just 1-11 and 2-9 (-128.9 ypg CUSA worst) the next two seasons. Thompson was let go. Holtz did inherit a veteran squad with 17 starters returning in 2005. He brought discipline into the program and susp numerous players, including two for the season. EC was 4-4 in CUSA (-6.4 ypg) and 5-6 overall. In '06 they had a tough non-conf slate including 3 BCS schools and Navy but Holtz did another fine job getting them to 5-3 in CUSA and their first bowl since '01. They had been picked #6 in CUSA East by the media but finished 2nd (+16.3 ypg, #6). Had Rice not hit a FG with :03 left, they would have been in the CUSA Title game! That squad did have 22 seniors. In '07 Holtz had just 12 ret starters and a brutal opening schedule vs 4 bowl teams including #5 WV and #9 VT on the road. The DL, OL and LB's were banged up. They did get a 34 yd Hail Mary TD pass to force OT and got past UTEP and benefitted from +17 in TO's to finish with a 7-5 record. In the bowl, Boise was without their top RB and WR and EC rolled to a 38-14 lead in a 3 point win. They won 7 of their last 9 and set a single season school record for points (403). While EC was 6-2 in CUSA play, they were -29.3 ypg. Last year they had 16 ret starters and 2 veteran QB's. They were one of the tougher teams for me to get a handle on as the turnovers and -29.3 ypg in league play plus the loss of star RB Johnson pointed towards a weaker record in '08. However, their being a more experienced squad with one of the league's weakest schedules, had me calling for them to win the CUSA East. EC had a remarkable start to the season. They upset #17 VT thanks in part to a blocked punt for a TD late and then dominated #8 WV 24-3. In a letdown spot they got past Tulane getting a TD with 1:41 left. There was plenty of talk about being a BCS buster and how EC would roll through CUSA but the next week, ranked at #15, they were beaten on the road by NCSt. They were then dominated at home by Houston (outgained 621-275). After a bye they took on a 2-3 UVA team but trailed 28-6 at the half and lost by 15. They were fortunate vs Memphis as the Tigers lost their top 2 QB's. Memphis led 10-7 at half but EC controlled the 2H. They trailed UCF 10-0 in the 3Q but rallied to tie with 1:51 left and won it in OT. They got another OT win the next week vs Marshall but attrition was starting to take its toll. They had 20 players off their 2 deep inj'd and they limped into SM. EC missed 3 FG's and allowed SM a 4&2 20 yd and a 97 yd TD pass to lose, 21-3. EC got another comeback win at UAB getting a TD with 2:20 left. That wrapped up the CUSA East and shockingly with the Title Game on deck and being banged up, they had their best game scoring on 9 of their first 10 poss vs UTEP in a 53-21 blowout. They had 24 seniors travel to Tulsa for the CUSA Title game and were outgained 399-278, but thanks to an amazing +6 in TO's, they won 27-24. They did have a 397-310 yd edge vs Kentucky but lost by six in the bowl. Once again I am conflicted on this team. Despite their 6-2 record in the CUSA East, EC was only +2.8 ypg. EC also benefitted from an amazing 4 net close wins and as my system on pg 299 states, they have 90.3% chance of having a weaker record. On the positive side EC is a much more veteran team with 16 ret starters and last year they were #111 in the FBS with 41 starts lost to injury and figure to stay healthier. They do have to play 6 AG's but if they can stay healthier than '08, it looks like their Nov 28th game vs SM will determine the CUSA East Title.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 15 PATRICK PINKNEY SR. 6-0 198 PS#88. 1 gm '04-'06 (inj). 5 st, 1358 (61%) '07. 13 st, 2675 (61%), 13-7 ratio LY. **14** Rob Kass (6'4" 250 Sr) PS#197. 23 gm, 8 st, 1669 (52%), 11-7 ratio 3Y.

RB 7 Brandon Jackson So 5-10 195 PS#110. **KY trans. 24** Dominique Lindsay (5'10" 210 Sr) PS#166. 607 (4.2) 3Y. RS LY inj. **2** Jonathan Williams (6'1" 196 Jr) 1 st. 530 (5.5) 2Y.

WR 10 JAMAR BRYANT SR. 6-2 208 **PS#35.** 13 st, 812 (13.8) 2Y. 5 st, 216 (11.4) LY. **80 Alex Taylor** (6'4" 210 Sr) 17 gm 2Y. **10 st**, 310 (13.5) LY. **88** Jacobi Jenkins (6'0" 175 rFr).

WR 81 Darryl Freeney SO. 5-11 196 PS#278. 1 st, 352 (16.0) rFr. **82** Joe Womack (6'1" 195) PS#107QB. L/5 st, 9 gm, 230 (13.5) true. **12** DJ McFadden (6'2" 217 So) PS#81QB.

WR 17 DWAYNE HARRIS JR. 6-0 198 PS#60. 246 (9.5) rFr. 5 st, 10 gm, 654 (11.3), inj LY. **22** Michael Bowman (5'9" 165 So) PS#107. 2 rec rFr. Reyn Willis (6'3" 215 Sr) PS#307. **Bama trans.**

TE NA KOREY REYNOLDS JR. 6-3 240 PS#349JC. Orig Hawaii. Justin Jones is **PS#34. Kevin Gidrey** (6'2" 260 Jr) **8 st FB LY.** Moved in spg. Michael Byrd (6'4" 245 So) PS#121. 6 gm rFr.

C 54 SEAN ALLEN SR. 6-3 307 PS#200. 2 st, 17 gm 2Y. 14 st, 40 kd, **2nd Tm CUSA** LY. **72** Stephen Heis (6'5" 285 Sr) 8 st 3Y. Hugh Parker (6'3" 290 So). **LS** William Smith (5'11" 240 So).

RG 70 DOUG PALMER SR. 6-3 300 13 st, HM CUSA '07. 12 st, 790 plays LY. Susp spg? Doug Polochak (6'4" 284 Jr) 1 gm. **76** Dalton Faulds (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#319. Josh Clark (6'4" 265 rFr).

LG 75 CORY DOWLESS JR. 6-5 287 PS#259. 8 st, 24 kd true. RS '07. 14 st, 43 kd LY. TJ Harper (6'2" 317 Sr) PS#138JC. 14 gm LY. CJ Brown PS#308. GS LY. Kemory Mann (6'0" 285 rFr).

RT 66 DJ SCOTT JR. 6-6 320 PS#462. 8 st, 13 gm, 22 kd rFr. 10 st, 712 pl, 34 kd LY. **69** Willie Smith (6'6" 280 Jr) PS#422. 7 tkl DE rFr. 14 gm ST LY. Grant Harner PS#481. GS LY.

LT 74 TERENCE CAMPBELL SR. 6-5 320 13 st rFr. DNP '07. 10 st, 53 kd, 763 pl LY. Steven Baker (6'8" 315 So). **64** Travis Melvin (6'6" 291 Jr) 4 gm rFr. 2 st, 7 gm LY. Will Towery (6'5" 282 So).

K 30 BEN HARTMAN SR. 5-11 210 16-27 FG, L/52 2Y. 21-31 FG, L/51 LY. 24-26 xp. **14** Ben Ryan (6'2" 200 So) PS#75. 1-3 FG, L/42 LY. **42** Matt Dodge (6'2" 220 Sr) 71 KO, 4 TB LY.

DE 53 Scotty Robinson Sr. 6-4 250 6 st, 23 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 16 tkl, 3.5 tfl '07. 1 st, 10 gm (inj). 17 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **96** Allen Crowder (6'2" 260 rFr) PS#202. Robert Jones (6'3" 260 So) PS#325. 4 tkl, 2 tfl true.

DT 97 LINVAL JOSEPH JR. 6-6 300 PS#136. 4 st, 13 gm, 40 tkl, 8.5 tfl true. 9 st, 14 gm, 43 tkl, 8 tfl LY. HM CUSA. **99** Antonio Allison (6'4" 297 So) PS#398. 2 tkl LY. Kwaku Danso (6'6" 325 Sr).

DT 90 JAY ROSS SR. 6-3 306 2 st, 7 tkl true. 12 st, 38 tkl '07. HM CUSA. 14 st, 48 tkl, 9.5 tfl LY. **91** Josh Smith (6'1" 240 Jr) PS#386. 18 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **60** Andrew Farr (6'4" 285 Jr) PS#214.

DE 95 CJ WILSON SR. 6-4 271 16 st, 65 tkl, 16.5 tfl 2Y. 14 st. 70 tkl, 10.5 sk, 8 tfl, **1st Tm CUSA** LY. **94** Maurice Mercer (6'5" 259 So) PS#365. 2 tkl. **46** AJ Johnson (6'2" 256 Jr).

WLB 49 JEREMY CHAMBLISS SR. 6-0 235 PS#476. 4 tkl rFr. 4 st, 38 tkl, 3 tfl '07. 9 st, 60 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **28** Matt Thompson (6'2" 210 So) PS#283. 5 tkl rFr. Dustin Lineback (5'11" 229 Jr) 2 st, 18 tkl LY.

MLB 44 NICK JOHNSON SR. 6-1 215 PS#453. 55 tkl 2Y. 10 st, 102 tkl, 10 tfl, 5 pd, 3rd Tm CUSA LY. **9** Melvin Patterson (6'3" 219 Jr) PS#87. 25 tkl 2Y. **51** Steve Spence (6'2" 215 So) 4 tkl rFr.

SLB 19 Chris Mattocks Sr. 6-0 210 70 tkl 3Y. Cliff Perryman (6'1" 225 So) PS#404. 4 st, 16 tkl rFr. Lorenzo Osborne (6'3" 202 Jr) PS#372. 23 tkl 2Y. RS LY. Austin Haynes (6'2" 215 So) 3 tkl.

CB 23 DEKOTA MARSHALL JR. 6-1 195 PS#163. 15 tkl rFr. 12 st, 41 tkl, 7 pd LY. **38** Emanuel Davis (5'11" 190 So) PS#199. 5 st, 45 tkl, 12 pd, 1 IR TD LY. **25** Leonard Paulk (5'11" 180 rFr).

CB 13 Travis Simmons Jr. 5-10 179 PS#391. 4 st, 27 tkl, 3 pd true. 14 gm. 4 st, 30 tkl, 4 pd LY. **11** Darryl Reynolds (6'1" 189 Jr) 19 gm, 2 st, 30 tkl, 4 pd 2Y. **8** DeAndre Jones (6'1" 180 So).

SS 26 Derek Blacknall So. 5-11 190 PS#197. 8 tkl LY. Levin Neal (5'11" 192 Sr) PS#112. **NCSt trans. 32** Justin Venable (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#216. **4.38 spd.** Jack Schultz (5'11" 185 rFr).

FS 4 VAN ESKRIDGE SR. 6-0 200 PS#173. 6 st @ OLB, 60 tkl, 7.5 tfl rFr. 12 st, 104 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 4 pd '07. 13 st, 97 tkl, 7 pd, **1st Tm CUSA** LY. Devon Wallace (6'2" 198 So) 7 tkl, 8 gm rFr.

P 42 MATT DODGE SR. 6-2 220 App St trans. 80 punts here (41.3), 32.8 tm net '07. 73 punts (43.9) 37.9 net, 25 of 50+ yds, 3rd Tm CUSA LY. **5** Nathan Przestrzelski (6'5" 195 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	DaMonte Terry 6-1 203 PS#88
TE	Justin Jones 6-8 252 PS#34
OL	Will Simmons 6-5 280 PS#127
RB	Giavanni Ruffin 6-1 215 PS#163JC
RB	Michael Dobson 6-0 185 PS#141
DL	Matt Milner 6-4 235 PS#185
WR	Torrance Hunt 5-8 160 PS#162
QB	Rio Johnson 6-2 185 PS#113
LB	Kyle Tudor 6-3 195 PS#195
WR	Reese Wiggins 5-11 181 PS#192
TE	Korey Reynolds 6-2 240 PS#349JC
LB	Lamar McLendon 6-0 200 PS#207
DL	Michael Brooks 6-3 280 PS#347
TE	Zico Pasut 6-3 245 PS#98
LB	Ty Holmes 6-1 213 PS#318
WR	Mike Price 6-1 165 PS#325
K	Matt Millisor 6-0 185 PS#52
DL	Jimmy Booth 6-2 288 PS#423
OL	Jordan Davis 6-3 290 PS#759
LB	Marke Powell 6-3 198 PS#947

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#64

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score EC	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Appalachian St	G					
Sep. 12	at West Virginia	A					
Sep. 19	at North Carolina	G					
Sep. 26	UCF	G					
Oct. 3	at Marshall	A					
Oct. 10	at SMU	A					
Oct. 17	Rice (HC)	G					
Oct. 27	at Memphis (Tues)	A					
Oct. 31							
Nov. 5	Virginia Tech (Thur)	G					
Nov. 15	at Tulsa (Sun)	A					
Nov. 21	UAB	G					
Nov. 28	Southern Miss	G					
Dec. 5							

First meeting S/'79 for former Southern Conf rivals (FCS). EC is 30-2 vs FCS schools since moving to FBS in '78. ASU went 11-3 LY, including a loss at LSU, after winning 3 straight FCS titles.

The Pirates are 0-12 in Morgantown & had lost 7 straight in the series prior to LY's 24-3 win over then #8 Mountaineers. WVU QB White was held to a ssn low 169 total yds.

EC is 2-8-1 vs the Tar Heels, but won the last meeting 34-31 in '07. The Pirates went 1-2 vs the ACC last year & are 1-4 visiting ACC schools & 6-10 vs BCS schools under Holtz.

The Pirates have won last 3 & are 7-1 all-time vs the Knights. Last year EC RB Whitley rushed for a career-high 135 yds & EC scored with 1:51 left to force OT.

The home tm has won 7 of 8 in the reg season. LY EC outgained MU 387-292, but blew a 10 pt 2H lead & needed K Hartman's career-best 4th FG to get the OT win.

EC leads this series 2-0, including a 24-17 win in their last visit to Dallas in 2005. Entering 2009, the Pirates are 6-1 against the CUSA West the last 2 years.

Series tied at 1-1, with the home team winning both meetings. The Pirates won 41-28 in the Owls' only other trip to Greenville in '05. EC is 44-10 on Homecoming.

The Pirates have won last 3 by avg margin of 17 ppg. LY EC held the Tigers to a season low 184 yds (UM was down to #3 QB) & outscored the Tigers 23-0 in the 2H.

LY EC upset then #17 Hokies 27-22 after they returned a blocked punt 27 yds for the game-winning score with 1:52 left. The Pirates outgained Virginia Tech 369-243.

LY EC won 27-24 at Tulsa to claim their 1st CUSA Title. The Pirates held TU to a ssn-low 399 yds & forced 7 TO's. Prior to LY, EC was 0-2 vs the Hurricane in CUSA play.

LY the Pirates held UAB QB Webb to a season-low 116 pass yds, but needed a late TD run (2:20 left) to get the win, which clinched the CUSA East Title. The HT is 6-2 in the series.

EC is 2-11 vs the Eagles since '96. In LY's 21-3 loss, the Pirates were held to a season low 255 yds & their 3 pts were the fewest scored under Holtz & fewest since '97.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Garrard 9,029 '98-'01
2. James Pinkney 8,173 '03-'06
3. Marcus Crandell 7,198 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Junior Smith 3,745 '91-'94
2. Leonard Henry 3,089 '98-'01
3. Chris Johnson 2,982 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Smith 1,982 '95-'98
2. Mitchell Galloway 1,754 '93-'96
3. Aundrae Allison 1,732 '05-'06

SKIP HOLTZ (Career 29-22) (FCS 34-23)

5th Year at East Carolina — Holtz's Bowl Record: 1-2

Holtz's records AT EAST CAROLINA

29-22	Straight Up	1-3	Vs Top 10
15-7	Home	2-3	Vs Top 25
12-13	Away	6-10	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	4-5	Off A Bye
22-11	Vs Conference	12-8	Off A Loss

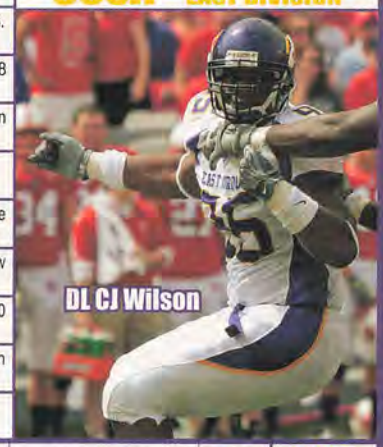
2008 RECORD: (9–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (23,25,3)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,016 (#56)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000) (#74)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	6-6	4-8	1-11	2-9	5-6	7-6	8-5	9-5	50-60
Home	4-2	2-3	3-2	0-6	2-3	3-2	4-2	4-2	4-1	26-23
Away	3-2	4-2	1-6	1-5	0-5	2-4	3-3	3-3	4-3	21-33
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-4
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	4-4	1-7	2-6	4-4	5-3	6-2	7-2	39-32
vs Non-Conf	3-2	1-4	0-4	0-4	0-3	1-2	2-3	2-3	2-3	11-28
ATS	6-6	5-6	3-8-1	5-7	5-6	8-3	10-3	8-5	5-9	55-53-1
Home Fav (Steve Logan 1992)	2-3	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-0	2-2	2-2	13-13
Home Dog (Jim Thompson)	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-5	4-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	11-10
Away Favorite (Skip Holtz)	1-2	3-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-5	7-12
Away Dog	2-0	1-1	1-3-1	3-2	1-4	5-1	4-0	3-1	1-1	21-13-1
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-4
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	5-3	6-2	6-2	3-6	37-34
vs Non-Conf	3-2	1-3	0-3-1	2-2	1-2	3-0	4-1	2-3	2-3	18-19-1
Off SU Win	3-4	2-3	0-4	0-1	1-1	4-0	4-3	4-3	3-6	21-25
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-2	3-3-1	5-5	4-4	3-3	5-0	3-2	1-3	29-24-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Norman Whitley	142	722	24	698	4	4.9
Brandon Simmons	134	484	10	474	7	3.5
Jonathan Williams	75	409	29	380	5	5.1
JR Rogers	33	150	16	134	0	4.1
Dwayne Harris	19	82	6	76	0	4.0
Patrick Pinkney	90	222	172	50	1	0.6
Rob Kass	9	36	38	-2	0	-0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Patrick Pinkney	363	223	61.4	2675	13	7
Rob Kass	54	25	46.3	321	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Davon Drew	43	695	16.2	3	42
Dwayne Harris	58	654	11.3	1	52
Darryl Freeney	22	352	16.0	2	80
Alex Taylor	23	310	13.5	1	47
Joe Womack	17	230	13.5	0	41
Jamar Bryant	19	216	11.4	3	35
Brandon Simmons	27	172	6.4	3	42
TJ Lee	9	136	15.1	0	41
Norman Whitley	7	83	11.9	1	51
Reyn Willis	3	44	14.7	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Dodge	73	3207	43.9	8	37.9	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Hartman	24-26	8-8	8-11	4-10	1-2	21-31	51

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Johnson	102	1	9	3	2
Pierre Bell	100	1	8.5	5	2
Van Eskridge	97	0	1	3	4
CJ Wilson	70	10.5	8	1	0
Jeremy Chambliss	60	1	5	2	0
Jay Ross	48	5	4.5	0	0
Zack Slate	48	5	4	1	0
JJ Milbrook	47	0	2	7	2
Emanuel Davis	45	0	2.5	8	4
Linval Joseph	43	2.5	5.5	1	0
Leon Best	42	0	0	1	1
Dekota Marshall	41	0	1.5	6	1
Travis Simmons	30	0	0	2	2
Chris Mattocks	29	0	0.5	1	0
Josh Smith	18	1	1	0	0
Dustin Lineback	18	0	0	0	0
Scotty Robinson	17	1	0.5	1	0
Khalif Mitchell	16	1	2	0	0
Cliff Perryman	16	0	1.5	0	0
Quentin Cotton	15	1.5	0	3	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Travis Simmons	13	147	11.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dwayne Harris	19	446	23.5	0
Michael Bowman	10	235	23.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27
01	GMAC	-2	Marshall (2OT)	61-64
06	Papajohns.com	+5	USF	7-24
07	Hawaii	+10'	Boise St - #24	41-38
08	Liberty	-3	Kentucky	19-25

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	23.4	340	126	3.4	214	59.3	14.5	28	+5	2008	9	21.1	333	136	3.8	197	59.9	15.8	31
4	31.0	386	183	4.9	203	56.7	12.4	26	+17	2007	8	30.4	431	142	3.9	289	64.2	14.2	27
7*	21.5	349	116	3.3	233	57.7	16.2	27	+4	2006	6	20.8	329	145	4.0	184	59.0	15.9	18
9*	24.3	393	137	3.8	256	60.5	16.2	21	0	2005	8	28.8	403	218	4.8	185	59.2	14.0	20
4*	21.0	309	93	2.8	216	54.2	14.7	35	-4	2004	6	39.9	457	233	4.9	224	60.1	11.4	15
7*	18.1	311	138	3.3	173	58.6	17.2	32	-12	2003	4	35.7	410	210	4.8	200	58.1	11.5	12
6	27.9	339	124	3.4	215	48.8	12.1	26	-10	2002	6	33.2	446	207	4.6	239	53.8	13.4	22

2008 STATS BY GAME

EC 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
72,169	† Virginia Tech	19	41-158	3.9	19-25	211	0	12	35-104	3.0	14-23	139	2	0
43,610	West Virginia	20	42-143	3.4	23-29	243	1	12	36-179	5.0	11-18	72	4	+2
27,189	at Tulane	20	30-56	1.9	22-32	260	5	16	37-76	2.1	21-37	236	2	-2
57,583	at NC State	18	30-173	5.8	19-32	210	1	19	34-127	3.7	24-39	257	1	0
43,641	Houston	13	36-126	3.5	15-28	149	2	25	39-220	5.6	37-45	401	3	+1
52,398	at Virginia	14	41-89	2.2	12-28	196	6	21	33-202	6.1	26-34	228	1	0
41,216	Memphis	18	37-180	4.9	12-24	201	1	10	34-102	3.0	14-23	82	2	-1
40,202	at UCF	17	44-134	3.0	13-34	149	6	12	37-82	2.2	9-21	142	4	+1
43,515	Marshall	20	38-100	2.6	26-37	287	1	16	36-155	4.3	13-30	137	2	+1
30,658	at Southern Miss	10	21-66	3.1	20-34	189	0	16	40-145	3.6	18-30	239	2	-1
11,453	at UAB	15	39-56	1.4	20-27	239	2	13	35-142	4.1	11-25	116	0	-4
38,098	UTEP	26	53-231	4.4	19-28	244	0	16	15-57	3.8	23-41	313	4	+2
22,740	at Tulsa	14	35-156	4.5	10-24	122	0	28	55-204	3.7	23-42	195	3	+6
58,125	† Kentucky	17	31-101	3.3	18-36	296	3	16	37-106	2.9	19-31	204	1	0
TOTALS		241	518-1769	3.4	248-418	2996	28	232	503-1901	3.8	263-439	2761	31	+5
AVERAGES		17.2	37-126	3.4	18-30	214	6.7%	16.6	36-136	3.8	19-31	197	7.1%	0.4

2004 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	at W Virginia - #10	+28'	23-56	
–	Wake Forest	+14'	17-31	
–	Cincinnati	+11'	19-24	
–	at Louisville - #22	+30	7-59	
–	Tulane	-3'	27-25	
–	at Southern Miss	+19'	10-51	
–	Army	+3	38-28	
–	at Houston	+16'	24-34	
–	at USF	+13	17-41	
–	Memphis	+16'	35-38	
–	† NC State	+21	14-52	

2005 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	Duke	+3	24-21	
–	at Wake Forest	+13	34-44	
–	at West Virginia	+22'	15-20	
–	Southern Miss	+7'	7-33	
–	Rice	-4	41-28	
–	at SMU	+2	24-17	
–	at Memphis	+7'	24-27	
–	UCF	-1'	20-30	
–	at Tulsa	+9	13-45	
–	at Marshall	+5'	34-29	
–	UAB	+5'	31-23	

2006 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	at Navy	+12'	23-28	
–	at UAB	+7	12-17	
	Memphis	-3	35-20	
	West Virginia - #4	+21	10-27	
	Virginia	-6'	31-21	
	Tulsa	+2'	10-31	
	SMU	-5	38-21	
–	at Southern Miss	+6	20-17 OT	
–	at UCF	-5'	23-10	
	Marshall	-7'	33-20	
–	at Rice	-2'	17-18	
–	at NC State	+3	21-16	

2007 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	at Virginia Tech - #9	+28	7-17	
–	North Carolina	-5'	34-31	
–	Southern Miss	+1	21-28	
–	at West Virginia - #5	+24	7-48	
–	at Houston	+13'	37-35	
–	UCF	+3'	52-38	
–	at UTEP	+3	45-42 OT	
–	NC State	-6	20-34	
–	UAB	-14'	41-6	
–	at Memphis	-5'	56-40	
–	at Marshall	-7	7-26	
–	Tulane	-12	35-12	

2008 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Game
–	† Virginia Tech - #17	+9'	27-22	
–	West Virginia - #8	+7'	24-3	
#14	at Tulane	-12'	28-24	
#15	at NC State	-7	24-30 OT	
#23	Houston	-10'	24-41	
–	at Virginia	-6'	20-35	
–	Memphis	-8	30-10	
–	at UCF	-5'	13-10 OT	
–	Marshall	-8	19-16 OT	
–	at Southern Miss	+3	3-21	
–	at UAB	-6'	17-13	
–	UTEP	-6'	53-21	
–	at Tulsa	+11'	27-24	

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Thundering Herd has had a pair of #1 NFL DC's in Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich. Since Leftwich departed in '03 they have struggled. Bernard Morris had a good year in '07 throwing for 3,149 (63.6%) with a 17-10 ratio while becoming Marshall's only QB to top 1,000 career yards rushing. Four QB's battled for the job last year in Brian Anderson (struggled in his only start in '07), Wesley Beardain who hit 1 of 2 in '07, rFr Mark Cann (PS#85) and GT transfer Jonathan Garner (PS#20). Cann clearly won the job. Prior to the season, Snyder said "The QB's may not be as big a liability as we thought." Cann, however, had some rough outings. Cincy was down to their 4th string QB making his 1st start for their Fri night matchup but he outplayed Cann, who hit just 17 of 36 with 3 int. Cann had 2 int in his first 4 pass att vs EC hitting 2 of 7 in the 1H and vs UCF hit 4 of 17 before being benched mid-4Q. Anderson replaced him a couple of times but with little success (3 of 12 vs UCF). Cann threw for just 83 vs Rice as MU failed to top 100 yds for 2 straight games. Cann was bothered by injuries to both shoulders. Anderson started vs Tulsa and finished that game with a better QB rating than TU's David Johnson (14-19, 177, 3-0 ratio). This year they add Florida's Mr. Football, AJ Graham (PS#100), who threw for 3,870 yards and 38 TD's (rush 564, 4.65 speed) as a HS Sr. Snyder declared the job wide open this year and also added JUCO's Press Taylor (6'2" 205 Jr, PS#189), who led his JC team to B2B National Titles, and Jake Laudenslayer (PS#111). They were both in for the spring. This group is vastly more experienced and whoever wins the job should have much improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Marshall has had only three 1,000 yard rushers since Doug Chapman in 1998 and Ahmad Bradshaw (PS#34) was arguably the top RB the Herd has ever had. The Virginia transfer rushed for 1,523 (6.1) as a junior in '06 but opted to leave early for the NFL and helped lead the Giants to their Super Bowl win. Chubb Small (PS#101) has blazing speed and had 390 rushing with 961 return yards in his first two years. He was the frontrunner for the starting job in '07 but true frosh Darius Marshall (PS#51) led with 631 (5.1) while Small had 424 (6.1). Last year both returned and Marshall rushed for 115 vs Ill St which was the first 100 yard game for a MU RB since Nov 2006. He finished with 1,095 (4.9) and was the leading KR (26.3) finishing 2nd in the CUSA in all-purp yards. Small had 430 (4.5) and rFr Terrell Edwards (PS#142) added 154 (5.5). This year they lose Small and FB Cody Tominack (1 gm) but added to the mix are Jordan Taylor (6'1" 205 rFr, PS#316) and Tyler Shick (5'8" 178 Jr).

RECEIVERS - Marshall has had great receivers including their most famous alumnus, Randy Moss. Darius Watts became the MAC's all-time career leader in rec's and yards in '03. Josh Davis topped those totals finishing as the #2 IA leader in car rec. In 2006 TE Cody Slate led with 684 (15.9) while Emmanuel Spann added 383 (10.1). In '07 they added Darius Passmore (4.3 spd). Passmore played with a torn meniscus and was far from 100%. He finished #2 with 660 (14.7) while TE Slate led with 818 (12.4) and Spann had 442 (17.7). EJ Wynn was #4 with 309 (10.0). Last year a healthy Passmore was #1 with 945 (16.9). Slate missed 2 (knee inj) and was not 100% in others and finished with 510 (12.8). With the less experienced QB, Bryant Milligan was #3 with 144 (8.5) while Spann had 129 (9.2). This year they lose Passmore (12 st), Spann (7 st), TE Matt Parkhurst (1 st), Wynn (3 rec) and TE Antawn Booker (0 rec). Slate will be one of the top TE's in the country now that he is healthy. Not listed in the PSL are Julian Poindexter (5'11" 185 So, PS#350), David Alexander (6'2" 175 So), Lyndl Jones (5'9" 180 Sr) and TE Robert Henry (5'11" 226 Jr). They add 3 JUCO's, and a HT true frosh and even with the loss of their game breaker, may not drop as much as you would think.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Marshall had 2 returning starters but did get back an '05 starter and opened holes for 142 ypg rush (4.2) but despite having a mobile QB, allowed 38 sacks (8.8%). Last yr they had to replace a 1st Tm CUSA C and one other starter. One of the three ret starters, RT Daniel Baldridge played in just 4 (0 st). Another returnee, LG Josh Evans had just 6 starts. The Herd still managed to improve to 157 ypg (4.5) while trimming the sack total to 13 (3.7%) despite immobile QB's (-27 yd rush). This yr they lose 2nd Tm CUSA C Brian Leggett (12 st, 3Y st'r) and RG Matt Altobello (12 st). The 2 starting OT's Wood and Tillman were both named to the CUSA Frosh Team. Despite losing their top 2 OL for a 2nd straight yr, they could improve upon last yr's solid numbers.

DE Albert McClellan

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '06 Marshall had an inexperienced front but thanks to the emergence of Albert McClellan, who was named CUSA Def POY (11.5 sk, 77 tkl), they trimmed the ypg rush allowed to 139 (4.1). In '07 they had to replace 2 starters then McClellan suffered a torn ACL and JUCO Montel Glasco was also lost after 3 starts (ACL). As you would expect, they allowed 191 ypg rush and their 4.8 ypc allowed was the most S/'01 (13 sks by D). Last yr they had to replace 2 starters but McClellan ret'd. Although he became the first MU player to be named 1st Tm CUSA twice, he was not 100% as he only had 2.5 sacks. MU still made strides allowing 164 ypg (4.0). This yr McClellan is another year removed from his inj and Glasco returns after missing 2Y with inj so they return 7 with starting exp with the only losses being DE Ian Hoskins (7 st, 20 tkl) and Joe Bragg (2 tkl). Adding depth are DeMetrius Thompson (6'2" 221 Jr) and Joshua Wallace (6'2" 275 Jr). Snyder said "We're as deep and talented as some of the schools I've been at (Ohio St)."

LINEBACKERS - Last year The Herd returned their #2 and #7 tacklers (2 st ret). Brandon Burns (PS#169JC) was a converted S and was called the biggest surprise of fall camp as he earned a starting spot. Snyder felt that both Maurice Kitchens and Mario Harvey were Big Ten-type (big) LB's and Harvey's nickname is "Thumper." This yr they lose 2nd Tm CUSA Kitchens (12 st, 97 tkl, 7 tfl) and Phillip Gamble (26 tkl, 3 tfl). Not listed below are Daniel Drake (6'1" 235 So) and Charles Gilkerson (6'0" 210 So). They return their #1, #5 and #11 tacklers and figure to improve again.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '07 MU had to replace a 1st Tm CUSA SS but had 5 DB's back with starting experience. Surprisingly the unit was shuffled with 9 different players starting and the DB's finished with 1 combined int (team had 4, DE #1 w/2)! Marshall finished #112. Last yr it appeared 7 of the top 8 were back but they lost ret starters CB Zearrick Matthews (inj) and CB JJ Johnson (10 st '07, dismissed). RFr DeQuan Bembry (PS#90) made the CUSA Frosh Tm (7.5 tfl). With 2 starters back, Marshall managed to improve to #61. This yr they lose 2nd Tm CUSA FS CJ Spillman (11 st, 71 tkl, 4 pbu) and SS Aaron Johnson (10 st, 67 tkl, 3 pbu). Not listed below are Kevin Perry (5'10" 175 Jr, 13 tkl 2Y), Chris Maxwell (6'1" 185 So), Tyler Torlone (6'0" 205 Jr), Tyrone Carper (5'9" 180 Jr) and SS Pete Culicerto (6'1" 189 Jr). With Matthews back, they have 3 CB's who have been full-time starters and should continue to improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Snyder does place an emphasis on ST. In fact he holds a scrimmage in which they draft players for the ST's unit in August. Marshall had blocked 7 punts in Snyder's first 3 yrs (none last year). He inherited a group that was #54 in '04 and in his first 3 yrs finished #62, #72 and #80. Last yr they had to replace their K/P. True frosh P Kase Whitehead was a real weapon and although he avg just 38.7, the tm's net was 36.5 as he had 24 inside the 20 (27 FC's!). K Craig Ratanamorn has a strong leg and hit 7 of 11 (long 50) and also had 5 TB on 37 KO. He was inj for 2 and true frosh Tyler Warner hit 3 of 5 (long 37). Darius Marshall was #2 KR in '07 (29.3) and #1 LY (26.3) while PR Emmanuel Spann had just a 6.5 avg. This yr the only loss is Spann and Marshall should improve upon their #74 finish.

COACHES - In '05 Mark Snyder stepped into a tough situation, having to replace MU's revered HC Bob Pruett. Snyder was not even hired until after spg practice. He was a standout DB here and had a school record 10 int's in '87. He was Youngstown St's DC in '96, Minny's DE coach from '97-'00, Ohio St's LB coach from '01-'03 and their DC in '04. Snyder brought in a new OC LY in John Shannon. Shannon spent 5 yrs at Toledo (last 3 as the OC) and was also the OC at Troy from '01-'02. Snyder made an excellent hire bringing in Rick Minter as DC LY. Minter has been the DC at Notre Dame and S Car and was the HC at Cincy from '94-'03.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Marshall stepped right in from IAA and dominated the MAC winning the conf in 5 of the first 6 years. In '04 Marshall appeared to have the MAC wrapped up but suffered some close losses. They stunningly fell to 6-6 after their bowl loss. In '05 Snyder stepped into the HC role for the first time in his career and inherited a team that had just 5 ret starters. He did not take over until after spring practice and it was the team's first year in CUSA. Marshall also removed their AstroTurf and reduced the huge crown (elevation at midfield) from 20 to 6 inches which had been a big part of their home edge. I didn't make a lot of fans in Huntington happy when I called for MU to finish LAST in CUSA East, even below UCF which was 0-11 the previous year! They had a record of 102-7 at home in the history of Joan C. Edwards Stadium, but were just 3-3 in '05 with 6 senior starters (5th lowest in IA). The Herd trailed in all 11 including vs IAA W&M. They had three very fortunate wins and managed a 4-7 record. In '06 they had 13 ret starters but also had a tough non-conf rd schedule (WV, Kan St, Tenn). They were 5-6 and needed a win at S Miss to become bowl eligible but were thumped 42-7. The Herd finished 3rd in CUSA East (4-4) despite -9 in TO's. In '07, Marshall had 13 ret starters but suffered a huge loss when '06 CUSA Def POY Albert McClellan tore his ACL. MU stumbled to an 0-7 start. The Herd won 3 of the last 5 with the losses coming to powerhouses UCF and UH. MU was -10 in TO's and had 2 net close losses. Twenty-eight scholarship players left the program in Snyder's first 3 years. Last year The Herd had just 15 lettermen lost with 15 starters ret and also got back DE McClellan. Sports Illustrated pegged them as the #115 team in FBS and projected a 1-11 record. It was the first year since Snyder had been coach that they had 85 full scholarships. They actually controlled the first 1.5Q's vs #11 Wisc leading 14-0 but were pummeled 51-14. After beating Memphis at home, they snapped a 9 game road losing streak beating SM at The Rock. After an expected loss to rival WV, they played UC at home on a Thurs night but Snyder dropped to 0-9 on ESPN. The next week in a key game they were stunned at UAB, 23-21. They then upset Houston 37-23 (led 37-9 4Q). Marshall took EC to OT but lost by 3. It was 42˚ at home vs UCF but the P dropped a snap and a fumbled PR both set up UCF TD's and they lost by 16. They held Rice QB Clement to 84 yds passing in the 1H and the game was tied at 7 but they lost 35-10 clinching a losing season. In their season finale, they took on another CUSA power playing Tulsa even up but lost by 3. Marshall only improved their record to 4-8 and was -64.7 ypg (5th worst CUSA). They had just 9 starts lost to inj (15th fewest FBS). They have 16 ret starters this yr and have an outstanding def front 7. A solid supporting cast should help whichever QB (4 in mix) wins the job to have a much better season than last year. Snyder is one of my Coaches on the Hotseat and he needs to achieve bowl eligibility to stay and I feel he's got a good shot at earning it.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 12 BRIAN ANDERSON JR. 6-3 217 PS#105. 2 st, 399 (51%), 3-4 ratio 2Y. **10 Mark Cann** (6'4" 238 So) PS#85. **11 st**, 1767 (50%), 14-13 ratio rFr. Jake Laudenslayer PS#111JC. IFS. 5/2 ?. **29** Martin Ward (5'9" 188 rFr) PS#57. Terrell Edwards (6'2" 208 So) PS#142. 154 (5.5) true.

TE 16 LEE SMITH JR. 6-6 258 **PS#9. Tenn trans.** 9 st, 98 (7.0) 2Y. **WR 11** Wayne Bonner PS#299JC. In spg. CJ Crawford PS#56. Tavaris Thompson (6'2" 198 Sr) PS#373. 1 rec 2Y.

WR 23 BRYANT MILLIGAN JR. 6-1 197 PS#235. 29 (5.8) rFr. 12 st, 144 (8.5) LY. Troy Evans PS#202JC. **26** Jamal Wilson PS#163. GS LY. **82** Antavious Wilson (6'0" 180 rFr) PS#316.

WR 84 Charles Walker Jr. 5-10 177 PS#150JC. RS here LY. **80** Courtney Edmonson (6'0" 187 Sr). 4 st, 435 (13.6) 3Y. **32** Demetrius Thomas (6'1" 171 So) PS#196. No gm action LY.

TE 85 CODY SLATE SR. 6-4 220 PS#147. 8 st, 150 3 (13.8) 2Y. 8 st (inj), 510 (12.8), HM CUSA LY. **86** Jamie Hatten (6'5" 205 rFr) PS#89. Zack Tenuta (6'3" 230 Fr) PS#154. GS LY.

C 71 Chad Schofield Jr. 6-4 316 PS#127. DNP rFr. 6 st @LG, 9 gm LY. **64** John Bruhin (6'5" 303 So). 2 gm rFr. **LS 39** Sean McClellan (5'11" 233 Sr). 23 gm, starting LS L2Y.

RG 76 Jimmy Rogers Sr. 6-4 302 **PS#15JC.** Orig signed here in '06. No gm action here LY. **63** Chris Bowers (6'2" 280 rFr) PS#490. **55** Drake Kowcheck (6'0" 285 So) PS#511.

LG 61 JOSH EVANS JR. 6-4 305 PS#148. 12 st, **CUSA Frosh Tm** rFr. 6 st, 7 gm LY. **68** Landis Provancha (6'5" 305 Sr). Walked on at Oreg '06. Went to JUCO. No gm action here LY.

RT 75 CJ WOOD SO. 6-5 288 PS#114. 12 st, **CUSA Frosh Tm** rFr. **79** Daniel Baldridge (6'9" 310 Sr). 6 gm rFr. 11 st '07. 4 gm, TE in short yardage situations LY. +40 lbs S/enroll.

LT 73 RYAN TILLMAN SO. 6-5 282 PS#520. 11 st, **CUSA Frosh Tm** rFr. **78** Brandon Campbell (6'5" 310 Jr) PS#429. 2 st, 10 gm rFr. 1 st, 9 gm LY. Erik Vint (6'4" 293 Jr). From DL.

K 92 CRAIG RATANAMORN SR. 6-3 187 7-11 FG, L/50, 37 KO, 5 TB, missed 2 (hip) LY. **37** Tyler Warner (6'4" 230 So) PS#51. 3-5 FG, L/37, **CUSA Frosh Tm** true. Cody Ochoa (6'1" 181 Jr).

DE 90 MICHAEL JANAC JR. 6-4 278 3 st, 12 gm, 37 tkl rFr. 12 gm, 5 st, 46 tkl, 6 tfl. HM CUSA LY. **94** John Youboty (6'4" 237 So) PS#182. **99** Vinny Curry (6'5" 249 Jr). 9 tkl, 7 gm LY.

DT 91 JOHNNY JONES JR. 6-5 288 PS#373. 12 st, 25 tkl 2Y. **95** Montel Glasco (6'3" 295 Sr) PS#315JC. 3 st (ACL), 13 tkl '07. RS (inj) LY. **93** Brandon Bullock (6'3" 355 Jr) PS#219. 5 tkl LY.

DT 98 DELVIN JOHNSON JR. 6-3 296 PS#202. 5 st, 27 tkl LY. **58** James Burkes (6'1" 303 Sr) PS#422. 7 st, 22 tkl '07. 8 st, 30 tkl LY. Erik Vint. OL in spg. **89** Dakota Dishman (6'4" 260 rFr).

DE 96 ALBERT McCLELLAN SR. 6-2 252 PS#280. 6 st, 40 tkl true. 12 st, 77 tkl, 19 tfl '06. RS '07 (inj). 12 st, 58 tkl, **1st Tm CUSA** LY. **46** John Jacobs (6'3" 241 Sr) PS#118. 10 st, 87 tkl, 14 tfl 3Y.

WLB 8 BRANDON BURNS SR. 6-4 205 PS#168JC. 9 st, 69 tkl here LY. **35** Kellen Harris (6'3" 223 So) PS#234. 9 gm, 16 tkl rFr. **48** George Carpenter (5'10" 207 So) PS#472. 6 tkl LY.

MLB 30 MARIO HARVEY SR. 6-0 244 PS#361. 3 st, 53 tkl true. 12 st, 107 tkl, 7 tfl, HM CUSA LY. **47** Tyson Gale (6'3" 222 So) PS#393. 8 gm, 1 tkl true. Quanthony Fletcher is PS#119.

SLB 44 Corey Hart Jr. 6-2 222 PS#173. 1 tkl true. 2 st, 33 tkl LY. **33** Andre Portis (6'3" 235 Sr) PS#252JC. 1 st, 7 tkl LY. Howard King (6'2" 208 Jr) PS#440. 1 gm 2Y. Scott Gray (6'0" 208 Jr).

CB 17 DeQUAN BEMBRY SO. 5-10 173 PS#90. 11 st, 80 tkl rFr. Susp 5/2 ?. Zearrick Matthews (5'9" 184 Sr) PS#150. 18 st, 68 tkl 2Y. Inj LY. DeNathian Robinson (5'10" 166 Jr) PS#121. 15 tkl 2Y.

CB 13 TJ DRAKEFORD SO. 5-11 184 1 st, 2 gm but RS '07. 11 st, 47 tkl, 10 pd LY. **15** DJ Wingate (6'2" 180 Jr). 5 st, 36 tkl, 10 pd 2Y. **14** Josh Miller (5'10" 184 Sr) PS#279JC. 9 gm here LY.

SS 20 Ashton Hall Sr. 5-10 193 PS#285. 1 st, 16 tkl true. 8 st, 66 tkl '07. 3 st, 10 gm (inj), 48 tkl LY. John Saunders (6'0" 193 Sr) PS#471. 5 st, 76 tkl 2Y. Devin Arrington (6'2" 186 rFr).

FS 6 Ahmed Shakoor So. 5-11 195 PS#127. 8 tkl, 10 gm true. **31** Omar Brown (5'10" 178 So) PS#453. 5 gm, 14 tkl true. **42** Stuart Lips (6'3" 200 Jr). 2 gm LY. Jacqoui Chandler (6'0" 200 So).

P 41 KASE WHITEHEAD SO. 5-10 181 PS#43. Avg 41.7 ypp in HS. 63 punts (38.7) with a 36.5 tm net as true. **60** Calvin Purchase (6'2" 187 So). Walked on in '07, RS. No gm action LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	CJ Crawford 6-2 200 PS#56
QB	Jake Laudenslayer 6-3 225 PS#111JC
LB	Quanthony Fletcher 6-1 245 PS#119
QB	Press Taylor 6-2 205 PS#189JC
WR	Troy Evans 5-9 205 PS#202JC
QB	AJ Graham 6-4 194 PS#100
DL	James Rouse 6-5 235 PS#205
WR	Wayne Bonner 6-4 210 PS#299JC
LB	Zakee Bashir 6-1 209 PS#193
WR	Jamal Wilson 5-11 176 PS#163 '08
LB	Phil Walker 6-2 210 PS#274
OL	Alex Schooler 6-6 261 PS#375
DL	Colton Griffis 6-4 300 PS#353
DB	Cartavious Baldwin 6-1 182 PS#407
LB	Matt Pickett 6-2 215 PS#388
LB	Aaron Slusher 5-10 210 PS#391
WR	Aaron Dobson 6-3 185 PS#408
DL	Marques Aiken 6-4 230 PS#480
DB	Monterius Lovette 5-10 168 PS#561
LB	Trevor Black 6-2 200 PS#461
OL	Jordan Jeffries 6-7 298 PS#675
WR	Michael Rhynes 6-5 205 PS#587
RB	Andre Booker 5-10 172 PS#632
TE	Zack Tenuta 6-3 230 PS#154 '08
DB	Donald Brown 6-1 190 PS#1102
OL	Corey Tenney 6-7 265 PS#1233
OL	Darrell Martin 6-5 305 PS#1788

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Huntington, West Virginia
Weather (304) 529-5100

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#84

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Southern Illinois	A					
Sep. 12	at Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 19	Bowling Green	A					
Sep. 26	at Memphis	A					
Oct. 3	East Carolina (HC)	A					
Oct. 10	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 17	at West Virginia	A					
Oct. 24	UAB	A					
Nov. 1	at UCF (Sun)	G					
Nov. 7							
Nov. 14	Southern Miss	A					
Nov. 21	SMU	A					
Nov. 28	at UTEP	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chad Pennington 13,143 '95-'99
2. Byron Leftwich 11,903 '98-'02
3. Michael Payton 9,411 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chris Parker 5,924 '92-'95
2. Doug Chapman 4,016 '96-'99
3. Ron Darby 3,903 '86-'89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Barber 4,262 '85-'88
2. Darius Watts 4,031 '00-'03
3. Josh Davis 3,889 '01-'04

Marshall is 12-1 vs FCS schools since moving to the FBS in '97 & 3-1 in home openers under Snyder. The Salukis went 9-3 LY & lost in the 1st round of the FCS playoffs.

Marshall is 0-11 vs BCS tms under Snyder, including 0-3 LY being outscored 111-27 vs Wisky, WVU & Cincy. The Herd is 0-2 vs VA Tech S/'02, losing by an avg of 27 ppg.

Marshall is 7-20 all-time vs BG. MU was a member of the MAC from '97-'04 & was 4-2 vs the Falcons in that span. First meeting w/MAC school since leaving conf.

The HT has won all 4 in the series. LY Marshall held the Tigers to a regular ssn-low 94 yds rushing & the Herd had a 100 yd rusher (Marshall) & receiver (Passmore).

The Herd is 1-3 vs ECU in CUSA play with their only win coming at home in '07. LY MU came back from a 10 pt HT deficit to force OT but missed a FG in the extra session.

1st meeting in the Superdome as the 2005 game was moved to Mobile due to Hurricane Katrina. Marshall is 2-0 vs the Green Wave. The Herd is just 1-5 on the road vs CUSA West teams.

Marshall has been outscored 69-13 in their L/2 trips to Morgantown. MU has allowed 300+ yds rushing in L/3 meetings. LY MU was held to a ssn-low 158 total yds.

All 4 gms in this series have been decided by 7 pts or less (MU 3-1). In LY's game, MU QB Cann threw for career-high 237 yds, but the Herd was held to 82 rush yds, their lowest output in CUSA play.

MU has been outscored 70-26 in the L/2 at UCF. LY these 2 teams combined to complete just 11-46 passes (24%) for 113 yds & MU made 2 ST's mistakes that led to easy UCF TD's.

MU is 0-2 at home vs the Eagles, with an avg score of 30-24. LY the Herd got their 1st win ever over Southern Miss as they held the Eagles to just 21 rush yds in the 1H.

Third meeting. Marshall is 1-1 vs the Mustangs with the home team winning both. The Thundering Herd are 11-2 in home finales including almost upsetting Tulsa LY.

The HT has won both games in the series. The Herd is 0-5 all-time in the state of Texas. Coming into '09, Marshall was 1-13 the L/14 away & just 3-21 under Snyder.

MARK SNYDER (Career 16-31)

5th Year at Marshall — Snyder's Bowl Record: 0-0

Snyder's records AT MARSHALL

16-31	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
13-10	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
3-21	Away	0-11	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-6	Off A Bye
13-19	Vs Conference	11-17	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (15,27,4)
Lost: 15 (9,6,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,766 (#82)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

RB Darius Marshall

STADIUM: JOAN C. EDWARDS STADIUM (38,019) (#81)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-5	11-2	11-2	8-4	6-6	4-7	5-7	3-9	4-8	60-50
Home	5-1	6-0	7-0	4-1	4-1	3-3	4-1	3-3	3-3	39-13
Away	2-4	4-2	3-2	4-3	2-4	1-4	1-6	0-6	1-5	18-36
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	6-3	8-1	8-1	6-2	6-2	3-5	4-4	3-5	3-5	47-28
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-2	0-4	1-2	1-3	0-4	1-3	13-22
ATS	4-8	5-5-1	5-6-1	6-5	4-8	4-5-1	4-7	4-6-1	4-7	40-57-4
Home Fav (Line)	2-2	1-2-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	0-2	3-1	1-1	0-2	13-17-2
Home Dog (Line)	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-1-1	2-1	8-2-1
Away Favorite (Line)	0-2	3-2	1-3	2-2	0-3	0-1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	6-14-1
Away Dog	0-4	0-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-6	2-4	2-3	10-23
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	3-6	4-4-1	4-4-1	4-4	2-6	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	4-4	31-41-3
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-0	0-3	0-2-1	0-3	9-16-1
Off SU Win	2-5	4-4-1	4-5-1	4-3	1-5	3-1	2-3	1-1	2-2	23-29-2
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-2	1-4-1	2-3	3-4-1	2-5	17-24-2

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Motor City	#11	-3	BYU	21-3
00	Motor City		+2'	Cincinnati	25-14
01	GMAC		+2	E Carolina (2OT)	64-61
02	GMAC		-2'	Louisville	38-15
04	Fort Worth		+1	Cincinnati	14-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Marshall's All-Time Bowl Record 5-2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8	20.5	330	157	4.5	173	50.1	16.1	13	-4	2008	7	27.7	418	164	4.0	254	58.6	15.1	22
7*	24.8	413	142	4.2	271	61.6	16.6	38	-10	2007	6	34.3	451	191	4.8	260	63.9	13.2	13
8*	25.9	354	167	4.9	187	61.0	13.7	19	-9	2006	5	29.3	391	139	4.1	252	63.8	13.4	30
2	18.5	332	127	3.7	205	56.0	17.9	21	-6	2005	3	25.9	340	162	4.0	178	56.2	13.1	22
5*	24.2	322	113	3.4	209	58.4	13.2	34	+2	2004	8	22.2	334	111	3.0	223	56.4	15.1	37
6	29.2	441	195	4.7	245	67.6	15.1	24	-19	2003	6	23.2	330	152	4.0	177	53.6	14.2	29
9*	35.2	496	126	3.9	370	66.6	14.1	20	-7	2002	6	24.2	334	173	4.2	161	47.8	13.6	29

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darius Marshall	224	1177	82	1095	5	4.9
Chubb Small	96	458	28	430	4	4.5
Darius Passmore	21	213	18	195	1	9.3
Terrell Edwards	28	167	13	154	2	5.5
Cody Slate	4	61	1	60	0	15.0
Brian Anderson	7	22	9	13	0	1.9
Mark Cann	35	58	98	-40	1	-1.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Mark Cann	307	154	50.2	1767	14	13
Brian Anderson	39	22	56.4	305	3	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Darius Passmore	56	945	16.9	7	88	
Cody Slate	40	510	12.8	8	57	
Bryant Milligan	17	144	8.5	0	27	
Emmanuel Spann	14	129	9.2	1	38	
Darius Marshall	16	98	6.1	0	16	
Lee Smith	12	89	7.4	0	25	
Chubb Small	11	61	5.5	0	18	
Courtney Edmonson	6	55	9.2	1	19	
EJ Wynn	3	33	11.0	0	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kase Whitehead	63	2438	38.7	27	36.5(t)	2	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Craig Ratanamorn	25-26	2-3	4-5	0-1	1-2	7-11	50
Tyler Warner	5-5	1-2	2-2	0-1	0-0	3-5	37

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mario Harvey	107	4.5	2.5	0	1
Maurice Kitchens	97	3	4	2	4
DeQuan Bembry	80	0.5	7	11	1
CJ Spillman	71	1.5	0	4	0
Brandon Burns	69	1.5	2	5	1
Aaron Johnson	67	1	2.5	3	0
Albert McClellan	58	2.5	2	5	0
Ashton Hall	48	0	2.5	2	1
TJ Drakeford	47	0	1.5	9	1
Michael Janac	46	2.5	3.5	1	0
Corey Hart	33	0	2.5	0	0
John Jacobs	32	1	4	1	0
James Burkes	30	0	0.5	1	0
Delvin Johnson	27	1	2	0	0
Phillip Gamble	26	1	2	1	0
Ian Hoskins	20	0	1.5	0	0
Johnny Jones	19	1	1	1	0
Kellen Harris	16	2.5	0	0	0
DJ Wingate	14	0	1	6	0
Omar Brown	14	0	0	1	0
Antawn Booker	14	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Emmanuel Spann	12	78	6.5	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Darius Marshall	30	790	26.3	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

MU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
25,661	Illinois St	12	32-229	7.2	11-22	161	0	17	40-98	2.5	24-43	229	2	-1
80,396	at Wisconsin	21	29-75	2.6	24-46	239	0	26	40-158	4.0	18-27	329	0	-2
27,349	Memphis	16	33-179	5.4	14-29	224	0	26	29-94	3.2	29-54	368	3	+1
28,178	at Southern Miss	22	42-201	4.8	16-25	228	2	23	31-123	4.0	27-49	308	1	0
60,154	at W Virginia	13	25-39	1.6	15-37	119	1	26	42-319	7.6	22-28	174	0	-1
29,237	Cincinnati	16	31-90	2.9	17-37	178	3	22	46-203	4.4	16-26	158	3	-1
17,868	at UAB	18	30-82	2.7	17-28	285	0	23	47-215	4.6	15-28	217	2	+1
20,716	Houston	23	54-249	4.6	15-25	157	1	24	30-106	3.5	22-42	317	4	+3
43,515	at E Carolina	16	36-155	4.3	13-30	137	2	20	38-100	2.6	26-37	287	1	-1
24,059	UCF	8	29-145	5.0	7-29	84	1	17	65-213	3.3	4-17	29	1	-3
15,131	at Rice	19	46-185	4.0	13-24	83	2	27	35-141	4.0	25-41	315	1	0
21,571	Tulsa	17	36-260	7.2	14-19	177	1	29	55-203	3.7	21-33	313	4	0
TOTALS		201	423-1889	4.5	176-351	2072	13	280	498-1973	4.0	249-425	3044	22	-4
AVERAGES		16.8	35-157	4.5	15-29	173	3.7%	23.3	42-164	4.0	21-35	254	5.2%	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Troy	-14'	15-17
–	at Ohio St - #9	+16'	21-24
–	at Georgia - #3	+18'	3-13
–	Miami, Oh	-7	33-25
–	at Ohio	-8'	16-13
–	at Kent St	-13'	27-17
–	Buffalo	-25	48-14
–	UCF	-26	20-3
–	at Akron	-9	28-31
–	at Bowling Green	+10	35-56
–	W Michigan	-27	31-21

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	William & Mary	NL	36-24
–	Kansas St	+9	19-21
–	at UCF	-3'	13-23
–	SMU	-11'	16-13 OT
–	at Virginia Tech - #3	+35	14-41
–	UAB	+2	20-19
–	at UTEP	+13'	3-31
–	at Tulane	-1	27-26
–	Southern Miss	+7	24-27 OT
–	East Carolina	-5'	29-34
–	at Memphis	+10'	3-26

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at West Virginia - #5	+22	10-42
–	Hofstra	NL	54-31
–	at Kansas St	+9'	7-23
–	at Tennessee - #15	+21	7-33
–	UCF	-3'	22-23
–	at SMU	+4'	21-31
–	at UAB	+6	31-24
–	Memphis	-9'	41-27
–	Tulane	-4'	42-21
–	at East Carolina	+7'	20-33
–	UTEP	-3	49-21
–	at Southern Miss	+6	7-42

2007 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Miami, Fl	+17'	3-31
–	West Virginia - #3	+25	23-48
–	New Hampshire	NL	35-48
–	at Cincinnati	+24	14-40
–	at Memphis	+2'	21-24
–	at Tulsa	+13'	31-38
–	Southern Miss	+3'	24-33
–	Rice	-9	34-21
–	at UCF	+14	13-47
–	East Carolina	+7	26-7
–	at Houston	+12	28-35
–	UAB	-14'	46-39

2008 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Illinois St	NL	35-10
–	at Wisconsin - #11	+21	14-51
–	Memphis	-4	17-16
–	at Southern Miss	+7'	34-27
–	at West Virginia	+14'	3-27
–	Cincinnati	+3	10-33
–	at UAB	-2'	21-23
–	Houston	+7'	37-23
–	at East Carolina	+8	16-19 OT
–	UCF	-7	14-30
–	at Rice	+9	10-35
–	Tulsa	+16	35-38

MEMPHIS TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

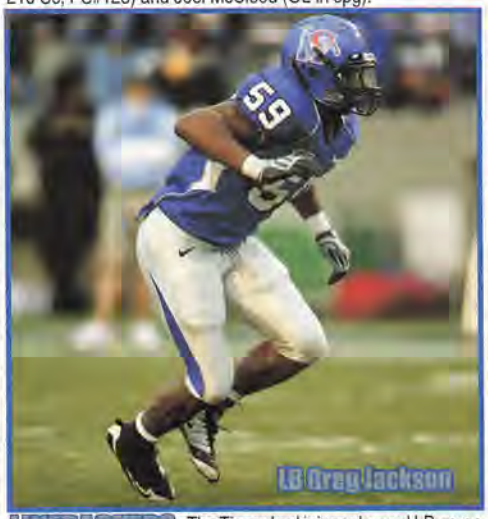
QUARTERBACKS - Tommy West switched to a pass oriented offense and in 2004 Danny Wimprine (4 yr starter) finished as the school's career leader in passing yards with 10,215 (almost double that of the old leader). In '06 SEL transfer Martin Hankins threw for 2,550 (59.9%) with an 18-13 ratio. Hankins had a fine year in '07 throwing for 3,220 (61%) with a 25-12 ratio while Will Hudgens (6'4" 235 Sr, PS#112) got in 2 starts throwing for 587 (50%) with 5-0 ratio. Last year they had to replace Hankins but I projected Wash St transfer Arkelon Hall (PS#17) as the starter. In the opener Hall threw for 159 but was injured and Hudgens, who played baseball (Reds) threw for 102. Hall took command and avg 275 ypg (59%) the next 5 but was injured after six snaps vs EC. Hudgens was lost six snaps later. Brett Toney (6'1" 190 Sr, PS#382), who had played in 20 previous games as a holder on FG's, threw his first career pass vs EC. He hit 11 of 15 for 65 and they took the RS off Maryland transfer Tyler Bass (PS#135). Bass hit 9 of 10 for 107 vs S Miss but was lost for the year in the 3Q (knee). Toney got the start vs SMU but a banged up Arkelon Hall (frac thumb) played with a sticky WR glove on his throwing hand and hit 15 of 35 vs UCF. Hall improved to 10-12 for 109 vs Tulane but hit just 15 of 31 for 154 in the bowl. For the season Hall threw for 2,275 (57%) with a 12-7 ratio (200 rush). Toney threw for 338 (58.5%) with a 3-2 ratio and Hudgens and Bass combined for 224 yds, 4-2 ratio. Not only is this group more experienced, but it should have much better health. They also have better depth as they add GT transfer Byron Ingram (PS#83) and true frosh Will Gilchrist (PS#72) plus Hudgens is petitioning the NCAA for a 6th year.

RUNNING BACKS - DeAngelo Williams had a storied 4 year career and left as the school's all-time leading rusher. In '06 the offense changed back to the spread and Joseph Doss (PS#94) led with 910 (4.1). Doss was slowed by injuries until midseason in '07 but broke out with 175 vs Rice and 168 vs UAB and finished with 806 (4.6). TJ Pitts (PS#108) led in rushing 4 times and finished with 481 (4.5). Last year they had to replace Doss then Pitts was inj'd (DNP). Miami, Fl transfer Charlie Jones (PS#8) was not declared eligible until mid-Aug and finished with just 255 (4.8). JUCO Gregory Ray RS (torn hamstring). They took the RS off of true frosh Brandon Ross (6'0" 205 So, PS#270) and he had 111 vs SMU and finished with 296 (5.1). The star of the unit was clearly Curtis Steele who became Memphis' fourth 1,000 yard rusher gaining 1,223 (5.6) despite missing one start. This year the only loss is Jones and not listed below is FB Jonathan Simpson (6'3" 235 So). In the last 5 years Memphis RB's have lost just 7 fumbles. This is a more experienced unit and they get back Pitts, Ray and add Wisky transfer Lance Smith (774 yds rush 2Y) and Ark transfer Darcel Johnson (5'11" 228 So, PS#337).

RECEIVERS - Over the past few years Memphis has had one of the tallest receiving corps in the NCAA. In 2007 the top six all returned for the 2nd straight year, they were 6'4" Duke Calhoun (890, 14.4), 6'8" Carlos Singleton (767, 15.0), 6'4" Maurice Jones (639, 17.3), 6'3" Steven Black (477, 11.4), 6'0" Earnest Williams (368, 11.2) and 6'3" Carlton Robinzine (224, 11.8). Last season Calhoun had just one start and saw his numbers drop to 487 (12.2) after having ACL surgery in January. Singleton led with 791 (15.2) and Jones added 490 (14.8) with Black having 286 (7.9). This year they lose Black (8 st), TE Brett Russell (12 st, 12 rec), Jones (5 st), Robinzine (16 rec) and Williams (12 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are LaBradford Jackson (6'5" 193 So), Stevie Matthews (5'10" 175 Jr), Steven Joachim (6'4" 218 Sr, PS#300JC), Turner West (6'1" 185 Jr) and Henry Rodgers (6'2" 188 So). Two of the top 3 are back but this unit is not as deep as '08. This year's WR's are shorter but faster and they add 3 VHT transfers (2 Miami Fl, 1 Ole Miss).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tommy West has done a good job on the O-line (see Hardcore). Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm CUSA RG but had 3 starters back. The unit allowed just 16 sacks (3.7%) and saw the ypg rush improve to 195 (4.7). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA RT Brandon Pearce (13 st, 4Y st'r), C Philip Beliles (13 st, 2Y st'r), LT Cody Stubblefield (13 st), G Michael Denning (6 st), G Terrence Echols (2 st) and backups Brent Todd (10 gm) and Will Butts (4 gm). Only 4 of the top 10 return and their 28 career starts ranks them tied at #111. Even with just one starter returning, West should fashion another quality group as he has 2 VHT's and 3 JUCO's to work with.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Memphis allowed 5.1 ypc rush, their highest in over 15 years and had just 15 sacks. Last year they had 3 starters back but ret starter Greg Terrell lost his spot. Memphis improved and allowed 153 ypg rush (4.7) with 23 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA DT Clinton McDonald (10 st, 39 tkl, 7 sk, #7DC CIN), DE Corey Mills (11 st, 26 tkl, 1.5 sk), NT Freddie Barnett (11 st, 23 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and DE Brandon Douglas (1 st, 4 tkl). It surprised me that Memphis' spring prospectus said the defensive front will be the most talented and deepest position, so Coach West must be buoyed by the incoming JUCO's who should make quite an impact. They have just one starter returning, although Josh Weaver did have 12 starts at DE in '07 and 5 at OLB last year and Terrell (21 career sts) is back as is DT Steven Turner (6 st '07). They have 6 with starting experience and could get the addition of DajLeon Farr (PS#3) who was working at TE in the spring. Not listed below are Dasmine Cathey (6'6" 210 So, PS#123) and Joel McCleod (OL in spg).



LINEBACKERS - The Tigers had injury plagued LB corps in '06 and '07. Last year they had to replace their #1, #8 and #10 tacklers. This year they might have their best unit yet under West as their top 3 LB tacklers return (#2, #5, #6) and they add Miss St transfer Jamon Hughes (PS#136, 65 tkl '07), VHT LSU transfer Derrick Odom (PS#21!) while John Michael Bryant (PS#372) also returns for the fall. The only losses are Tommy Phelps (21 tkl) and Weaver (5 st) who moves back to DE.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Memphis was #64 in my pass D rankings in '05 but with inexperienced and injury plagued groups dropped to #117 and #105 the next two years. Last year they had two starters returning. Their starting CB's had comb for two tackles in '07 (one was a JC). LeRico Mathis, who started the last 9 at CB in '07, only managed 3 starts at NB and Auburn transfer SS Tony Bell (PS#18), who started the last six in '07 had just 1 tackle. Surprisingly Memphis improved to #73. This year they lose FS Brendon Patterson (13 st, #3 tkl'r), CB Michael Grandberry (6 st, 34 tkl, 2 int), Mathis (20 tkl) and Bell. Not listed below are Mike Shepard (6'2" 205 rFr) and Clay Lee (6'1" 215 So). With three starters back this is their most experienced unit in years. Auburn transfer DeRon Furr (PS#30QB) was the defensive MVP of the spring game.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Tommy West's 8 years, Memphis has finished above #81 in my ST rankings just twice. They were #69 in '06 and in '05 had their best finish at #12 thanks to K Stephen Gostkowski (#4DC). Matt Reagan has handled the FG's the last three years. Last year he missed 4 games (hip/back inj) and Vinny Zaccario hit 6 of 8 (long 40). Reagan has hit 35 of 50 FG's but his career long is just 44. P Brent Sutherland improved his net from 31.1 to 36.3 and their return game was average. They allowed a KR and a blk'd FG return for TD's vs L'ville costing them the game and finished #85. This year they must replace Sutherland and KR Michael Grandberry (18.5) and figure to finish in the same area.

COACHES - Chuck Stobart was let go in '94 after three straight 6-5 seasons. The team failed to achieve a winning record the next 8 seasons until 2003 when Tommy West did it in his 3rd season (9-4). West has now led Memphis to a bowl game in five of the last six seasons. He is one of two HC's in school history to have 7+ wins in 3 diff years with the other being Billy 'Spook' Murphy (1958-'71, 6 times). West had his contract extended through 2012. Memphis promoted Clay Helton to OC in 2007 and he has been the WR coach here since 2000. West has his 3rd DC in 3 seasons as last year's DC Tim Walton left to join the Detroit Lions. This year's DC is Kenny Ingram who was the LB coach here the last 3 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After finishing 3-9 with -14 turnovers in 2002, Memphis was the typical Turnovers=Turnaround team in 2003. They won more than 7 games for the first time since 1976, with their first bowl since 1971. They were a CUSA best +151.3 ypg. In '03 & '04 they had back-to-back 8+ win seasons including being ranked for the first time ever in the AP poll in '04 (#25). In '06 they had 11 ret starters (3rd fewest in CUSA). I called for them to finish last in the CUSA East on these pages and Memphis did just that. They not only went 1-7 in CUSA play (-68.2 ypg, 2nd worst), but were just 2-10 overall. They had 20 diff players miss games due to injuries and their 10 losses were the most in any season since 1986. That team did have 6 net close losses (pg 299) and was actually 10 plays away from being bowl eligible. In 2007 Memphis made my Most Improved Teams list. West said it was mostly a Soph/Jr team as they had just 13 seniors. Memphis went 7-6 including 6-2 in CUSA but they only outgained CUSA foes by 5.8 ypg. Last year they had 15 ret starters and were now a Sr/Jr team. The Tigers outgained Ole Miss for the 4th straight year but came up short 41-24 and then suffered an excruciating loss to Rice as they led 35-20 but gave up 2 TD's and a 2 pt conv then Rice got a 69 yd IR TD with :11 left for the win. They had a 462-403 yd edge at Marshall but lost by 1. After expected wins over Nicholls St and Ark St, they needed a 25 yd FG with :02 left to win "The Battle for the Bones" vs UAB. They had their 2nd tough loss vs L'ville in which they had a 481-299 yd edge but gave up a blk'd FG for a TD as well as KR and FR TD's. Against EC they not only lost their starting QB, but the 2nd stringer as well. They were QB'd by Brett Toney whose only action had been at holder. They still led 10-7 at the half but lost. As always, when West loses his QB's, he finds enough tricks to pull out a win and they beat SM at home 36-30. The next week they were fortunate as SMU lost their QB in the 2Q and Mem won on the road by 5. QB Hall returned vs UCF but was not 100% and they lost at home by 7 despite a 305-194 yd edge. In the season finale they crushed Tulane 45-6 but then were mauled in the bowl by USF. They were just the 2nd CUSA team to face a BCS conf team in a bowl. Last year's squad had 23 seniors including eleven that were 5th year. This year they have just 12 ret starters (2nd fewest CUSA) but did have 2 net close losses. Despite their 4-4 CUSA record and QB inj's, Memphis was +62.7 ypg (2nd best East). Mem has an explosive off with QB Hall, RB Steele and WR Singleton and are one of the most talented teams in CUSA but they also draw a killer schedule as outside the division they are the only East team to play the top 3 from the West plus they play Ole Miss and Tenn. Despite the schedule, I give Mem a decent shot at a 3rd straight bowl game.

DEFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 8 ARKELON HALL SR. 6-3 225 **PS#17.** 11 st, 2275 (57%), 12-7 ratio, 284 rush. Tyler Bass (6'3" 220 So) 101 (77%), 79 rush true. Byron Ingram (6'5" 195 Jr) PS#83. **GT trans.**

RB 26 CURTIS STEELE SR. 6-0 185 PS#422JC. 12 st, 1223 (5.6), **2nd Tm CUSA** LY. **5 Lance Smith** (5'10" 208 Jr) PS#64. **Wisc trans.** TJ Pitts (5'10" 200 Sr) PS#108. 579 (4.5) 2Y.

WR 9 Jermaine McKenzie So. 6-3 180 **PS#46. Miami trans. 29** Brian Hall (5'11" 190 Sr) PS#198. 9 gm, 2 rec 2Y. Billy Foster is PS#135JC. Curtis Johnson (6'0" 182 rFr) PS#360.

WR 22 DUKE CALHOUN SR. 6-4 200 PS#189.4.31 spd.13st, 1571 (15.1) 2Y.1 st, 487 (12.2) LY. **1** Cam Baker (6'0" 170 So) PS#147. 2 rec as rFr. Michael Lindsey is PS#191JC.

WR 89 CARLOS SINGLETON SR. 6-8 220 PS#475. 1067 (14.6) 2Y. 12 st. 791 (15.2), HM CUSA LY. Rod Davis (6'0" 205 So) **PS#42. Miss trans. 18** Marcus Rucker (6'3" 180 rFr) PS#201.

TE 11 DajLeon Farr Sr. 6-5 252 **PS#3. Miami trans.** 10 rec (13.4) 3Y Miami. **81** Deven Onarheim (6'7" 255 Jr) PS#170. 4 st, 44 (6.3) 2Y. **84** Donald Law (6'5" 260 rFr).

C 64 DOMINIK RILEY JR. 6-4 315 PS#231.7 st LG, 13 gm, CUSA Fr Tm rFr. 13 st LG LY. **68** Robbie Hardie (6'4" 290 So) PS#485. **LS** Keenan Bratcher (6'2" 235 Jr).13 gm, HM CUSA LY.

RG 77 Malcom Rawls Sr. 6-5 315 **PS#46.Tenn trans.** 3 st LG, 10 gm '07 here. 5 st RG, 13 gm LY. **79** Paul Edwards (6'6" 285 Sr) **PS#99.** Lionel Henderson (6'4" 275 So) PS#265. 1 gm rFr.

LG 61 Michael Antonescu So. 6-4 290 PS#151. 330 bench. 4 gms LY. **67** Joel McCleod (6'3" 315 So) 11 gm at NG, 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY on D. Moved to #2 LG for spg. Ricky Hart is PS#230.

RT 66 Brad Paul Jr. 6-3 290 PS#118JC. Played C at JUCO but #1 RT here in spg. **51** Maurice Holloway (6'7" 300 rFr) PS#111. RS on DL LY. **78** John Clem (6'6" 260 So).

LT 75 Ronald Leary So. 6-4 313 PS#272.8 gm, CUSA Fr Tm rFr. **72** Kindly Jacques (6'7" 325 Jr) PS#247JC. RS here LY. Colton Jenkins (6'6" 290 So) PS#142JC. **Orig Miss St.**

K 43 MATT REAGAN SR. 6-1 210 12-17 FG, L/42 as true. 15-22 FG, L/38 '07, 8-11 FG, L/44, missed 4 (inj) LY. **37** Vinny Zaccario (5'10" 190 So) PS#60. 6-8 FG, L/40 LY.

DE 92 Demetrius Culpepper Sr. 6-5 245 **PS#68JC.** 5 tkl, 10 gm here LY. **94** Greg Terrell (6'4" 255 Sr) 21 st, 94 tkl, 13.5 tfl 3Y. Lester Lawson (6'2" 235 So) PS#422. 21 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY.

NT 91 Tim McGee Jr. 6-4 300 **PS#66JC.** RS here LY (inj). **76** Charlie Bryant (6'6" 300 Jr) 17 gm, 1 tkl 2Y. **62** Frank Trotter (6'2" 260 So) PS#314. 3 st, 18 tkl, 3.5 tfl true.

DT 33 Justin Thompson Jr. 6-4 290 PS#139JC. In for spg. **97** Steven Turner (6'3" 270 Sr) PS#431. 8 st, 53 tkl 3Y. Dontari Poe PS#215. Tommy Walker (6'3" 270 So) 7 tkl true. RS LY.

DE 98 JADA BROWN SR. 6-2 265 PS#377. 45 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 24 tkl LY. **90** Josh Weaver (6'3" 220 Sr) PS#427. **13 st DE**, 46 tkl 2Y. **5 st OLB**, 25 tkl LY. Mike McDonald is **PS#83JC.**

OLB 42 DERRICK ODOM SO. 6-2 202 **PS#21. LSU trans. 28 Jeremy Longstreet** (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#218. 2 tkl rFr. **9 st**, 80 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. Kevin Hubbard (6'4" 230 Sr) PS#417. Roger Terry (6'1" 218 Sr).

MLB 50 WINSTON BOWENS JR. 6-0 250 6 st, 39 tkl rFr. 11 st, 55 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. Jeremy Rockelte (6'3" 225 Sr) 4 st, 56 tkl 3Y. Terrence Thomas (5'11" 230 So) PS#103. Will Fruitt (5'11" 215 Jr).

OLB 59 GREG JACKSON SR. 6-2 212 PS#431. 11 st, 81 tkl 3Y. 9 st, 52 tkl, 11.5 tfl, HM CUSA LY. **36** Jamon Hughes (6'0" 230 Jr) PS#136. 82 tkl at **Miss St** 2Y. Ricky Holloway (6'2" 225 rFr) **PS#58.**

CB 16 DEANTE LAMAR SR. 5-9 180 PS#245. 18 gm, 2 tkl 2Y. 10 st, 35 tkl, 7 pd LY. Lavaris Edwards (5'10" 185 So) PS#427. 1 pbu, 7 gm true. Bryan Wright (6'1" 185 Jr) PS#348.

CB 5 DA GRIFFIN JR. 5-11 185 PS#428JC. 11 st, 64 tkl, HM CUSA LY. **8** Torenzo Quinn is PS#225JC. Malcolm Jones (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#405. 21 tkl 2Y. **31** Moncel Wooten (6'3" 195 Jr).

SS 7 ALTON STARR SR. 6-0 195 PS#250. 9 st, 74 tkl, 10 pd 2Y. 13 st, 90 tkl, 5 pd, HM CUSA LY. **4** Darius Davis (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#108. 1 st, 17 tkl 2Y. Tremaine McKenzie is PS#184JC.

FS 14 DeRon Furr So. 6-3 210 **PS#30. Aub trans. 6** Curtis Echols (6'3" 190 Jr) PS#297. 10 gm, 5 tkl 2Y. **27** John McArthur (5'11" 195 Jr). **41** Mitch Huelsing (6'1" 188 rFr).

P 43 Matt Reagan Sr. 6-1 210 PS#78. FG's the last 3 years. Listed as the #1 punter in spring '09. **48** Josh Booker (6'2" 210 So) PS#96. Also played QB in HS. RS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Mike McDonald 6-3 220 PS#83JC
OL	Brad Paul 6-3 290 PS#118JC
WR	Billy Foster 5-10 175 PS#135JC
DL	Justin Thompson 6-4 290 PS#139JC
WR	Rod Davis 6-0 205 PS#42 '07
QB	Will Gilchrist 6-2 200 PS#72
DB	Tremaine McKenzie 6-0 200 PS#184JC
WR	Michael Lindsey 6-3 200 PS#191JC
DB	Torenzo Quinn 5-11 183 PS#225JC
OL	Ricky Hart 6-3 310 PS#230
WR	Dejarrius Adams 6-2 205 PS#334JC
K	Paulo Henriques 5-10 200 PS#25
DL	Dontari Poe 6-3 335 PS#215 '08
TE	Brooks Johnson 6-2 235 PS#88
DB	Derek Smith 6-2 195 PS#383
DB	Randy Powell 6-0 200 PS#391
DL	Jimmy Robinson 6-1 280 PS#419
DB	Mohammed Seisay 6-2 200 PS#491
OL	Jamie McCoy 6-3 275 PS#542
WR	Marcus Hightower 6-2 205 PS#326 '08
OL	Jordan Miller 6-8 280 PS#712
DL	Ryan Attaway 6-5 270 PS#655

MEMPHIS TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#57

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Opp	W	L
Sep. 6	Mississippi (Sun)	A					
Sep. 12	at Middle Tennesse	A					
Sep. 19	UT-Martin	A					
Sep. 26	Marshall	A					
Oct. 3	at UCF	G					
Oct. 10	UTEP	A					
Oct. 17	at Southern Miss	A					
Oct. 27	East Carolina (Tues)	A					
Oct. 31							
Nov. 7	at Tennessee	G					
Nov. 14	UAB	A					
Nov. 21	at Houston	G					
Nov. 27	at Tulsa (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

Date	Opponent	
Sep. 6	Mississippi (Sun)	The Tigers have lost 4 straight in series. LY UM outgained the Rebels & their 188 rush yds were the most vs Ole Miss all ssn. The 41 pts were the most allowed to Ole Miss S/'80.
Sep. 12	at Middle Tennesse	Last met in '07, a MT win, after not playing since '54. Memphis is 7-13-1 vs the Blue Raiders & only 2-8 in Murfreesboro. The Tigers are 4-4 vs SBC tms under West.
Sep. 19	UT-Martin	1st meeting. The FCS Skyhawks went 8-4 last year with losses at USF & Auburn. Memphis is 8-0 vs FCS foes under HC West with an average score of 43-12.
Sep. 26	Marshall	The L/2 gms in series were decided by 3 pts or less. LY WR Singleton set a career-high with 11 rec for 158 yds, but UM lost despite a 26-16 FD edge. HT is 4-0 in this series.
Oct. 3	at UCF	The Tigers have been outscored 94-37 in the 2 gms at UCF. LY Memphis allowed only 194 yds (ssn best vs FBS), but the Knights blocked a punt & got a FR for a TD.
Oct. 10	UTEP	The Tigers have won both previous games, (38-19 '06 & 27-20 '05). Entering '09: The Tigers are 8-4 vs the CUSA West Division since 2005.
Oct. 17	at Southern Miss	Teams have met every year S/'81. Memphis has won 4 of 5 meetings including L/2 on the road. LY the Tigers amassed 516 yds despite playing w/their 3rd & 4th string QB's.
Oct. 27	East Carolina (Tues)	UM has lost L/3 to EC. The Tigers lost their top 2 QB's within the first 12 plays LY & were held to ssn-low 184 yds. Despite the injuries, UM led 10-7 at HT but only gained 44 yds in the 2H.
Oct. 31		
Nov. 7	at Tennessee	UM is just 1-20 all-time vs the Volunteers, but 5 of last 8 have been decided by 5 pts or less. Coming into 2009, the Tigers are 0-7 vs BCS teams since 2005.
Nov. 14	UAB	Tigers have won the L/2, but are just 1-3 at home S/'01 vs the Blazers. LY UM QB Hall threw a career-high 4 TD passes & UM won despite allowing 455 yds, a reg ssn high.
Nov. 21	at Houston	The teams have split the last 10 games. The visitor is 6-1 in the series & the Tigers have won 3 in a row in Houston. The Tigers are 7-1 since 2003 in Nov road gms.
Nov. 27	at Tulsa (Fri)	Memphis is 0-2 vs Tulsa in CUSA play, but leads the overall series 14-8 & has won 4 of the last 5 in Tulsa. The visitor is 7-3 in the series. UM has won 5 straight reg ssn finales.
Dec. 5		

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Danny Wimprine 10,215 '01-'04
2. Martin Hankins 5,770 '06-'07
3. Danny Sparkman 4,311 '83-'85

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. DeAngelo Williams 6,026 '02-'05
2. Dave Casinelli 2,636 '60-'63
3. Gerard Arnold 2,378 '97-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Earnest Gray 2,123 '75-'78
2. Damien Dodson 2,096 '96-'99
3. Carlos Singleton 1,858 '06-Present

TOMMY WEST (Career 78-79) (FCS 4-7)
9th Year at Memphis Bowls: 3-6 Clemson '93-'96

West AT MEMPHIS/OVERALL

47-51 / 78-79	SU	0-1 / 0-8	Vs Top 10
29-22 / 47-35	Home	0-4 / 4-17	Vs Top 25
16-26 / 28-38	Away	2-13 / 6-21	Vs BCS Tms
2-3 / 3-6	Neutral	10-9 / 13-14	Off A Bye
31-32 / 52-51	Vs Conf	23-23 / 36-34	Off A Loss

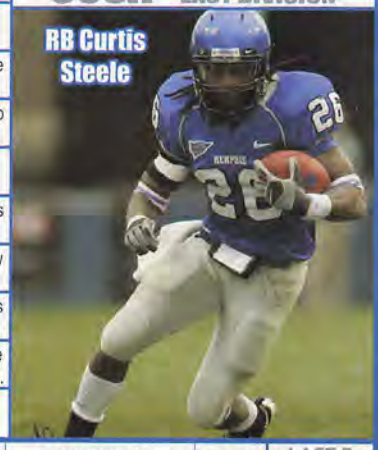
2008 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (20,25,4)
Lost: 23 (12,10,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,003 (#81)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: LIBERTY BOWL MEMORIAL STADIUM (62,380) (#39)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-6	3-9	9-4	8-4	7-5	2-10	7-6	6-7	51-58
Home	2-4	4-2	3-3	5-2	4-1	4-2	1-6	4-3	4-3	31-26
Away	2-3	1-4	0-6	3-2	4-2	2-3	1-4	3-2	2-3	18-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-3
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-6	5-3	5-3	5-3	1-7	6-2	4-4	33-37
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	1-3	4-1	3-1	2-2	1-3	1-4	2-3	18-21
ATS	4-7	5-5	5-6	6-6	5-6	6-5	3-7-1	7-5	5-6-1	46-53-2
Home Fav	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-1	1-3	0-1	2-2	1-2	12-18
Home Dog	2-2	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-3	1-1	2-1	12-7
Away Favorite	1-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	4-9-1
Away Dog	0-1	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-0	3-1	1-3-1	4-1	1-2	15-16-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-3
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	4-3-1	32-37-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	0-2-1	2-2	1-3	14-16-1
Off SU Win	1-3	2-3	1-2	3-5	2-5	2-4	0-1	2-5	2-3-1	15-31-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-1	4-4	3-1	2-1	4-0	3-6	4-0	3-2	29-18

Schwier 1965 — Tommy West

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	New Orleans		-4	North Texas	27-17
04	GMAC		+3	Bowling Green	35-52
05	Motor City		-4	Akron	38-31
07	New Orleans		+3	Florida Atlantic	27-44
08	St Petersburg		+11'	USF	14-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Memphis' All-Time Bowl Record 3-3

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	27.2	417	195	4.7	222	56.5	15.4	16	+1	2008	8	27.2	354	153	4.7	201	54.4	13.0	23
8*	29.2	444	138	3.8	306	58.6	15.2	14	+10	2007	8	32.2	441	202	5.1	239	63.1	13.7	15
6	23.4	337	112	3.6	225	59.4	14.4	14	0	2006	5	30.4	409	178	4.5	231	65.1	13.4	17
3	27.2	398	268	5.4	130	56.5	14.6	9	+7	2005	7	23.0	406	126	3.6	280	55.0	17.6	22
10*	35.8	460	203	5.1	257	55.8	12.8	5	0	2004	5	31.3	418	142	3.7	276	57.0	13.4	23
4*	30.2	445	182	4.5	263	55.3	14.7	12	-4	2003	8	19.2	295	110	3.0	185	47.5	15.4	35
9*	25.3	355	116	3.6	239	53.3	14.1	24	-14	2002	7	27.3	363	197	4.4	166	60.1	13.3	20

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Curtis Steele	218	1253	30	1223	7	5.6
Brandon Ross	58	304	8	296	2	5.1
Charlie Jones	53	262	7	255	6	4.8
Brandon Washington	35	220	16	204	0	5.8
Arkelon Hall	76	284	84	200	3	2.6
Will Hudgens	21	83	3	80	1	3.8
Brett Toney	19	30	31	-1	0	-0.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Arkelon Hall	335	191	57.0	2275	12	7
Brett Toney	53	31	58.5	338	3	2
Will Hudgens	24	10	41.7	123	3	1
Tyler Bass	13	10	76.9	101	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Carlos Singleton	52	791	15.2	5	48
Maurice Jones	33	490	14.8	3	53
Duke Calhoun	40	487	12.2	3	54
Steven Black	36	286	7.9	2	36
Earnest Williams	29	249	8.6	6	30
Curtis Steele	8	187	23.4	0	19
Carlton Robinzine	16	127	7.9	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brent Sutherland	52	2127	40.9	7	36.3(t)	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Reagan	31-32	5-5	1-3	2-3	0-0	8-11	44
Vinny Zaccario	10-11	3-3	2-2	1-3	0-0	6-8	40

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Alton Starr	90	0	6	4	1
Jeremy Longstreet	80	1.5	4	0	0
Brandon Patterson	71	0	0.5	3	1
DA Griffin	64	0	2.5	4	0
Winston Bowens	55	2	4.5	0	0
Greg Jackson	52	4	7.5	1	1
Clinton McDonald	39	7	0.5	0	0
Deante' Lamar	35	0	1	6	1
Michael Grandberry	34	0	0	4	2
Corey Mills	26	1.5	0.5	0	0
Josh Weaver	25	0.5	0.5	1	1
Jada Brown	24	2	1.5	1	0
Freddie Barnett	23	1	2.5	1	0
Lester Lawson	21	2	3.5	0	0
Tommy Phelps	21	0	1.5	0	0
Steven Turner	20	1	0.5	0	0
LeRico Mathis	20	0	1	1	0
Frank Trotter	18	0	3.5	0	0
Darius Davis	15	0	0	0	0
Greg Terrell	13	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DA Griffin	23	190	8.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Grandberry	31	575	18.5	0
DA Griffin	18	383	21.3	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
56,127	at Mississippi	28	40-188	4.7	24-44	265	1	19	36-216	6.0	11-23	222	1	-2
28,351	Rice	22	37-150	4.1	29-39	373	1	24	27-112	4.1	26-44	318	1	0
27,349	at Marshall	26	29-94	3.2	29-54	368	3	16	33-179	5.4	14-29	224	0	-1
22,167	Nicholls St	31	54-276	5.1	16-31	173	0	8	33-117	3.5	2-5	47	2	+3
26,376	Arkansas St	24	41-243	5.9	12-29	210	1	16	40-179	4.5	11-23	173	6	+1
19,901	at UAB	24	36-192	5.3	19-30	244	1	16	36-220	6.1	14-25	235	4	0
40,248	Louisville	27	30-130	4.3	34-56	351	2	13	30-166	5.5	13-25	133	0	-2
41,216	at E Carolina	10	34-102	3.0	14-23	82	2	18	37-180	4.9	12-24	201	1	+1
24,034	Southern Miss	30	51-285	5.6	18-28	231	2	19	28-230	8.2	21-40	186	0	-1
18,224	at SMU	24	55-306	5.6	9-19	130	1	20	16-38	2.4	24-38	311	0	-1
18,836	UCF	16	37-122	3.3	15-37	183	0	10	40-73	1.8	8-19	121	3	-1
15,012	Tulane	32	66-379	5.7	10-12	109	1	10	21-45	2.1	14-24	177	2	+3
25,205	† USF	15	30-66	2.2	18-35	172	1	29	49-232	4.7	20-30	264	3	+1
TOTALS		309	540-2533	4.7	247-437	2891	16	218	426-1987	4.7	190-349	2612	23	+1
AVERAGES		23.8	42-195	4.7	19-34	222	3.7%	16.8	33-153	4.7	15-27	201	6.6%	0.1

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Mississippi	+4	20-13
-	Chattanooga	NL	52-21
#25	at Arkansas St	-23	47-35
-	at UAB	-2'	28-35
-	Houston	-13	41-14
-	Tulane	-23	49-24
-	at Cincinnati	-6	10-49
-	Louisville - #14	+13'	49-56
-	Southern Miss	-6	30-26
-	at East Carolina	-16'	38-35
-	at USF	-3'	31-15

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Mississippi	-2'	6-10
-	Chattanooga	NL	59-14
-	at Tulsa	+1'	31-37 OT
-	UTEP	+3'	27-20
-	at UCF	-1'	17-38
-	at Houston	+10'	35-20
-	East Carolina	-7'	27-24
-	UAB	-2'	20-37
-	at Tennessee	+18'	16-20
-	at Southern Miss	+7	24-22
-	Marshall	-10'	26-3

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Mississippi	+3	25-28
-	Chattanooga	NL	33-14
-	at East Carolina	+3	20-35
-	Tennessee - #15	+13	7-41
-	at UAB	+5	29-35
-	Arkansas St	-8'	23-26
-	Tulsa	+13'	14-35
-	at Marshall	+9'	27-41
-	Southern Miss	+7	21-42
-	UCF	+2'	24-26
-	Houston	+17	20-23 OT
-	at UTEP	+13	38-19

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Mississippi	+3	21-23
-	Jacksonville St	NL	35-14
-	at UCF	+7	20-56
-	at Arkansas St	+5	31-35
-	Marshall	-2'	24-21
-	Middle Tenn	-3	7-21
-	at Rice	+1	38-35
-	at Tulane	+2'	28-27
-	East Carolina	+5'	40-56
-	at Southern Miss	+17	29-26
-	UAB	-10'	25-9
-	SMU	-7	55-52 3OT

2008 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Mississippi	+7'	24-41
-	Rice	-3	35-42
-	at Marshall	+4	16-17
-	Nicholls St	NL	31-10
-	Arkansas St	+2'	29-17
-	at UAB	-3	33-30
-	Louisville	+6'	28-35
-	at East Carolina	+8	10-30
-	Southern Miss	+4	36-30
-	at SMU	E	31-26
-	UCF	-5	21-28
-	Tulane	-14	45-6

UCF KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's including the school's all-time leading passer, Daunte Culpepper. Last year UCF had to replace Kyle Isreal who threw for 2,173 (58.4%) with a 15-11 ratio. His backup was Michael Greco (PS#39) who originally signed at NCSt in '05 and then went to JC. He threw for 303 (53%) with a 0-1 ratio in '07. Last year Greco won the starting job but O'Leary was impressed with true frosh Rob Calabrese (PS#78). Joe Weatherford (PS#75) was also in the mix in Aug. Greco took most of the snaps in the first 3 but was injured and Calabrese started vs UTEP but hit just 13 of 31 for 167. Calabrese would start the next 3 but a few weeks after O'Leary anointed him the starter, Greco started and played the entire game vs EC. Calabrese started the last 4 but was just 4 of 17 vs Marshall. Weatherford was 2 of 7 in relief vs Mem but led an 82 yd TD drive and a week later vs UAB hit 12 of 26. Greco dropped out of the picture but finished the #3 rusher (218). This year he moves to DB and not listed below is Andy Slowik (6'0" 191 So). They add Wake transfer Brett Hodges who had 2 starts at WF and is seeking immediate eligibility. After last year's abysmal numbers, UCF can only improve.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 true frosh Kevin Smith, who did not play RB as a senior in HS, emerged. He was the first frosh RB to start here in 13 years and was named CUSA's Frosh POY rushing for 1,178 (4.7). In '07 Smith broke the NCAA record for rush att in a season (450) had the 2nd best rushing total with 2,567 (5.7) not to mention an amazing 29 TD's. He became the state of Florida's all-time leading rusher (Errict Rhett, Florida 4,163, 1990-'93). The team's leading RB's last year were 3 true frosh and a rFr. Ronnie Weaver started the first 6 but Brynn Harvey started the final 6 and led with 519 (4.2). After a loss to EC, O'Leary instructed OC Salem to rotate the RB's more frequently saying Harvey was not ready to handle the full-time load but he rushed for 150 vs Marshall 2 weeks later. Weaver rushed for 348 (3.4) and Latavius Murray (PS#43) surprisingly rushed for just 132 (2.9) while Brandon Davis (5'9" 193 Sr, PS#71) had 68 (2.8). Not listed below is FB Willie Gaetjens (6'5" 245 So, PS#100TE). Naturally this group is vastly more experienced.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 the leading returnee was Rocky Ross who was #2 with 531 (14.8) in '06. Ross led the way in '07 with 658 (13.2) while Kamar Aiken (PS#87) had 584 (17.7) and AJ Guyton (PS#42) added 253 (11.0). The top 3 ret'd last year but Guyton suffered a torn ACL and Ross broke his collarbone vs UTEP (gm 4) and RS. Notre Dame transfer Richard Jackson (PS#12) had just 2 rec. Brian Watters (PS#275OB, 161 yd in '07) led with 594 (14.1) while Aiken had 244 (12.2) and Ross, playing in just 4, was #3 with 180 (13.8). They basically lost 4 of their top 5 LY and this year the unit returns intact. Not listed below are Jamar Newsome (6'2" 201 Jr), Austin Hudson (6'1" 196 Jr), JT McArthur (5'10" 185 So) and Chad Alexander (6'2" 214 So). I expect a much bigger impact out of Jackson and call this a vastly improved unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the O-line opened holes for 139 ypg (3.8). In 2007 they had 124 career starts and I called for significant improvement and they delivered. UCF's OL opened holes for 235 ypg rush (4.9), their best in IA ball while allowing 20 sacks (5.8%) as having Kevin Smith in the backfield helped. Four players earned ALL-CUSA accolades. Last year they had to replace 2 three year starters and a 4 year starter (incl two 1st Tm CUSA). RG Cody Minnich was dismissed after 4 starts, Jeramy DeVane quit after 2 and Adam Nissley was moved to TE. As you would expect, the numbers tumbled to a 4 year low of 113 ypg rush (3.0) with 32 sacks (10.4%). This year they lose their top OL in 2x 1st Tm CUSA LT Patrick Brown (12 st, 4Y st'r) along with Mike Lavoie (7 st, 5C, 2RG) and LG John Hafferty (5 st). They have moved 2 DL into the unit. Not listed in the PSL are LS James Getsee (6'2" 222 So) and OL Dean Wegerif (6'5" 248 So). With Nissley at TE, 3 players return with 7+ starts but they have just 28 returning career starts (tied for #111 FBS). Despite losing their top OL, they are more experienced and could improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 UCF only had to replace one DL starter and ret'd six with starting experience. O'Leary used an 8-man rotation which included 4 veteran seniors. UCF improved allowing 3.8 ypc with 39 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but did return 4 with starting experience and added JUCO Jarvis Geathers (PS#139) whose father Jumpy played 13 years in the NFL. They moved DE Bruce Miller (258 lbs) to DT midseason and he was 2nd Tm CUSA. Surprisingly the numbers improved to 126 ypg (3.4) although the sacks dropped to 30 but their 8.2 tfl's/game was #3 in the FBS. At the end of the season O'Leary called DT Torrell Troup the MVP on D. This year they lose DE Antonio Wallace (6 st, 40 tkl, 4.5 sk) but have 7 of the top 8 back and add true frosh Chris Martin (PS#69, GS). Miller also moves back to his preferred DE spot. UCF also gets the inspirational return of Darius Nall who was on the CUSA Frosh Team in '07 but missed '08 undergoing treatment for cancer. Not listed in the PSL are TJ Harnden (6'3" 240 Sr), Kevin Garvey (6'3" 225 rFr) and Ash Weekley (6'4" 225 rFr). This group is more experienced than LY and is one of CUSA's top D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 true frosh Chance Henderson (5 tkl in 1st 8 gm) started the last 4 averaging 7 tpg. They had to replace one LB starter in '07 and Henderson was the top LB (#3 tkl'r). Last year they returned their top 6 LB's but Cory Hogue (28 st '05-'07) RS. Lawrence Young led the LB's in tackles (#2 tm) and earned 2nd Tm CUSA while Henderson earned 1st Tm CUSA (#4). This year the only loss is OLB Derrick Hallman who moves to FS and they not only get Hogue back (176 career tkl) but also Jordan Richards who had 11 starts in '05 and '06 (4 gm L2Y). They also bring in VHT Jonathan Davis (PS#25). Not listed below are DJ Williams (6'1" 205 rFr, PS#136), Tom Lewis (6'2" 221 rFr) and Nick Black (5'11" 231 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 the unit returned basically intact and climbed all the way up to #14 in my pass D rankings with 24 int's. Last year they had the most experienced secondary in the country. UCF moved up to #8 allowing 208 ypg (52.3%) with a 14-18 ratio. This is BY FAR my biggest concern on the team this year. UCF loses 3x 1st Tm CUSA CB Joe Burnett (12 st, 44 tkl, 4 int, 11 pbu, #5DC PIT), HM CUSA CB Johnell Neal (12 st, 52 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu), 1st Tm CUSA SS Sha'reff Rashad (12 st, 72 tkl, 5 int, 10 pbu), HM CUSA FS Jason Venson (12 st, 82 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu) and Breon Rogers (1 st, 4 tkl). **That is a combined 186 career starts and 50 career int's lost!** This year's unit could have four true frosh in the 2 deep and has a combined 4 career starts and one int until LB Hallman (19 car st) moved to FS and QB Greco (4st) moved to SS in spring.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2007 UCF had to replace their P but moved all the way up to #8 in my ST rankings. K Michael Torres hit 20 of 24 FG's, P Blake Clingan had a 40.7 avg (36.3 net) and Joe Burnett avg 10.7 on PR while Curtis Francis avg 29.2 on KR. Last year they had to replace Francis and Torres but Burnett became just the 3rd player in the NCAA since 2000 to rank in the Top 100 in all-purp yards despite not having rushing or rec yards. He was also the only person in the Top 20 in both PR (#10) and KR (#7). Miami, Fl transfer Daren Daly took over FG's but hit just 4 of 9 (long 54). Nick Cattoi hit 4 of 6 FG's (long 38). Clingan avg 40.5 (35.9 net) and UCF only finished #24. This year they lose 2nd Tm AA KR Burnett (big loss) and Daly and I'll call for them to drop a few notches.

COACHES - George O'Leary was on top of the world after leading Georgia Tech to a 52-33 record and five bowls in 7 years. He took the HC job at Notre Dame but a resume snafu knocked him out of that job and he was an NFL asst prior to UCF. In just five years here he has two trips to the CUSA Title game (one title). O'Leary was the CUSA Coach of the Year in '05 and '07. He brings in a new OC this year in Charlie Taaffe who was the OC at Maryland from 2001-'05. He was also the HC of the CFL's Hamilton team the last 3 years (5-23) and HC with Montreal (25-14) previously. He was 55-47-1 as HC of The Citadel. Last year's OC Tim Salem is now the TE/ST coach. O'Leary had his 3rd DC in 3 years last year in Dave Huxtable who was the LB/ST coach for 4 years prior and now enters his 2nd season as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

George O'Leary inherited a 3-9 team and a tough non-conf schedule (first 3 foes were BCS). There was a large amount of attrition over the summer with the new HC (just 73 schl players) and UCF finished 0-11. In '05 I did not make a lot of friends in Greenville, NC or Huntington, WV when I forecasted UCF to finish ahead of EC and Marshall. I picked the Knights higher than any other preseason magazine (most had them last). Nine of their top 68 players were walk-ons, but UCF after extending their losing streak to 17 with an 0-2 start, became the 7th team in NCAA history to go from being winless to bowl-eligible. They had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA in 2005 finishing the reg ssn 8-3 before dropping the CUSA Title game and the first bowl in their 10 year IA history. They had 51,978 on hand for the CUSA Title game. With an enrollment of 47,000+, they are the 6th largest FBS university. In 2006 I pointed out that even with their 7-1 CUSA record in '05, they were only +2.9 ypg. They also benefitted from +12 TO's and 3 net close wins (pg 299). Despite having the 2nd most ret starters (17) in CUSA, those factors had UCF pointed towards a disappointing 2006 (4-8). In 2007 numerous factors had me calling for UCF to be back in the postseason. In '06 they had 3 net close losses and were -7 in TO's. UCF also opened Bright House Networks Stadium and that energized the fan base. They nearly upset #6 Texas in the first ever sellout at UCF and after a 3-3 start, won their last six to go 9-3 and they hosted the CUSA Title game in which they whipped Tulsa 44-25 (first ever conf title). It was the school's first 10-win season since 1990. In '07 the team was +139.1 ypg (CUSA best). Prior to Kevin Smith announcing he was leaving, O'Leary thought that '08 would be his best team yet. UCF did have to face 3 BCS schools that made it to bowls. Last year's squad had just 11 seniors and did only lose to #17 USF by 7 in OT but opened the year 1-3. They flew 6,000 miles in B2B away games (BC and UTEP) and in the 2nd one, got walloped 58-13. They were outgained by SMU 376-280 at home but won and the next week had an IR TD and a PR TD to avoid a shutout only losing to Miami 20-14 (outgained 216-78). UCF actually led #22 Tulsa at the half on a Sunday night but lost 49-19. The next week they led eventual league champ EC 10-0 at half but EC rallied to win in OT. After a home loss to SM (17-6), they pulled out a road win at Marshall and then despite being outgained 305-194 by Memphis, won on the road again. They gave an embarrassing effort in their FHG vs UAB in a 15-0 loss. The '08 UCF team had an excellent secondary but their offense ranked dead last in the FBS. While UCF was 3-5 in CUSA, they were -109.3 ypg (3rd worst). This year they have 15 ret starters and had 2 net close losses last year. UCF will be playing 7 home games in Bright House Networks Stadium. O'Leary has alternated winning and losing seasons in each of his 5 years and appears poised to do the same again this year despite drawing Miami, Fla and Texas on the non-conf slate.

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2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

QB 4 **ROB CALABRESE SO.** 6-2 218 PS#78. 8 st, 664 (39%) 7-5 ratio, 291 rush true. Joe Weatherford (6'4" 206 So) PS#75. 160 (42%), 0-2 ratio rFr. Brett Hodges (6'1" 197) PS#125.

RB 34 **BRYNN HARVEY SO.** 6-1 202 PS#166.6 st, 519 (4.2), 5 rec true. Latavius Murray (6'3" 216 So) **PS#43**. 132 (2.9) true. 35 Ronnie Weaver (6'0" 200 So) 6 st, 348 (3.4), 5 rec rFr.

HB 34 **COREY RABAZINSKI SR.** 6-3 237 PS#119, 19 st, 265 (8.5) 3Y. 43 Ricky Kay (6'3" 242 Jr) 6 st, 97 (7.5), 2Y. **FB** Brendan Kelly (6'3" 225 rFr) PS#70. Billy Giovanetti (5'11" 223 rFr).

WR 5 **ROCKY ROSS SR.** 6-2 202 PS#76. 20 st, 1189 (13.8) 2Y. 4 st, Med RS LY. Brian Watters (6'2" 193 Jr) 755 (13.5) 2Y. Khymest Williams (5'10" 179 Jr) PS#322. 2 st, 121 (6.7) 2Y.

WR 81 **KAMAR AIKEN JR.** 6-2 211 PS#87. 21 st, 828 (15.6) 2Y. 3 **AJ Guyton** (5'11" 189 So) **PS#42**. 253 (11.0) true. ACL LY. **Richard Jackson** (6'2" 205 Jr) **PS#12. ND trans.**

TE 88 **ADAM NISSLEY SO.** 6-6 254 PS#128.6 st @ RT, 6 @ TE, 1 rec rFr. 88 John Lubischer (6'4" 250 Jr) PS#45. Duke trans. 4 st, 1 rec here LY. Kyle Madden (6'3" 240 So) PS#129. 3 st true.

C 78 **IAN BUSTILLO SR.** 6-2 302 PS#127. 4 gm 2Y. 7 st, 8 gm LY. Wes Tunuufi Sauvao (6'3" 304 Jr) PS#138. 3 tkl DL 2Y. OL spg. **LS** Charley Hughlett (6'4" 242 So) **CUSA FR Tm.**

RG 69 **Steven Robinson rFr.** 6-3 314 PS#133. Excellent run blk'r. #1 RG into spring. 62 Rey Cunha (6'3" 303 Fr) PS#302. In for spg. 79 Zac Norris (6'3" 275 So) PS#525.

LG 68 **Theo Goins rFr.** 6-4 320 PS#421. Moved from DL in spg. 64 Jarien Moreland (6'4" 318 rFr) PS#197. 1 gm LY but RS. Abre Leggins (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#131JC. **Mich St** signee.

RT 78 **JAH REID JR.** 6-7 310 PS#363. 4 st, 13 gm, CUSA Frosh Tm rFr. 10 st (6 RG, 4 RT), 12 gm LY. 74 Chad Hounshell (6'4" 311 rFr) PS#143. Jake Goray (6'5" 282 So) PS#82.

LT 77 **NICK PIESCHEL SO.** 6-7 284 PS#520. 7 st LG, 12 gm rFr. 75 Mike Buxton (6'8" 317 Jr) PS#326. 16 gm 2Y. Billy Offutt (6'6" 315 So) PS#300. John Oliver (6'6" 276 rFr) PS#434.

K 16 **Nick Cattoi So.** 6-5 209 PS#77. Hit 4-6 FG, long of 38, 15 KO, 9-10 xp as true. Only scholarship K in spg '09. David Bohner (6'0" 171 So) PS#96 **Navy transfer.**

DEFENSE

DE 99 **JARVIS GEATHERS SR.** 6-2 234 PS#139JC. 5 st, 35 tkl, 9.5 tfl here LY. 48 David Williams (6'2" 212 Jr) PS#479. 21 tkl 2Y. Robert Pritchard (6'4" 217 rFr) PS#223. Brian Timm (6'3" 230 So).

DT 95 **Travis Timmons Sr.** 6-4 288 PS#164. 6 tkl true, 3 st, 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl '07. 7 st, 11 gm, 14 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 92 Chris Martin (6'5" 279 Fr) PS#69. Deon Simon (6'4" 260 Fr) PS#124.

DT 98 **TORRELL TROUP SR.** 6-3 315 PS#141. 21 tkl, 6.5 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 52 tkl, 12.5 tfl, **1st Tm CUSA** LY. 46 Rashidi Haughton (6'3" 272 Jr) 1 tkl, 2 gm LY. Jordan Rae (6'2" 257 rFr) PS#473.

DE 49 **BRUCE MILLER JR.** 6-2 258 PS#409. 10 st, 38 tkl, 9 tfl, CUSA Fr Tm rFr. 12 st, 52 tkl, **17 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA** LY. 53 Darius Nall (6'3" 253 So) PS#426. 4 st, 22 tkl true. RS LY.

OLB 57 **LAWRENCE YOUNG JR.** 6-0 205 PS#264. 2 st, 12 gm, 31 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. 12 st, 72 tkl, 10.5 tfl, **2nd Tm CUSA** LY. 56 Jordan Richards (6'2" 222 Sr) PS#433. 11 st, 72 tkl, 2Y. 2 st (inj) LY.

MLB 54 **CHANCE HENDERSON SR.** 6-1 240 PS#167. 16 st, 106 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 57 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **1st Tm CUSA** LY. 55 Alex Thompson (6'2" 229 Sr) PS#65. 32 tkl 3Y. Josh Linam (6'3" 231 So) PS#112.

OLB 59 **Cory Hogue Sr.** 6-1 224 PS#303. 16 st, 84 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 72 tkl '07. 4 gm, 20 tkl, Med RS LY. 42 Loren Robinson (6'3" 209 rFr) PS#147. Jack Canter (6'2" 229 So).

CB 22 **Emery Allen Sr.** 5-9 177 PS#480. 2 st, 26 tkl true. 1 st, 13 gm, 11 tkl '07. 18 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 20 Josh Robinson (5'10" 181 Fr) PS#98. Rashad Shaheed (5'9" 178 Sr) 1 tkl, 1 gm LY.

CB 21 **Darin Baldwin Jr.** 5-11 200 PS#67. 9 gm, 17 tkl, 4 pd true. 1 st NB, 12 tkl, 4 pbu LY. 28 Justin Boddie (6'2" 184 Jr) PS#288. 30 tkl, 2 int 2Y. Omar Hansborough (6'2" 187 So) PS#467.

SS 40 **Reggie Weams Jr.** 6-0 191 PS#189. 26 gm, 21 tkl, 2Y. 2 Michael Greco (6'3" 222 Sr) **PS#39**. 874 (50%), 5-5 ratio, 471 rush, 2Y at QB. Move in spg. Jarrett Swaby is PS#218.

FS 36 **DERRICK HALLMAN JR.** 6-0 213 PS#234. 10 st, 50 tkl, 9.5 tfl true. 9 st, 57 tkl, 8 tfl, 7 pd, HM CUSA LY. Move from LB spg. 18 Vance King (6'0" 189 rFr) PS#96. Corey Ammons is PS#296.

P 41 **BLAKE CLINGAN JR.** 6-3 228 PS#66. 59 punts (40.7), tm net 36.3 as true. 88 punts (40.5), 35.9 net, UCF record for punts and yds LY. David Bohner. **Navy transfer.**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Jonathan Davis 5-9 205 PS#25
OL	Abre Leggins 6-4 300 PS#131JC
DL	Chris Martin 6-5 279 PS#69 '08
DB	Josh Robinson 5-10 181 PS#98
DL	Deon Simon 6-4 260 PS#124
QB	Nico Flores 6-2 199 PS#73
DL	Tay Irvin 6-1 310 PS#147
LB	Javen Harris 5-11 230 PS#167
DB	Jarrett Swaby 6-1 180 PS#218
WR	Dontravious Floyd 6-2 205 PS#173
TE	Jim Teknipp 6-6 213 PS#66
RB	James Poe 6-4 230 PS#129RB '06
DB	Henry Wright 6-1 195 PS#255
LB	Troy Davis 6-2 217 PS#214
DL	Victor Gray 6-4 229 PS#263
DL	Frankie Davis 6-2 285 PS#266
DB	Corey Ammons 5-0 175 PS#296
OL	Rey Cunha 6-3 303 PS#302
WR	Marquee Williams 6-0 201 PS#121QB '08
TE	DJ Brown 6-4 220 PS#82
DB	AJ Bouye 6-0 175 PS#461
DB	Kemal Ishmael 5-11 192 PS#535
DB	Quincy McDuffie 5-10 175 PS#537
DL	Brandon Bryant 6-4 255 PS#819

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UCF	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	Samford	G				
Sep. 12	at Southern Miss	A				
Sep. 19	Buffalo	G				
Sep. 26	at East Carolina	G				
Oct. 3	Memphis	G				
Oct. 10						
Oct. 17	Miami, Fl	G				
Oct. 24	at Rice	A				
Nov. 1	Marshall (Sun)	G				
Nov. 7	at Texas	A				
Nov. 14	Houston (HC)	G				
Nov. 21	Tulane	G				
Nov. 28	at UAB	A				
Dec. 5						

Bulldogs finished 6-5 in Southern Conf, including a 34-10 loss at Mississippi. UCF is 17-0 vs FCS teams since 1996 winning the L/2 by an avg of 18 ppg.

UCF is 10-6 in conference road games since joining CUSA. The Knights are 1-3 vs the Eagles but did win last time here 34-17 in 2007.

UCF was a member of the MAC from '02-'04 & went 2-1 vs the Bulls in that span. UCF is 0-8 vs the MAC under O'Leary, but all losses were in '04 when the tm went 0-11.

UCF is 1-3 vs ECU in CUSA play and 1-7 overall with 5 losses by DD. Last year UCF led 10-0 mid 3Q but allowed a game-tying TD with 1:51 left & lost in OT 13-10.

UCF is 4-1 all-time vs Memphis, including last year's 28-21 road win. UCF has dominated at home vs the Tigers winning by 56-20 ('07) & 38-17 ('05).

UCF is 1-10 vs current ACC teams. Last year in 1st meeting UCF was held to 78 yds in 20-14 road loss. UCF's 2 scores came on a 91-yd KO return & a 62-yd int return.

The Knights are 1-1 vs the Owls in 2 CUSA meetings & the road team has won both. UCF is 5-2 vs CUSA West teams the last 2 years.

Knights are 4-0 vs Marshall in CUSA play with an avg score of 31-16 & 3 DD wins. Last yr UCF held MU to 229 yds & capitalized on 2 Herd ST's miscues in their 30-14 win.

Last meeting was '07 when UCF nearly pulled the upset of #6 UT, falling 35-32 in 1st gm at Bright House. The Knights are 1-14 vs BCS tms S/'04 & are only 2-41 overall.

Series tied at 1-1 with the home team winning both. The two teams have averaged 71 ppg in the series. Entering '09: UCF is 11-5 in November games since 2005.

Teams have split 2 meetings in CUSA play with the home team winning both. The Knights are 19-11 all-time in final home games but did get shutout last year.

UCF is 5-1 all-time vs the Blazers & 3-1 in CUSA play. LY UCF was shutout for the 1st time ever in CUSA play & for the 1st time at Brighthouse in a 15-0 loss to UAB.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Daunte Culpepper 11,412 '95-'98
2. Ryan Schneider 10,976 '00-'03
3. Darin Hinshaw 9,000 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Kevin Smith 4,679 '05-'07
2. Alex Haynes 3,359 '01-'04
3. Willie English 3,131 '89-'91, '93

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Rhodes 3,618 '91-'94
2. Mark Nonsant 2,809 '95-'98
3. Mike Walker 2,561 '03-'06

GEORGE O'LEARY (Career 78-69)

6th Year at UCF — Bowls: 2-4 (Georgia Tech '94-'01)

O'Leary AT UCF/OVERALL

26-36 / 78-69	SU	0-4 / 2-13	Vs Top 10
14-16 / 43-30	Home	0-7 / 12-25	Vs Top 25
12-18 / 32-35	Away	1-14 / 9-24	Vs BCS Tms
0-2 / 3-4	Neutral	1-8 / 10-15	Off A Bye
21-21 / 57-43	Vs Conf	9-23 / 27-33	Off A Loss

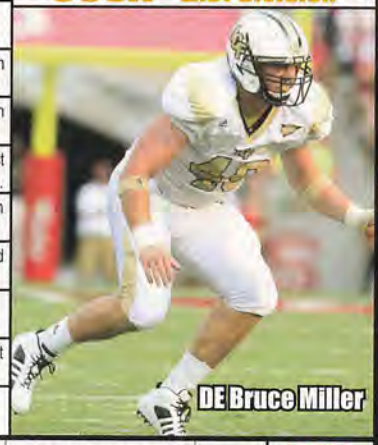
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (25,16,3)
Lost: 12 (5,6,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,596 (#60)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS STADIUM (45,000) (#71)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-5	3-9	0-11	8-5	4-8	10-4	4-8	49-59
Home	4-1	5-0	4-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	2-5	6-1	2-4	30-21
Away	3-3	1-5	3-3	0-7	0-6	4-3	2-3	4-2	2-4	19-36
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	6-2	2-6	0-8	7-2	3-5	8-1	3-5	29-29
vs Non-Conf	7-4	6-5	1-3	1-3	0-3	1-3	1-3	2-3	1-3	20-30
ATS	4-4	6-4	6-5	2-9	3-8	8-5	4-7	8-6	5-5-1	46-53-1
Home Fav	1-0	3-0	1-4	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-2	0-1-1	11-10-1
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	2-2	3-1	1-3	1-0	2-1	10-10
Away Favorite	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	5-12
Away Dog	2-1	1-3	3-1	1-4	1-4	3-2	2-2	2-1	3-2	18-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	5-3	1-7	3-5	6-3	4-4	6-3	3-4-1	28-29-1
vs Non-Conf	4-4	6-4	1-2	1-2	0-3	2-2	0-3	2-3	2-1	18-24
Off SU Win	3-4	1-3	3-3	1-2	0-0	4-4	1-2	5-5	3-1	21-24
Off SU Loss	0-0	4-1	2-2	1-6	3-7	3-1	3-5	2-1	2-4-1	20-27-1

Mike Kruczek (1-10 Alan Goon (11-2) George O'Leary

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brynn Harvey	125	564	45	519	1	4.2
Ronnie Weaver	102	371	23	348	2	3.4
Michael Greco	50	303	85	218	1	4.4
Latavius Murray	46	137	5	132	3	2.9
Rob Calabrese	85	291	183	108	1	1.3
Brandon Davis	24	85	17	68	0	2.8
Blake Clingan	3	39	15	24	0	8.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rob Calabrese	165	65	39.4	664	7	5
Michael Greco	107	52	48.6	571	5	4
Joe Weatherford	36	15	41.7	160	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brian Watters	42	594	14.1	3	62
Kamar Aiken	20	244	12.2	1	39
Rocky Ross	13	180	13.8	1	31
Kyhmest Williams	17	114	6.7	3	19
Jamar Newsome	4	81	20.2	1	54
Corey Rabazinski	9	54	6.0	1	13
Ricky Kay	7	37	5.3	1	9
Richard Jackson	2	32	16.0	0	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Blake Clingan	88	3560	40.5	18	35.9	2	27

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daren Daly	14-15	1-3	1-3	1-1	1-2	4-9	54
Nick Cattoi	9-10	3-3	1-2	0-1	0-0	4-6	38

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Venson	82	1	2.5	8	2
Lawrence Young	72	1.5	9	5	1
Sha'reff Rashad	72	0	2	10	5
Derrick Hallman	57	1	7	6	1
Chance Henderson	57	3.5	5	0	0
Bruce Miller	52	7	10	3	1
Torrell Troup	52	2	10.5	2	0
Johnell Neal	52	0	1	9	4
Joe Burnett	44	0	4.5	11	4
Antonio Wallace	40	4.5	4.5	1	0
Jarvis Geathers	35	5.5	4	2	0
Cory Hogue	20	1	2.5	1	0
David Williams	20	0	1.5	0	0
Emery Allen	18	2	0	1	0
Travis Timmons	14	0	2	0	0
Darin Baldwin	12	0	0	4	0
Alex Thompson	12	0	1	0	0
Reggie Weams	11	0	0	0	0
Jordan Richards	11	0	0	0	0
Justin Boddie	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joe Burnett	26	378	14.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joe Burnett	26	745	28.7	2
Khymest Williams	10	243	24.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Hawaii	+2'	Nevada (OT)	48-49
07	Liberty	-3	Mississippi St	3-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
UCF's All-Time Bowl Record 0-2

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
4	16.6	230	113	3.0	116	42.9	13.8	32	+1	2008	8	24.1	334	126	3.4	208	52.3	13.9	30
8	35.9	412	235	4.9	177	57.2	11.5	20	+1	2007	9	26.6	366	133	3.8	233	54.9	13.8	39
8*	19.3	373	139	3.8	234	59.6	19.3	22	-7	2006	9	28.8	398	149	4.5	249	62.2	13.8	25
9*	28.7	401	167	3.9	234	59.1	14.0	37	+12	2005	7	28.7	420	179	4.9	242	59.2	14.7	26
6	15.9	280	97	2.5	183	58.3	17.6	50	-3	2004	6	32.9	403	186	4.5	217	60.5	12.3	14
4*	18.7	320	98	3.3	222	61.6	17.1	22	-22	2003	8	31.1	403	192	4.2	211	65.4	13.0	15
7*	32.6	436	116	3.9	320	61.1	13.4	15	-6	2002	3	26.3	354	150	3.6	204	56.8	13.5	31

2008 STATS BY GAME

UCF 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
42,126	S Carolina St	19	59-228	3.9	9-16	90	3	5	23-52	2.3	11-21	74	1	+1
46,805	USF	12	28-76	2.7	17-32	150	0	25	44-158	3.6	23-41	346	3	+2
41,267	at Boston College	12	34-123	3.6	16-32	129	1	24	37-168	4.5	20-41	237	2	-1
33,339	at UTEP	17	39-175	4.5	14-34	161	2	15	31-119	3.8	20-35	284	0	-5
43,147	SMU	11	38-154	4.1	9-17	126	2	15	21-25	1.2	29-45	351	4	+3
40,011	at Miami, Fl	10	27-4	0.1	11-37	74	5	12	43-128	3.0	12-25	88	3	+2
30,000	at Tulsa	13	48-63	1.3	8-16	124	9	22	39-172	4.4	17-28	264	2	0
40,202	East Carolina	12	37-82	2.2	9-21	142	4	17	44-134	3.0	13-34	149	6	-1
41,652	S Mississippi	10	16-64	4.0	13-33	144	1	22	54-150	2.8	21-34	188	5	-2
24,059	at Marshall	17	65-213	3.3	4-17	29	1	8	29-145	5.0	7-29	84	1	+3
18,836	at Memphis	10	40-73	1.8	8-19	121	3	16	37-122	3.3	15-37	183	1	+1
23,644	UAB	13	22-104	4.7	14-34	105	1	20	47-140	3.0	20-28	244	2	-2
TOTALS		156	453-1359	3.0	132-308	1395	32	201	449-1513	3.4	208-398	2492	30	+1
AVERAGES		13.0	38-113	3.0	11-26	116	10.4%	16.8	37-126	3.4	17-33	208	7.5%	0.1

2004 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Wisconsin - #21	+23	6-34
-	West Virginia - #10	+21	20-45
-	at Penn St	+23	13-37
-	at Buffalo	-7'	20-48
-	N Illinois	+18	28-30
-	Akron	-2'	21-26
-	at Miami, Oh	+22	7-43
-	at Marshall	+26	3-20
-	Ohio	+3	16-17 OT
-	at Ball St	+3'	17-21
-	Kent St	+8'	24-41

2005 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at South Carolina	+21	15-24
-	at USF	+7'	14-31
-	Marshall	+3'	23-13
-	at Louisiana	-3'	24-21
-	Memphis	+1'	38-17
-	at Southern Miss	+8'	31-52
-	Tulane	-6	34-24
-	at East Carolina	+1'	30-20
-	Houston	+2	31-29
-	at UAB	+7'	27-21
-	at Rice	-11	31-28
-	Tulsa	+2'	27-44

2006 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Villanova	NL	35-16
-	at Florida - #7	+23	0-42
-	USF	+1'	17-24
-	Southern Miss	+6	14-19
-	at Marshall	+3'	23-22
-	Pittsburgh	+10'	7-52
-	Rice	-5'	29-40
-	at Houston	+17	31-51
-	East Carolina	+5'	10-23
-	at Memphis	-2'	26-24
-	at Tulane	+2	9-10
-	UAB	-3'	31-22

2007 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at NC State	+8	25-23
-	Texas - #6	+17	32-35
-	Memphis	-7	56-20
-	Louisiana	-22	37-19
-	at East Carolina	-3'	38-52
-	at USF - #5	+10'	12-64
-	Tulsa	-2'	44-23
-	at Southern Miss	+3	34-17
-	Marshall	-14	47-13
-	at UAB	-20'	45-31
-	at SMU	-12'	49-20
-	UTEP	-21	36-20
-	Tulsa	-7'	44-25

2008 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	S Carolina St	NL	17-0
-	USF - #17	+13'	24-31 OT
-	at Boston College	+10	7-34
-	at UTEP	-4'	13-58
-	SMU	-14	31-17
-	at Miami, Fl	+16'	14-20
-	at Tulsa - #22	+23	19-49
-	East Carolina	+5	10-13 OT
-	Southern Miss	+3	6-17
-	at Marshall	+7	30-14
-	at Memphis	+5	28-21
-	UAB	-8'	0-15

UAB BLAZERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 starting QB Chris Williams was injured in Wk 4 and Middle Tenn transfer Sam Hunt, who was one of the fastest players on the team, got his first start. He threw for 655 (58.5%) with a 2-5 ratio (262 rush) in 5 starts. Joe Webb DNP in the first 10 but hit 33 of 51 for 426 (64.7%) in the final 2 after Hunt was injured. In 2007 Hunt was the starting QB but with an eye to the future, Callaway played Webb a lot in the final 3 (71 att). While Hunt hit just 46.8% with a 10-14 ratio, Webb threw for 679 (55.6%) with a 5-1 ratio (also #2 rusher, 288 and #2 rec 459, 15.3). Webb was the clear-cut starter into '08. Expected backup Anthony Speight transferred so Webb's backup was senior Rodney Bivens. With the amount of carries and pass att that Webb had (551 in '08), it was surprising that he was able to stay healthy the entire year. While Bivens played in 4, he did not att a pass. Webb was #3 in the FBS in QB rushing yards with a net of 1,021 (5.2) and 11 TD's while he threw for 2,367 (58.9%) with a 10-16 ratio. He threw just 1 int over the L3 games. True frosh David Isabelle managed to RS. Added to the mix this yr are Bryan Ellis (6'2" 200 So, PS#273), Joseph Bento (6'1" 200 So) and JUCO Joei Fiegler. Webb figures to be one of CUSA's most electrifying performers in '09.

RUNNING BACKS - The Blazers have operated a TB-by-committee approach that has not produced a 1,000 yard rushing season by a RB since 1996. The unit has been injury plagued for 5 straight years. In 2007 Rashaud Slaughter led the RB's with 325 (3.2). The #2 RB (267, 4.2) was dismissed in '08 and their #3 RB former walk-on Jim Mitchell ret'd (83, 4.6 in '07). JC transfer Aaron Johns (PS#107) had 200 (3.6) at Alabama in '04 and 914 (5.5) at JC in '06 was expected to start in 2008. Unfortunately Johns suffered through injuries and had just 115 (5.0). Slaughter who had moved to WR in the spring but moved back to RB in Aug, led with 514 and an improved 4.5 ypc (176 rec yds). Troy transfer Justin Brooks had 218 (4.1) while Mitchell had 78 (4.1). This year they lose Johns (2 st) but add JUCO Daniel Borne who was IFS. Not listed in the PSL below are Dexter Barnett (5'10" 175 So, PS#236), Mitchell (5'10" 185 Sr) and Jae Fitzgerald (5'11" 200 So, PS#127). I look for improved numbers from the Blazer RB's.

WR Frantrell Forrest

RECEIVERS - UAB had a very inexperienced receiving corps in '07 and rFr Frantrell Forrest, led with 563 (11.5) while QB/WR Joe Webb was #2 with 459 (15.3) and the #3 in only 6 starts was true frosh Mario Wright who had 272 (10.1). Last year they added a pair of JC's in Rodell Carter (206, 12.9) and Mark Ferrell (177, 13.6). Forrest missed 2 but still led with 536 (12.8) while TE Jeffery Anderson (PS#52) was #2 with 368 (16.0) and Wright had 243 (12.1). Anderson has a lot of potential but had a tendency to take plays off last year. This group is much more experienced than last year which basically had to replace its #2 (Webb to QB), #4 and #5 WR's. Their only loss is WR Justin Johnson (4 st, 7 rec) and they add JUCO Nick Adams. Not listed in the PSL are Paul Schoolar (6'1" 205 Sr), Austin McDaniel (5'7" 175 So), Brandon Heath (6'3" 195 Sr), TE's Sam Accursio (6'1" 240 So), Justin Harris (6'2" 217 So) and Nathan Allen (6'4" 210 So). This group will help Webb have an improved ratio in 2009.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 UAB had to replace six OL who combined for 40 starts but they did have two back with 30 combined career starts. New HC Callaway was the OL coach at three SEC schools so you know this position is a priority. Seven of the top 10 spots were held down by underclassmen as 3 frosh started 5+ games. The OL opened holes for 110 ypg (3.7) while allowing just 16 sacks (3.6%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and two backups. JC transfer RG Ryan Roget started the first game and then left the team (inj). Those frosh were now soph and UAB improved to 169 ypg (4.7) but did allow 23 sacks (6.5%). This year the unit returns intact with 10 having starting experience and their 108 career starts are tied for 5th best in FBS. This is clearly Callaway's best OL here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UAB's D was nicknamed "The Steel Shield" and allowed just 1.9 ypc rushing in 2001. That D-line included 1st and 2nd round DC's. UAB's D slipped, allowing 3.7, 4.4, 3.9, 3.9 and 4.3 the next five years. In 2007 they lost 3 starters and the Blazers were run over yielding 257 ypg rush, their worst in IA ball with an outlandish 5.7 ypc while the D recorded just 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 backups. Starting DE Joe Happe (3 st) lost his spot and the 3 other returning starters were all soph. The unit improved as the season progressed allowing 86 ypg (3.0) over the last 3. This year they lose DE Richard Carter (4 st, 21 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 back and add 2 top-notch JUCO's in DE Derek Slaughter (PS#195JC) who led his JC team in tackles and DT Justin Wells (PS#123JC). Not listed below are Vincent Webb (6'2" 235 So), Nick Cannady (6'3" 280 So) and Todd Howanitz (6'6" 270 Sr). While not up to "The Steel Shield" standards, this is their best front wall in years.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UAB had to replace their #4 and #8 tacklers but did have back their #2 and #11 from '07. The only constant in the LB corps last year was Joe Henderson who led in tackles and was 1st Tm CUSA. Six other LB's earned starts. This year they lose Henderson (12 st), BJ Steed (3 st, 15 tkl), Tony Leggett (1 st, 14 tkl) and Terry Thomas (9 tkl). They add JUCO Darrion Wilson and true frosh Daniel White who were both in for the spring. This group has a little more overall experience but with the loss of their top guy, I'll call them even with 2008's unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - From 2004-'06 UAB finished #95, #97 and #98 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace three starters in '07 but did have their top cover CB back and moved up to #81. Last year they had to replace two players (comb 12 st) so improvement was expected. True frosh Chase Daniel caught Callaway's eye early in camp and earned 6 starts (#3 tkl'r). FS Will Dunbar, who had 122 tackles in '07 started just 9 (inj) and dropped to 68 (#2 tkl'r) which was partly because their improved front 7 made more tackles. CB Kevin Sanders tied for #1 in FBS with 7 int's. It's surprising that UAB actually slipped to #100. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA CB Sanders (12 st, 38 tkl), FS Dunbar (9 st), S Matt Taylor (9 st, 47 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu) and Antoine Powers (11 tkl). Not listed below are Ferson Stafford (5'9" 170 So), Dejuan Franklin (5'9" 170 Jr), Roya Campbell (6'0" 180 So), Stephen Allen (6'1" 200 Jr) and Alex Mason (6'0" 200 So). While much less experienced than '08, this group should improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 an injury plagued UAB team finished #93 in my ST rankings but in '07 Swayze Waters almost single-footedly guided the team to a #29 finish. Waters hit 22 of 28 FG's (long 52) and had a net of 35.6 (19 TB on KO). He had arthroscopic surgery after the year as he wore down handling all 3 duties. Last year he hit 19 of 24 FG's (long 50) with 14 TB on 61 KO. He improved his punting avg from 41.4 to 43.6 (37.8 net!). The return game was #103 in the NCAA in KR's (19.3) and #113 on PR's (4.5). Unfortunately this year Waters departs so it looks like the Blazers will drop some from '08's #47 finish.

COACHES - Neil Callaway played for Bear Bryant from '74-'77 and had asst coaching jobs at EC, WY and Houston. He was also the OL coach at Aub ('81-'92), the OC at Bama ('98-'00) and the OC at UGA ('01-'06). 2007 was his first as a HC. He made a great hire in DC Eric Schumann who had been Tulane's DC from '02-'06. Schumann was also the DC at SMU. Callaway also made an excellent hire in OC Kim Helton who was the HC at Houston from '93-'99 and also, OC at Miami, Fl from '79-'82. He was the Toronto Argonauts RB coach in the CFL in '06. Both coordinators enter their 3rd year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not have a football team until 1991. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995, they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, and did not have a football office or locker room. They joined CUSA five years later and had an amazing record (for such a young program) of 30-29 in conference play under Brown. From 2001-'04, UAB was 18-13 in CUSA play. In '05 they were just 3-5 despite being +60.3 ypg (3rd best CUSA). They had 5 close losses and only needed to win their season finale to get back to a bowl but lost on the road to EC. In 2006 UAB had just 12 ret starters (2nd lowest CUSA). They opened 3-3 (2-0 in conf play) but lost their final 6. They had 5 close losses and could have finished as high as 8-4 but they were -53.5 ypg, (3rd weakest CUSA). Sixteen starters missed at least one game and by Wk 12, thirteen were out for the season. It was UAB's worst season in their short history. In '07 they had to replace 27 scholarship Sr's and with the coaching change, suffered a large amount of attrition over the summer. Not counting freshmen, only 40 players on the team were on scholarship when the new coaches arrived. They had just 8 ret starters (2nd fewest FBS) and had 6 frosh and 6 senior starters by years end. As expected, they were on the short end of many blowouts going just 1-7 in CUSA play (-188.1 ypg, 109.6 ypg worse than the #11 team). Last year they were a more veteran team with 14 starters back. After finishing '07 with 60 scholarship players, they began '08 with 73. UAB led Tulsa 22-21 at the half but lost by 23. They trailed FAU by 8 in the 4Q and had the ball but were SOD at the FAU27. The Owls got a 73 yd TD run with :40 left for the final margin. After an expected loss to Tenn, they snapped a 9 game losing streak by beating Ala St. Two weeks later they outgained Memphis 455-436 but the Tigers nailed a FG with :02 left. They led Houston 20-3 at the half but lost 45-20. They beat Marshall by 2 at home but then were walloped by SM 70-14. After beating an injury plagued Tulane squad 41-24, they led EC 13-10 but gave up a TD with 2:20 left and lost. They ended the season strong with UAB's first shutout in CUSA history 15-0 on the road at UCF. While technically they finished last again in CUSA East, they also were in a 3-way tie for 4th at 3-5. They were -60.5 ypg in CUSA play (4th best in the East, 7th best overall). This year UAB has 18 ret starters including dynamic QB Joe Webb. This is BY FAR the Blazers best team under Callaway. They could open 2-0 but then play 7 AG's the next 9 including 5 in a 6 week span so they may find it tough to top LY's 4 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 5 JOE WEBB SR. 6-4 220 426 (65%) true. 8 st WR, 30 rec, 679 pass '07. 12 st, 2367 (59%), 10-16, 1218 rush LY. **17** David Isabelle (6'3" 185 rFr) PS#200. Joei Fiegler PS#165JC.

RB 1 RASHAUD SLAUGHTER SR. 5-9 185 PS#356. 1 st WR '06. 10 st RB, 325 (3.2), 22 rec '07. 9 st, 514 (4.5), 29 rec LY. **30** Justin Brooks (5'11" 215 Jr). 9 gm at Troy '06. Trans '07. 1 st, 218 (4.1) LY.

WR 7 FRANTRELL FORREST JR. 6-2 195 PS#381. 6 st, 563 (11.5), HM CUSA '07. 8 st, 536 (12.8), 35 KR, HM CUSA WR & KR LY. **89** Darryl Harris (5'10" 175 Sr). 16 gms, 10 rec 2Y.

WR 11 MARIO WRIGHT JR. 6-5 205 272 (10.1) true. 11 st, 243 (12.1) LY. **12** Nick Adams PS#199JC. **15** Sylvester Mencer (5'11" 185 Sr). 44 rec 2Y. RS LY. Cameron Thompson (6'6" 190 Jr).

WR 80 MARK FERRELL SR. 6-2 215 PS#157JC. 5 st, 177 (13.6) here LY. **85** Rodell Carter (6'4" 215 Jr) PS#282JC. 206 (12.9) here LY. Mike Jones (6'1" 180 Jr). 5 st, 231 (8.9) 2Y.

TE 86 JEFFERY ANDERSON JR. 6-3 255 PS#52. 5 st, 216 (14.4) rFr. 9 st, 368 (16.0) LY. **84** Zach Lankford (6'4" 250 Sr) PS#166. 23 (5.8) 2Y. 7 st, 190 (11.9) LY. Joseph Waller (6'4" 290 Jr).

C 53 JAKE SEITZ SR. 6-2 290 12 st rFr. 12 st '07. 12 st, HM CUSA L2Y. **73** Caleb Thomas (6'3" 290 So) PS#163. 1 st, Med RS true. 12 gm LY. **LS 61** Taylor Klein (5'11" 220 So).

RG 77 JARED KOECHNER SR. 6-5 285 PS#322JC. 3 st here LY. **68** Adam Hollifield (6'3" 300 Jr). 5 st (inj) rFr. 5 st, 9 gm (inj) LY. Adam Arthur (6'2" 270 So) PS#323. From DL.

LG 78 GREG BULLS JR. 6-4 290 PS#491. 12 st LY. **75** Daniel Seahorn (6'5" 295 Sr) PS#297JC. 3 st, 12 gm LY. **72** Logan Creel (6'5" 290 Jr). 18 gm 2Y. Jordan McDaniel (6'2" 275 So).

RT 55 TERENCE EDGE JR. 6-2 295 PS#271. 8 st, 10 gm true. 12 st, HM CUSA LY. **64** Greg Calhoun (6'4" 300 So) PS#534. 6 st, 9 gm rFr. Sean Dailey (6'3" 265 So) PS#320. 3 gm rFr.

LT 71 MATT McCANTS SO. 6-7 295 PS#520. 7 st, 11 gm '07. Inel LY. **63** Willie Thompson (6'6" 295 Sr) PS#420. 1 st '06. 3 st '07. 6 st, 9 gm LY. Mike Davis (6'0" 280 So).

K 37 Trey Ragland So. 5-11 175 1 gm, 1 punt (48.0) last year. Competing for both PK & P duties in spg. Josh Zahn (6'1" 195 Fr) PS#280. **65** Max Garcia (6'0" 170 Fr).

DE 94 BRYANT TURNER JR. 6-2 260 PS#171. 9 st, 31 tkl, 8 tfl rFr. 9 st, 20 tkl, 7 tfl, HM CUSA LY. **51** Elliott Henigan (6'4" 270 So). 26 tkl true. Joe Happe (6'4" 260 Sr). **14 st**, 45 tkl 2Y.

DT 97 DJ REESE JR. 6-4 280 PS#341. 11 st, 33 tkl true. 12 st, 31 tkl LY. **56** Adam Arthur (6'2" 270 So) PS#323. Working at OL in spg. David Decordova (6'2" 275 Jr) PS#295JC. RS LY.

NT 91 TIM DAVIS JR. 6-0 275 PS#322. 10 st, 25 tkl true. 9 st (inj). 9 tkl LY. **93** Nick Davison (6'0" 275 So) PS#421. 2 st, 17 tkl true. **92** Justin Wells PS#123JC. IFS.

DE 95 ANTHONY BARNES SR. 6-3 255 PS#414JC. 12 gms, L/8 sts, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl here LY. **52** Derek Slaughter (6'2" 245 Jr) is PS#195JC. Amos Draper (6' 3" 245 Fr) is PS#328.

WLB 13 KEON HARRIS JR. 5-11 205 PS#443.10 gm, 26 tkl true. 7 st, 47 tkl LY. **35 Lamanski Ware** (6'2" 225 So) PS#279. 5 st, 11 gm, 23 tkl true. **57** Jarrell Watters (6'0" 225 So). 8 tkl true.

MLB 34 Daniel White Fr. 6-2 235 PS#218. **58** Katrell Watters (6'0" 235 So) PS#223.1 st, 15 tkl true. Kyle Roget (6'1" 235 Jr) PS#377JC. Hip inj LY. ? '09. Keaton Berrion (6'0" 236 So).

SLB 33 Darrion Wilson Jr. 6-3 225 PS#164JC. **48** Drew Luker (6'3" 205 So) PS#342. 4 st, 24 tkl true. **44** Caleb Dyck (5'10" 215 Jr). 4 tkl rFr. Jestin Williams (6'0" 225 So) PS#154.

CB 29 TERRELL SPRINGS SO. 5-9 180 PS#219. 8 st, 10 gm, 32 tkl true. 4 pbu's. **3** Andre Hicks (5'9" 175 So) PS#302. 8 gms, 12 tkl true. **27** Michael McRae (5'11" 180 Jr). 9 gms, 4 tkl LY.

CB 4 Brandon Carlisle Sr. 5-10 185 PS#316. 3 st, 40 tkl '07. 5 sts, 46 tkl, 5 pd LY. Marquis Coleman (6'1" 185 So) PS#124. 2 st, 14 tkl rFr. Ugonna Amarikwa (6'0" 180 So). 8 tkl rFr.

SS 31 Chase Daniel So. 6-3 195 PS#395. 6 st, 47 tkl, 7 pd true. David Conner PS#75. **25** Brock Ferguson (6'2" 200 Jr) PS#405. 12 tkl 2Y. **20** Jimmie Blair (6'1" 200 So).

FS 32 Hiram Atwater Jr. 6-0 200 PS#176JC. IFS. Elliott McGaskin PS#217JC. **26** Justin Smartt (5'11" 175 Jr). 11 gms, 1 st, 9 tkl LY. **39** Daniel Clements (5'11" 200 So). 10 gms, 3 tkl LY.

P NA Joei Fiegler 6-3 200 PS#165JC. Avg 44.3 yp at JC. Also competing for QB job. **37** Trey Ragland (5'11" 175 So). 1 punt (48.0), 1 gm as rFr. Josh Zahn is PS#280.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	David Conner 5-11 200 PS#75
DL	Justin Wells 6-4 285 PS#123JC
RB	Rashad Wynes 6-1 210 PS#107
LB	Darrion Wilson 6-3 225 PS#164JC
QB	Joei Fiegler 6-3 200 PS#165JC
RB	Reginald Bryant 5-11 205 PS#117
DB	Hiram Atwater 6-0 200 PS#176JC
RB	Daniel Borne 5-11 205 PS#193JC
DL	Derek Slaughter 6-2 245 PS#195JC
WR	Nick Adams 6-2 195 PS#199JC
DB	Elliott McGaskin 6-1 200 PS#217JC
OL	Chris Hubbard 6-3 240 PS#172
WR	Freddie Moore 6-3 190 PS#194
LB	Daniel White 6-2 235 PS#218
LB	Marvin Burdette 5-11 225 PS#223
DL	Amos Draper 6-3 245 PS#328
OL	Kaycee Ike 6-5 245 PS#610
LB	Patrick Bastien 6-3 200 PS#657DL
DB	Cornelius Richards 6-1 175 PS#819
DL	Andrew Mahan 6-4 225 PS#912
DB	Caleb Lester 5-10 170 PS#1101
TE	Ed Pruitt 6-3 230 PS#431
LB	Greg Irvin 5-10 195 PS#1667
K	Josh Zahn 6-1 195 PS#280

UAB BLAZERS

Birmingham, Alabama
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#67

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UAB	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Rice	A					
Sep. 12	SMU	A					
Sep. 19	at Troy	A					
Sep. 26	at Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 1	Southern Miss (Thur)	A					
Oct. 10							
Oct. 17	at Mississippi	A					
Oct. 24	at Marshall	A					
Oct. 31	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 7	Florida Atlantic	A					
Nov. 14	at Memphis	A					
Nov. 21	at East Carolina	G					
Nov. 28	UCF	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Darrell Hackney 9,886 '02-'05
2. John Whitcomb 7,420 '92-'94
3. Joe Webb 3,472 '06-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Pat Green 2,817 '91-'94
2. Dan Burks 2,277 '02-'06
3. Jegil Dugger 1,979 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Derrick Ingram 3,379 '91-'94
2. Roddy White 3,112 '01-'04
3. Cedrick Buchannon 1,694 '92-'95

Series tied 1-1 & the HT is 2-0. UAB is 11-2 in home openers, but just 4-8 vs the CUSA West S/'05. UAB's L/4 openers were vs #3 Tenn, #10 Oklahoma, Mich St & CUSA fav Tulsa.

The Blazers have lost both previous matchups & are 0-5 vs teams from Texas the last 3 years. Coming into '09, UAB is 5-11 in CUSA home games since 2005.

UAB has won back-to-back games & 3 of the L/4. In the last meeting in '06 the Blazers held Troy to 126 yds the 1st 3Q's. UAB is 15-11 vs current members of the SBC.

First meeting. The Blazers are 8-40 vs current BCS schools & have lost 10 straight by an average of 19 ppg. UAB is 3-12 on the road vs non-conference teams.

UAB is 0-9 vs the Golden Eagles & have been outscored by an avg score of 30-16. The Blazers allowed a ssn-high 610 yds & were dominated in last yr's 70-14 loss.

First meeting. The Blazers are 2-12 all-time vs the SEC & have lost 6 straight by an avg score of 26-8. Entering '09: UAB is just 2-18 on the road the last 3 years.

UAB is 1-3 vs Marshall, with all 4 games decided by a TD or less. Last year QB Webb had 352 yds of total offense & Marshall missed a 37 yd FG with 2:50 left.

Series tied 1-1. The road team has has won both previous meetings by an avg of 16 ppg. The Blazers are 2-4 on the road vs CUSA West teams since 2005.

Met for 1st time LY when UAB was SOD at the FAU 27 w/less than 1:00 left & the Owls iced it w/a 73 yd TD run the next play. UAB QB Webb threw for a career-high 326 yds.

UAB has lost 2 in a row to the Tigers after winning 7 straight in the series. LY UAB outgained UM 455-436 but UM kicked a 25 yd FG w/:02 left to win the "Battle of the Bones."

The HT has won 6 of 8. Webb was held to a ssn-low 116 yds passing but did lead in the 4Q. They allowed a 55/9pl TD drive w/2:20 left that included a PF pen for a FD at the 11.

LY UAB got its 1st win over UCF after losing 5 straight. The Blazers' recorded their 1st shutout in CUSA play (10 ssns). This is just 2nd time in 13 yrs UAB closes the yr at home (last time '98).

NEIL CALLAWAY (Career 6-18)

3rd Year at UAB

Callaway's Bowl Record: 0-0

Callaway's records AT UAB

6-18	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-6	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
2-12	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
4-12	Vs Conference	6-11	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (28,23,0)
Lost: 14 (3,8,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,062 (#100)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (72,000) (#24)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (SureTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	5-7	5-7	7-5	5-6	3-9	2-10	4-8	44-61
Home	4-2	4-1	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-3	3-3	2-3	2-3	27-21
Away	3-2	2-4	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-3	0-6	0-7	2-5	17-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	3-3	5-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	3-5	2-6	1-7	3-5	30-39
vs Non-Conf	4-1	1-3	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	1-3	14-22
ATS	7-3	6-4	5-6-1	5-7	6-6	5-5	4-8	6-5	5-5-1	49-49-2
Home Fav	1-2	2-2	1-1	0-3	3-1	1-3	2-4	1-0	0-0	11-16
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	3-0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-1-1	10-4-2
Away Favorite	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-9
Away Dog	3-1	3-1	1-3	4-2	1-2	3-0	2-3	4-3	3-4	24-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-2	5-2	4-3-1	4-4	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	4-3-1	34-33-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-0	2-2	2-1	1-2	15-16
Off SU Win	3-3	5-1	2-2-1	2-3	3-4	1-3	1-2	1-1	2-1	20-20-1
Off SU Loss	4-0	1-3	3-3	3-3	2-2	3-2	2-6	5-3	3-3-1	26-25-1

Walterd Brown 1995 — Neil Callaway

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Webb	198	1218	197	1021	11	5.2
Rashaud Slaughter	113	554	40	514	4	4.5
Justin Brooks	53	227	9	218	3	4.1
Aaron Johns	23	116	1	115	1	5.0
Jim Mitchell	19	79	1	78	0	4.1
Frantrell Forrest	8	43	0	43	0	5.4
Rodney Bivens	6	26	6	20	0	3.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Joe Webb	353	208	58.9	2367	10	16

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Frantrell Forrest	42	536	12.8	2	38
Jeffery Anderson	23	368	16.0	3	43
Mario Wright	20	243	12.1	1	38
Rodell Carter	16	206	12.9	0	38
Zach Lankford	16	190	11.9	2	33
Mark Ferrell	13	177	13.6	0	35
Rashaud Slaughter	29	176	6.1	1	21
Darryl Harris	9	136	15.1	0	28
Mike Jones	11	109	9.9	1	28
Justin Brooks	11	101	9.2	0	23
Justin Johnson	7	82	11.7	0	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Swayze Waters	55	2396	43.6	12	37.8(t)	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Swayze Waters	24-27	8-9	4-4	6-10	1-1	19-24	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Henderson	87	1.5	11	1	0
Will Dunbar	68	1	1.5	5	2
Chase Daniel	47	1	2.5	5	2
Matt Taylor	47	0	1.5	3	1
Keon Harris	47	0	3	0	0
Brandon Carlisle	46	0	2	3	2
Kevin Sanders	38	0	0	3	7
Terrell Springs	32	0	0	4	0
DJ Reese	31	0	2.5	0	0
Anthony Barnes	27	1	5.5	2	0
Elliott Henigan	26	0.5	0	1	0
Drew Luker	24	0	1.5	0	0
Lamanski Ware	23	0	1	1	1
Richard Carter	21	0.5	1.5	0	0
Bryant Turner	20	4	3	0	0
Nick Davison	17	2	1.5	1	0
Joe Happe	15	1	3	0	0
Katrell Watters	15	0.5	0	0	0
BJ Steed	15	0	0	1	0
Tony Leggett	14	0	2	0	0
Marquis Coleman	14	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Sanders	9	56	6.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Frantrell Forrest	35	746	21.3	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Hawaii	+4	Hawaii	40-59

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UAB's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6	22.8	366	169	4.7	197	58.9	16.1	23	-1	2008	8	31.3	430	167	4.8	263	62.8	13.8	15
4*	19.6	326	110	3.7	215	49.1	16.6	16	-5	2007	4	35.1	488	257	5.7	231	58.6	13.9	17
5	18.8	310	126	3.5	185	58.2	16.5	28	+6	2006	7	24.8	359	147	4.3	213	63.1	14.5	23
8*	27.9	435	143	4.3	292	63.0	15.6	15	+5	2005	6	24.0	372	148	3.9	224	61.0	15.5	18
8*	31.0	403	147	4.1	256	55.1	13.0	34	0	2004	10	29.3	412	142	3.9	270	60.1	14.1	29
7*	20.4	349	132	3.6	217	48.7	17.1	14	-5	2003	6	23.9	386	178	4.4	208	57.9	16.1	23
8*	22.3	315	130	3.4	185	48.7	14.1	34	+1	2002	2	30.8	382	154	3.7	228	56.4	12.4	21

2008 STATS BY GAME

UAB 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
19,672	Tulsa	21	36 - 245	6.8	17 - 31	169	1	19	38 - 240	6.3	21 - 25	361	1	-3
15,143	at Fla Atlantic	27	35 - 156	4.5	26 - 48	326	5	25	25 - 196	7.8	22 - 35	358	0	+1
98,205	at Tennessee	14	26 - 108	4.2	19 - 34	167	1	25	41 - 266	6.5	20 - 33	282	1	-1
26,414	Alabama St	21	37 - 248	6.7	14 - 22	238	2	15	25 - 17	0.7	25 - 33	259	3	+2
78,286	at S Carolina	12	25 - 67	2.7	17 - 28	140	0	24	45 - 158	3.5	18 - 33	195	4	0
19,901	Memphis	16	36 - 220	6.1	14 - 25	235	4	24	36 - 192	5.3	19 - 30	244	1	0
18,526	at Houston	18	38 - 118	3.1	24 - 40	234	4	20	31 - 132	4.3	26 - 40	417	2	-2
17,868	Marshall	23	47 - 215	4.6	15 - 28	217	2	18	30 - 82	2.7	17 - 28	285	0	-1
29,281	at Southern Miss	14	27 - 96	3.6	16 - 23	127	2	24	62 - 463	7.5	7 - 8	147	0	-6
18,614	at Tulane	23	46 - 272	5.9	15 - 21	154	0	18	26 - 98	3.8	17 - 34	263	0	+3
11,453	East Carolina	13	35 - 142	4.1	11 - 25	116	0	15	39 - 56	1.4	20 - 27	239	2	+4
23,644	at UCF	20	47 - 140	3.0	20 - 28	244	2	13	22 - 104	4.7	14 - 34	105	1	+2
TOTALS		222	435 - 2027	4.7	208 - 353	2367	23	240	420 - 2004	4.8	226 - 360	3155	15	-1
AVERAGES		18.5	36 - 169	4.7	17 - 29	197	6.5%	20.0	35 - 167	4.8	19 - 30	263	4.2%	-0.1

2004 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Baylor	-14	56-14
-	at Florida St - #8	+23	7-34
-	Memphis	+2'	35-28
-	at Cincinnati	+1	30-27
-	at Mississippi St	-12	27-13
-	TCU	-7	41-25
-	at Tulane	-18	55-59
-	USF	-19	20-45
-	Houston	-9'	20-7
-	at Army	-11'	20-14
-	at Southern Miss	+1	21-26

2005 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Tennessee - #3	+21'	10-17
-	at Troy	-9'	27-7
-	Jacksonville St	NL	35-28
-	Rice	-17'	45-26
-	SMU	-20	27-28
-	at Marshall	-2	19-20
-	Southern Miss	-2'	28-37
-	at Memphis	+2'	37-20
-	UCF	-7'	21-27
-	at UTEP - #24	+7'	35-23
-	at East Carolina	-5'	23-31

2006 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Oklahoma - #10	+22'	17-24
-	East Carolina	-7	17-12
-	at Georgia - #10	+17	0-34
-	Mississippi St	-10	10-16 OT
-	Troy	-5'	21-3
-	Memphis	-5	35-29
-	at Rice	-5	33-34
-	Marshall	-6	24-31
-	at SMU	+5	9-22
-	UTEP	-2	17-36
-	at Southern Miss	+14'	20-25
-	at UCF	+3'	22-31

2007 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Michigan St	+22	18-55
-	at Florida St	+34'	24-34
-	Alcorn St	NL	22-0
-	at Tulsa	+23	30-38
-	at Mississippi St	+18'	13-30
-	Tulane	-2'	26-21
-	Houston	+13'	10-49
-	at East Carolina	+14'	6-41
-	Southern Miss	+10'	7-37
-	UCF	+20'	31-45
-	at Memphis	+10'	9-25
-	at Marshall	+14'	39-46

2008 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Tulsa	+13'	22-45
-	at Florida Atlantic	+13	34-49
-	at Tennessee	+30	3-35
-	Alabama St	NL	45-10
-	at South Carolina	+26	13-26
-	Memphis	+3	30-33
-	at Houston	+18	20-45
-	Marshall	+2'	23-21
-	at Southern Miss	+8	14-70
-	at Tulane	+5'	41-24
-	East Carolina	+6'	13-17
-	at UCF	+8'	15-0

WAC
WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 WAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	Kellen Moore, Boise St	Greg Alexander, Hawaii	Kyle Reed, San Jose St
RB	Vai Taua, Nevada	Ryan Mathews, Fresno St	Deonte' Jackson, Idaho	Brandon Rutley, San Jose St
RB	Daniel Porter, LA Tech	Jeremy Avery, Boise St	Lonyae Miller, Fresno St	Luke Lippincott, Nevada
WR	Austin Pettis, Boise St	Chris Wellington, Nevada	Titus Young, Boise St	Marlon Moore, Fresno St
WR	Seyi Ajirotutu, Fresno St	Kevin Jurovich, San Jose St	Marcus Anderson, N Mexico St	Nnamdi Gwacham, Utah St
WR	Greg Salas, Hawaii	Phillip Livas, LA Tech	Malcolm Lane, Hawaii	Maurice Patterson, Nevada
TE	Kyle Efaw, Boise St	Jeremy Mitchell, Utah St	Dennis Morris, LA Tech	Terrance Williams (TE), SJSt
C	John Estes, Hawaii	Lon Roberts, LA Tech	Brennan McFadden, Utah St	Joe Bernardi, Fresno St
OG	Andrew Jackson, Fresno St	Ailao Eliapo, San Jose St	Kevin Sapien, Boise St	John Bender, Nevada
OG	Mike Iupati, Idaho	Joseph Palmer, N Mexico St	Isaac Leatiota, San Jose St	Ben Harris, LA Tech
OT	Alonzo Durham, Nevada	Cudahy Harmon, LA Tech	Aaron Kia, Hawaii	John Konye, San Jose St
OT	Rob McGill, LA Tech	Mike Gallett, Nevada	Nate Potter, Boise St	Bryce Sinclair, Idaho
DE	Carl Ihenacho, San Jose St	Dontay Moch, Nevada	John Fonoti, Hawaii	Kwame Jordan, LA Tech
DT	D'Anthony Smith, LA Tech	Billy Winn, Boise St	Cornell Banks, Fresno St	Mark Roberts, Fresno St
DT	Jonah Sataraka, Idaho	Mason Hitt, LA Tech	Faleaoga Faumui, Idaho	Adonis Davis, San Jose St
DE	Kevin Basped, Nevada	Ryan Winterswyk, Boise St	Chris Carter, Fresno St	Wilson Ramos, Fresno St
LB	Paul Igboeli, Utah St	Nick Paden, N Mexico St	Nico Herron, Fresno St	Brandon Marshall, Nevada
LB	Justin Cole, San Jose St	Brashton Satele, Hawaii	Blaze Soares, Hawaii	RJ Kiesel-Kauhane, Hawaii
LB	Duke Ihenacho, San Jose St	Jason Scott, N Mexico St	Travis Jones, San Jose St	Bobby Wagner, Utah St
LB	Ben Jacobs, Fresno St	Derrell Acrey, Boise St	James-Michael Johnson, Nevada	Kyle Knox, Fresno St
CB	Kyle Wilson, Boise St	AJ Jefferson, Fresno St	Terry Carter, LA Tech	Davon House, N Mexico St
CB	Brandyn Thompson, Boise St	Antoine Thompson, Nevada	Desia Dunn, Fresno St	Alphonso Powell (S), N Mexico St
SS	Jeron Johnson, Boise St	Shiloh Keo, Idaho	Jonathon Amaya, Nevada	Moses Harris, Fresno St
FS	Antonio Baker, LA Tech	Virdell Larkins, Idaho	George Iloka, Boise St	Mo Harvey, Nevada
K	Kevin Goessling, Fresno St	Kyle Brotzman, Boise St	Peter Caldwell, Utah St	Kyle Hughes, N Mexico St
P	Kyle Brotzman, Boise St	Peter Caldwell, Utah St	Kyle Hughes, N Mexico St	Brad Langley, Nevada
KR	AJ Jefferson, Fresno St	Brandon Rutley, San Jose St	Malcolm Lane, Hawaii	Phillip Livas, LA Tech
PR	Phillip Livas, LA Tech	Kyle Wilson, Boise St	Rashad Evans, Fresno St	Marlon Moore, Fresno St

Boise St
CB Kyle Wilson

Nevada
DE Kevin Basped

San Jose St
LB Duke Ihenacho

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 WAC FORECAST

1. BOISE ST - Boise is now an amazing 54-2 vs WAC foes since 2002. When I wrote the magazine last year, Boise was my clear favorite to win the WAC. It greatly surprised me that in last year's WAC media days, Fresno St was the preseason favorite even though they had to travel to the blue turf of Boise. I mentioned last year Boise was a road upset of Oregon away from going 12-0 and that's what they accomplished. HC Chris Petersen now has 2 unbeaten regular seasons in 3 years. This year's squad has just 11 returning starters but 7 of my 9 sets of power ratings have them going 13-0 so naturally they are once again MY favorite to win their 8th straight WAC Title and also my favorite to be this year's BCS buster.

2. NEVADA - The Wolf Pack is loaded this year with one of the best backfields in the country and a top-notch D. Last year NV finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd but their +120.5 ypg was over 100 yards better than the #3 team. It wouldn't surprise me if on Nov 27th, NV's game with Boise is a winner-take-all battle between unbeaten conf teams for the WAC Title. Nevada does have my #2 rated O-line and #1 rated D-line in the WAC.

3. FRESNO ST - As I mentioned, it surprised me last year that Fresno was the preseason WAC favorite despite a trip to Boise. Fresno is much better in the role of "hunter" rather than the "hunted" and actually finished 4-4 in the WAC (tied for 5th place). It was also the 3rd straight year that they were outgained in league play. This year they are back in their preferred role (under the radar) with 15 starters and 77% lettermen returning not to mention they were -11 in TO's last year.

4. LOUISIANA TECH - HC Derek Dooley is doing a tremendous job with LT finishing 4-4 in the WAC in 2007 and tying for 2nd last year (5-3). This year's team is by far Dooley's best squad as he's in his 3rd season and has 16 returning starters. LT is also very strong along the lines with my #1 rated O-line and #2 rated D-line plus they have their QB, as well as their game breaking RB and WR back. While this year's squad is more talented, the schedule is tougher and I don't think they'll match last year's 2nd place finish, even with a stronger team.

4. SAN JOSE ST - I like the talent of this Spartan unit as well as the job HC Dick Tomey does getting the most out of his squad. If you look on the next page, you will see San Jose St is the ONLY team in the WAC to NOT rank lower than 5th in any of my 9 position categories while they are in the top 2 in 4 of them. They do have a tough WAC road schedule (Fresno, Boise, LT and Utah St) but this team is capable of getting to its 2nd bowl since 1990.

6. UTAH ST - When former HC Brent Guy took over the cupboard was nearly bare and they started 12 frosh in his first year. Guy built the program the right way, recruiting freshmen and redshirting most of them. Last year Utah St had 3 WAC wins, which was the most since joining the league and their -11.4 ypg in league play was 5th best. This year new HC Gary Andersen steps into a great situation with 16 returning starters and just 14 lettermen lost. The Aggies are also up to their full allotment of scholarships and bring in 9 JUCO's to make an immediate impact. Utah St is the Most Improved Team in the WAC and it should show in the standings.

6. HAWAII - After calling for Hawaii to go unbeaten and appear in the Suger Bowl in 2007, it was easy last year to peg UH to fall from the ranks of the unbeaten. I called for them to have more losses than the previous 2 years combined. This year Hawaii has just 9 ret starters (fewest WAC) and an amazing 33 lettermen lost. My main concern is just 2 ret starters on D with 11 of their top 13 tacklers gone. UH will be potent offensively but after finishing 1st in the WAC in 2007 and 2nd last year, it looks like a bigger step back in 2009.

8. IDAHO - I actually had Idaho pegged a little higher prior to the spring but then they unexpectedly lost 2 starting LB's (#2, #3 tkl'r). The D now becomes a question mark and while the Vandals will improve upon their -151.6 ypg in WAC play that they had last year, they look to be another year away from contending for a winning record.

9. NEW MEXICO ST - Former HC Hal Mumme took over in 2005 and implemented a drastic switch in the offense and the team plummeted to 0-12. Last year all of the pieces were in place for a bowl and the Aggies opened 3-2 but amazingly, thanks in part to injuries, dropped their final 7. Mumme did not sign a contract extension that was offered prior to '08 and he is now out the door. I think new HC DeWayne Walker will have them pointed in the right direction but he does inherit just 10 ret starters (2nd fewest WAC) and is drastically changing the schemes. There is usually attrition over the summer with a new HC and this clearly looks like a rebuilding season.

WAC Notes: The WAC amazingly had B2B teams get to a BCS bowl with Boise in '06 and Hawaii in '07 and nearly had 3 in a row last year as the Broncos went unbeaten in the regular season. This year almost all of my power ratings call for Boise to go 13-0 which would likely get them back to one. Boise is an amazing 54-2 in WAC play over 7 years. Three Sun Belt teams (NMSt, USt, UI) joined the WAC in 2005 and it has been a boon for the older WAC members. Those 3 former SBC teams have a combined record of 18-78 and finished in the bottom 3 of the league for the 3rd time in 4 years. Most of those WAC wins were against each other! Last year the media had Fresno the preseason WAC favorite and they finished 4th. A surprising stat to me is FSU HC Pat Hill does not own any outright WAC titles and after finishing tied for 1st in each of his first two years ('98 & '99), he has ZERO 1st place finishes in the WAC this decade. The WAC's top 6 rushers return this year. The WAC earned 4 bowl berths in '07 and 5 in '08 with SJSt being bowl eligible but not invited. Unfortunately they were 2-7 in those bowls. After having 17 players drafted in '06 they had just 8 and 10 the last 2 years. The WAC was just 2-11 vs BCS conf teams in '07 but improved to 5-12 in '08 with Boise knocking off #17 Oregon on the road, Fresno beating Rutgers and UCLA on the road, LT beating Miss St and Hawaii beating Wash St with some other close losses among the group. They were 2-5 vs the MWC but 2-0 vs CUSA during the reg season. Nevada and Fresno appear to be the biggest threats to end the "Big Blue Reign" (Boise's dominance) but Nevada must play the Broncos on the blue turf.

2008 WAC vs WAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
13	Nevada	40.0	2	503.5	1	277.6	1	6.20	1	225.9	4	51.4	8	12.6	8	14	3	7	2
24	Boise St	42.9	1	473.1	2	168.0	4	4.63	4	305.1	1	68.0	1	11.0	9	17	5	6	1
55	Fresno St	28.1	4	371.5	4	175.3	3	4.83	3	196.3	6	58.2	4	13.2	6	19	7	9	3
93	LA Tech	29.1	3	386.4	3	222.6	2	5.16	2	163.8	9	49.5	9	13.3	4	11	1	15	5
94	Hawaii	27.9	5	361.9	6	116.6	7	3.63	6	245.3	3	60.3	3	13.0	7	21	9	31	8
100	Utah St	27.9	5	369.1	5	162.3	5	4.31	5	206.9	5	56.7	5	13.2	5	16	4	18	6
102	New Mex St	19.5	7	320.1	7	29.0	9	1.11	9	291.1	2	67.6	2	16.4	2	18	6	37	9
115	Idaho	18.5	9	314.3	8	122.8	6	3.57	7	191.5	8	53.0	7	17.0	1	20	8	25	7
118	San Jose St	19.3	8	259.1	9	67.5	8	2.25	8	191.6	7	55.6	6	13.5	3	11	1	13	4

2008 WAC vs WAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
17	Boise St	11.8	1	284.8	1	87.0	2	2.69	2	197.8	4	49.7	1	24.2	9	21	1	23	3
38	San Jose St	22.6	2	332.8	2	165.9	6	4.25	6	166.9	2	52.5	2	14.7	7	19	3	24	2
73	Hawaii	24.8	3	369.0	3	151.6	5	4.08	5	217.4	5	56.8	4	14.9	8	23	2	23	3
86	LA Tech	26.9	4	374.4	4	89.3	3	2.71	3	285.1	8	61.0	5	13.9	6	15	4	20	5
88	Nevada	29.3	6	383.0	6	72.4	1	2.58	1	310.6	9	54.5	3	13.1	4	16	6	26	1
96	Utah St	28.9	5	380.5	5	131.0	4	3.90	4	249.5	7	63.7	8	13.2	5	17	5	14	6
101	Fresno St	32.4	7	383.4	7	197.1	7	5.36	8	186.3	3	61.5	6	11.8	3	8	7	14	6
107	New Mex St	36.6	8	385.4	8	218.9	8	5.32	7	166.5	1	61.5	7	10.5	1	16	9	9	8
120	Idaho	40.0	9	465.9	9	228.5	9	5.71	9	237.4	6	68.7	9	11.6	2	12	8	8	9

2008 WAC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
Boise State	8	0	343	94	12	1	489	164	+188.3	+136.4	+137.7
Louisiana Tech	5	3	233	215	8	5	320	308	+12	-38.9	-157.5
Nevada	5	3	320	234	7	6	489	420	+120.5	+123.5	+41.7
Hawaii	5	3	223	198	7	7	345	404	-7.1	+161.5	+162.0
Fresno St	4	4	225	259	7	6	385	404	-11.9	-55.4	-15.8
San Jose St	4	4	154	181	6	6	224	259	-73.7	+12.7	-11.9
Utah State	3	5	223	231	3	9	288	416	-11.4	-173.3	-142.2
New Mexico St	1	7	156	293	3	9	266	409	-65.3	-71.5	+35.3
Idaho	1	7	148	320	2	10	235	513	-151.6	-95.1	-49.1

Coach of the Year: Chris Petersen, Boise St

2007 WAC STANDINGS

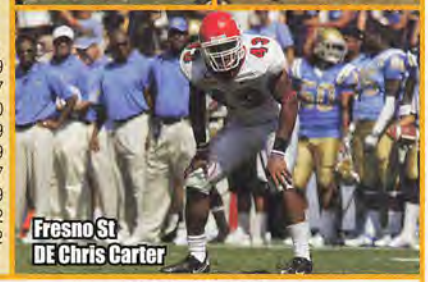
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Hawaii	8	0	341	232	12	1	564	331
Boise State	7	1	385	179	10	3	551	281
Fresno St	6	2	252	192	9	4	427	351
Nevada	4	4	315	270	6	7	435	418
Louisiana Tech	4	4	199	237	5	7	249	368
San Jose St	4	4	194	222	5	7	245	352
Utah State	2	6	192	263	2	10	247	406
New Mexico St	1	7	174	317	4	9	312	471
Idaho	0	8	165	305	1	11	258	443

Coach of the Year: June Jones, Hawaii

2006 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boise State	8	0	333	160	13	0	516	229
Hawaii	7	1	438	196	11	3	656	337
San Jose St	5	3	192	172	9	4	324	270
Nevada	5	3	260	142	8	5	391	249
Fresno St	4	4	203	214	4	8	276	339
Idaho	3	5	149	272	4	8	203	417
New Mexico St	2	6	230	262	4	8	374	369
Louisiana Tech	1	7	153	345	3	10	242	542
Utah State	1	7	123	318	1	11	130	462

Coach of the Year: June Jones, Hawaii



2008 WAC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Kellen Moore, Boise St	**405**	**281**	**69.4**	**10**	**3486**	**8.6**	**25**	**157.1**
Greg Alexander, Hawaii	**245**	**154**	**62.9**	**5**	**1895**	**7.7**	**14**	**142.6**
Chase Holbrook, New Mexico St	457	309	67.6	14	3361	7.4	25	141.3
Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	**383**	**208**	**54.3**	**7**	**2849**	**7.4**	**22**	**132.1**
Tom Brandstater, Fresno St	371	221	59.6	12	2664	7.2	18	129.4
Kyle Reed, San Jose St	**253**	**162**	**64.0**	**6**	**1563**	**6.2**	**9**	**122.9**
Diondre Borel, Utah St	**242**	**136**	**56.2**	**10**	**1705**	**7.0**	**11**	**122.1**
Sean Setzer, Utah St	99	57	57.6	4	653	6.6	5	121.6
Ross Jenkins, Louisiana Tech	**174**	**92**	**52.9**	**3**	**1155**	**6.6**	**7**	**118.5**
Nathan Enderle, Idaho	**339**	**184**	**54.3**	**17**	**2077**	**6.1**	**20**	**115.2**
Inoke Funaki, Hawaii	**173**	**100**	**57.8**	**12**	**1184**	**6.8**	**7**	**114.8**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/PG	REC AVG	YDS/PG
Chris Williams, New Mexico St	12	86	1271	9	7.2	14.8	105.9
Marko Mitchell, Nevada	13	61	1141	10	4.7	18.7	87.8
David Richmond, San Jose St	12	72	832	7	6.0	11.6	69.3
Jeremy Childs, Boise St	12	72	802	7	6.0	11.1	66.8
Eddie Williams, Idaho	11	54	687	6	4.9	12.7	62.5
Seyi Ajirotutu, Fresno St	**13**	**47**	**795**	**5**	**3.6**	**16.9**	**61.2**
AJ Harris, New Mexico St	12	78	713	3	6.5	9.1	59.4
Greg Salas, Hawaii	**14**	**57**	**831**	**3**	**4.1**	**14.6**	**59.4**
Michael Washington, Hawaii	14	62	789	6	4.4	12.7	56.4
Marcus Anderson, New Mexico St	**12**	**50**	**617**	**9**	**4.2**	**12.3**	**51.4**
Chris Wellington, Nevada	**13**	**42**	**632**	**6**	**3.2**	**15.0**	**48.6**
Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech	**13**	**43**	**607**	**2**	**3.3**	**14.1**	**46.7**
Mike McCoy, Nevada	13	53	592	2	4.1	11.2	45.5
Vinny Perretta, Boise St	13	36	578	2	2.8	16.1	44.5
Malcolm Lane, Hawaii	**14**	**35**	**613**	**6**	**2.5**	**17.5**	**43.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	**13**	**161**	**1130**	**383**	**2849**	**3979**	**306.1**
Kellen Moore, Boise St	**13**	**38**	**-30**	**405**	**3486**	**3456**	**265.8**
Chase Holbrook, New Mexico St	12	81	-196	457	3361	3165	263.8
Greg Alexander, Hawaii	**9**	**90**	**139**	**245**	**1895**	**2034**	**226.0**
Tom Brandstater, Fresno St	13	51	-50	371	2664	2614	201.1
Diondre Borel, Utah St	**12**	**179**	**632**	**242**	**1705**	**2337**	**194.8**
Nathan Enderle, Idaho	**12**	**76**	**-22**	**339**	**2077**	**2055**	**171.3**
Kyle Reed, San Jose St	**10**	**87**	**80**	**253**	**1563**	**1643**	**164.3**
Inoke Funaki, Hawaii	**11**	**74**	**215**	**173**	**1184**	**1399**	**127.2**
Vai Taua, Nevada	**13**	**236**	**1521**	**0**	**0**	**1521**	**117.0**
Ross Jenkins, Louisiana Tech	**11**	**61**	**56**	**174**	**1155**	**1211**	**110.1**
Daniel Porter, Louisiana Tech	**13**	**222**	**1164**	**0**	**0**	**1164**	**89.5**
Sean Setzer, Utah St	9	22	-7	99	653	646	71.8
Lonyae Miller, Fresno St	**12**	**120**	**812**	**1**	**0**	**812**	**67.7**
Anthony Harding, Fresno St	**13**	**147**	**822**	**0**	**0**	**822**	**63.2**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
TJ Conley, Idaho	12	58	2751	47.4
Kyle Brotzman, Boise St	**13**	**37**	**1693**	**45.8**
Brad Langley, Nevada	**10**	**42**	**1850**	**44.0**
Robert Malone, Fresno St	**13**	**54**	**2311**	**42.8**
Kyle Hughes, New Mexico St	**12**	**52**	**2219**	**42.7**
Peter Caldwell, Utah St	**12**	**65**	**2723**	**41.9**
Chris Keagle, Louisiana Tech	13	72	2915	40.5
Tim Grasso, Hawaii	14	68	2750	40.4
Philip Zavala, San Jose St	**12**	**76**	**2781**	**36.6**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Vai Taua, Nevada	**13**	**236**	**1521**	**15**	**6.4**	**117.0**
Daniel Porter, Louisiana Tech	**13**	**222**	**1164**	**9**	**5.2**	**89.5**
Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	**13**	**161**	**1130**	**17**	**7.0**	**86.9**
Ryan Matthews, Fresno St	**8**	**113**	**606**	**6**	**5.4**	**75.8**
Lonyae Miller, Fresno St	**12**	**120**	**812**	**7**	**6.8**	**67.7**
Anthony Harding, Fresno St	**13**	**147**	**822**	**6**	**5.6**	**63.2**
Ian Johnson, Boise St	13	150	766	13	5.1	58.9
Deonte' Jackson, Idaho	**12**	**161**	**696**	**3**	**4.3**	**58.0**
Yonus Davis, San Jose St	10	120	558	3	4.7	55.8
Diondre Borel, Utah St	**12**	**179**	**632**	**5**	**3.5**	**52.7**
Patrick Jackson, Louisiana Tech	13	143	653	8	4.6	50.2
Jeremy Avery, Boise St	**13**	**111**	**614**	**4**	**5.5**	**47.2**
Robert Turbin, Utah St	**12**	**106**	**485**	**8**	**4.6**	**40.4**
Princeton McCarty, Idaho	**12**	**77**	**480**	**3**	**6.2**	**40.0**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Dontay Moch, Nevada	**11.5**	**93**
Kevin Basped, Nevada	**10**	**63**
Jarron Gilbert, San Jose St	9.5	74
David Veikune, Hawaii	9	53
Carl Ihenacho, San Jose St	**7**	**62**
D'Anthony Smith, LA Tech	**5**	**41**
Justin Cole, San Jose St	**5**	**32**
Ikenna Ike, Fresno St	4.5	45
Ben Calderwood, Utah St	4.5	35
Ryan Winterswyk, Boise St	**4.5**	**33**
Jon Monga, Fresno St	4.5	30
Byron Hout, Boise St	**4**	**35**
La'Auli Fonoti, New Mexico St	4	29
Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	4	25
Christian Lacey, Louisiana Tech	**4**	**24**
Mike T Williams, Boise St	4	21

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	NO	YDS
Jarron Gilbert, San Jose St	22	116
Carl Ihenacho, San Jose St	**18.5**	**88**
Kevin Basped, Nevada	**18.5**	**82**
Dontay Moch, Nevada	**17.5**	**112**
David Veikune, Hawaii	16.5	69
James-Michael Johnson, Nevada	**12.5**	**32**
Ryan Winterswyk, Boise St	**11.5**	**48**
Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	10.5	39
Josh Shaw, Idaho	10	51
John Fonoti, Hawaii	**9.5**	**47**
Adam Leonard, Hawaii	9	41
Jason Scott, New Mexico St	**9**	**29**
Brandon Marshall, Nevada	**8.5**	**47**
Ben Calderwood, Utah St	8.5	40
La'Auli Fonoti, New Mexico St	8.5	39
Justin Cole, San Jose St	**8.5**	**38**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Peter Caldwell, Utah St	**12**	**12**	**10**	**83.3**	**42**
Brett Jaekle, Nevada	13	17	14	82.4	43
Kevin Goessling, Fresno St	**13**	**22**	**15**	**68.2**	**58**
Kyle Brotzman, Boise St	**13**	**26**	**17**	**65.4**	**51**
Kyle Hughes, New Mexico St	**12**	**11**	**7**	**63.6**	**44**
Tino Amancio, Idaho	12	13	8	61.5	52
Jared Strubeck, San Jose St	12	22	13	59.1	50
Brad Oestriecher, Louisiana Tech	13	28	14	50.0	50
Dan Kelly, Hawaii	14	20	10	50.0	41

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
AJ Jefferson, Fresno St	**31**	**908**	**1**	**29.3**
Brandon Rutley, San Jose St	**28**	**748**	**0**	**26.7**
Malcolm Lane, Hawaii	**24**	**635**	**0**	**26.5**
Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech	**32**	**826**	**1**	**25.8**
Chris Williams, New Mexico St	16	409	1	25.6
Phillip Beck, Louisiana Tech	13	324	0	24.9
Kejon Murphy, Utah St	**17**	**412**	**0**	**24.2**
Marcus Anderson, New Mexico St	**22**	**522**	**0**	**23.7**
Kama Bailey, Idaho	**41**	**955**	**0**	**23.3**
Brian Fludd, Nevada	24	530	0	22.1
Ryan Mouton, Hawaii	24	514	1	21.4

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Derrick Richardson, New Mexico St	11	66	71	137	12.5
Jake Hutton, Utah St	12	50	60	110	9.2
Nick Paden, New Mexico St	**12**	**42**	**65**	**107**	**8.9**
Antonio Baker, Louisiana Tech	**13**	**63**	**52**	**115**	**8.8**
Ben Jacobs, Fresno St	**13**	**47**	**66**	**113**	**8.7**
Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	14	64	57	121	8.6
Jeron Johnson, Boise St	**13**	**72**	**26**	**98**	**7.5**
Jason Scott, New Mexico St	**12**	**30**	**54**	**84**	**7.0**
Virdell Larkins, Idaho	**12**	**70**	**12**	**82**	**6.8**
Adam Leonard, Hawaii	13	46	42	88	6.8
Chris Carter, Fresno St	**13**	**38**	**50**	**88**	**6.8**
Paul Igboeli, Utah St	**12**	**42**	**36**	**78**	**6.5**
Jonathan Faraimo, Idaho	11	46	24	70	6.4
James Brindley, Utah St	**12**	**44**	**31**	**75**	**6.3**
Brennen Baiamonte, New Mexico St	12	35	38	73	6.1
Ellis Powers, Boise St	13	54	24	78	6.0
De'von Hall, Utah St	12	33	39	72	6.0
Travis Jones, San Jose St	**12**	**38**	**34**	**72**	**6.0**

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Kyle Wilson, Boise St	**10**	**5**	**15**
Steven Howze, Louisiana Tech	10	1	11
Keao Monteilh, Hawaii	6	5	11
Weldon Brown, Louisiana Tech	6	5	11
Duke Ihenacho, San Jose St	**6**	**5**	**11**
Deon Young, Louisiana Tech	**7**	**3**	**10**
Jeron Johnson, Boise St	**7**	**3**	**10**
George Iloka, Boise St	**6**	**4**	**10**
Jonathon Amaya, Nevada	**6**	**4**	**10**
Brandyn Thompson, Boise St	**6**	**4**	**10**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech	**16**	**245**	**2**	**15.3**
Chris Williams, New Mexico St	7	105	1	15.0
Kyle Wilson, Boise St	**33**	**470**	**3**	**14.2**
Rashad Evans, Fresno St	**13**	**171**	**1**	**13.2**
Yonus Davis, San Jose St	14	151	0	10.8
Philip Beck, Louisiana Tech	12	127	0	10.6
Marcus Anderson, New Mex St	**7**	**74**	**0**	**10.6**
Kejon Murphy, Utah St	**11**	**97**	**0**	**8.8**

PHIL'S WAC UNIT RANKING

	OR	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Boise St	2	3	4	4	4	3	1	1	1
Nevada	1	1	6	2	1	3	3	7	3
Fresno St	8	2	1	3	5	2	5	2	3
Louisiana Tech	7	4	5	1	2	7	6	4	5
San Jose St	4	4	2	5	3	1	2	5	2
Utah St	5	8	9	6	6	6	8	3	7
Hawaii	3	4	2	7	7	8	9	9	7
Idaho	6	4	8	7	8	9	4	8	6
New Mexico St	9	9	6	9	9	5	7	5	9

BOISE ST BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Boise St QB position reminds me of Texas Tech. Tech has had plenty of outstanding QB's that put up big numbers but Graham Harrell stepped in as the first VHT and had the best success of all. Boise has had some fine QB's in recent years with Bart Hendricks being the Off MVP of the Big West in each of his final 2 years ('99 & '00) and Ryan Dinwiddie becoming the school's all-time leading passer (9,819). From '00-'03, Dinwiddie broke Danny Wuerffel's NCAA record for career pass efficiency (168.79). Jared Zabransky started for 3 seasons and as a senior threw for 2,587 (66.3%) with a 23-8 ratio in 2006. Four QB's battled for the job in 2007 but Taylor Tharp won and had a fine season in his only year as a starter throwing for 3,340 (68.3%) with a 30-11 ratio. Michael Coughlin, who HC Petersen says has "all of the tools," played in 6 in '07 and was 2nd string in '08. Bush Hamdan (16 car att) was the most experienced of the 4 QB's battling in '08 along with soph Nick Lomax (PS#134) and VHT rFr Kellen Moore (PS#24). Hamden led out of the spring but I projected Moore as the starting QB and he narrowly won the job in Aug and Lomax quit later that month. Moore was the first frosh to start the season opener for Boise at QB and was the Walter Camp National OPW vs Oregon. He threw for 3,486 hitting a super 69.4% with a 25-10 ratio. Hamdan got in 20 passes (7 gm) and Coughlin just 5 (6 gm). This year backing up Moore is Coughlin, Drew Hawkins (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#240) and this year's true frosh. While it would be tough for Moore to improve much upon LY's numbers, he is more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005, no RB topped 100 yards until the 9th game. Lee Marks had 7 starts and led with 759 (5.7). RFr Ian Johnson (PS#181) led in rushing 7 times finishing with 663 (5.6). Johnson was the only experienced returnee in '06 and burst onto the scene with 240 and 5 TD's vs Oreg St. Johnson set a school record with 1,713 (6.2) and led the NCAA in TD's with 25. He also was 8th in the Heisman balloting and had 100+ in 6 of the last 7 (DNP vs USU - inj). In 2007, Johnson missed two full games. He still became the first Boise RB to have B2B 1,000 yard seasons (1041, 5.0) since Brock Forsey (2001-'02). When he was out, Jeremy Avery rushed for 110 vs LT (79 yds rec) and 124 vs Fresno. DJ Harper had 153 vs Fresno. All 3 split the duties in '08. Johnson led with 766 (5.1), Avery was #2 with 614 (5.5) and Harper had 265 (4.8). Doug Martin (Scout Tm MVP true) had 107 (4.5). This year Johnson (11 st, 2nd Tm WAC) departs and not listed below are Jarvis Hodge (5'9" 202 Jr), who has 181 yds (5.3) rush in 2Y, Matt Kaiserman (6'0" 194 rFr) and FB Andy Silsby (5'11" 221 Sr). Despite the loss of Boise's most recognizable player, this group could match last year's numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2007, Boise had a very inexperienced receiving corps. The top returners were VHT Jeremy Childs (PS#39), who had just 152 (10.9) and Vinny Perretta, who had 124 (7.3) in '06. Perretta (inj) played in just 4 (9 rec) while Childs set a school record with 82 grabs (12.7) in '07. True frosh Titus Young (PS#152) and Austin Pettis (PS#127) finished #2 and #3 with 639 (14.5) and 465 (10.1), respectively. Last year they had to replace their starting TE and Childs was susp'd in the spring. Perretta was #2 in '08 with 578 (16.1) while Pettis (#3) and Childs (#1) combined for 1,369 (16 TD's). They lost starting TE Chris O'Neill to a broken foot so Kyle Efaw was the top TE with 262 (15.4). Young had just 168 (16.8) playing in just 3 (susp). This year they must replace Childs (10 st), Perretta (11 st), O'Neill (4 st, 131, 13.1), Julian Hawkins (10 st, 322, 12.4), Toshi Franklin (2 rec) and Tanyon Bissell (6 rec). Not listed below are TE's Sean King (6'3" 230 Jr) and Josh Hill (6'5" 223 rFr, PS#173).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Four times this decade Boise has had to replace 3 starters and in the first 3 years opened holes for 4.1, 4.8 and 4.6 ypc rushing. In 2005 they had 3 starters back and avg 4.7 (4.9% sk). In 2006 with 3 starters back (lost #2 DC), the unit paved the way for 5.1 ypc, their best IA total ever (6.5% sk). The '07 unit featured their most experienced line this decade with 4 starters back and they allowed just 4.1% sacks. Boise's ypg rush did drop to 185 (4.6). Last year they had the least experienced line of the decade as 5 of the top 6 were gone (lost 101 car st). The one returnee was 1st Tm WAC Andrew Woodruff. They used 4 different OL combos the first 6 weeks and 9 for the year and dropped to 152 ypg rush (4.4), their lowest total since 2003 but did allow just 13 sacks (3.0%). This year they lose Woodruff (13 st, 3Y st'r) and OG's Jon Gott (12 st) and Ben Iannacchione (6 gm). Their 40 career starts are still #101 in FBS. While they do lose their top player, they are a more experienced group.

DE Ryan Winterswyk

DEFENSIVE LINE - Boise had 7 of their top 8 DL's back for the 2nd straight year in 2006 and allowed just 89 ypg rush (3.2), their best since joining IA. In 2007 they had to replace 2 starters and 3 backups and slipped to 131 ypg (3.8), their most since 2000. Last year they had to replace 2 starters (1 bkup). Jarrell Root was lost after 2 starts and Ryan Winterswyk took over earning 1st Tm WAC. Boise improved to allowing 118 ypg (3.2). This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC DE Mike T. Williams (12 st, 35 tkl, 4 sk) and DT's Joe Bozikovich (9 st, 26 tkl, 1 sk), Steven Revels (3 st, 14 tkl) and Sean Bingham (10 st, 14 tkl, 3 sk). I look for a big year out of VHT Byron Hout (PS#30LB) who had 27 tkl and 4 sacks as a true. This is their most inexperienced line in a while, but should come close to last year's standards.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Boise ret'd all 3 starters who were than the #1, #3 and #4 tacklers and all veteran seniors. Daron Mackey (PS#99JC) tore his ACL while returning starter Dallas Dobbs lost his job (22 tkl). This year they lose Kyle Gingg (12 st, 76 tkl, 2.5 sk), Tim Brady (11 st, 42 tkl) and Dobbs (2 st). This unit is always good but they do lose their #2, #3 and #7 tacklers while ret'ing their #5 and #11 and are less experienced than the veteran 2008 unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Boise finished #8 in my pass D rankings in '02, #6 in '03 and #15 in '04. They dropped to #52 in '05 but with all 4 starters back in '06 moved up to #15. In '07 BSU had to replace two starters and only fell to #20. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm WAC SS and a #5DC CB plus three others (comb 6 st, 58 tkl). Surprisingly, with 1 Sr and 2 Jr's, Boise actually climbed to #4 allowing an 8-22 ratio. Not listed in the PSL are Raphiel Lambert (5'9" 197 rFr, PS#76RB) and Josh Borgman (5'7" 170 So). This year they lose 1st Tm WAC FS Ellis Powers (12 st, 78 tkl, 8 tfl, 1 int) but return 1st Tm WAC CB Kyle Wilson (5 int) and 2nd Tm WAC SS Jeron Johnson (3 int). This looks like the WAC's top secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Boise has always had a top-notch ST unit and from '99-'05 they had rankings of #32, #23, #28, #28, #2, #4 and #19 until sliding to #59 in '06. They had 22 blk'd punts in that span but none in '06. In 2007 they had to replace their K, P and top KR but moved back up to #10. They blk'd 4 punts and 11 overall kicks. Kyle Brotzman won WAC STPW 3 times hitting 16-18 FG (long 47). True frosh P Brad Elkin (PS#45) played like a true at times and avg'd just 37.5 but had a super team net of 37.3. Last year they had to replace their top PR and KR but still moved up to #2. Kyle Wilson avg 14.2 on PR's (#12 in FBS) with 3 TD's. Brotzman did hit just 17 of 26 FG's (2-2 50+) but also took over as P (tm net 39.6). Boise also blk'd 2 punts and Brotzman had 13 TB's on 89 KO's in '08. Brotzman, Elkin and Wilson all return so this figures to once again be one of the top ST units in the country.

COACHES - When Dirk Koetter left for Ariz St, asst Dan Hawkins took over as HC and went 53-11, achieving the school's then-highest finish ever in the AP poll in 3 consec years including #12 in 2004. When Hawkins left for Colorado in '06, Chris Petersen (OC prev 5Y) took over. Petersen had been a Broyles' finalist twice and his offenses, in a 3 year stretch from 2002-'04, avg'd 45.6, 43.0 and 48.9 ppg, respectively. In his first year Petersen achieved a 13-0 record and #5 finish. He has a remarkable record of 35-4 and 2 undefeated regular seasons in his 3 years! His OC is Bryan Harsin who is in his 9th season on the Bronco staff (TE cch from '02-'05) and played here from '95-'99. The DC is Justin Wilcox who served as the Cal LB coach from '03-'05.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise St dominated the WAC from 2002-'04 with a perfect 24-0 record in league play. In 2002 they outgained WAC foes by 208.4 ypg (+37.4 ppg!). In 2003, despite having the fewest returning starters (10) in the WAC and facing both Fresno St and Hawaii on the road, Boise went 8-0 (+176.4 ypg and +29 ppg). In 2004, they had just 10 starters back and had to replace their outstanding QB but were +191.3 ypg (+25.6 ppg). In 2005, Boise had the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the league (13) so big things were expected. For the first time in history Boise was ranked in the preseason coaches' poll (#18). Not bad for a school that was in just its 10th year of IA ball. They had their streak of 31 straight WAC wins end at Fresno (27-7) and saw their home win streak end at 31 in their loss to BC in the bowl. Their 4 losses were the most in 5 years with 3 coming vs ranked foes. Boise still became the first team to win 4 straight WAC Titles since BYU (1989-'93). Boise was +70.1 ypg vs WAC (3rd best). I pointed out that the last time they were -8 in turnovers, they rebounded with a 12-1 record (2002). **In 2006's magazine I projected Boise St to earn a BCS bowl berth.** I had to sweat out a couple close games (WY and SJSt) but Boise ran the table and made it to the Fiesta Bowl. They had their incredible hook-and-ladder play which sent the game to OT where they beat Oklahoma. They finished #5 in the AP poll (5th straight WAC Title). In 2007 they had to replace their QB and had just 5 returning off starters. Boise came into '07 ranked #24 but a loss to Wash moved their record to 0-13 on the road vs BCS schools and stopped their win streak at 14. In the battle for the WAC Title they lost to UH on the road by 12 and then dropped their bowl to EC (also in Hawaii) by 3. In their 6th straight bowl they were without RB Johnson (injured after 4 carries) and top WR Childs (susp). Boise outgained WAC foes by 136.5 ypg. Last year I was surprised Boise was picked 2nd in the WAC heading into the season. They received a brand new blue surface on their field. Despite Fresno being the preseason WAC favorite, I had pegged Boise for 1st and they rolled to a dominating 12-0 regular season. Thanks to Oregon being banged up at QB and down to a 4th stringer at one point, BSU ended their streak of road losses to BCS schools by upsetting the #17 Ducks 37-32. At that point, they finally entered the polls at #17. Their only close game was Nevada, a 7 point win but they did lead 24-3. They made a point in the finale to wax Fresno 61-10. Boise outgained WAC foes by 188.3 ypg (better than their 13-0 team in '06) and their 8 wins were by an avg of 43-12. They are now 60-4 in WAC play (54-2 since '02). While Boise only lost by 1 to TCU in the bowl, they were outgained 472-250. This year they do lose their top RB and WR but will be the preseason favorite again. Boise is just 1 of 10 teams in the NCAA to finish in the Top 20 in both the AP and USA Today poll in at least 5 of the past 7 years. Boise and USC are the only 2 teams over the past 7 years to win 80 games, make 7 bowls and win at least 6 conf titles out of those 10. Seven of my 9 sets of power ratings pick Boise to go 13-0 which makes them the prime candidate to be this year's BCS buster.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 11 KELLEN MOORE SO. 6-0 184 **PS#24.** 12 st, 348 6 (69%) 25-10 ratio, **2nd Tm WAC** rFr. **7** Michael Coughlin (6'5" 220 Jr) PS#74. 120 (47%) 2-1 ratio 2Y. **10** Drew Hawkins PS#240.

RB 27 Jeremy Avery Jr. 5-9 171 1 st, 672 (6.5) rFr. 614 (5.5) 16 rec LY. **6** DJ Harper (5'9" 192 Jr) PS#292. 2 st, 641 (4.5) 2Y. **22** Doug Martin (5'10" 204 So) PS#297. 107 (4.5) rFr.

WR 89 Tyler Shoemaker So. 6-1 214 PS#453. 110 (15.7) rFr. **FB 40 Richie Brockel** (6'2" 244 Sr) PS#71. 15 st, 14 rec 2Y. 3 st, 10 rec LY. **47** Dan Paul (6'0" 235 So) PS#162. 1 st true.

WR 87 AUSTIN PETTIS JR. 6-3 200 PS#127. 7 st, 465 (10.1) true. 2 st, 13 gm, 567 (11.6), **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **81** Chris Potter (5'9" 165 rFr) PS#72. **84** Tim Ruben (6'0" 182 rFr) PS#146.

WR 4 Titus Young Jr. 5-11 167 PS#152. 639 (14.5) true. 3 gm (susp) 168 (16.8) LY. **20** Mitch Burroughs (5'9" 194 rFr) PS#151. Michael Choate (6'0" 194 Sr) PS#465JC. 4 rec 2Y.

TE 80 KYLE EFAW SO. 6-4 232 PS#102. 3 st, 262 (15.4) rFr. **85** Tommy Gallarda (6'5" 250 Jr) PS#132. 19 (6.3) rFr. 6 st, 65 (10.8) LY. Chandler Koch (6'2" 242 rFr) PS#54. 1 gm LY.

C 66 THOMAS BYRD SO. 5-11 282 PS#316. 13 st as rFr. **71** Cory Yriarte (6'1" 284 So) PS#195. 2 st at LG, 7 gm as rFr. **LS 95** James Crawford (6'1" 209 rFr) 1 gm but RS LY.

RG 62 KEVIN SAPIEN JR. 6-4 272 No action as rFr. 10 st (7 RT, 3 RG) 12 gm LY. **79** Bronson Durrant (6'3" 258 rFr) PS#219. **81** Chuck Hayes (6'2" 277 So) PS#159. 5 gm rFr.

LG 57 Garrett Pendergast So. 6-4 284 PS#161. 1 st RG, 4 gm rFr. **81** Joe Kellogg (6'2" 301 rFr) PS#213. **74** Tom Swanson (6'6" 283 rFr) PS#378. Brenel Myers (6'2" 255 rFr) PS#218.

RT 73 NATE POTTER SO. 6-6 281 PS#248. 8 st (5 RT, 3 LT) 12 gm rFr. **70** Zach Waller (6'5" 284 So) 2 gm rFr. Michael Ames (6'4" 267 rFr). Spencer Gerke is PS#295. GS LY.

LT 72 Matt Slater Jr. 6-4 289 PS#392. No gm action rFr. 6 st (4 LT, 1 RT, 1 LG) 13 gm LY. **59** Will Lawrence (6'2" 291 Jr) PS#303. 5 gm 2Y. Faraji Wright (6'3" 282 rFr) PS#440.

K 35 KYLE BROTZMAN JR. 5-10 191 16-18 FG, L/47, 2nd Tm WAC rFr. 17-26 FG, L/51, 89 KO, 13 TB LY. Has not missed an xp in 2Y (116). **43** Jimmy Pavel (5'9" 214 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 98 RYAN WINTERSWYK JR. 6-4 260 PS#285. 5 st, 43 tkl, 9 tfl rFr. 11 st, 40 tkl, 11.5 tfl, **1st Tm WAC** LY. **96** Jarrell Root (6'3" 243 So) PS#342. 2 st, 9 tkl rFr. Zach Gholson (6'2" 243 rFr).

DT 90 Billy Winn So. 6-4 279 PS#121. 2 st, 13 gm, 26 tkl, 5.5 tfl rFr. **65** Michael Atkinson (6'0" 324 rFr) Scout Tm POY. Jake Densley (6'1" 270 rFr) PS#420. Matt Paradis (6'1" 275 rFr).

DT 97 Chase Baker So. 6-1 293 PS#365. 1 st, 11 gm, 10 tkl true. JP Nisby (6'1" 302 So) PS#180. 8 tkl, 7 gm rFr. 620 squat. **68** Greg Grimes (6'0" 270 rFr) PS#149. 1 gm LY.

DE 84 Byron Hout So. 6-1 241 **PS#30.** 1 st, 10 gm, 27 tkl, 6 tfl true. **82** Shea McClellin (6'3" 262 So) PS#268. 1 st, 10 gm (inj), 14 tkl, 1 sk true. **95** Darren Koontz (6'3" 262 rFr) PS#279.

SLB 36 Aaron Tevis So. 6-3 223 PS#72. 1 st, 12 gm, 27 tkl rFr. Winston Venable is **PS#91JC.** **57** Alex Ruben (5'10" 210 So) 1 st, 2 gm, 2 tkl true. **42** Matt Wilson (6'1" 217 So).

MLB 52 DERRELL ACREY JR. 6-1 233 PS#329. 8 st, 76 tkl 2Y. **45** Daron Mackey (5'11" 227 Jr) **PS#99JC.** ACL, RS LY. Tommy Smith (6'1" 213 rFr). Hazen Moss (5'11" 203 rFr) PS#332.

WLB 25 Hunter White So. 5-11 215 PS#134. 12 gm, 25 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **48** JC Percy (6'0" 211 rFr) PS#455. **58** Dave Wilson (6'1" 220 So) 1 gm 2Y. Allen Mooney is PS#107.

CB 1 KYLE WILSON SR. 5-10 187 PS#169. 17 st, 82 tkl, 16 pd 2Y. 13 st, 35 tkl, 15 pd, 33 PR (14.2) **1st Tm WAC DB (2nd Tm ST)** LY. **16** Cedric Febis (6'3" 195 So) PS#473. 4 tkl rFr.

CB 13 BRANDYN THOMPSON JR. 5-10 178 16 tkl, 9 gm true. 13 st, 54 tkl, 10 pd LY. **21** Jamar Taylor (5'11" 191 So) PS#141. 1 st, 24 tkl true. Antwon Murray (5'11" 179 So) PS#233. 3 gm.

SS 23 JERON JOHNSON JR. 5-11 190 5 st, 54 tkl rFr. 13 st, 98 tkl, 10 pd, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **29** Tyler Jackson (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#87. **14** Garcia Day (6'1" 199 Sr) **PS#58JC.** 3 tkl here LY.

FS 8 George Iloka So. 6-3 210 GS '07. 5 st, 13 gm, 63 tkl, 10 pd LY. **5** Jason Robinson (5'11" 201 Jr) PS#410. 4 st, 61 tkl 2Y. **30** Travis Stanaway (5'11" 183 So). 13 tkl So.

P 35 KYLE BROTZMAN JR. 5-10 191 21 punts (44.5) 16-18 FG, 2nd Tm WAC rFr. 37 punts (45.8) tm net 39.6, 89 KO, 13 TB LY. **49** Brad Elkin (6'2" 202 Jr) PS#45. 37 punts (38.2) 2Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Winston Venable 6-0 206 PS#91JC
QB	Joe Southwick 6-2 185 PS#44
RB	Malcolm Johnson 5-11 190 PS#94
LB	Allen Mooney 5-10 217 PS#107
WR	Kirby Moore 6-2 210 PS#105
LB	John Michael Davis 6-0 225 PS#115
QB	Mike Tamburo 6-0 195 PS#79
TE	Trevor Peterson 6-3 225 PS#43
DB	Ebo Makinde 5-11 170 PS#168
TE	Gabe Linehan 6-3 219 PS#44
DL	Justin Jungblut 6-5 250 PS#166
OL	Jake Broyles 6-5 250 PS#208
DL	Kharyee Marshall 6-2 205 PS#215
OL	Charles Leno Jr 6-5 255 PS#231
DL	Nicholas Alexander 6-4 230 PS#232
WR	Geraldo Hiwat 6-3 195 PS#211
DB	Quaylon Ewing 6-1 180 PS#316
OL	Bryant Thomas 6-2 260 PS#339
WR	Aaron Burks 6-3 178 PS#262
OL	Spencer Gerke 6-3 292 PS#295 '08
DB	Jonathan Brown 5-11 200 PS#405
DL	Ricky Tjong-A-Tjoe 6-3 300 PS#575

BOISE ST BRONCOS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#117

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 3	Oregon (Thur)	A					Boise is 3-11 vs Pac-10 schools with all 3 wins vs teams from Oregon ('04, '06 & '08). LY Boise upset #17 Oregon 37-32 for their first win on the road vs a BCS team.
Sep. 12	Miami, Oh	A					First meeting. BSU is 5-3 vs current MAC tms including a 20-7 win hosting BG LY. Could apply: The Broncos are 13-3 off of a loss since 1999.
Sep. 18	at Fresno St (Fri)	G					Boise has won 7 of 8 winning by 24 ppg. One of BSU's 2 WAC losses S/'02 was here ('05). LY's gm was tied at 10 with under 2:00 left in the 1H & BSU scored 51 unanswered pts.
Sep. 26	at Bowling Green	A					Boise is 2-0 vs BG as this will mark their 1st trip to OH in this 2-for-1 series. Under Peterson, Boise St is 4-1 in reg season non-conf road games winning by an avg of 16 ppg.
Oct. 3	UC Davis	A					Broncos are 3-0 vs UC Davis with the last win in '85. The Aggies went 5-7 LY including a 13-10 loss to San Jose. They led 10-6 before allowing a 64/7pl drive & a 17 yd TD w/:08 left.
Oct. 10							Bonus: Boise has won 17 straight non-conference games on the "blue turf".
Oct. 14	at Tulsa (Wed)	A					These 2 were WAC opponents from 2001-'04 with Boise winning all 4 by an avg score of 41-24. Boise St is also 15-2 vs current CUSA teams scoring an avg of 40 ppg.
Oct. 24	at Hawaii	A					Boise has won 7 of L/8. Coming into '09, BSU is 60-4 in WAC play with a loss at UH in '07 costing them the conf title. LY they only led 10-7 at HT but had 5 int's & 7 sks in the 27-7 win.
Oct. 31	San Jose St	A					BSU has won all 9 in the series & the 5 gms in Boise have had an avg score of 49-13. LY Boise didn't allow a FD until 1:18 in the 2Q & finished with a 28-9 FD edge.
Nov. 6	at Louisiana Tech (Fri)	A					LY's 38-3 win vs LT gave Boise 7 straight victories in the series winning by an avg of 26 ppg. Last time here BSU led by 7 in the 4Q & they stripped the ball from LT at the BSU 12.
Nov. 14	Idaho	A					The Broncos have dominated winning 10 straight in this series & have scored an avg of 50 ppg winning by 32 ppg. LY Boise only led 17-10 at HT before scoring 28 unanswered pts.
Nov. 20	at Utah St (Fri)	A					Boise leads the series 11-4 & has 8 straight wins by an avg of 28 ppg. BSU has dominated the L/3 winning by 35, 52 & 39 pts & outgaining them by 258, 248 & 300 yds.
Nov. 27	Nevada (Fri)	A					Boise has won the L/9 with an avg score of 51-20. LY BSU led by 7 & stopped UN on 4th down from the BSU 31. Last time here ('07) they combined for 1,266 yds & 136 pts in 4 OT's.
Dec. 5	New Mexico St	A					Boise has won all 9 in this series. In the 4 HG's they won by an avg score of 53-11 including finals of 58-0 ('07) & 56-6 ('05). Boise has won 10 straight home finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ryan Dinwiddie 9,819 '00-'03
2. Tony Hilde 9,107 '93-'96
3. Bart Hendricks 9,020 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Cedric Minter 4,475 '77-'80
2. Ian Johnson 4,183 '05-'08
3. Brock Forsey 4,045 '99-'02

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ryan Ikebe 2,751 '93-'96
2. Don Hutt 2,728 '70-'73
3. Lou Fanucchi 2,554 '99-'02

CHRIS PETERSEN (Career 35-4)

4th Year at Boise St — Petersen's Bowl Record: 1-2

Petersen's records AT BOISE ST

35-4	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
19-0	Home	2-2	Vs Top 25
15-2	Away	3-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	5-2	Off A Bye
23-1	Vs Conference	1-1	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (20,17,2)
Lost: 17 (9,8,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,275 (#70)

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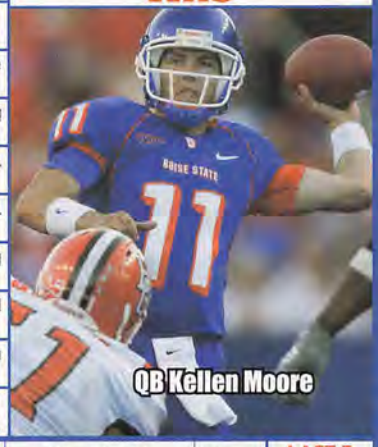

QB Kellen Moore

STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (32,000) (#89)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Blue AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	8-4	12-1	13-1	11-1	9-4	13-0	10-3	12-1	98-17
Home	6-0	5-1	7-0	6-0	7-0	6-1	6-0	7-0	6-0	56-2
Away	4-2	3-3	5-1	6-1	4-0	3-3	6-0	3-2	6-0	40-12
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-3
vs Conf	5-0	6-2	8-0	8-0	8-0	7-1	8-0	7-1	8-0	65-4
vs Non-Conf	5-2	2-2	4-1	5-1	3-1	2-3	5-0	3-2	4-1	33-13
ATS	8-2	7-4-1	10-3	7-6	7-5	6-5-1	7-5	6-6	8-4	66-40-2
Home Fav	4-0	4-1	5-2	2-3	5-2	4-1	4-1	4-2	2-3	34-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Favorite	3-2	1-2	5-0	4-2	1-3	2-1	1-4	2-2	4-1	23-17
Away Dog	1-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	6-4-2
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-2
vs Conf	4-1	6-2	7-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	5-3	45-24
vs Non-Conf	4-1	1-2-1	3-2	2-3	3-1	1-2-1	3-1	1-3	3-1	21-16-2
Off SU Win	6-2	4-3	9-2	7-5	6-5	4-4	7-5	6-4	8-4	57-34
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	7-4-1

Dirk Koetter 1998 | Dan Hawkins | Chris Petersen

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Liberty - #10	+10'	Louisville - #7	40-44
05	MPC Computers	+2'	Boston College - #19	21-27
06	Fiesta - #9	+7	Oklahoma - #7 (OT)	43-42
07	Hawaii - #24	-10'	East Carolina	38-41
08	Poinsettia - #9	+3	TCU - #11	16-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Boise St's All-Time Bowl Record 5-4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5	37.6	441	152	4.4	289	68.0	11.7	13	+7	2008	7	12.6	308	118	3.2	190	52.1	24.4	34
5	42.4	467	185	4.6	282	66.7	11.0	19	+1	2007	6	21.6	338	131	3.8	207	54.0	15.6	34
8*	39.7	421	214	5.1	206	66.7	10.6	20	+11	2006	9	17.6	284	89	3.2	195	57.2	16.1	33
7*	36.1	424	202	4.7	222	57.9	11.8	19	-8	2005	7	24.4	370	108	3.3	262	54.8	15.2	38
4	48.9	493	230	4.6	263	62.3	10.1	28	+10	2004	6	25.7	358	104	3.3	254	53.2	13.9	28
3*	43.0	486	150	3.7	336	60.3	11.3	23	+10	2003	7	17.1	349	101	3.2	248	49.2	20.4	27
7*	45.6	502	209	4.8	293	64.4	11.0	21	+8	2002	7	18.5	340	109	3.4	231	51.7	18.5	30

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ian Johnson	150	810	44	766	13	5.1
Jeremy Avery	111	639	25	614	4	5.5
DJ Harper	55	278	13	265	4	4.8
Vinny Perretta	22	142	9	133	2	6.0
Doug Martin	24	109	2	107	0	4.5
Kellen Moore	38	84	114	-30	1	-0.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kellen Moore	405	281	69.4	3486	25	10
Bush Hamdan	20	10	50.0	115	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jeremy Childs	72	802	11.1	7	57	
Vinny Perretta	36	578	16.1	2	73	
Austin Pettis	49	567	11.6	9	24	
Julian Hawkins	26	322	12.4	3	46	
Kyle Efaw	17	262	15.4	0	34	
Ian Johnson	22	229	10.4	0	51	
Jeremy Avery	16	226	14.1	0	37	
Titus Young	10	168	16.8	1	80	
Chris O'Neill	10	131	13.1	2	44	
Tyler Shoemaker	7	110	15.7	2	56	
Richie Brockel	10	94	9.4	2	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kyle Brotzman	37	1693	45.8	1	39.6(t)	0	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Kyle Brotzman	50-50	4-4	8-13	3-7	2-2	17-26	51

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeron Johnson	98	0	4.5	7	3
Ellis Powers	78	2.5	5.5	1	1
Kyle Gingg	76	2.5	4	2	0
George Iloka	63	1	5.5	6	4
Derrell Acrey	59	1	0	1	0
Brandyn Thompson	54	0	5	6	4
Tim Brady	42	0.5	4.5	0	0
Ryan Winterswyk	40	4.5	7	6	0
Mike T. Williams	35	4	2	1	0
Kyle Wilson	35	0	3	10	5
Byron Hout	27	4	2	1	1
Aaron Tevis	27	2	1	3	1
Billy Winn	26	2.5	3	2	0
Joe Bozikovich	26	1	1.5	1	0
Hunter White	25	0.5	1.5	0	0
Jamar Taylor	24	0	2	1	1
Dallas Dobbs	22	0	1	1	0
Jason Robinson	22	0	0	0	0
Sean Bingham	14	3	0	3	0
Shea McClellin	14	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kyle Wilson	33	470	14.2	3	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jeremy Avery	10	239	23.9	0	
Doug Martin	10	223	22.3	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

BSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
32,318	Idaho St	24	37-230	6.2	19-29	352	1	14	45-115	2.6	16-23	92	4	-1
32,335	Bowling Green	16	33-160	4.8	18-23	180	1	22	36-103	2.9	22-36	204	2	+2
58,713	at Oregon	16	35-38	1.1	25-37	386	2	29	52-227	4.4	16-32	237	2	+2
32,071	Louisiana Tech	26	44-132	3.0	21-31	332	1	13	36-118	3.3	9-30	202	2	0
30,912	at Southern Miss	19	34-180	5.3	21-30	170	1	15	33-118	3.6	15-34	160	3	0
32,342	Hawaii	18	31-111	3.6	25-34	256	0	20	35-56	1.6	20-38	232	7	+3
26,258	at San Jose St	28	48-149	3.1	26-41	244	2	9	21-109	5.2	17-31	98	0	0
15,922	at New Mexico St	26	33-216	6.5	19-29	279	1	11	39-38	1.0	18-31	112	6	-1
32,171	Utah St	26	36-105	2.9	32-42	458	0	15	21-44	2.1	22-41	261	1	+3
17,000	at Idaho	29	38-315	8.3	23-34	210	0	15	37-104	2.8	15-29	225	4	+2
27,057	at Nevada	22	26-70	2.7	29-48	414	2	18	35-144	4.1	19-51	241	1	-4
32,412	Fresno St	20	34-246	7.2	18-25	248	0	19	35-83	2.4	23-37	211	2	+1
34,628	†TCU	15	20-28	1.4	22-35	222	2	28	51-275	5.4	22-36	197	0	0
TOTALS		285	449-1980	4.4	298-438	3751	13	228	476-1534	3.2	234-449	2472	34	+7
AVERAGES		21.9	35-152	4.4	23-34	289	3.0%	17.5	37-118	3.2	18-35	190	7.6%	0.5

2004 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post #12
–	Idaho	-31'	65-7	
–	Oregon St	-8	53-34	
#23	at UTEP	-29'	47-31	
#21	BYU	-22	28-27	
#23	SMU	-38	38-20	
#21	at Tulsa	-21	45-42	
#19	Fresno St	-9	33-16	
#18	Hawaii	-23'	69-3	
#14	at San Jose St	-33	56-49	2OT
#13	Louisiana Tech	-24	55-14	
#10	at Nevada	-25'	58-21	

2005 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre #18 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#18	at Georgia - #13	+7	13-48	
–	at Oregon St	+3	27-30	
–	Bowling Green	-7'	48-20	
–	at Hawaii	-10'	44-41	
–	Portland St	NL	21-14	
–	San Jose St	-30'	38-21	
–	at Utah St	-19	45-21	
–	Nevada	-20	49-14	
–	New Mexico St	-33'	56-6	
–	at Fresno St - #20	+9'	7-27	
–	Idaho	-32'	70-35	
–	at Louisiana Tech	-6'	30-13	

2006 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post #5
–	Sacramento St	NL	45-0	
–	Oregon St	-7'	42-14	
–	at Wyoming	-7'	17-10	
#25	Hawaii	-14	41-34	
#22	at Utah	+5	36-3	
#20	Louisiana Tech	-36'	55-14	
#20	at New Mexico St	-26'	40-28	
#18	at Idaho	-21	42-26	
#14	Fresno St	-22	45-21	
#14	at San Jose St	-13	23-20	
#13	Utah St	-37'	49-10	
#12	at Nevada	-2'	38-7	

2007 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#24	Weber St	NL	56-7	
#22	at Washington	-3	10-24	
–	Wyoming	-12'	24-14	
–	Southern Miss	-10'	38-16	
–	New Mexico St	-24'	58-0	
–	Nevada	-26'	69-67	4OT
–	at Louisiana Tech	-15	45-31	
–	at Fresno St	-3	34-21	
#21	San Jose St	-25'	42-7	
#19	at Utah St	-24'	52-0	
#17	Idaho	-34	58-14	
#17	at Hawaii - #14	+2'	27-39	

2008 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post #11
–	Idaho St	-45	49-7	
–	Bowling Green	-17	20-7	
–	at Oregon - #17	+10	37-32	
#17	Louisiana Tech	-24	38-3	
#15	at Southern Miss	-11	24-7	
#15	Hawaii	-23'	27-7	
#13	at San Jose St	-7'	33-16	
#11	at New Mexico St	-21'	49-0	
#9	Utah St	-35'	49-14	
#9	at Idaho	-36'	45-10	
#9	at Nevada	-6'	41-34	
#9	Fresno St	-21	61-10	

NEVADA WOLF PACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, HC Chris Ault said true frosh Nick Graziano was the team's future at QB. Jeff Rowe earned 2nd Tm WAC in 2005 (2925 yds) but saw his numbers drop in 2006 (1907) as he was banged up. Graziano battled Colin Kaepernick for the starting job in '07. Graziano was the better passer and at 220 lbs, could run over a defender. Kaepernick is 6'6" 215 and can run past defenders with his speed and proved to be a decent passer. Graziano became the first Wolf Pack player since 1998 to have 5 TD passes in a game (vs Nicholls St). He was lost for the year vs Fresno. Kaepernick, in his first start, passed for 243 and rushed for 177 in a 4OT loss to Boise. For the season he threw for 2,175 (53.8%) with an amazing 19-3 ratio (593 rush) and was named the WAC Frosh of the Year. Graziano threw for 1,119 (50.7%) with a 10-5 ratio. Last year with the exception of Utah St (benched 1Q poor practice), Kaepernick took the majority of the snaps and threw for 2,849 (54.3%) with a 22-7 ratio (1130 rush, 7.0). His total yards were 2nd on Nevada's single-season total offense list. He became just the 5th player in NCAA history to have 2,000 passing and 1,000 rushing in a season and was the WAC Off POY. Graziano hit 15 of 32 for 145 and opted to transfer to Ark Tech. Battling for the #2 spot is Luke Collis (6'3" 210 So, PS#308), who played in 10 (1 att), Tyler Lantrip (6'4" 220 So, PS#277), who played in 3 (1 att) as well as true frosh David Fales (PS#135). As long as Kaepernick stays healthy, this unit will be one of the top QB positions in the country, but if he is injured, there will be a huge drop off.

RUNNING BACKS - BJ Mitchell led the WAC in rushing in 2005 (1399, 5.4). At the end of the year Robert Hubbard, who was only 100% healthy for the last 2, rushed for a comb 272 vs Fresno and UCF and became the starter in 2006. Hubbard led with 996 (4.8). Ault said Brandon Fragger (5'9" 195 Sr) was going to be something special and he had 146 vs UNLV but then was inj'd and finished with 270 (4.9). In 2007, Luke Lippincott became the 2nd Wolf Pack RB to lead the WAC in rushing in 3 years with 1,420 (5.3). Fragger had 334 (3.4) and Vai Taua 112 (5.9). True frosh Lampford Mark (6'1" 200, fastest RB) was impressive on the scout team. Last year all the RB's returned but Lippincott was lost in Wk 2 (ACL) and Fragger was banged up (6 gm). Taua had a tremendous year rushing for 1,521 (#1 WAC, 6.4) and added 30 rec (8.1). Courtney Randall (5'10" 215 Jr) became the backup and after rushing for 108 (3.7) in '07, had 327 (5.0) LY. Mark had 182 (4.2). Not listed below is Mike Ball (5'10" 225 rFr, PS#90). Lippincott was granted a 6th year so this unit has the WAC's last 2 leading rushers in the stable.

RECEIVERS - After having a depth-shy receiving corps in 2005, Ault recruited heavily for speed in 2006. They had more depth with 12 players battling for 4 spots. In 2007 they had to replace their top WR but returned Marko Mitchell who had 493 (12.6), and Mike McCoy, who had 346 (15.0) in '06. Mitchell emerged in '07 and had 1,129 (21.3) while McCoy added 617 (19.3). Those two both returned last year but they did lose #2 Kyle Sammons who had 668 (18.1) and 2nd Tm WAC TE Adam Bishop. Mitchell led the team and was #2 in the WAC with 1,114 (18.7). McCoy was UN's #3 with 592 (11.2) while Soph Chris Wellington (PS#133) was #2 with 632 (15.0). TE Virgil Green took over the starting job at the end (after starting TE Kevin Bohr's inj) and added 164 (11.7). This year they lose both Mitchell (13 st, #7DC WAS) and McCoy (9 st) along with Brian Fludd (1 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Josh Morrow (6'4" 220 So, PS#310) and Tony Maldonado (5'11" 175 So). This unit has potential and Ault is high on 4 newcomers (2 RS, JC, GS) but it is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 thanks to having a mobile QB like Colin Kaepernick (593 yds rush) and a veteran group, UN improved to 214 ypg rush (4.9) with 26 sacks (6.8%). Last year they had to replace one starter. UN did lose Greg Hall after Wk 6 stopping his streak of 32 straight starts. Kaepernick improved to 1,130 rush so naturally the Wolf Pack's numbers improved to 278 ypg (6.1), their all-time best while the sacks dropped to 19 (4.5%). This year they lose their top OL in 1st Tm WAC C Dominic Green (4Y st'r), OG Hall, OG Brad Eskew (5 st), C Josh Catapano (3 st) and OT Clayton Johnson (4 gm). They only have 5 of the top 10 back but do return a pair of 2nd Tm WAC OT's in Alonzo Durham and Mike Gallett. Even with the loss of their top guy, "The Union" is one of the WAC's best O-lines once again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolf Pack had a veteran defensive front in 2006 and allowed just 128 ypg rush (4.0), its best total since joining IA ('92) and the D increased its sack total to 37. In 2007 the unit basically had one starter back and made a midseason move to the 4-3. The inexperienced group slipped allowing 4.4 ypc rush (26 sk). Last year they had to replace 1.5 starters including a 2nd Tm WAC DE but made tremendous improvement finishing #6 in the FBS in rush D allowing 89 ypg (3.1) with 36 sacks. This year they lose DT Mundrae Clifton (12 st, 33 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and DE Daryll Hill (5 tkl, 1 sk). This is their most experienced D-line S/'06 and their 2 DE's, Kevin Basped and Dontay Moch, combined for 21.5 sacks and 14.5 tfl last year!

LINEBACKERS - Last year UN had to replace 3 full-time starters but switched to a 3-man LB corps. They did have two players back who had 7+ starts and were the #2 and #5 tacklers in '07 but had to replace the #1, #7, #9 and #15. The unit was also banged up in '08 with Mike Bethea being lost after 3 starts (ret'd late yr), and no LB managed to start all 13. It was a large group with most LB's 235-240 lbs. This year they lose Joshua Mauga (11 st, 54 tkl, 3.5 sk, 1 int) and Jerome Johnson (PS#86, 9 st, 40 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 int). Not listed in the PSL are Alek Talilulu (6'2" 240 rFr), Joe Easter (6'1" 235 So), Seann Reed (6'3" 240 Jr, PS#373JC) and Kaelin Burnett (6'4" 205 So, Def Scout Tm POY LY). Despite the loss of their #3 and #8 tacklers, this unit gains a little speed and should stay healthier and be stronger in coverage.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Nevada was #27 in my pass D ranking in '06 with a 15-20 ratio. In 2007 they had to replace 1st Tm WAC CB Joe Garcia (6 int) and two others (comb 13 st, 80 tkl). Ault said Jonathon Amaya was the best frosh S he ever had but Amaya had just 3 starts (inj). Their CB's were burned often and the Wolf Pack dropped to #79 allowing a 22-7 ratio. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup and Ault brought in 3 JUCO's. Surprisingly, while the inexperienced unit allowed 311.6 ypg, they yielded just 53.6% with a 31-16 ratio (#62). Beside playing in the pass-happy WAC they also faced both Graham Harrell and Chase Daniel and actually held Harrell to under 50%! Not listed in the PSL are Ahmad Wood (5'11" 185 rFr), Cejay Ceniza (5'11" 170 rFr), Mose Denton (6'1" 180 rFr) and Khalid Wooten (6'0" 195 rFr). This year they lose FS Uche Anyanwu (13 st, 68 tkl, 1 int) but have 8 back with starting experience and should continue to improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ault has not had great success with the ST units since his return. In the last 5 years they have finished just #94, #99, #71, #99 and #112. This year they return P Brad Langley although he is questionable for the opener and add some JUCO's but lose K Brett Jaekle and top KR Brian Fludd (22.1). This is not an overwhelming unit but can really only go one direction in my ST rankings, right?

COACHES - Chris Ault led Nevada to 7 conf titles and a 163-63-1 record from 1976-'92 and '94-'95 and is in the College Football Hall of Fame! He was the AD here from 1986-'03 and fired Chris Tormey despite him having an improving record each year. Ault took over as HC in '04 for his 3rd tenure here, vacating his AD duties. He has guided them to 4 bowls in his 5 years in his latest stint and in '07 signed a contract extension thru 2011. Last year Ault promoted DC Ken Wilson to assoc HC. His new DC was Nigel Burton who was the 3rd DC here in 3 years. Burton was the CB coach at Oreg St (5Y). Chris Klenakis is now in the 6th year of his 2nd stint as OC here and previously was the OC at S Miss ('00-'02) and C Missouri ('03).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Chris Tormey got the team pointed in the right direction with win totals of 2, 3, 5 and 6 but was let go after the 2003 season. When Chris Ault took over in 2004, 13 players left the team over the summer and he had just 70 scholarship players. They benefitted from playing a soft schedule (#109) and Nevada went 5-1 at home, winning by an average of 42-27. On the road they were 0-6 losing by an avg of 42-18. In 2005, Nevada had a dream season getting its first winning season since 1998. Seventy-two of their 73 players attended summer workouts and Ault commented they were bigger, stronger and faster. They ended a 5 game losing streak to rival UNLV and won their final five, including victories over #16 Fresno and an OT win vs UCF in the bowl. Nevada finished 9-3 and received votes in the AP poll. They were 7-1 and co-Champs of the WAC but just +59.6 ypg (4th best). In 2006 they had 13 starters back. After opening 0-2, they won 8 out of 9 to stand at 8-3 before a 10 game home winning streak was snapped by Boise St, 38-7. They went 5-3 in WAC play, (+41.7 ypg, 3rd best). They came up 1 point short against Miami in the bowl despite a 23-13 FD edge. The defense allowed just 19.2 ppg which was the best since 1991 when they were in IAA. Nev did benefit from +12 TO's but also had 2 net close losses. In 2007 UN was 6-5 and had a showdown vs LT for a bowl spot and destroyed the Bulldogs 49-10. It was a strange season as they almost beat the 2 top teams in the WAC (Boise and Hawaii) losing to both by 2 but also almost lost to the worst teams (NMSt and Utah St). In the bowl they shockingly had the NCAA's longest streak without being shutout (329 games, 1980) end vs New Mexico, 23-0. UN was 4-4 in the WAC but was +123.5 ypg which almost topped Boise. Last year they were picked for 3rd in the WAC by the coaches and media. After beating Grambling, they held TT to 41% comp but then were waxed by Missouri. They trailed UNLV 17-0 but rallied for a 22 point win and then blew out Idaho. They were stunned at home by NMSt with the key being an 83 yd FR TD and Ault called it one of the toughest losses of his career. After waxing Utah St they rallied from a 31-17 deficit to tie Hawaii but gave up a TD with :20 left in the 7 point loss. They dominated preseason WAC favorite Fresno on the road with 472 yards rushing. They dominated the #1 WAC D (SJSt) with 333 yards rushing. They played their best game vs Boise in years thanks in part to 2 IR TD's but still lost by 7. At 6-5 Ault said they might not accept a bowl unless they beat LT and while they trailed 31-14 with 4:00 left in the 3Q they rallied for the win. They made it to a school record 4th straight bowl, but lost by 7 to MD. There are some good signs in UN's favor this year. They had 3 net close losses and teams in that situation improved their record 78.5% of the time. They also had a 12.4 def ypp (pg 299). They had 39 starts lost to inj (15th most FBS) and have 14 returning starters including the best backfield in the WAC. Another factor in their favor is that despite finishing in a 3 way WAC tie for 2nd at 5-3, their +120.5 ypg in WAC play was 108.5 yards better than the #3 team. While UN must travel to both ND and Boise, as long as QB Kaepernick stays healthy, they have a good shot at their first double digit win season ever in FBS ball.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 10 COLIN KAEPERNICK JR. 6-6 215 PS#153.2175(54%),19-3 ratio,593 rush rFr.2849 (54%), 22-7, 1130 rush (7.0), **WAC Off POY** LY. **16** Tyler Lantrip (6'4" 220 So) PS#277. 1-1 att LY.

RB 34 VAI TAUA JR. 5-10 225 PS#289. 112 (5.9) rFr. 11 st, 1521 (6.4), **1st Tm WAC** LY. **7** Luke Lippincott (6'2" 215 Sr) 1876 (5.2) 2Y. 2 st (ACL) LY. Brandon Fragger. 800 (4.3) 3Y.

WR 14 CHRIS WELLINGTON JR. 6-1 185 PS#133. 30 (10.0) as rFr. 12 st, 632 (15.0) LY. **19** Malcolm Shepherd (6'3" 210 Jr) PS#497JC. Tray Session (6'3" 175 So) PS#274. 1 rec LY.

WR 81 Maurice Patterson Jr. 6-3 200 PS#192JC. IFS, 1 of fastest on tm! **12** Arthur King (6'1" 195 Sr) 4 st, 292 (10.8) 3Y. **23** Shane Anderson (6'1" 205 So) PS#168. 5 gm (inj) LY.

WR 18 Brandon Wimberly rFr. 6-3 195 PS#395. **Orig w/Oreg St**. Scout Tm POY here LY. **83** LJ Washington PS#229. IFS. **2** Dwayne Sanders (5'10" 175 Sr) PS#367. 8 rec 3Y.

TE 85 VIRGIL GREEN JR. 6-5 225 9 st, 13 gm, 164 (11.7) LY. **42** Kevin Bohr (6'3" 240 Sr) PS#445JC. 9 st (inj), 2 rec 2Y. Out spg. **98** Talaiasi Puloka (6'4" 240 Sr) 6 rec 3Y.

C 63 Kenneth Ackerman Sr. 6-4 280 PS#445JC.1 st@C, 4 gm '07. Last 7 st@WG, 10 gm LY. **67** Jeff Meads (6'3" 290 So) PS#485. 1 gm rFr. **LS 58** Ryan Coulson (6'3" 255 Jr) PS#160.

SG 62 JOHN BENDER JR. 6-8 325 First 5 st@ST til Inj rFr, 6 st@SG, 10 gm (inj) LY. **61** Scott Frisbie (6'4" 260 So). 5 gm, tm's short snapper rFr. Aaron Huck (6'3" 295 rFr) PS#306.

WG NA Aminiasi Silatolu Jr. 6-4 295 PS#104JC. 2Y st'r at JC. Will push for starting job. **75** Chris Barker (6'4" 315 rFr) PS#374. **77** Jon Rabe (6'5" 285 rFr) From DL in spring.

ST 50 MIKE GALLETT JR. 6-6 295 8 st, 11 gm rFr. 13 st ST, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **68** Steve Werner (6'5" 310 rFr) PS#342. **74** Steve Haley (6'5" 305 So) PS#347. 2 gm rFr.

WT 73 ALONZO DURHAM SR. 6-4 285 1 st SG, 6 gm rFr. 13 st ST '07. 13 st WT, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **79** Jose Acuna. IFS. Jeff Nady (6'7" 270 rFr) PS#411. Alex Pinto (6'5" 300 rFr).

K NA Richard Drake Jr. 6-0 190 PS#219JC. Job is his to lose, arrives in summer. 11-20 FG, L/52, 66 of 75 xp at JUCO LY. **39** Nick Rhodes (5'11" 180 So) PS#83. 1 gm as rFr.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 99 KEVIN BASPED JR. 6-6 240 6 st, 50 tkl, 11.5 tfl rFr. 10 st, 13 gm, 50 tkl, **10 sk**, 8.5 tfl, **1st Tm WAC** LY. **96** Daniel Agaiava (6'3" 275 Sr) PS#377. 2 gm LY. Brett Roy (6'4" 260 So) 11 tkl LY.

DT 92 Mike Andrews Jr. 6-3 275 PS#293JC. RS here LY. Chris Slack (6'5" 270 Sr) PS#442JC. 2 st, 13 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. Mark Avery (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#421. Beau Welsh (6'3" 240 Jr) RS LY.

DT 95 NATE AGAIAVA SR. 6-2 285 PS#379. 2 gm, still RS '05. Inj & DNP '06. 11 gm, 9 tkl, 1 tfl '07. 12 st, 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **93** Zack Madonick (6'1" 285 So) PS#331. 6 gm, 3 tkl, 1 tfl rFr.

DE 55 DONTAY MOCH JR. 6-1 245 PS#153. 13 tkl, 3.5 sk rFr. 12 st, 50 tkl, **11.5 sk**, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **58** Ryan Coulson (6'3" 255 Jr) PS#160. 5 st, 17 tkl 2Y. **72** Mark Forrest (6'7" 210 rFr) PS#291.

WLB 33 Brandon Marshall So. 6-1 230 PS#353. 6 st, 33 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 13 gm rFr. Adam Liranzo (6'4" 220 Jr) PS#226. 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 21 gm 2Y. **51** Albert Rosette (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#408. 1 tkl true.

MLB 36 Mike Bethea Sr. 6-3 245 PS#134JC. 3 st, 8 gm (inj), 29 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **40** Jared Silva-Purcell (5'11" 220 Jr) PS#213. 1 st, 13 gm, 17 tkl LY. Andre Davis (6'1" 228 So) PS#224.

SLB 52 JAMES-MICHAEL JOHNSON SO. 6-2 220 8 st, 49 tkl, 12.5 tfl, 2 pd rFr. **20** Kevin Grimes (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#435. ST POY rFr. 1 st, 13 gm, 45 tkl, 5 pd LY. Deantae Green (6'2" 235 So). 9 gm rFr.

CB 45 ANTOINE THOMPSON SR. 6-1 195 PS#413JC. 13 st, 36 tkl, 9 pd, 17 PR here LY. Cory Smith (6'2" 180 Jr) PS#179JC. **Oreg St** commit. **6** Doyle Miller (5'11" 185 Jr) 3 st, 8 tkl rFr.

CB 32 ISAIAH FREY SO. 6-0 190 PS#234. L/3 st, 13 gm, 23 tkl true. **28** Mike Evans (5'10" 180 Jr) PS#478JC. 6 st, 11 gm, 31 tkl til ACL. No spg. Thaddeus Brown (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#157.

SS 49 JONATHON AMAYA SR. 6-2 190 10 st, 82 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 68 tkl, 6 pbu, 4 int LY. Cameron Bayne (6'1" 180 Sr) PS#177. 38 tkl 3Y. **9** Mike Samples (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#171. 4 st, 39 tkl 3Y.

FS 25 Mo Harvey Sr. 6-3 210 **PS#65JC.** 1 st, 12 gm, 22 tkl, 7 pd LY. **8** Marlon Johnson (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#408. Jonathan Ott (6'1" 180 So) PS#131. 2 tkl. Ryan Howard (6'1" 190 So).

P 48 BRAD LANGLEY SR. 6-0 200 PS#502JC. 42 punts (44.0), 10 gm (Achilles) LY. No spg, ? for opener '09. **11** Jake Hurst (6'1" 205 So). Richard Drake (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#219JC.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Aminiasi Silatolu 6-4 295 PS#104JC
DB	Cory Smith 6-2 180 PS#179JC
WR	Maurice Patterson 6-3 200 PS#192JC
K	Richard Drake 6-0 190 PS#219JC
OL	Jose Acuna 6-6 308 PS#238JC
DB	Duke Williams 6-1 183 PS#232
QB	David Fales 6-2 193 PS#135
WR	Joe (LJ) Washington 6-0 195 PS#229RB '08
DL	Josh Banks 6-2 255 PS#354
RB	Stefphon Jefferson 5-11 190 PS#334
DL	Jack Reynoso 6-3 270 PS#399 '08
LB	Andre Davis 6-1 228 PS#224 '07
DL	Sam Foster 6-4 250 PS#482
QB	Mason Magleby 6-2 190 PS#280
TE	Steven Jeffers 6-3 258 PS#156
DL	Wesley Hollingshed 6-2 305 PS#1562
OL	Joel Bitonio 6-4 290 PS#1788

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#94

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UN	Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	at Colorado St	A					
Sep. 25	Missouri (Fri)	A					
Oct. 3	UNLV	A					
Oct. 9	Louisiana Tech (Fri)	A					
Oct. 17	at Utah St	A					
Oct. 24	Idaho	A					
Oct. 31	Hawaii	A					
Nov. 8	at San Jose St (Sun)	A					
Nov. 14	Fresno St	A					
Nov. 21	at New Mexico St	G					
Nov. 27	at Boise St (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

First Meeting. Nevada is 2-11 in season openers with both wins coming vs FCS opp's. The Wolf Pack are 1-12 visiting BCS teams losing by an avg score of 43-17.

UN is 1-8 vs CSU but the win was in the last meeting ('06, 28-10). UN has topped 28 pts only once in this series. UN is 0-5 in Ft Collins being outscored by an avg of 45-20.

The Wolf Pack is now 0-4 vs the B12 including losses to Missouri & TX Tech LY. Nevada was overmatched LY as the Tigers scored on their first 10 possessions & totaled 651 yds.

UN leads the Battle of Nevada for the Fremont Cannon 19-15 & has 4 straight wins. Last time here UNLV scored w/1:02 & UN got a 43 yd TD pass w/:27 left for the win.

UN has won 4 straight but only leads the series 5-4. LY Nevada trailed most of the gm including a 31-14 LT lead with 4:48 left in 3Q. They finished with 71/9, 75/10 & 80/4pl TD drives.

Nevada has won 6 straight in Logan & leads the all-time series 15-4. Last time here UN had a 472-212 yd edge but needed a 73/9pl 4Q TD drive for the road win.

UN leads the series 17-9 winning 4 straight & 6 of the L/7 by 32 ppg. LY they totaled 507 yds & had a HT lead of 21-0. Last time here they led only 17-14 going into the 4Q.

Nevada trails the series 6-7 & has lost 3 straight in the series. LY UN finished with a 481-331 yd edge but Hawaii went 77/9pl scoring on a 24 yd TD pass w/:20 left.

The Wolf Pack have beaten the Spartans in 6 of 7 but did lose in their last trip to San Jose. LY UN dominated with a 525-278 yd edge holding SJSt to 3 & out on 5 of 15 drives.

UN is 2-8 vs Fresno S/'99 splitting the L/4 with the road team winning the L/2. LY UN had 600 yds including 472 yds rush led by RB Taua's career best 263 yds (9.4).

Nevada has won 10 of 12 in the series including all 6 in Las Cruces. LY both tms topped 500 yds but the Aggies pulled the big upset in a gm with 8 lead changes & 3 ties.

Nevada has lost 9 straight. LY UN trailed 24-3 at HT but had a gm tying pass in EZ knocked away. Last time here was a classic with 1,266 yds & 136 pts in 4 OT's.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Neill 10,901 '98-'01	1. Frank Hawkins 5,333 '77-'80	1. Trevor Insley 5,005 '96-'99
2. Eric Beavers 8,629 '83-'86	2. Charvez Foger 4,484 '85-'88	2. Geoff Noisy 4,249 '95-'98
3. Fred Gatlin 8,312 '89-'92	3. Chris Lemon 4,246 '96-'99	3. Bryan Reeves 3,408 '91-'93

CHRIS AULT (Career 60–38) (FCS 138–53–1)
25th Yr at Nevada ('76–'92, '94–'95, '04–'08) Ault's Bowl Record: 1-5

Ault's records AT NEVADA (FBS)

60-38	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
38-10	Home	1-9	Vs Top 25
21-24	Away	1-8	Vs BCS Teams
1-4	Neutral	7-8	Off A Bye
40-18	Vs Conference	19-12	Off A Loss

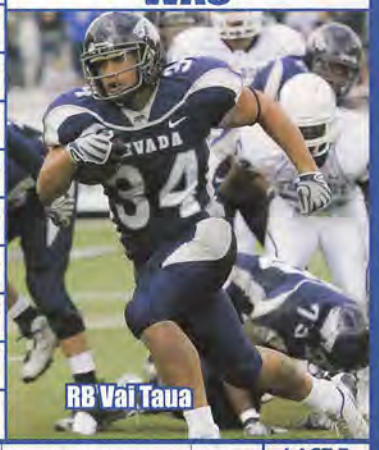
2008 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (19,25,1)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,043 (#101)

WAC


RB Vai Taua

STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (29,993) (#108)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-10	3-8	5-7	6-6	5-7	9-3	8-5	6-7	7-6	51-59
Home	1-4	2-3	4-2	3-3	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-2	3-3	32-20
Away	1-6	1-5	1-5	3-3	0-6	3-2	3-3	2-5	4-2	18-37
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	1-7	3-5	4-4	4-4	3-5	7-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	36-36
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-3	1-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	3-2	2-3	2-3	15-23
ATS	4-8	6-5	7-4-1	6-5	4-7	7-5	11-2	5-7	5-7	55-50-1
Home Fav (Tonne 2000, Dunn 2001)	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-3	3-0	3-0	5-0	2-2	2-1	17-7
Home Dog (Chris Ault 2002)	2-3	3-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	13-11
Away Favorite (Ault 2003)	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-0	0-3	2-2	10-9
Away Dog	2-5	2-3	2-1-1	2-1	0-5	0-2	2-1	2-2	1-1	13-21-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	7-1	3-5	4-4	37-34-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-2	1-3	4-1	2-2	1-3	18-16
Off SU Win	0-2	0-2	3-1-1	3-3	3-2	4-4	7-1	2-4	2-5	24-24-1
Off SU Loss	3-6	6-2	3-3	3-2	1-4	3-0	3-1	3-2	3-2	28-22

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Vai Taua	236	1567	46	1521	15	6.4
Colin Kaepernick	161	1298	168	1130	17	7.0
Courtney Randall	66	337	10	327	4	5.0
Brandon Fragger	30	196	0	196	1	6.5
Lampford Mark	43	193	11	182	0	4.2
Luke Lippincott	17	106	2	104	1	6.1
Marko Mitchell	4	59	14	45	0	11.2
Mike McCoy	7	44	3	41	1	5.9
Nick Graziano	8	38	28	10	0	1.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Colin Kaepernick	383	208	54.3	2849	22	7
Nick Graziano	32	15	46.9	145	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marko Mitchell	61	1141	18.7	10	75
Chris Wellington	42	632	15.0	6	70
Mike McCoy	53	592	11.2	2	38
Vai Taua	30	243	8.1	3	54
Virgil Green	14	164	11.7	1	40
Arthur King Jr	10	96	9.6	0	19
Luke Lippincott	2	33	16.5	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Langley	42	1850	44.0	6	34.5(t)	1(t)	10
Brett Jaekle	22	890	40.5	1	–	–	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brett Jaekle	63-63	6-6	6-7	2-4	0-0	14-17	43

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jonathon Amaya	68	0	2.5	6	4
Uche Anyanwu	68	0	2	3	1
Joshua Mauga	54	3.5	4	0	1
Kevin Basped	50	10	8.5	3	0
Dontay Moch	50	11.5	6	2	0
JM Johnson	49	1.5	11	1	1
Kevin Grimes	45	0	1	3	2
Jerome Johnson	40	0.5	4.5	2	1
Antoine Thompson	36	0	1	8	1
Mundrae Clifton	33	0.5	2	4	0
Brandon Marshall	33	2	6.5	3	1
Mike Evans	31	0	1	3	0
Mike Bethea	29	1	3.5	1	0
Isaiah Frey	23	0	1.5	3	0
Adam Liranzo	23	3	1.5	0	0
Mo Harvey	22	0	0	4	3
Cameron Bayne	19	0	0.5	0	0
Jared Silva-Purcell	17	0	0	0	1
Brett Roy	11	0	1	0	0
Ryan Coulson	11	0.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antoine Thompson	17	83	4.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brian Fludd	24	530	22.1	0
Brandon Fragger	14	255	18.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15
05	Hawaii	-2'	UCF (OT)	49-48
06	MPC Computers	+3'	Miami, Fl	20-21
07	New Mexico	+2'	New Mexico	0-23
08	Humanitarian	-2'	Maryland	35-42

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Nevada's All–Time Bowl Record 3–6

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	37.6	509	278	6.1	231	53.6	13.5	19	+1	2008	5	32.3	400	89	3.1	312	53.6	12.4	36
5	33.5	467	214	4.9	253	52.5	14.0	26	-3	2007	6	32.2	415	174	4.4	241	58.6	12.9	26
6*	30.1	358	171	4.3	187	63.2	11.9	26	+12	2006	7	19.2	325	128	4.0	198	59.6	17.0	37
6*	34.2	449	200	4.5	250	61.3	13.2	30	0	2005	6	31.9	411	141	4.3	269	55.9	12.9	29
6*	29.7	419	154	4.0	265	58.8	14.1	32	+1	2004	4	34.4	399	209	4.9	190	55.5	11.6	28
6	23.5	387	171	4.3	216	49.2	16.5	17	+5	2003	10	28.2	406	169	4.1	237	57.6	14.4	38
6	27.6	434	138	3.9	296	61.2	15.7	22	-6	2002	10	30.9	420	178	4.7	242	54.5	13.6	17

2008 STATS BY GAME

NU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
22,772	Grambling St	29	53-426	8.0	18-32	203	2	10	40-5	0.1	13-27	225	6	-1
24,453	Texas Tech	28	47-224	4.8	23-34	264	4	20	22-124	5.6	19-46	297	0	0
54,202	at Missouri	22	44-182	4.1	21-40	180	1	25	29-132	4.6	27-36	519	0	-1
33,078	at UNLV	27	58-444	7.7	11-16	176	2	18	23-54	2.3	18-38	327	2	+1
15,013	at Idaho	27	47-264	5.6	19-24	243	0	17	28-24	0.9	22-47	292	4	-1
12,475	New Mexico St	28	42-313	7.5	15-26	194	1	28	36-104	2.9	28-47	409	3	-2
13,159	Utah St	22	42-284	6.8	14-28	239	0	16	37-71	1.9	19-39	262	5	-2
40,225	at Hawaii	21	40-308	7.7	14-28	173	3	17	28-42	1.5	23-36	289	6	-1
33,207	at Fresno St	29	61-472	7.7	7-17	128	0	21	16-106	6.6	23-43	260	0	+4
14,343	San Jose St	23	49-333	6.8	15-31	192	0	11	16-(-23)	-1.4	20-41	301	3	+1
27,057	Boise St	18	35-144	4.1	19-51	241	1	22	26-70	2.7	29-48	414	2	+4
17,254	at Louisiana Tech	29	42-103	2.5	24-42	397	2	25	37-185	5.0	17-31	258	3	-1
26,781	† Maryland	26	33-114	3.5	24-49	370	3	19	39-258	6.6	13-27	198	2	0
TOTALS		329	593-3611	6.1	224-418	3000	19	249	377-1152	3.1	271-506	4051	36	+1
AVERAGES		25.3	46-278	6.1	17-32	231	4.5%	19.2	29-89	3.1	21-39	312	7.1%	0.1

2004 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Louisiana Tech	+5	21-38	
–	Sacramento St	NL	59-7	
–	Buffalo	-16	38-13	
–	at San Diego St	+14'	10-27	
–	at UNLV	+5'	13-48	
–	at Hawaii	+18'	26-48	
–	Rice	+8	35-10	
–	Tulsa	-3	54-48 3OT	
–	San Jose St	-14	42-24	
–	at SMU	-7	20-38	
–	at Fresno St	+26	17-54	
–	Boise St - #10	+25'	21-58	

2005 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Washington St	+9	21-55	
–	UNLV	+1'	22-14	
–	at Colorado St	+17'	21-42	
–	at San Jose St	-3'	30-23	
–	Idaho	-8	62-14	
–	Louisiana Tech	-2	37-27	
–	at Boise St	+20	14-49	
–	Hawaii	-5	38-28	
–	at New Mexico St	-10	48-24	
–	at Utah St	-9'	30-24	
–	Fresno St - #16	+15	38-35	

2006 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Fresno St	+12	19-28	
–	at Arizona St - #25	+14'	21-52	
–	Colorado St	-3	28-10	
–	Northwestern	-7	31-21	
–	at UNLV	-3'	31-3	
–	at Hawaii	+12	34-41	
–	San Jose St	-12'	23-7	
–	New Mexico St	-17'	48-21	
–	at Idaho	-10	45-7	
–	Utah St	-29	42-0	
–	at Louisiana Tech	-17'	42-0	
–	Boise St - #12	+2'	7-38	

2007 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Nebraska - #20	+21	10-52	
–	at Northwestern	+10	31-36	
–	Nicholls St	NL	52-17	
–	UNLV	-3'	27-20	
–	Fresno St	-3	41-49	
–	at Boise St	+26'	67-69 4OT	
–	at Utah St	-7	31-28	
–	Idaho	-17'	37-21	
–	at New Mexico St	-7	40-38	
–	Hawaii - #13	+6	26-28	
–	at San Jose St	-3'	24-27	
–	Louisiana Tech	-7	49-10	

2008 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Grambling St	-26'	49-13	
–	Texas Tech - #12	+10	19-35	
–	at Missouri - #6	+26'	17-69	
–	at UNLV	+3'	49-27	
–	at Idaho	-24	49-14	
–	New Mexico St	-19'	45-48	
–	Utah St	-22	44-17	
–	at Hawaii	-3'	31-38	
–	at Fresno St	-2'	41-28	
–	San Jose St	-14	41-17	
–	Boise St - #9	+6'	34-41	
–	at Louisiana Tech	-4'	35-31	

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Tom Brandstater (6'5" 220) has a cannon for an arm, a quick release and nimble feet. With all of those attributes it was a surprising three year career for him. In Brandstater's first year, he threw for 1,490 (54.5%) with a 13-14 ratio. In '07 he played his best ball late and threw for 2,654 (62.6%) with a 15-5 ratio (118 rush). Brandstater's backup in '07 was Ryan Colburn who played in 4 (5 att). Last year they also brought in the mobile Ebahn Feathers (PS#71) who was recruited by most other schools as an athlete but came here for the chance to play QB. In Brandstater's third year he threw for 2,664 (59.6%) with a 18-12 ratio (99 gross rush). Surprisingly, HC Pat Hill did not play Colburn. This year as Brandstater departs (#6DC DEN). There was talk of bringing in more of the pistol offense before spring (would favor Feathers) but post spring seemed to be a two man battle between Colburn and true frosh Derek Carr (brother of NFL David) with Feathers having designed plays. Despite the fact this unit goes from a 3 year starter to a total of 5 career pass att, the drop off probably won't be as much as expected.

RUNNING BACKS - Fresno had a streak of 6 straight 1,000 yard rushers end in '07 with an inexperienced group as the leading returnees were Lonyae Miller (PS#54), who had 287 (5.3) in '06 and Anthony Harding (PS#221), who had 141 (4.7). True frosh Ryan Mathews took charge in '07 rushing for 866 (6.0) with 14 TD's despite missing 2. Clifton Smith (PS#42), who was an exciting returnman that suffered an ACL in '05, was finally close to 100% and had 625 (6.3). Miller added 609 (4.6) and Harding had 403 (3.9). Smith was the only loss last year but Mathews was not back to his true frosh form (inj) and played in just 8. While they did not have a 1,000 yard rusher, the top 3 RB's combined for 2,240 led by Harding with 822 (5.6). Miller had 812 (6.8) while Mathews added 606 (5.4). Miller and Harding each topped 100 vs Hawaii and again in the bowl. Everyone returns this year and not listed in PSL are Michael Harris (5'11" 195 rFr, PS#158), Jamaal Rashad (5'11" 200 Sr) and AJ Ellis (5'11" 180 rFr, PS#191). With Mathews another year removed from his surgery, I'll call for Fresno to begin another streak of 1,000 yard rushers.

RECEIVERS - In Hill's first season ('97), FSU had zero scholarship WR's but he upgraded the program almost every year and has had some outstanding WR's in his tenure. The last 3 years the unit has been injury plagued. In '07, Marlon Moore emerged as the deep threat and led with 694 (14.5) while TE Bear Pascoe added 553 (12.3) despite missing 2. Seyi Ajirotutu (6'3") had 491 (16.9). Last year everyone returned but Moore played in just 8 (inj) with 258 (11.2). Pascoe was also banged up and had just 400 (10.0). Ajirotutu took command with 795 (16.9) while Devon Wylie was #3 with 269 (12.2). This year they lose their outstanding TE Pascoe (10 st, #6DC SF), Adam McDowell (2 st, 1 rec) and Drew Lubinsky (6 gm) but should have a healthier year with much more production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Hill used to be an OL coach so this unit is always a priority. In '07 FSU had 3 starters back. Two of those returnees each missed almost half of the yr. The group still overachieved and opened holes for 211 ypg rush (4.9) while allowing just 18 sacks (5.2%). Last year FSU had to replace the OL MVP (4Y st'r). LG Cole Popovich was lost in Wk 1 so they had 3 starters back and the numbers dropped slightly to 182 ypg (4.9) with 17 sacks (4.6%). This year they lose 1st Tm WAC LT Bobby Lepori (13 st, 3Y st'r), RT Kenny Avon (13 st, 2Y st'r) and LG Popovich (1 st, 30 car sts). Five are back with starting experience including 2nd Tm WAC RG Andrew Jackson so this unit is as experienced as '08 and should put up even better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007, Fresno had an inexperienced and injury plagued D-line and allowed 181 ypg rush (5.0) but the D did record 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including DE Tyler Clutts (led WAC sks). Injuries plagued the unit again. Returning starting DE Wilson Ramos was lost vs Utah St

and they were down to 6 active DL's vs NMSt. Fresno allowed 210 ypg (#108 in FBS) and a ghastly 5.6 ypc while the D recorded just 18 sacks. This year they lose DE Ikenna Ike (13 st, 55 tkl, 4.5 sk), DT Jon Monga (7 st, 22 tkl, 4.5 sk) and DE Michael Stuart (5 st, 13 tkl). They also lose their DL coach in Kerry Locklin (11 All-Conf DL's in 9 years incl 2 WAC DPOY's). I list FSU as having 3 starters back as 3 return with 7+ starts including DE Chris Carter who started 6 at LB and 6 at DE in '08. Not listed below is Anthony Williams (6'2" 300 rFr, PS#282). Hopefully, Hill will finally have a healthy D-line and this experienced group should spearhead a vastly improved rush D.

LINEBACKERS - In '07, Fresno had to replace all 3 starters. Last year they had 2 starters back but lost WAC Def POY Marcus Riley. Heading into the year they had questionable depth and were the coaching staff's biggest concern on the D. Besides returning starter Ben Jacobs, four different players who had a combined 21 career tackles heading into 2008 earned starts at LB. The inexperienced LB corps contributed to the poor rush D. This year the only losses are Carter (who moves full-time to DE) and Nick Bates (1st, 19tkl). Not listed in the PSL below are D'Vaughn Jones (6'0" 215 So) and Dustin Russell (6'0" 210 rFr). Naturally, this should be a vastly improved group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After 6 seasons with an avg finish of #37 in my pass D rankings, Fresno has been #99, #61 and last year finished #75. The DB's actually accounted for just 3 int's in each of the previous two years. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 7 of the top 8 back but CB Damion Owens lost his spot (9 st '07, 1 st, 35 tkl '08) as did Marvin Haynes who battled through back injuries (13 st '07, 0 in '08). Fresno finished with a 20-5 ratio (5 int #118 FBS). This year they lose CB Sharrod Davis (13 st, 57 tkl, 8 pbu), FS Jake Jorde (9 st, 55 tkl,1 pbu) and Will Harding (18 tkl, 1 pbu). Six return with starting experience including Owens and Haynes and they should have their best finish in my pass D rankings since at least 2005 (#44).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Hill's lowest finish in my ST rankings in 9 of the first 10 years was #36. Since '02 FSU is 1st in the NCAA in blocked kicks (44). In '06 they dropped to #105. FSU went 4 years without allowing a TD but gave up 3 in '06. ST coach John Baxter had units finish #14 in '03, #24 in '04 and #5 in '05 and in '07 I called for a turnaround. Things were indeed back to normal as Smith avg'd 14.4 on PR and AJ Jefferson led the FBS in KR (35.8). Clint Stitser hit 16 of 24 FG's (long 52) and also had 12 TB on 78 KO. The unit moved up to #9. Last year they had to replace their K, P and LS. Eight days prior to the opener the P, PR and KR were all up in the air. Fresno did not miss a beat on PR's as true frosh Rashad Evans, Chastin West and Moore each recorded a TD. KR Jefferson missed a couple of games but his 29.3 avg was #4 in the FBS. The team's net punting dropped from 33.0 to 31.8 and FSU allowed 23.5 on KR's with just 2 TB's. It was a rough year for new K Kevin Goessling (PS#36) who missed 3 FG's vs Wisc and missed 2 key FG's in an OT loss to Hawaii. Goessling amazingly hit a 58 yd game winner vs Utah St and while he att'd just 3 FG's in the final 6, he made all 3. Overall, FSU dropped to #67. Almost all are back and I look for good-sized improvement.

COACHES - I like Hill's attitude, as he's willing to take on any team, anywhere, to build his program and he has pulled some big upsets. He is now in his 13th year. After his team almost upset #1 ranked USC in '05 and was #16 in the polls, Hill interviewed with four different NFL teams and was a hot commodity. Last year when the Wash job opened up, he was one of the top candidates but withdrew his name. After another disappointing finish, however, Hill is on the hot seat entering this year. For the 5th consec season, Hill has to replace his OC as Doug Nussmeier left for Washington, getting a significant raise. This is the first time in Hill's 13 years he's had to replace both coordinators in the same season as long-time DC Dan Brown opted to retire and then succumbed to cancer. Hill's new co-OC's are Jeff Grady and Derek Frazier who have both been on the staff the L2Y and the new DC is Randy Stewart who was the DB coach the L7Y.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A surprising stat to me is that FSU has not finished higher than 2nd in the WAC since 1999 and its last outright conference title came in 1989 (Big West). This despite the fact that FSU has pulled a lot of upsets, flirted with BCS bowl contention and has been one of the marquee teams in the WAC. In 2001, FSU was ranked #8 at one point and finished 11-3 including upsets over Colo, Oreg St and Wisc in 3 straight weeks. They were 6-2 in the WAC in both 2002 & '03. The 2004 season featured one of Hill's most experienced squads (15 ret st'r). Fresno beat Wash 35-16 before destroying defending Big 12 champ #13 K-St 45-21 on the road. Surprisingly, FSU lost 3 games in WAC play and finished 9-3 but did win its 3rd consecutive bowl over a BCS foe (UVA). In 2005, FSU led Oregon 17-0 but ended up losing by 3. They then appeared to have clinched the WAC Title when they destroyed Boise St 27-7 to move to 8-1 and #16. There was talk that they were the greatest team in school history. FSU travelled to face #1 USC and nearly came away with the upset but they suffered 4 int including 2 in the EZ and fumbled at their own 15. At that point FSU stood 9-2 with losses to 2 teams that finished in the Top 10. FSU accepted the bid to the Liberty Bowl and it was all downhill from there as they lost 11 of their next 16 games. In '06 they ended a streak of 7 straight bowl trips with their first losing season since 1998. FSU had 7 straight losses, its worst stretch in 77 years (1929). They did win three of their final four. In 2007 FSU had an inexperienced squad (9 ret st'r) and Hill said it was his most injury-plagued team yet. Seven starters were lost for the year and they were without their top 7 tacklers from '06. They had a shot at the WAC Title but lost to Boise St 34-21 at home but did beat Big 12 member K-St 45-29 and then whipped GT in the bowl 40-28 to finish 9-4. They were 6-2 in the WAC but amazingly -55 ypg!! It surprised me FSU was the preseason WAC favorite last year although they did have 14 returning starters. They were fortunate in the opener as they could have trailed 17-0 at half and had a big 2H and routed Rutgers 24-7. FSU missed 3 FG's costing them in what Hill called their biggest HG ever in a loss to #10 Wisc. They were fortunate again the next week in a flat spot to get past Toledo in 2OT's, 55-54. UCLA fmbl'd deep in FSU territory trailing 36-31 in the 4Q and the Bulldogs held on. They were upset at home vs UH despite having a 522-342 yd edge (-5 TO's). They were actually outgained by Idaho in a 45-32 win and got an amazing 58 yd FG on the final play to beat Utah St. FSU lost on the road to LT and was outgained 600-366 at home by Nevada. After a narrow escape vs NMSt at home, they rallied to beat SJSt in the 2H before being pounded by Boise 61-10. FSU blew a 28-20 3Q lead in the bowl vs CSU. While it appears FSU is headed in the wrong direction, there are a couple of factors I like. They will be an experienced team (15 ret st) and had 32 starts were lost to inj LY. They were also -11 in TO's, qualifying for Turnovers=Turnaround. Hill's teams also are at their best as dogs and after being a preseason WAC favorite LY, they go back to being the hunter, not the hunted. They do face 3 BCS foes on the road but as usual, will bag their share of upsets and get to their 9th bowl of the decade.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 15 Ryan Colburn Jr. 6-3 220 PS#136.4 of 5 (80%) rFr. DNP LY. **4** Derek Carr (6'3" 185 Fr) PS#56. In for spring. **3** Ebahn Feathers (6'0" 210 rFr) PS#71. MIP in spring.

RB 21 RYAN MATHEWS JR. 5-11 215 PS#388. 6 st, 1472 (5.7) 2Y. **22** Anthony Harding (6'0" 220 Sr) PS#221. 5 st, 1366 (4.9) 3Y. **1** Lonyae Miller (5'11" 215 Sr) PS#54. 12 st, 1708 (5.6) 3Y.

FB/TE 45 ISAAC KINTER SR. 6-1 240 PS#160.10 st, 287 rec yd (8.2) 3Y. **49 Vince Pascoe** (6'1" 250 Jr) 6 st 2Y. **48** Reynard Camp (5'11" 270 Sr) PS#125. 1 st 2Y. Justin Webber (5'9"180 rFr).

WR 5 MARLON MOORE SR. 6-0 190 9 st, 799 (15.4) 2Y. 6 st (inj), 258 (11.2) LY. **6** Chastin West (6'1" 215 Sr) PS#238. 17 st, 579 (11.4) 3Y (inj '07). Devon Wylie (5'9" 170 Jr) 313 (13.6) 2Y.

WR 2 SEYI AJIROTUTU SR. 6-3 210 PS#261. 525 (15.9) 2Y. 11 sts, 795 (16.9) LY. Jamel Hamler (6'2" 205 So). 5 rec true. RS LY. Rashad Evans (5'9" 180 So) PS#148. 21 rec true.

TE 84 Ryan Skidmore So. 6-5 240 PS#117. 3 rec. **40** Michael Butler (6'3" 240 rFr) PS#84. Jake Peterson PS#171. David Gory (6'4" 235 rFr) PS#105. Tapa Taumoepeau (6'3" 220 rFr).

C 74 JOE BERNARDI JR. 6-2 280 PS#191. 5 st (inj) rFr. 12 st LY. **52** Richard Pacheco (6'2" 285 Sr) PS#122. 10 gm 3Y. 4 st LY. **LS 58** Bobby Shepard (6'1" 235 So).

RG 69 ANDREW JACKSON JR. 6-5 295 PS#296. 11 st, rFr. 13 st, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. Matt Hunt PS#135, GS LY. **55** Leslie Cooper (6'4" 305 So). Douglas Spacht (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#152.

LG 61 CHARLEY ROBBINS JR. 6-2 300 PS#365. 1 st, 7 gm 2Y. **79** Devan Cunningham (6'6" 350 Jr) PS#125. 2 gm true. 7 st, 8 gm (inj) LY. **78** Richard Helepiko (6'2" 290 rFr) PS#278.

RT 60 Kenny Wiggins Jr. 6-7 310 PS#462. 5 gm rFr. 11 gm LY. **75** Trevor Richter (6'5" 275 rFr) PS#197. **68** Max Devlin (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#276. **53** John Tenario (6'3" 285 Fr).

LT 70 Bryce Harris So. 6-6 295 PS#333. Moved from DL. 9 gms on OL as rFr. **72** Austin Wentworth (6'5" 305 Fr) PS#351. GS in '08. Lars Bramer (6'5" 260 Fr) PS#273.

K 35 KEVIN GOESSLING SO. 6-0 195 PS#36. 15-22 FG's, L/58, 46-47 xp, 1st frosh to start at K under Hill as rFr. **38** Andrew Shapiro (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#77. Bkup LY but still RS.

DE 96 WILSON RAMOS SR. 6-4 270 9 st, 29 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 7 gm (inj), 15 tkl LY. **93** Chris Lewis (6'3" 260 Jr) PS#81. Susp '07. 5 tkl, 6 gm LY. **92** Kenny Borg (6'3" 245 So) PS#381. 9 tkl true. Inj LY.

DT 99 MARK ROBERTS JR. 6-2 300 PS#315. 7 tkl, 9 gm as rFr. 9 sts, 24 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **77** Logan Harrell (6'2" 275 So) PS#201. 14 tkl, 12 gm true. **98** Porter Hill (6'4" 280 rFr) PS#135.

NT 50 Cornell Banks Jr. 6-3 300 1 st, 23 tkl '07. 7 st, 12 gm, 32 tkl LY. **65** Chase McEntee (6'2" 265 So) 5 tkl, 9 gm true. Kyle Bell (6'2" 266 So). **Oreg St trans.** RS at OSU '07.

DE 43 CHRIS CARTER JR. 6-2 230 PS#154. 15 tkl, 10 gm true. 12 st, 88 tkl, 6.5 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **95** Matt Akers (6'3" 225 rFr) PS#86. **89** Marcel Jensen (6'6" 265 Fr) PS#464.GS LY.

WLB 53 KYLE KNOX SO. 6-1 215 6 st, 11 gm, 43 tkl, 8 tfl rFr. **39** Shawn Plummer (6'0" 200 So) 1 st, 25 tkl LY. **59** Eric Brown (5'11" 210 So) 10 tkl 2Y. **38** Sonny McCree (6'0" 230 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y.

MLB 54 BEN JACOBS JR. 6-3 225 13 st, 81 tkl rFr. 13 st, 113 tkl, 5.5 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **51** Austin Raphael (6'2" 225 So) PS#404. 10 gm, 6 tkl rFr. Travis Brown is **PS#45.**

SLB 55 NICO HERRON JR. 6-3 240 PS#312.2 tkl rFr. 12 st, 65 tkl last year. **36** Damion Whittington (6'1" 235 rFr) PS#95. In for spring. **31** Daniel Salinas is PS#202. In for spring.

CB 24 Desia Dunn So. 5-9 190 6 st, 13 gm, 43 tkl, 5 pd rFr. **4** Damion Owens (5'11" 200 Sr). 9 st, 46 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 35 tkl, 7 pd LY. **17** LJ Jones PS#308. GS LY. Dorian Penn (6'0" 195 Sr).

CB 28 AJ JEFFERSON SR. 6-0 190 4 st, 41 tkl 2Y. 6 st, 11 gm, 31 tkl LY. **5** Isaiah Green (5'10" 180 So) 2 tkl, 9 gm rFr. **37** Jermaine Thomas (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#272. No spg (inj).

SS 3 MOSES HARRIS SR. 5-11 205 PS#218. 13 st, 71 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 75 tkl, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **33** Zak Hill (6'2" 200 So) PS#366. 8 tkl, 10 gm rFr. Frank Manquero (6'1" 190 Sr). 4 tkl 3Y.

FS 20 Lorne Bell Jr. 5-10 200 PS#340.51 tkl rFr. 5 st, 11 gm (inj), 41 tkl LY. Marvin Haynes (6'1" 205 Sr) PS#339. **16 st,** 81 tkl 2Y. 7 gm (inj). 25 tkl LY. Phillip Thomas (6'0" 205 rFr).

P 42 ROBERT MALONE JR. 6-2 215 20 punts (37.2) but Med RS true. 2 punts '07. 54 punts (42.8), 20 I/20, 5 TB, tm net 31.8 LY. **38** Andrew Shapiro (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#77.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Travis Brown 6-2 235 PS#45
DL	Donnie Pritchett 6-5 290 PS#120JC
QB	Derek Carr 6-3 185 PS#56
LB	Damion Whittington 6-1 235 PS#95 '08
OL	Matt Hunt 6-2 315 PS#135 '08
LB	Daniel Salinas 5-11 205 PS#202
OL	Lars Bramer 6-5 260 PS#273
DB	Erik Brown 5-11 185 PS#320
DB	JB Dock 5-10 165 PS#329
DL	Nikko Motta 6-3 275 PS#307
DL	Nat Harrison 6-2 215 PS#315
DL	Ben Letcher 6-3 240 PS#317
TE	Jake Peterson 6-5 205 PS#171WR
DB	LJ Jones 5-11 170 PS#308 '08
OL	Austin Wentworth 6-5 305 PS#351 '08
RB	Robbie Rouse 5-7 185 PS#338
DL	Terrance Kindle 6-3 220 PS#410
LB	Patrick Su'a 6-2 215 PS#374
WR	Alex Jefferies 6-1 180 PS#402
LB	Ibe Nduka 6-0 220 PS#594
WR	AJ Johnson 6-0 180 PS#360 '08
DB	Kevin Russell 6-0 180 PS#359WR '08
RB	Dylan Cruz 5-11 225 PS#399 '08
LB	Jeremiah Toma 6-0 215 PS#910
DL	Marcel Jensen 6-6 265 PS#464 '08
DL	Andy Jennings 6-3 240 PS#1562
DB	Cristin Wilson 5-10 180 PS#1875
OL	John Tenario 6-3 285 PS#1788
WR	Taylor Stewart 6-0 185 PS#1565
DL	Tristan Okpalaugo 6-5 220 PS#1562

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#92

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	UC Davis	G					The Bulldogs are 9-1 in home openers & beat the 4 FCS tms by an avg of 24 ppg. The Aggies went 5-7 LY & lost 13-10 to San Jose on a 17 yd TD with :08 left.
Sep. 12	at Wisconsin	A					Fresno is 1-5 vs the B10 including LY's 13-10 loss in which the #21 ranked Bulldogs outgained the #10 ranked Badgers 343-304. Both were also ranked in Fresno's '01 visit to Madison.
Sep. 18	Boise St (Fri)	G					Boise St is the only WAC team which Fresno has a losing record against. FSU has dropped 3 straight & 7 of 8 & the L/8 have been decided by an avg of 19 ppg.
Sep. 26	at Cincinnati	A					First meeting. Fresno did open LY beating fellow BE member Rutgers 24-7. The Bulldogs are 7-6 away (3 straight wins) vs BCS tms with 3 losses by a total of 6 pts.
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	at Hawaii	A					The Bulldogs have dropped 3 straight & 6 of 8 in this series. LY FSU trailed 26-9 but tied it despite 6 TO's. They missed a FG in OT & lost yet outgained UH 522-342.
Oct. 17	San Jose St (HC)	G					Fresno has dominated winning 2 straight & 14 of 15. They trailed 10-3 at the half in LY's 24-10 win holding the Spartan's to -5 yds rushing & a total of 87 2H yards.
Oct. 24	at New Mexico St	G					FSU has swept the all-time series winning all 15 games although the L/3 have been decided by 7 pts or less. FSU did outgain the Aggies 335-183 in LY's 24-17 win.
Oct. 31	Utah St	G					Fresno has won 5 of 6 & the HT has gone 18-5-1. LY the Bulldogs took over at their own 28 with no TO's & :32 left & got a school record 58 yd FG on the final play.
Nov. 7	at Idaho	A					FSU has dominated winning 6 straight with an avg score of 38-17. LY proves that stats do lie as Fresno jumped out to a 42-17 lead but was outgained (452-443) & outFD'd (26-23).
Nov. 14	at Nevada	A					These 2 have split the last 4 meetings but Fresno has won 8 of 10. It's been a high scoring series avg'g 70 ppg the last 5. They totaled 1,177 yds last game in Reno.
Nov. 21	Louisiana Tech	G					The Bulldogs hold a 7-3 series advantage but have lost 3 of the L/5 including LY (38-35). Fresno led 28-24 into the 4Q as the gm was tied 3 times & saw 5 lead changes.
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5	at Illinois	A					First meeting. Fresno swept their 3 non-conf road games last year including a pair of BCS teams. The Bulldogs averaged 38 pts & 428 yds in those 3 games.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Kevin Sweeney 10,808 '83-'86
2. Paul Pinegar 10,136 '02-'05
3. Mark Barsotti 8,093 '88-'91

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ron Rivers 3,473 '91-'93
2. Michael Pittman 3,017 '93-'97
3. Dwayne Wright 2,683 '03-'04, '06

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Charlie Jones 3,344 '92-'95
2. Rodney Wright 3,274 '98-'01
3. Brian Roberson 2,956 '93-'96

PAT HILL (Career 92-61)

13th Year at Fresno St (Hill's Bowl Record: 4-5)

Hill's records AT FRESNO ST

92-61	Straight Up	1-4	Vs Top 10
53-15	Home	6-20	Vs Top 25
35-41	Away	14-23	Vs BCS Teams
4-5	Neutral	15-11	Off A Bye
64-31	Vs Conference	29-26	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,21,3)
Lost: 16 (8,8,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,864 (#64)

WAC

STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031) (#76)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	11-3	9-5	9-5	9-3	8-5	4-8	9-4	7-6	73-44
Home	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-1	5-1	3-3	5-1	2-3	39-12
Away	2-4	6-1	3-4	3-4	4-2	3-3	1-5	3-3	5-2	30-28
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	4-4
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	6-2	6-2	5-3	6-2	4-4	6-2	4-4	49-23
vs Non-Conf	1-3	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-0	2-3	0-4	3-2	3-2	24-21
ATS	5-7	8-6	5-8-1	6-6-1	8-3	7-5	2-10	7-5	2-11	50-61-2
Home Fav	3-2	2-3	0-4-1	1-1-1	3-1	3-2	1-3	1-2	0-3	14-21-2
Home Dog (Pd Hill '97)	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-2	4-6
Away Favorite	0-1	3-2	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	0-3	1-1	1-4	11-17
Away Dog	2-3	2-0	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	1-1	17-13
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	4-4
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	1-6-1	2-5-1	5-3	5-3	1-7	4-4	1-7	26-44-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-2	4-2	4-1	3-0	2-2	1-3	3-1	1-4	24-17
Off SU Win	2-5	6-5	4-3-1	4-3	6-1	6-2	1-3	6-2	1-6	36-30-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	0-5	1-3-1	1-2	1-3	1-6	1-3	0-5	9-29-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Harding	147	849	27	822	6	5.6
Lonyae Miller	120	844	32	812	7	6.8
Ryan Mathews	113	616	10	606	6	5.4
Jamaal Rashad	35	159	6	153	0	4.4
Devon Wylie	4	51	0	51	0	12.8
Tom Brandstater	51	99	149	-50	4	-1.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tom Brandstater	371	221	59.6	2664	18	12
Lonyae Miller	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Seyi Ajirotutu	47	795	16.9	5	77	
Bear Pascoe	40	400	10.0	4	39	
Devon Wylie	22	269	12.2	2	47	
Marlon Moore	23	258	11.2	1	38	
Rashad Evans	21	232	11.0	0	29	
Chastin West	18	214	11.9	1	28	
Ryan Mathews	8	146	18.2	2	61	
Anthony Harding	14	123	8.8	0	17	
Isaac Kinter	13	97	7.5	1	16	
Darren Newborn	7	77	11.0	0	21	
Vince Pascoe	4	33	8.2	1	11	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Robert Malone	54	2311	42.8	7	31.8(t)	1	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Kevin Goessling	46-47	2-3	8-11	4-5	1-3	15-22	58

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Jacobs	113	1	4.5	5	0
Chris Carter	88	3.5	3	0	0
Moses Harris	75	1	1.5	5	0
Nico Herron	65	0	2.5	0	0
Sharrod Davis	57	0	3.5	6	1
Ikenna Ike	55	4.5	2	4	0
Jake Jorde	55	0	0	1	0
Kyle Knox	43	2.5	5.5	0	0
Desia Dunn	43	0	1.5	4	1
Lorne Bell	41	0	0	1	0
Damion Owens	35	0	0	6	1
Cornell Banks	32	0	3	1	0
AJ Jefferson	31	0	0	2	0
Shawn Plummer	25	0	1	2	0
Marvin Haynes	25	0	1	0	2
Mark Roberts	24	0	2.5	0	0
Jon Monga	22	4.5	1.5	0	0
Nick Bates	19	0	1.5	0	0
Will Harding	18	0	2	1	0
Wilson Ramos	15	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rashad Evans	13	171	13.2	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
AJ Jefferson	31	908	29.3	1
Chastin West	13	249	19.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Silicon Valley	+3	UCLA	17-9
04	MPC Computers	+5	Virginia - #18 (OT)	37-34
05	Liberty	-7	Tulsa	24-31
07	Humanitarian	+6	Georgia Tech	40-28
08	New Mexico	-2'	Colorado St	35-40

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	29.6	387	182	4.9	205	59.4	13.1	17	-11	2008	6	31.1	411	210	5.6	201	58.3	13.2	18
6*	32.8	420	211	4.9	209	62.7	12.8	18	-9	2007	3	27.0	408	181	5.0	226	57.4	15.1	36
6	23.0	338	180	5.0	158	55.3	14.7	12	-6	2006	8	28.3	363	141	4.2	222	63.8	12.8	28
9*	37.8	425	165	4.5	260	63.0	11.3	14	-4	2005	7	22.5	347	149	4.2	198	59.0	15.4	34
8*	40.2	405	228	5.4	177	58.7	10.1	18	+7	2004	7	21.1	339	165	4.1	175	51.1	16.1	27
6*	23.0	353	160	4.3	192	56.8	15.3	26	+5	2003	6	22.6	381	175	4.6	206	55.7	16.8	32
6	27.0	374	132	3.6	242	55.1	13.9	32	+6	2002	5	27.1	405	160	3.9	245	55.2	14.9	33

2008 STATS BY GAME

FSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
42,508	at Rutgers	16	39-206	5.3	11-24	216	2	22	34-106	3.1	20-39	263	1	+2
42,387	Wisconsin	15	33-118	3.6	15-27	225	3	16	39-154	3.9	13-26	150	0	-2
20,096	at Toledo	24	38-189	5.0	22-28	231	2	28	46-297	6.5	24-43	301	1	0
73,963	at UCLA	26	40-207	5.2	21-31	236	1	18	38-234	6.2	11-20	150	1	0
40,572	Hawaii	24	49-318	6.5	12-24	204	1	14	33-172	5.2	17-25	170	3	-5
37,015	Idaho	23	38-318	8.4	14-23	125	2	26	39-215	5.5	22-39	237	0	+1
14,071	at Utah St	25	33-154	4.7	25-36	257	0	21	39-206	5.3	15-24	193	0	0
20,300	at Louisiana Tech	19	26-63	2.4	23-38	296	1	18	42-280	6.7	12-21	117	2	0
33,207	Nevada	21	16-106	6.6	23-43	260	0	29	61-472	7.7	7-17	128	0	-4
36,137	New Mexico St	20	50-189	3.8	14-20	146	1	11	15-(-9)	-0.6	27-38	192	5	0
24,384	at San Jose St	17	43-171	4.0	5-18	71	2	16	31-(-5)	-0.2	21-37	205	4	-2
32,412	at Boise St	19	35-83	2.4	23-37	211	2	20	34-246	7.2	18-25	248	0	-1
24,735	† Colorado St	20	39-248	6.4	13-23	186	0	22	39-362	9.3	17-30	257	1	0
TOTALS		269	479-2370	4.9	221-372	2664	17	261	490-2730	5.6	224-384	2611	18	-11
AVERAGES		20.7	37-182	4.9	17-29	205	4.6%	20.1	38-210	5.6	17-30	201	4.7%	-0.8

2004 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Washington	+1'	35-16
–	at Kansas St - #13	+12'	45-21
#18	Portland St	NL	27-17
#17	at Louisiana Tech	-14	21-28
–	UTEP	-17'	21-24
–	at Boise St - #19	+9	16-33
–	SMU	-27'	42-0
–	at Rice	-7	52-21
–	Hawaii	-21	70-14
–	Nevada	-26	54-17
–	at San Jose St	-26	62-28

2005 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre-#24 Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
#24	Weber St	NL	55-17
#23	at Oregon	+2'	34-37
–	Toledo	-14	44-14
–	at New Mexico St	-28	37-7
–	Utah St	-33	53-21
#24	at Idaho	-29'	40-10
#22	at Hawaii	-13	27-13
#21	San Jose St	-33	45-7
#20	Boise St	-9'	27-7
#16	at USC - #1	+23	42-50
#16	at Nevada	-15	35-38
#24	Louisiana Tech	-23'	28-40

2006 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Nevada	-12	28-19
–	Oregon - #20	+3'	24-31
–	at Washington	-3'	20-21
–	Colorado St	-13'	23-35
–	at Utah St	-27	12-13
–	Hawaii	+4	37-68
–	at LSU - #14	+33	6-38
–	at Boise St - #14	+22	21-45
–	New Mexcio St	-12	23-18
–	Idaho	-11	34-0
–	at Louisiana Tech	-12'	34-27
–	at San Jose St	+4'	14-24

2007 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Sacramento St	NL	24-3
–	at Texas A&M - #23	+17'	45-47 3OT
–	at Oregon - #19	+16'	21-52
–	Louisiana Tech	-12	17-6
–	at Nevada	+3	49-41
–	at Idaho	-10	37-24
–	San Jose St	-13'	30-0
–	Boise St	+3	21-34
–	Utah St	-20'	38-27
–	at Hawaii - #14	+18	30-37
–	Kansas St	+1	45-29
–	at New Mexico St	-13	30-23

2008 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Rutgers	+3'	24-7
#21	Wisconsin - #10	+2	10-13
#25	at Toledo	-7	55-54 2OT
#25	at UCLA	-7	36-31
#22	Hawaii	-21	29-32 OT
–	Idaho	-34'	45-32
–	at Utah St	-15'	30-28
–	at Louisiana Tech	-4'	35-38
–	Nevada	+2'	28-41
–	New Mexico St	-17	24-17
–	at San Jose St	-3'	24-10
–	at Boise St - #9	+21	10-61

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's including Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. Tim Rattay finished #2 in IA history in career passing yards despite playing just 3 seasons. LT led the NCAA in pass offense in both 1998 and 1999. In 2000, true frosh Luke McCown was forced to start and he left 4 years later #3 in FBS in career total offense (now #7). In 2007 Zac Champion, in his 2nd year as a starter, threw for 2,221 yards (57.5%) with a 13-10 ratio. RFr Ross Jenkins, who had not played all year, hit 2 of 5 in the finale and was the only experienced QB heading into the season LY. He battled Aub trans Steve Ensminger (PS#50) and GT trans Taylor Bennett (PS#107) who was a late signee over the summer. Bennett hit 19 of 26 for 326 vs WV in the Gator Bowl and in '07 threw for 2,136 (49.5%) with a 7-9 ratio in 13 sts for GT and won the starting job here. Bennett had a rough go, comp 39.5% with a 2-6 ratio. Despite Jenkins not outplaying him in practice, he still was given the starting job for the final 8 and the team went 6-2 with him as a starter. Jenkins threw for 1,155 (52.9%) with a 7-3 ratio. This year they lose Bennett and battling Ensminger for the backup spot is SM transfer Randy Hardin (PS#77) and Colby Cameron (6'2" 170 rFr). Jenkins is vastly more experienced and should greatly improve upon the combined 46.1% and 9-10 ratio the 2008 QB's put up.

RUNNING BACKS - In '04, Ryan Moats broke the single-season school rushing record with 1,774 (6.2). Moats also became the first LT player to declare early for the draft (#3DC PHI). Patrick Jackson (PS#81) was the #3 rusher in '05 and led in all-purp yds. Former HC Bicknell signed true frosh Daniel Porter (PS#326) in '06 and he drew some comparisons to Moats and had 464 (5.7). In '07 Jackson led again (also in '06, 854) with 950 (4.7) but Porter had the best ypc rushing (6.0) with 592. Last year both ret'd but Jackson had offseason toe surgery. He started the first 4 but lost his job to Porter who was instrumental in LT's win streak down the stretch. Porter led with 1,164 (5.2) while Jackson had 653 (4.6) and was also the #3 receiver. This year the only loss is Jackson and not listed below are Drexel Perkins (6'1" 193 So), Andrew Guillot (5'10" 175 rFr, PS#335), Zach Booker (5'11" 200 Sr), Cornelious Nickelson (5'10" 205 rFr) and FB Tristan Broussard (5'11" 232 Jr). Porter should have a fine year but I am concerned about the depth.

WR Phillip Livas

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bulldogs lost 3 WR's over the summer but still had their top 4 rec back. After 6 games LT was completing only 41% of their passes and did not have a TD pass to a WR until Wk 11 vs NMSt. LT recorded 2 in the regular season finale. Phillip Livas was their most dangerous WR and had 607 (14.1) while Philip Beck was #2 but his yards dropped to 268 (10.7). TE Dennis Morris was #5 with 158 (22.6) and true frosh Houston Tuminello (PS#144) added 117 (9.8). This year they lose Beck (7 st), TE Anthony Harrison (8 st, 9 rec), Josh Wheeler (1 st, 4 rec), Shane Womack (7 st, 8 rec) and TE Zak Latiff. Not listed below is Billy Walker (5'10" 170 rFr) who is on a track scholarship but may walk on. This unit is less experienced than '08 but has its top guy (Livas) back and I expect a bigger impact from Cruz Williams (PS#43) who originally committed to Arkansas and played in just 2 last year before an injury. Despite the losses they should be more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - After LG David Accardo was lost in Wk 3, LT essentially had 2 returning starters in 2007. While the ypc rush improved to 155, the ypc dropped to 3.8 and the sacks remained steady at 31 (7.4%). Last year they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters and did get Accardo back (7 with starting experience). At the start of the year HC Derek Dooley said "Jared Miles has the best attitude on the team" but Miles lost his spot after missing 1 with injury. Their sixth man all year was Accardo (13 st '06). The more experienced group opened holes for 187 ypg rush (4.7) while trimming the sack total to 25 (7.3%). This year they have 6 back who had 6 or more starts last year and the only loss up front is Accardo (2 st). LT's 91 career starts are tied for 15th most in FBS and this is my #1 rated WAC O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, LT had to replace five of their top 6 DL's and allowed a ghastly 5.7 ypc rush and a school record 2,930 rush yards while the D recorded an FBS low 9 sacks. In 2007 almost everyone ret'd and naturally they were much stronger allowing 137 ypg (3.9) with 22 sacks. Last year the unit had to replace 3 starters but I speculated they could improve due to some solid additions incl JUCO Kwame Jordan. LT did just that allowing 104 ypg (3.1) with 27 sacks. This year the unit is one of the strengths of the team as 7 of the top 8 are back with the only loss being Breon Jackson (11 tkl, 1 tfl). Not listed below is Clayton Chambers (6'5" 235 Jr, PS#127TE). Jordan had 3.5 sacks despite being injured in the 4th game and limited thereafter and should have an even bigger impact. While they are more experienced than 2008, it will be tough to improve too much upon the rush numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year LT had to replace its #3, #10, #12 and #13 tacklers from this unit including 2 starters. They did return their top guy in Quin Harris (#2 tkl'r) and also got Brandon Jackson back as he was the #5 tackler in '06 missing '07 with an injury. Harris was banged up playing just ST in some games and saw his numbers drop to 49 tackles as Jackson was the top LB tackler but just #4 on the team with 64. This year they lose Jackson (13 st), Harris (8 st) and Nolan Darby (13 tkl). Not listed in the PSL is Solomon Randle (5'11" 239 rFr). Four players return with starting experience and Brian White was the starting OLB (5 st) until an injury. Despite losing their top 2 LB's, they should come close to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech finished #40 in my pass D rankings in '05 despite an inexperienced secondary and in '06 had almost zero experience and plunged to #115. In '07 with 3 starters back LT moved up to #48. Last year they only had to replace one starter but this time slipped to #89 allowing 273 ypg (60%) with a 25-17 ratio. This year they lose CB Weldon Brown (13 st, 75 tkl, 5 int), CB Stevon Howze (9 st, 61 tkl, 10 pbu), CB Keith Brown (8 tkl) and Alex Anderson (7 tkl). They have 61 career starts ret and are anchored by Antonio Baker (1st Tm WAC). Despite being a little less experienced, LT should improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - LT was #102 in my ST rankings in '06. Dooley brought in Eric Russell who was the ST coach at N Texas (5 yr) and had achieved a #10 finish with the Mean Green in '03. Tech ret'd their K and P in '07 but Dooley did not even list a PR or KR on the opening day depth chart. Beck avg 17.4 on PR's while Patrick Jackson and Phillip Livas were dangerous on KR's. Chris Keagle had a 37.0 net and LT moved up to #39. LY their only loss was K Danny Horwedel who had hit 12 of 21 FG. Keagle had another solid net (36.1) and new K Brad Oestriecher hit 14 of 28 FG, with FIVE of his misses from 50+ (only 2-13 away) and surprisingly had just 5 TB on 66 KO. Livas and Beck did well on KR and PR. LT moved up to #6 and had a blk'd FG for a TD and also a 96 yd KR by Livas called back on pen. The presence of Myke Compton (PS#133RB) who was ST POY in '07 also helped the coverage units. This year they lose Beck and both K and P and while they return Livas, I am expecting a drop in my rankings.

COACHES - Derek Dooley was the MIA Dolphins' TE coach in '05 & '06 under Nick Saban and is the son of legendary UGA HC and AD Vince. Dooley spent '00-'04 at LSU also under Saban. He brought the phrase "Eat, sleep and breath football" to life for LT and is all business. Dooley is trying to get away from JUCO's by signing more frosh-heavy classes. The 3rd year OC is Frank Scelfo, who spent 11 seasons at Tulane incl 8 as the OC. He tutored 3 NFL DC's at QB in Shaun King, Patrick Ramsey and JP Losman. DC Tommy Spangler was the HC at Div II Presbyterian College from '01-'06 and he also returns. Dooley added athletic director to his title last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2005, LT had an outstanding 7-4 year including knocking off #24 Fresno on the road but was -11.1 ypg benefitting from +13 in turnovers. Those two factors pointed to a down season in 2006. With one of the youngest D's in IA, LT was #119 in total defense and the 41.7 ppg allowed was the most in school history. The offense had 7 starters back but averaged just 18.6 ppg (10.1 less than '05). Their 3-10 record was their worst since 1993 (2-9) and they were -157.9 ypg (WAC worst). That team had 35 starts lost to injury and was -8 in turnovers. All of those factors had things pointed in an upward direction in 2007 with 15 returning starters for new HC Dooley. After beating a IAA foe in the opener, LT nearly derailed Hawaii's undefeated season but UH got a 49 yard FG with 1:34 left to tie it and LT came up short on a 2 pt conv in OT. Three weeks later, LT had a 21-14 FD edge, just 1 penalty and zero TO's lost, yet still lost to Fresno (17-6). LT had a 301-232 yd edge vs Ole Miss but lost. They did snap a streak of 5 straight road WAC losses with consec wins vs Utah St and Idaho. The winner of the 2007 LT/Nevada game would go to the New Mexico Bowl but NV dominated 49-10. LT finished 4-4 in the WAC (-38.9 ypg). Last year they had just 13 returning starters and expectations were low but 2 of my then-8 sets of power ratings said they would be bowl eligible. LT surpassed everyone's expectations with an 8 win season and they were 2 close losses away from 10-3. The season opened great as Miss St was the first current SEC team to visit Ruston since 1908 and it was their first win over an SEC team since 1999 (#18 Bama). LT opened 2-3 then switched QB's to Ross Jenkins and routed Idaho 46-14. They were beat by Army in the rain the next week 14-7 but overcame a 4Q deficit and upset Fresno. They upset SJSt on the road as the defense recorded its first shutout in 12 years (1996). They trailed both Utah St and NMSt by 3 in the 4Q but rallied for wins. They led NV 31-14 late in the 3Q but ended up losing. They still landed their first bowl bid since '01 and thanks to the NV loss, got to play at nearby Shreveport in the Independence Bowl in what was basically a HG. They won 17-10 despite being outFD'd 17-12 and outgained 339-236. Dooley has his best team yet with 16 returning starters and is in the 3rd year of the system. On the negative side, they benefitted from 3 close wins and were +9 in TO's. Despite LT's 5-3 record in the WAC (2nd place), they were only +12 ypg which was a distant #3 to Boise and Nevada. QB Jenkins, RB Porter and dangerous WR Livas operate behind my #1 rated O-line in the WAC and the D is guided by my #2 rated D-line. The schedule is tougher and they probably won't catch the breaks of last season which makes topping 2008's eight win total tough, but it looks like a 2nd straight bowl game for the ever improving Bulldogs.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 11 ROSS JENKINS JR. 6-3 212 PS#121. 1 gm rFr. 8 st, 11 gm 1155 (53%) 7-3 ratio LY. **7** Steven Ensminger (6'2" 231 Jr) PS#50. **Aub trans. 3** Randy Hardin (6'0" 195 Jr). **S Miss trans.**

RB 20 DANIEL PORTER SR. 5-9 190 PS#326. 3 st 1056 (5.8) 2Y. 9 st, 1164 (5.2) **1st Tm WAC** LY. **26** Myke Compton (5'8" 193 Jr) PS#133. 74 (3.5) LY. Allen Gilbert (5'9" 195 So) 2 gm LY.

WR 9 Cruz Williams So. 6-3 195 **PS#43**. 2 gm, inj LY. **18** Adrian Linwood (6'0" 202 So) 2 st, 2 rec LY. **FB** Roosevelt Falls (6'1" 220 Jr) PS#290. 12 gm true. 3 gm (inj) LY. FB in spg.

WR 6 PHILLIP LIVAS JR. 5-8 175 **PS#50**. 5 st, 504 (18.0) true. 7 st, 607 (14.1), **1st Tm WAC ST's** LY. No spg. **1** Richie Casey (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#184. Eric Fiege (5'8" 165 So) 2 rec LY.

WR 19 RP Stuart So. 6-3 205 PS#211. 7 st, 58 (8.3), 79 rush yd (8.8) true. **80** Houston Tuminello (6'0" 173 So) PS#144. 117 (9.8) LY. **15** Lamar Haddox (5'9" 170 So).

TE 49 DENNIS MORRIS SR. 6-2 266 363 (14.5) 2Y. 7 st, 158 (22.6) LY. **43** Dustin Mitchell (6'4" 252 Sr) PS#84. 16 st, 310 (8.6) 2Y. **89** Chadler Spence (6'3" 247 rFr) PS#52.

C 60 LON ROBERTS JR. 6-3 277 PS#117. 12 st rFr. 13 st LY. **50** Jacob Miller PS#259JC. IFS. **63** Steven Warner (6'0" 300 rFr) **LS 52** Thomas Graham (5'10" 236 Sr) 36 gm 3Y.

RG 67 JARED MILES JR. 6-3 324 6 st, 9 gm true. 7 st, 12 gm LY. **79** Kris Cavitt (6'2" 285 So). Scout Tm MVP, RS '07. 6 st, 9 gm rFr. Adam Hymel (6'0" 282 So) PS#322. DL LY.

LG 62 BEN HARRIS SR. 6-4 295 2 gm rFr. 2nd string all year. 3 st, 6 gm in '07. 13 st LY. **57** Kevin Saia (6'2" 306 rFr) PS#145. **64** Corbin Best (6'2" 314 So) PS#562. Scout Tm LY.

RT 76 CUDAHY HARMON JR. 6-6 327 PS#301. 1 st, 5 gm rFr. 11 st, 13 gm LY. **73** Josh Parrish (6'3" 280 rFr) PS#140. **73** Chris Tusch (6'3" 270 Jr) Scout Tm LY. Added 35 lbs 2Y.

LT 74 ROB McGILL JR. 6-6 305 PS#97. 6 st @ LG, 12 gm rFr. 13 st @ LT, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **72** Will Taylor (6'5" 292 So) Scout Tm LY. **77** Michael Lacy (6'4" 283 rFr) PS#457.

K 32 Joel Hall Sr. 5-9 165 PS#78. **Ark trans.** Matthew Nelson PS#38. **5** Dale Wallace (5'10" 182 So) PS#57. Todd Pfaffenberger (6'0" 190 rFr). John Hinton (5'9" 170 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 91 MATT BROHA SO. 6-4 228 PS#310. 13 st, 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 4 pd rFr. **93** Christian Lacey (6'1" 230 So) PS#186. 12 tkl, 5 tfl true. **85** Randy Grigsby (6'3" 245 Jr) 3 st, 21 tkl 2Y.

DT 90 MASON HITT JR. 6-1 268 PS#165. 12 st, 38 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y. **96** John White PS#127JC. IFS. **94** Ramone Randle (6'2" 287 Jr) PS#245. 16 tkl, 1.5 tfl rFr. Scout Tm LY.

DT 5 D'ANTHONY SMITH SR. 6-2 300 PS#108. 32 st, 145 tkl, 18 tfl 3Y. **1st Tm WAC** LY. **92** Philip Longino (6'0" 270 So) PS#196. 3 tkl true. **83** Adrian Logan (6'2" 251 Sr) 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr.

DE 97 KWAME JORDAN SR. 6-4 245 PS#158JC. 5 st (inj), 16 tkl, 6 tfl here LY. **61** Jared Barron (6'2" 230 So) PS#196. **6 st**, 33 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. **98** Eric Harper (6'4" 225 So) PS#160. 5 tkl true.

OLB 21 DOMINIQUE FAUST JR. 5-11 190 6 tkl true. 5 st, 12 gm, 42 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **45** Jay Dudley (6'4" 215 So) PS#187. L/2 st, 4 gm, 6 tkl rFr. Chase Burns (6'0" 205 So) PS#165. Scout Tm LY.

MLB 44 Adrien Cole So. 5-11 245 PS#157. 30 tkl, 1 tfl, 10 gm true. **48** Dusty Rust (6'3" 215 So) PS#87. 9 gm, 9 tkl rFr. Rufus Porter (6'1" 215 Fr) PS#152. Kendrick James is PS#125.

OLB 36 Brian White Sr. 6-1 228 8 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 5 gm (inj), 19 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **40** Kiamni Washington (6'2" 225 Jr) PS#427, 2 tkl true. 3 st, 13 gm, 31 tkl LY. **55** Jonathon Zeno (6'0" 232 Jr).

CB 28 Terry Carter So. 5-10 183 PS#81. 4 st, 13 gm, 28 tkl, 4 pd rFr. **35** Olajuwon Paige is PS#388JC. IFS. **9** Tym Toussaint (5'9" 205 Jr) PS#394. RS '06. Scout Tm L/2 years.

CB 15 Josh Victorian Jr. 5-10 180 PS#177. 1 st, 9 tkl true. 11 tkl, 3 pbu LY. **16** Darrius Terry (5'11" 170 So) PS#244. 3 tkl true. DeMarcion Evans (5'8" 165 Jr). Alex Anglin (5'11" 190 rFr).

SS 25 DEON YOUNG SR. 5-11 197 13 tkl rFr. 9 st, 72 tkl, 7 pd '07. 13 st, 59 tkl, 10 pd LY. **4** Tarence Calais (5'11" 200 Jr) PS#77. 3 tkl true. 3 st, 50 tkl LY. **19** Sumner Ellis (5'9" 190 Sr).

FS 34 ANTONIO BAKER SR. 5-11 200 18 st, 186 tkl, 15 pd 2Y. 13 st, 115 tkl, 7 pd LY. **1st Tm WAC L2Y. 8** Shawn Simmons (6'0" 205 Sr) 9 gm 3Y. Former WR. Todd Spence (6'0" 165 rFr).

P 14 Cade Glasgow rFr. 6-0 180 Frontrunner for the #1 P spot spg. **7** Steven Ensminger. Also QB. **10** John Hinton (5'9" 170 rFr) RS on scout team LY. Punter in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	John White 6-2 290 PS#127JC
RB	Tyrone Duplessis 5-8 185 PS#97
LB	Kendrick James 6-1 225 PS#125
OL	Jordan Mills 6-6 325 PS#145
DB	Chad Boyd 5-10 190 PS#152
DL	Shakeil Lucas 6-2 255 PS#170
LB	Rufus Porter 6-1 215 PS#152
OL	Jacob Miller 6-3 285 PS#259JC
DB	Cassetti Brown 5-11 180 PS#243
DB	Quinn Giles 5-10 185 PS#265
DB	Olajuwon Paige 5-9 180 PS#388JC
RB	DJ Morrow 5-10 200 PS#237
OL	Matthew Sheppard 6-2 305 PS#308
QB	Doak Raulston 6-2 190 PS#154
DB	Javontay Crowe 5-11 190 PS#334
RB	Lyle Fitte 5-8 185 PS#269
WR	DJ St Julien 6-0 190 PS#272
K	Matthew Nelson 5-10 155 PS#38
WR	Sharman Brown 6-0 185 PS#295
LB	IK Enemkpali 6-1 230 PS#300
OL	Justin Ellis 6-2 330 PS#448
WR	Jacarri Jackson 6-2 185 PS#363
TE	Andre Taylor 6-5 235 PS#126
DB	CJ Broades 6-1 205 PS#511
OL	Vincent Cano 6-2 295 PS#503
DB	Fred Thomas 5-11 170 PS#639
LB	Jonathan Zeno 6-0 232 PS#1805JC

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Ruston, Louisiana
Weather (318) 242-0062

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#93

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score LT	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at Auburn	G					LT is only 8-56-2 vs current SEC tms including 0-10-1 vs Auburn. They did knock off Miss St LY which was the 1st SEC tm to visit Ruston since 1913. Tech is 6-3 in ssn openers.
Sep. 12	at Navy	A					First meeting. LT played their first game against a Service Academy last year losing 14-7 at West Point gaining only 152 yds. Tech is 1-10 in non-conf road gms the L4Y.
Sep. 19	Nicholls St	A					Tech is 3-0 vs Nicholls St & in last meeting ('06) trailed 21-7 in a 31-21 victory. The Colonels went 3-6 LY (2 gms cancelled) including a 31-10 loss at Memphis.
Sep. 26							
Sep. 30	Hawaii (Wed)	A					Tech is 1-6 vs Hawaii including dropping 3 straight. In '07 LT hosted #20 UH & led 38-35 before a 49 yd UH FG w/1:34 left. LT gambled on a 2 pt conv in the 1st OT which failed.
Oct. 9	at Nevada (Fri)	A					LT is 4-5 in this series & the teams have avg'd 72 ppg but Tech has lost 4 straight. LY LT led 31-14 late in the 3Q before allowing Nevada 3 TD drives of 71+ yds.
Oct. 17	New Mexico St (HC)	A					The home team has won 7 of 8 & Tech has won all 3 in Ruston. Last year Tech blew a 28-10 lead but got a 68 yd TD pass with 3:52 left. They were outgained 516-358.
Oct. 24	at Utah St	A					Tech is 4-2 in this series winning 4 straight. LT led 35-17 LY thanks to a pair of IR's for TD's (40 & 60 yds). They then allowed 21 unanswered but then scored ten 4Q pts.
Oct. 31	at Idaho	A					LT has won 3 of 4 in this series including both in the Kibbie Dome. LY LT scored a season high 46 points as they finished with a 556-239 yd edge & a 30-13 FD edge.
Nov. 6	Boise St (Fri)	A					LT is 4-7 in this series but has dropped the last 7 by an avg of 26 ppg. Last time here the yds were almost even (463-465) but LT was -2 in TO's leading to a 45-31 loss.
Nov. 14	at LSU	G					Tech is just 1-17 vs LSU w/the only win in 1904. In '07 LT was outgained 595-256 in a 58-10 loss. Coming into '09, Tech has lost 13 straight away vs BCS tms by an avg of 43-7.
Nov. 21	at Fresno St	G					LT is 3-7 overall but has won 3 of 5 including LY's 38-35 win. Daniel Porter rushed for a career high 189 yds including a 43 yd TD w/1:37 left in a game that was tied 3 times.
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5	San Jose St	A					The home team has won 5 of 6 but Louisiana Tech has won B2B games. LY's shutout was their first in 148 games as they held the Spartans to 148 total yards & 6 FD's.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tim Rattay 12,746 '97-'99
2. Luke McCown 12,666 '00-'03
3. Jason Martin 9,062 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Jason Cooper 3,342 '91-'94
2. Ryan Moats 3,112 '02-'04
3. John Henry White 2,944 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Edwards 4,352 '96-'98
2. Chad Mackey 3,763 '93-'96
3. Delwyn Daigre 3,056 '98-'01

DEREK DOOLEY (Career 13-12)

3rd Year at Louisiana Tech — Dooley's Bowl Record: 1-0

Dooley's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

13-12	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
8-3	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
4-9	Away	1-4	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	2-3	Off A Bye
9-7	Vs Conference	7-4	Off A Loss

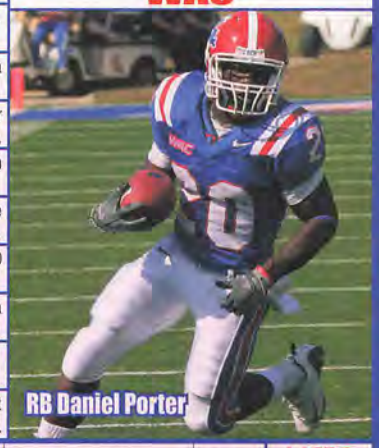
2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,21,1)
Lost: 19 (8,9,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,020 (#105)

WAC


RB Daniel Porter

STADIUM: JOE AILLET STADIUM (30,600) (#95)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	7-5	4-8	5-7	6-6	7-4	3-10	5-7	8-5	48-61
Home	2-2	4-0	4-1	1-4	4-1	4-1	2-3	3-2	5-1	29-15
Away	1-7	3-4	0-7	4-3	1-5	3-3	1-7	2-5	2-4	17-45
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	0-0	7-1	3-5	3-5	5-3	6-2	1-7	4-4	5-3	34-30
vs Non-Conf	3-9	0-4	1-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	2-3	1-3	3-2	14-31
ATS	4-6	7-5	3-9	5-6-1	5-7	5-6	3-9	6-5	6-6	44-59-1
Home Fav (Bidwell 1990)	1-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	13-11
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	10-4
Away Favorite (Derek Dooley)	0-3	1-2	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	6-11
Away Dog	2-3	3-1	1-3	2-1-1	0-5	1-3	1-7	2-3	1-4	13-30-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	0-0	5-3	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	2-6	5-3	4-4	30-33-1
vs Non-Conf	4-6	2-2	1-3	2-2	0-4	1-2	1-3	1-2	2-2	14-26
Off SU Win	1-2	4-3	0-4	1-3-1	0-5	2-4	0-3	3-2	2-5	13-31-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	2-2	2-5	4-2	4-2	3-1	3-5	3-3	3-1	27-25

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14
78	Independence	NL	East Carolina	13-35
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34
01	Humanitarian	+6'	Clemson	24-49
08	Independence	-1'	Northern Illinois	17-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisiana Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 2-2-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8	24.6	343	187	4.7	156	46.1	13.9	25	+9	2008	5	23.7	377	104	3.1	273	60.0	15.9	27
6*	20.8	351	155	3.8	196	56.7	16.9	31	+1	2007	9	30.7	424	137	3.9	287	57.7	13.8	22
7	18.6	344	130	4.1	214	51.8	18.5	32	-8	2006	2	41.7	483	225	5.7	258	61.4	11.6	9
5*	28.7	367	148	3.8	219	53.9	12.8	25	+13	2005	4	25.5	381	133	3.8	248	57.0	14.9	22
7	25.7	380	200	4.9	180	51.3	14.8	36	0	2004	8	31.8	408	177	4.4	231	56.7	12.8	32
6*	25.8	431	138	4.6	293	55.4	16.7	35	-5	2003	4	32.8	511	238	5.4	273	61.8	15.5	16
6*	26.7	418	115	4.5	303	57.9	15.7	24	-13	2002	7	35.5	441	177	4.1	264	62.1	12.4	19

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Daniel Porter	222	1262	98	1164	9	5.2
Patrick Jackson	143	676	23	653	8	4.6
Phillip Livas	30	342	5	337	2	11.2
RP Stuart	9	87	8	79	2	8.8
Myke Compton	21	96	22	74	1	3.5
Ross Jenkins	61	196	140	56	1	0.9
Taylor Bennett	20	82	27	55	0	2.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Ross Jenkins	174	92	52.9	1155	7	3
Taylor Bennett	167	66	39.5	873	2	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Phillip Livas	43	607	14.1	2	68	
Philip Beck	25	268	10.7	0	53	
Patrick Jackson	16	196	12.2	3	34	
Daniel Porter	12	181	15.1	1	44	
Dennis Morris	7	158	22.6	1	60	
Houston Tuminello	12	117	9.8	0	16	
Dustin Mitchell	7	112	16.0	1	35	
Shane Womack	8	109	13.6	1	26	
Anthony Harrison	9	101	11.2	0	32	
Josh Wheeler	4	63	15.8	0	39	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chris Keagle	72	2915	40.5	15	36.1	0	27
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brad Oestriecher	38-40	8-9	3-4	2-9	1-6	14-28	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Antonio Baker	115	0	4.5	4	3
Weldon Brown	75	0.5	1	6	5
D'Anthony Smith	65	5	3	3	0
Brannon Jackson	64	2.5	1	1	0
Stevon Howze	61	0	1	10	1
Deon Young	59	0	0	7	3
Tarence Calais	50	1	2	0	0
Quin Harris	49	0.5	0.5	1	1
Dominique Faust	42	3	1.5	2	1
Mason Hitt	34	2.5	2	1	0
Jared Barron	33	2.5	4.5	0	0
Kiamni Washington	31	0	1	2	0
Adrien Cole	30	0	1	0	0
Terry Carter	28	0	0	2	2
Matt Broha	27	1.5	2	3	1
Brian White	19	0.5	1.5	1	0
Kwame Jordan	16	3.5	2.5	0	0
Adrian Logan	15	0	2.5	0	0
Myke Compton	15	0	0	0	0
Nolan Darby	13	0.5	1.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Phillip Livas	16	245	15.3	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Phillip Livas	32	826	25.8	1	
Philip Beck	13	324	24.9	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

LT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
25,224	Mississippi St	16	32-94	2.9	14-41	175	0	21	31-91	2.9	22-40	257	3	+2
48,621	at Kansas	12	27-148	5.5	12-33	119	0	23	33-126	3.8	32-38	412	1	-1
17,623	SE Louisiana	26	50-249	5.0	15-27	196	2	23	21-63	3.0	33-60	377	3	-1
32,071	at Boise St	13	36-118	3.3	9-30	202	2	26	44-132	3.0	21-31	332	1	0
40,246	at Hawaii	24	37-191	5.2	15-38	167	1	21	40-177	4.4	14-26	224	2	-3
12,400	Idaho	30	59-364	6.2	13-22	192	1	13	19-15	0.8	22-40	224	5	+3
27,383	at Army	9	38-68	1.8	8-19	84	5	12	56-203	3.6	3-9	32	0	+3
20,300	Fresno St	18	42-280	6.7	12-21	117	2	19	26-63	2.4	23-38	296	1	0
16,170	at San Jose St	12	47-217	4.6	7-16	97	3	6	28-30	1.1	11-28	118	2	+2
15,320	Utah St	22	52-200	3.8	12-18	145	3	18	39-164	4.2	12-18	204	4	0
17,426	at New Mexico St	15	35-226	6.5	12-20	132	0	27	25-30	1.2	45-59	486	3	+1
17,254	Nevada	25	37-185	5.0	17-31	258	3	29	42-103	2.5	24-42	397	2	+1
41,567	† N Illinois	12	31-92	3.0	12-27	144	3	17	31-153	4.9	20-41	186	0	+2
TOTALS		234	523-2432	4.7	158-343	2028	25	255	435-1350	3.1	282-470	3545	27	+9
AVERAGES		18.0	40-187	4.7	12-26	156	7.3%	19.6	33-104	3.1	22-36	273	5.7%	0.7

2004 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Nevada	-5	38-21
–	Louisiana	-14	24-20
–	at Miami, Fl - #4	+30'	0-48
–	at Tennessee - #11	+23	17-42
–	Fresno St - #17	+14	28-21
–	at Auburn - #6	+26	7-52
–	at SMU	-10	41-10
–	UTEP	-2	27-44
–	at Hawaii	+3'	23-34
–	Tulsa	-6'	38-21
–	at Boise St - #13	+24	14-55
–	at Rice	+3	51-14

2005 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Florida - #10	+29'	3-41
–	at Kansas	+14'	14-34
–	New Mexico St	-10'	34-14
–	Hawaii	-3	46-14
–	at Nevada	+2	27-37
–	North Texas	-21	40-14
–	San Jose St	-19	31-14
–	at Utah St	-7	27-17
–	at Idaho	-9	41-38
–	Boise St	+6'	13-30
–	at Fresno St - #24	+23'	40-28

2006 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Nebraska - #20	+24	10-49
–	Nicholls St	NL	31-21
–	at Texas A&M	+23'	14-45
–	at Clemson - #18	+33'	0-51
–	at Boise St - #20	+36'	14-55
–	Idaho	-3	14-24
–	Utah St	-6'	48-35
–	at San Jose St	+10	10-44
–	at North Texas	+2	34-31
–	at Hawaii	+37'	17-61
–	Nevada	+17'	0-42
–	Fresno St	+12'	27-34
–	at New Mexico St	+12'	23-50

2007 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	C Arkansas	NL	28-7
–	Hawaii - #20	+28	44-45 OT
–	at California - #8	+33'	12-42
–	at Fresno St	+12	6-17
–	at Mississippi	+13	0-24
–	New Mexico St	-7'	22-21
–	Boise St	+15	31-45
–	at Utah St	-3	31-21
–	at Idaho	-3'	28-16
–	at LSU - #2	+36	10-58
–	San Jose St	-5'	27-23
–	at Nevada	+7	10-49

2008 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Mississippi St	+8	22-14
–	at Kansas - #14	+21	0-29
–	SE Louisiana	NL	41-26
–	at Boise St - #17	+24	3-38
–	at Hawaii	+7'	14-24
–	Idaho	-20'	46-14
–	at Army	+2'	7-14
–	Fresno St	+4'	38-35
–	at San Jose St	+7	21-0
–	Utah St	-14	45-38
–	at New Mexico St	-6'	35-31
–	Nevada	+4'	31-35

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - The Spartans have produced some accomplished QB's in Jeff Garcia, Steve DeBerg, Ed Luther and Mike Perez. Numerous players split the position from 2004-2006 but in 2007, Adam Tafralis threw for 3,022 (62.8%) with an 18-11 ratio and left as the school's career passing leader (7,548). Tafralis was the first QB in Spartan history to start four straight season openers. Last year they returned Sean Flynn (6 gm, 18 career pass att), Chad Bozzo (6'0" 215 Sr, 3 gm, 33 att) and Myles Eden (15 gm, 22 pass, 159 rush). I expected Cal transfer Kyle Reed (PS#18) to win the job but he missed the spring. Eden had a great spring (see Hardcore) and earned the starting job. In the opener, Eden had hit 10 of 13 for 86 but had an int and Kyle Reed guided two late drives for TD's including a 4th down TD pass with :08 left for the win. Reed took over and hit 20-28 vs Neb, completed his first 13 vs SDSt and his first 16 vs Stanford. He threw for a career high 300 vs Utah St (70%) but vs NMSt threw for just 50. Against Boise Reed threw for 105 and then he rested a bruised tailbone vs Idaho with Eden hitting a solid 23 of 31 for 295. Eden started vs LT but all 3 QB's played and struggled (comb 11 of 28 for 118). Reed started vs Nevada but Flynn played late. Flynn started vs Fresno and hit 20 of 36 for 170. Reed threw for 1,563 (64%) while Eden threw for 452 (62.3%) and Flynn for 298 (50.8%). Jordan La Secla played in 2 (3 att). SJSt's QB's combined for 62% but with a 12-13 ratio. This year they only lose Flynn and I look for much improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In '05, Yonus Davis had 490 of his 638 rushing yards in the final 5 and avg 7.7 ypc. In 2006 after 9, Davis was avg 101.3 ypg with 7.2 ypc and finished with 1,007 (6.2). In '07 Davis RS. His backup, Patrick Perry (454, 4.5 in '06), was lost in Aug so they moved S Dominique Hunsucker (PS#155) to RB but he had just 98 (2.7). Jacob French (PS#82JC) finished #1 but with just 331 (3.3). Last year they had to replace French. HC Dick Tomey said the running game would be much better in 2008. The team struggled in the opener (42 yd) but Davis had 143 vs SDSt. SJSt had just 2 TOTAL yards rushing over the last 3 games and for the season avg just 2.7 ypc with 87 ypg. Davis did lead with 558 (4.7) while true frosh Brandon Rutley (PS#182) had 356 (4.5) and Chris Reese had 92 (3.7). The top 2 RB's in '08 combined for 914 (4.6) while the top 2 in '07 combined for 494 (2.9). Even with the loss of Davis they add PS#8JC Lamon Muldrow, who rushed for 2,915 yds & 44 TD's at JC, and Perry, who returns after missing 2 years. I look for big improvement in the rush numbers.

RECEIVERS - In '07, SJSt had to replace its top 3 rec and their top returnee (TE Jeff Clark, 8 rec '06) took a RS after 4 so Michael Hooper had the most career rec at WR (4). Even so, I said the unit could be in good shape with the addition of VHT David Richmond (PS#6JC), who in just his 2nd year had 842 (15.6) at JC in '06. The unit also got an upgrade by moving in S Kevin Jurovich, who set a school record with 85 rec (13.9) becoming just the 3rd Spartan to top 1,000 (Edell Shepherd 1500 '01, Guy Liggins 1208 '87). Richmond was #2 with 852 (15.5). Last year Jurovich had 15 rec for 183 in the first 2 but was inj (RS) and 07's #3 rec Jalal Beauchman was lost after 4 so they had just 1 of the top 4 back. Richmond led with 832 (11.6), almost triple the yards of #2 Terrance Williams, who had 288 (13.1). TE Brian Elledge had 198 (15.2) and TE Jeff Clark had 168 (7.0). This year they lose Richmond (12 st), Elledge (4 st) and Clark (9 st). Not listed below are Patrick Horan-Walker (6'1" 215 Jr) and TE DeVonte Thomas (6'4" 235 Sr). Provided Jurovich returns to his '07 form, this unit could equal '08 and they add 6'4" Marquis Avery (1201, 13.6 in 2Y JC).

OFFENSIVE LINE - While SJSt had an experienced unit in 2007, injuries hit them hard (5 diff lineups in 5 gm including two frosh starters). The team's numbers dropped to 84 ypg rush (2.6) although they did allow 23 sacks (5.1%). Last year SJSt had to replace 2 starters but C Justin Paysinger (10 st '06) returned. They did lose LG Fred Koloto after 2 starts (inj) while starting C Ronnie Castillo (12 st '07) only had 3 starts (back). The Spartans struggled again with 87 ypg (2.7) and 31 sacks (8.1%). This year they lose Paysinger (5 st) and T Bradis McGriff (4 st). Thanks to last year's injuries, 8 have started including six with 10+ career starts! SJSt's 93 career starts are #14 in FBS and I look for the Spartans to greatly improve upon the last two years' numbers.

#95 DE Carl Ihenacho
#96 DT Adonis Davis

DEFENSIVE LINE - Six times in the 10 years before Tomey's arrival ('05), SJSt allowed 5.0 ypc rushing or more. In Tomey's first 2 years they allowed 3.5 and 4.1 ypc. Surprisingly, Tomey's most experienced D-line in '07 (10 of top 12 back) yielded 165 ypg (4.5). Last year SJSt had to replace 1 starter but added USC transfer Jeff Schweiger (PS#3) and returned 2nd Tm WAC DE Jarron Gilbert. Surprisingly, Carl Ihenacho outplayed Schweiger with an 18.5-2.5 tfl edge. Gilbert set a school record for career tfl and earned co-WAC Def POY (9.5 sk, 12.5 tfl) and Ihenacho won SJSt's DL POY. DT Aaron Gilbert won Scout Tm POY. This year they lose J Gilbert (12 st, 52 tkl, #3DC CHI), Schweiger (6 st, 26 tkl) and Marcus Keli (4 tkl). Not listed below is Judd Meadows (6'3" 240 rFr). The Spartans' D-line played true to form in the first 8 games yielding just 94.5 ypg (2.98) but surprisingly allowed 235 ypg and 5.5 ypc in the final 4 so it avg 4.0 ypc for the season. Even with the loss of 2 NFL caliber players, they could improve the rush D.

LINEBACKERS - Last year SJSt had to replace 2 starters (#1 and #2 tkl'r) including 1st Tm WAC Matt Castelo, who was the 2006 WAC #1 tkl'r with 165 (141 '07). They also lost Ryno Gonzalez (5 st, 26 tkl '07) and moved starter Duke Ihenacho to ROV (I list with LB). This year they return all 3 starters (#'s 1, 3 & 5 tkl'rs) and also get Gonzalez back. Adding depth are AJ Corbella (6'0" 190 rFr), Rodrick Smally (5'9" 205 So), Chuck Scicli (6'0" 223 rFr, PS#367), Kyler O'Neal (6'0" 213 So, PS#233, 6 tkl LY), John Smith (6'0" 232 Sr) and Charles Ohaeri (5'11" 230 Jr). This unit is vastly more experienced and should be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tomey does a great job with the secondary. In '06 SJSt finished #52 in my pass D rankings led by CB Dwight Lowery. Lowery was in his first year here and led the FBS with 9 int's, having 7 in his first 4 but in his final 21 had just 6 more. He was SJSt's first, 1st Tm AA S/'71 (Dave Chaney). With him back in 2007 they climbed to #39 with a 22-20 ratio. Christopher Owens snagged 6 int with teams throwing away from Lowery. Last year they had to replace Lowery (#4DC) and FS Duke Ihenacho (6 st '07), who moved to LB, while S Andrew Ryan (5 st, 51 tkl '07) had just 11 tkl so they basically had one starter returning. Tomey made the strong statement that Owens and Oregon St transfer Coye Francies (PS#4JC) were the best CB's he had in his 4 years. They moved WR Kyle Flynn (3 st '07) to S where he started all 12 (90 yd IR TD vs NMSt). The Spartans climbed to #6 with an excellent 9-16 ratio. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 1st Tm WAC CB Owens (12 st, 68 tkl, 1 int, 8 pbu, #3DC ATL), 2nd Tm WAC CB Francies (12 st, 69 tkl, 3 int, #6DC CLE), SS K Flynn (12 st, 43 tkl, 2 int) and S Ryan (11 tkl). Not listed below are Evan Taylor (6'0" 192 rFr) and Louis Schuman (6'0" 200 rFr). While close to '08 in terms of experience, I look for a drop in my pass D rankings with the loss of their CB's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tomey had four Top 20 ST finishes at Arizona with his units blocking 14 kicks in '98 and '99. He inherited a team that finished #93 in my ST rankings. SJSt moved up to #75 in '05 and #46 in '06. Jared Strubeck hit 9 of 12 FG's (long 48) in '06. Waylon Prather had a 36.9 net and those two ret'd in '07. Surprisingly, Strubeck at one point lost his job to Will Johnson (0 for 3). The two K's combined for 10 straight misses and vs Fresno, Tomey opted to go for it on 4th down six times (SOD all 6). Strubeck hit 8 of his last 10 (1 miss 50+). Prather had his net drop to 30.3 and the only bright spot was PR Lowery (14.4). The Spartans plummeted to #111. Last year they had to replace Prather and Lowery as well as their top KR but I felt with a coach like Tomey, they could only improve and that they did (#75). Against Hawaii, Tomey passed up a 33 yard FG but in the 4Q had Strubeck att 50 and 47 yd FG's and he nailed them both. Strubeck hit 13 of 22 (6 TB on 50 KO). New P Philip Zavala avg 36.6 (33.3 tm net). Rutley avg 26.7 on KR and Davis 10.8 on PR. This year they lose Davis and Strubeck but return Pompey Festejo who was their ST POY and they could actually improve.

COACHES - Tomey's 181 (181-135-7) career wins are ranked 4th among active coaches behind only Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden & Mack Brown. Tomey has never exp B2B losing seasons in 28 years as a HC and TY was elected the AFCA president. Tomey guided Ariz to a 95-64-4 record, the 2nd most victories of any Pac-10 school in the '90's. He has the most wins of any HC at Ariz and is also #3 at Hawaii. Tomey took a 3-8 UH team with dwindling attendance to avg crowds of 44,651 when he left 10 years later (63-46-3 rec). OL cch Steve Morton became the OC in '06. In '07 Tomey had co-DC's in Dave Fipp & Keith Burns but Fipp left for the NFL so Burns was the named the full-time DC LY. Burns was Tulsa's HC from 2000-2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tomey inherited a SJSt team that was 2-9 in 2004 and only had 13 returning starters. He never had an 8 loss season in his career until 2005 (3-8). Tomey installed an electric atmosphere at home where they went 3-2 but their streak of road losses increased to 13. SJSt win over Idaho was its first win in a finale since 1997. They had 3 net close losses and could have been 6-5. In 2006 they benefitted from playing 7 HG's (most since 1948) where they went 6-1 (with 33 of former HC Fitz Hill's recruits). The most home games Hill ever had was 5 and in 2002 they had 9 road games. SJSt had just 2 returning starters on defense in '06 and it was amazing that their D allowed just 20.8 ppg (best since 1990!). SJSt faced three FBS teams that finished with a winning record and lost all 3. In 2007 they only had 5 HG's and a much tougher schedule plus the 2006 version benefitted from +9 in TO's. SJSt did have 2 close losses including one in OT to undefeated Hawaii (which made a BCS bowl) and dropped to 5-7. Despite their losing record, SJSt was +13 in TO's and was 4-4 in the WAC (+12.8 ypg). That '07 squad snapped a streak of 89 straight games without a shutout (actually shutout twice in '07). Last year SJSt had just 12 returning starters but did add in Cal transfer Reed and two other BCS conf VHT's plus got back RB Davis (1000 yds '06). Things looked pretty good for the Spartans early. After struggling on the WAC road (3-17) they won their first 3 WAC away games. They barely got past UC Davis in the opener, 13-10, and dominated the first 3Q's vs Neb but came up short (353-315 yd edge). SJSt blew out SDSt (476-146 yd edge) and led Stanford 10-0 but had just 38 yds in the 2H. They did trail UH 17-7 at the half but rallied for the win despite being outgained 356-237. After beating Utah St and NMSt, they rose to 5-2 but did not get their first FD vs Boise until 1:46 was left in the half. SJSt led Idaho 30-10 after 3Q's in their 30-24 win but suffered their first shutout home loss since 1968 (40 years!) when they lost 21-0 to LT. After dropping their last 2, FAU beat them out for the final bowl slot. Tomey's team is now 16-7 at home but just 7-18 on the road. On the negative side for 2009, SJSt benefitted from 3 net close wins. They were also +8 in TO's which was the 3rd straight year under Tomey of having a large TO edge. On the positive side the 53 lettermen returning are the most in Tomey's five years and they return 6 RS who started 5+ for SJSt. The Spartans are the only team this year to face 2 BCS bowl winners from '08 and SJSt plays them in B2B weeks (USC, Utah). The Spartans are switching to FieldTurf (from grass) in their 76-year-old stadium. This looks like Tomey's best team yet and should have a great shot at their 2nd bowl since 1990.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 KYLE REED SR. 6-3 215 **PS#18. Cal trans.** 8 st, 1563 (64%) 9-6 ratio here LY. **12** Jordan La Secla (6'3" 198 Jr) PS#235. 77 (48%) 2Y. Myles Eden (6'1" 205 Sr) 497 (58%) 3Y.

RB 22 Lamon Muldrow Jr. 5-9 210 **PS#8JC.** IFS. **21** Patrick Perry (5'10" 205 Sr) PS#118. 2 st, 693 (4.1) '05/'06. Inj L2Y. **28** Chris Reese (5'9" 205 Sr). On D 3Y. 5 gm, 92 (3.7) LY.

WR 6 KEVIN JUROVICH SR. 6-0 183 21 tkl 2Y. 14 st, 100 rec 2Y (inj LY). **HB 4** Michael Avila (5'9" 165 So) PS#253. 1 st WR, 152 (8.4) rFr. Brandon Rutley (5'10" 190 So) 4 st RB, 356 (4.5) true.

WR 9 Marquis Avery Jr. 6-4 205 PS#83JC '08. IFS. **1** Josh Harrison (5'11" 170 So) PS#171. 5 st, 10 gms, 135 (7.1) rFr. Chris Avey (6'0" 190 rFr). **86** Andrew Reyes (6'1" 180 So).

WR 88 Jalal Beauchman Jr. 6-4 220 2 rec true. 4 st, 332 (9.2) '07. 4 st (inj), 133 (10.2) LY. **83** Khalil Paden (6'1" 165 So) 31 (7.8) rFr. **84** Jordan Johnson (5'10" 175 rFr) PS#485.

TE 3 TERRANCE WILLIAMS SR. 6-5 240 PS#398JC. 1 st, 73 (9.1) here '07. 7 st, 288 (13.1) LY. **82** Ryan Otten (6'5" 235 rFr) PS#132. Julian Harris (6'2" 250 Sr). AJ Moosa (6'0" 200 So).

C 79 RONNIE CASTILLO SR. 6-0 292 6 st, 9 gm rFr. 12 st '07. 3 st, 7 gm (inj) LY. **70** Robbie Reed (6'3" 290 Jr) 3 gm rFr. 4 st, 10 gm LY. **LS** Matt Wigley (6'2" 235 Sr) PS#298JC.

RG 73 AILAO ELIAPO JR. 6-2 320 PS#427. 9 gm true. 12 st LY. **75** Steve Lightsy (6'4" 335 Sr) PS#146JC. 12 gm here LY. **63** Amar Albassam (6'2" 315 So). No gm action LY.

LG 72 ISAAC LEATIOTA JR. 6-4 295 PS#121. 10 st '07. 9 st, 10 gm LY. **71** Nathaniel Timo (6'0" 335 Sr) PS#451JC. 1 st, 8 gm LY. **62** Garrett Faulconer (6'7" 360 Sr) PS#447JC. 4 gm LY.

RT 65 FRED KOLOTO SO. 6-3 290 PS#150. 8 st, 11 gm true. 2 st, 3 gm (inj) LY. **59 Jon Moreno** (6'4" 285 Sr) JC. 3 st, 4 gm (inj) '07. 11 st LY. **60** Ben Zorn (6'3" 270 rFr).

LT 66 JOHN KONYE JR. 6-4 290 1 st @ TE, 11 gm rFr. 11 st (9 LT, 2 TE) 12 gm LY. **78** Andres Vargas (6'4" 280 So). 5 gm as rFr. **61** David Quessenberry (6'5" 245 rFr).

K 34 Tyler Cope So. 6-1 180 PS#82. 58 KO, 6 TB true at **Colo.** Trans LY. Harrison Waid PS#81. **23** Will Johnson (5'8" 180 Sr) 0-4 FG 2Y. Shaheen Pourfallah (5'11" 200 So).

DE 95 CARL IHENACHO SR. 6-3 256 PS#145. 11 st, 58 tkl 2Y. 9 st, 64 tkl, **18.5 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC** LY. **98** Liam Smith (6'5" 250 Sr) JUCO. 1 st, 9 tkl 2Y. Vincent Abbott (6'0" 230 So). 6 tkl.

DT 96 ADONIS DAVIS SR. 6-1 295 PS#335. 14 st, 26 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 20 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **99** Justin Willis (6'1" 290 Jr) PS#414. 5 st, 28 tkl 2Y. RS LY. **55** Keenan Brown (6'3" 245 rFr).

DT 94 Kalvin Cressel Sr. 6-4 282 5 st, 38 tkl 3Y. **92** Pablo Garcia (6'2" 290 So) 7 tkl, 9 gm rFr. **97** Aaron Gilbert (6'3" 290 Sr) 13 tkl 3Y. Norman Romero (6'1" 265 Jr) 1 gm 2Y.

DE 26 MOHAMED MARAH SR. 6-0 245 6 tkl true. 3 st RB '07. 6 st, 32 tkl LY. **91** Joe Nigos (6'2" 260 So) 2 st, 7 tkl rFr. Travis Johnson is PS#383. **50** Tracy Pugh (6'4" 235 rFr).

LB 93 JUSTIN COLE SR. 6-3 240 20 st, 68 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 68 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **32** Pompey Festejo (6'0" 215 Jr) 1 st, 5 tkl rFr. 49 tkl LY. **42** Ina Liaina (6'1" 225 So) PS#120. RB LY.

LB 14 TRAVIS JONES SR. 6-1 230 41 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 72 tkl LY. **48** Ryno Gonzalez (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#243. 5 st, 54 tkl 2Y. DNP LY. **56** Braden Storaasli (6'0" 213 Jr) 1 st, 21 tkl 2Y.

ROV 2 DUKE IHENACHO JR. 6-1 210 PS#280. 32 tkl true. 12 st, 66 tkl, 11 pd, **1st Tm WAC** LY. **44** Wade O'Neill (6'1" 225 So) PS#167. 10 gm as a true. **25** Tanner Burns (6'1" 185 So).

CB 19 Peyton Thompson So. 5-11 175 PS#207. 11 gm, 5 tkl true. **20** Austin Carter (5'10" 170 Sr) PS#462JC. 20 gm, 18 tkl 2Y. Chris Hill PS#414. Justin Woodlief (6'3" 240 Jr) JUCO.

CB NA Brandon Driver Jr. 6-0 185 PS#174JC. **5** Alex Germany (5'9" 160 So) 1 tkl rFr. **30** Ralph Johnson (5'10" 175 So) 3 tkl true. **37** Antonio Walker (5'8" 175 So) No gm action LY.

SS 40 Tiuke Tuipulotu So. 5-10 195 PS#278. 11 tkl true. **27** Billy Ring (5'8" 185 Sr) 5 tkl, 12 gm LY. **7** Jay Atkins (6'0" 185 Jr). 1 tkl, 5 gm 2Y. **31** Gustavo Manzares (5'8" 185 Jr).

FS 24 DEVIN NEWSOME JR. 5-10 185 2 st, 15 tkl rFr. 12 st, 59 tkl LY. **35** Manu Ngatikaura PS#430JC. Walk-on. **38** Vince Belotti (6'2" 215 Jr). **59** Eric Bucholz (6'1" 225 Jr) 1 tkl, 13 gm 2Y.

P 35 PHILIP ZAVALA SR. 6-1 200 PS#328JC. 76 punts (36.6) tm net 33.3 in 12 gms here LY. Shaheen Pourfallah (5'11" 200 So) joined team in '07. No gm action LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Lamon Muldrow 5-9 210 PS#8JC
WR	Marquis Avery 6-4 205 PS#83JC '08
DB	Brandon Driver 6-0 185 PS#174JC
WR	Noel Grigsby 5-10 170 PS#207
DB	Manu Ngatikaura 6-0 180 PS#430JC '08
WR	James Orth 6-2 190 PS#230
DL	Travis Johnson 6-3 235 PS#383
DB	Chris Hill 5-9 175 PS#414
DL	Anthony Larceval 6-1 265 PS#393
TE	Avelino Valencia 6-5 250 PS#777JC
DL	Pierce Burton 6-6 250 PS#505
OB	Dasmen Stewart 6-3 205 PS#328
K	Harrison Waid 6-1 175 PS#81
DB	Jason Simpson 6-0 200 PS#798
OL	Ryan Jones 6-3 275 PS#1098
DL	Abasi Salimu 6-5 245 PS#1562
OL	Amar Pal 6-4 275 PS#1788
OL	Reuben Hasani 6-3 280 PS#1788
DB	Ronnie Yell 5-9 165 PS#1875

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DICK TOMEY (Career 181-135-7)
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Tomey AT SAN JOSE ST/OVERALL

23-25 / 181-135-7	SU	0-0 / 4-21	Vs Top 10
16-7 / 127-64-4	Home	0-5 / 16-44	Vs Top 25
7-18 / 52-68-3	Away	1-7 / 17-28	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 2-3	Neutral	5-2 / 35-16-2	Off A Bye
15-17 / 108-90-6	Vs Conf	10-14 / 68-48-5	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (21,30,2)
Lost: 17 (7,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,952 (#91)

WAC

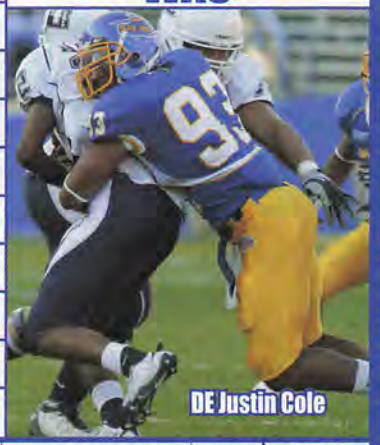
Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#65

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SJSt	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	at USC	G						San Jose is 0-3 vs USC with the last game played in 2001 (21-10). The Spartans are 1-11 vs Pac-10 opponents since last facing the Trojans beating Stanford in 2006.
Sep. 12	Utah	A						The Spartans are 1-4 vs the Utes with the last meeting a 49-17 loss at home ('98). San Jose St has won 7 straight home openers but 5 were vs FCS opponents.
Sep. 19	at Stanford	G						This rivalry is now called the Bill Walsh Legacy gm. SJSt has lost 5 straight at Stanford by an avg of 30 ppg. LY they led 10-7 at HT but gained only 33 2H yds & were sk'd 9 times.
Sep. 26	Cal Poly	A						The Spartans are 9-4 vs Cal Poly with the most recent meeting a 17-7 win in 2006. The Mustangs went 8-3 LY including a 29-27 win vs SDSt & a 36-35 OT loss at Wisconsin.
Oct. 3								Bonus: The Spartans are 2-18 in road openers with 6 straight losses.
Oct. 10	Idaho	A						SJSt is 12-7-1 all-time & have won 4 straight vs UI. LY QB Eden started for the 1st time since the opener & threw for a career high 295 yds. SJSt led 30-10 before 14 4Q Idaho pts.
Oct. 17	at Fresno St	G						The Spartans are just 1-14 vs Fresno S/'91 w/the lone win at home in '06 (24-14). LY SJSt led 10-3 at HT & last time here outgained FSU 394-383 but were SHUTOUT 30-0!
Oct. 24								
Oct. 31	at Boise St	A						SJSt is winless in their 9 meetings vs the Broncos being outscored by an avg of 27 ppg. The 5 gms in Boise have had an avg score of 49-13. LY they only trailed 23-16 mid 4Q.
Nov. 8	Nevada (Sun)	A						SJSt is 1-6 vs UN S/'02 but did win here in their ssn finale in '07 (27-24). LY the Spartans were outgained 525-278 with -23 yds rushing. This is the first Sunday HG since 1942.
Nov. 14	at Utah St	A						The Spartans have won 11 of L/12 but the L/3 in Logan were a 3 pt win, a 7 pt loss & a 2 pt win LY. SJSt held the Aggies to 33 yds in the 1H but lost the shutout w/1:50 left.
Nov. 21	Hawaii	A						LY's 20-17 win snapped a 7 gm series losing streak. The Spartans' D caused 6 takeaways & had 6 sks. San Jose trailed 17-7 at HT but got 50 & 47 yd 4Q FG's for the win.
Nov. 28	New Mexico St	A						San Jose leads the series 14-2 including 5 straight with the L/4 by 20 ppg. LY SJSt was outgained 284-201 but scored on a 90 IR, a 43 yd IR & had 38, 5 & 12 yd scoring drives.
Dec. 5	at Louisiana Tech	A						The home team has won 5 of 6 as the series is knotted at 4 a piece. LY the Spartans were held to 148 yds & 6 FD's getting shutout for the 3rd time in the last 2 seasons.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Adam Tafralis 7,548 '04-'07
2. Ed Luther 7,190 '76-'79
3. Steve Clarkson 6,842 '79-'82

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Deoncé Whitaker 3,515 '98-'01
2. Sheldon Canley 2,513 '88-'90
3. Gerald Willhite 2,364 '80-'81

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Stacey Bailey 2,223 '78-'81
2. Edell Shepherd 2,207 '00-'01
3. Guy Liggins 2,191 '86-'87



STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (30,456) (#98)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf) 1st yr

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	3-9	6-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	9-4	5-7	6-6	44-63
Home	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	3-2	6-1	4-1	3-3	27-19
Away	4-3	1-7	4-5	1-5	0-6	0-6	3-3	1-6	3-3	17-44
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	4-4	2-6	1-7	2-6	5-3	4-4	4-4	30-42
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-4	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-2	14-21
ATS	8-3	5-7	9-4	4-6	5-5	3-6-1	9-3	6-5	5-6	54-45-1
Home Fav (Dave Baldwin 1997)	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	2-1	12-5-1
Home Dog (Dr Fitz-Hill)	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-2	3-0	2-0	0-2	12-9
Away Favorite	3-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-1	9-2
Away Dog (Dick Tomey)	3-0	3-5	4-3	0-5	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-5	2-2	21-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-4-1	5-3	6-2	3-5	40-31-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-3	3-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	4-0	0-3	2-1	14-14
Off SU Win	4-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	1-1	0-1-1	5-2	3-0	3-3	22-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-5	3-3	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-1	3-4	2-3	28-28

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yonus Davis	120	605	47	558	3	4.7
Brandon Rutley	79	396	40	356	3	4.5
Chris Reese	25	97	5	92	0	3.7
Kyle Reed	87	253	173	80	4	0.9
Ina Liaina	17	37	0	37	0	2.2
David Richmond	5	41	9	32	0	6.4
Myles Eden	17	20	47	-27	1	-1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Reed	253	162	64.0	1563	9	6
Myles Eden	61	38	62.3	452	2	5
Sean Flynn	63	32	50.8	298	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
David Richmond	72	832	11.6	7	77
Terrance Williams	22	288	13.1	2	53
Brian Elledge	13	198	15.2	1	58
Kevin Jurovich	15	183	12.2	1	55
Jeff Clark	24	168	7.0	1	18
Michael Avila	18	152	8.4	0	29
Yonus Davis	17	149	8.8	0	19
Josh Harrison	19	135	7.1	0	17
Jalal Beauchman	13	133	10.2	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Philip Zavala	76	2781	36.6	15	33.3(t)	1(t)	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared Strubeck	23-26	2-2	5-9	5-10	1-1	13-22	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Travis Jones	72	0	3.5	2	0
Coye Francies	69	0	3.5	3	3
Justin Cole	68	5	3.5	5	1
Christopher Owens	68	0	3	8	1
Duke Ihenacho	66	0	5.5	6	5
Carl Ihenacho	64	7	11.5	3	0
Devin Newsome	59	0	0	0	2
Jarron Gilbert	52	9.5	12.5	3	0
Pompey Festejo	49	0	2.5	2	0
Kyle Flynn	43	3	3.5	1	2
Mohamed Marah	32	1	3	0	0
Jeff Schweiger	26	1.5	1	2	0
Adonis Davis	20	1	4.5	0	0
Andrew Ryan	11	0	0	0	1
Tiuke Tuipulotu	11	0	0.5	0	0
Austin Carter	10	0	0	1	0
Braden Storaasli	8	0	0	0	0
Joe Nigos	7	1	1	1	0
Pablo Garcia	7	1	0	0	0
Vincent Abbott	6	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Yonus Davis	14	151	10.8	0
Michael Avila	4	29	7.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Rutley	28	748	26.7	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
81	California Raisin	NL	Toledo	25-27
86	California Raisin	NL	Miami, Oh	37-7
87	California Raisin	NL	E Michigan	27-30
90	California Raisin	-14	C Michigan	48-24
06	New Mexico	+3	New Mexico	20-12

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
San Jose St's All-Time Bowl Record 5-3

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6	18.7	283	87	2.7	196	61.6	15.2	31	+8	2008	6	21.6	312	141	4.0	170	52.5	14.4	33
6*	20.4	348	84	2.6	264	61.3	17.0	23	+13	2007	8	29.3	408	165	4.5	243	62.6	13.9	18
7*	24.9	357	175	4.6	182	63.6	14.3	18	+9	2006	2	20.8	355	149	4.1	206	61.5	17.1	17
6	22.5	345	145	4.1	201	47.5	15.3	14	+1	2005	7	32.5	441	145	3.5	296	62.9	13.6	27
2	28.4	338	162	4.0	176	51.3	11.9	28	-2	2004	6	42.6	441	252	5.1	189	59.2	10.3	22
8*	23.5	387	104	3.2	282	59.0	16.4	20	+5	2003	8	35.1	459	187	4.9	272	60.2	13.1	18
4*	28.9	376	112	3.6	263	60.0	13.0	28	+6	2002	2	35.9	493	193	4.8	300	57.9	13.7	19

2008 STATS BY GAME

SJSt 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
18,730	UC Davis	15	24-42	1.8	26-34	231	4	13	30-61	2.0	21-34	193	1	0
84,146	at Nebraska	19	32-111	3.5	21-35	242	2	19	30-99	3.3	18-27	216	3	0
19,854	San Diego St	22	55-293	5.3	21-27	183	3	7	17-6	0.4	10-29	140	4	0
33,293	at Stanford	16	35-54	1.5	23-26	165	9	17	36-204	5.7	13-28	159	1	0
40,571	at Hawaii	11	39-85	2.2	14-28	152	2	18	29-131	4.5	21-36	225	6	+6
20,318	Utah St	18	29-87	3.0	31-47	314	1	10	34-71	2.1	13-30	119	4	+1
20,607	at New Mexico St	11	37-151	4.1	8-18	50	1	17	29-35	1.2	28-45	249	6	+1
26,258	Boise St	9	21-109	5.2	17-31	98	0	28	48-149	3.1	26-41	244	2	0
15,002	at Idaho	20	39-106	2.7	23-31	295	0	19	33-220	6.7	10-21	138	1	+1
16,170	Louisiana Tech	6	28-30	1.1	11-28	118	2	12	47-217	4.6	7-16	97	3	-2
14,343	at Nevada	11	16-(-23)	-1.4	20-41	301	3	23	49-333	6.8	15-31	192	0	-1
24,384	Fresno St	16	31-(-5)	-0.2	21-37	205	4	17	43-171	4.0	5-18	71	2	+2
TOTALS		174	386-1040	2.7	236-383	2354	31	200	425-1697	4.0	187-356	2043	33	+8
AVERAGES		14.5	32-87	2.7	20-32	196	8.1%	16.7	35-141	4.0	16-30	170	9.3%	0.7

2004 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Stanford	+17'	3-43
-	Morgan St	NL	47-28
-	at SMU	+1'	13-36
-	Rice	+14'	70-63
-	at Washington	+17'	6-21
-	at Hawaii	+22	28-46
-	UTEP	+14'	20-38
-	at Nevada	+14	24-42
-	Boise St - #14	+33	49-56 2OT
-	at Tulsa	+10'	24-34
-	Fresno St	+26	28-62

2005 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	E Washington	NL	35-24
-	at Illinois	+14	19-40
-	at San Diego St	+13'	21-52
-	Nevada	+3'	23-30
-	at Utah St	+5	17-24
-	at Boise St	+30'	21-38
-	Hawaii	+6	38-45
-	at Louisiana Tech	+19	14-31
-	at Fresno St - #21	+33	7-45
-	New Mexico St	-8	27-10
-	Idaho	-8	26-18

2006 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Washington	+20	29-35
-	Stanford	+9'	35-34
-	Cal Poly	NL	17-7
-	San Diego St	+2'	31-10
-	Utah St	-17	21-14
-	at Nevada	+12'	7-23
-	Louisiana Tech	-10	44-10
-	at New Mexico St	-6'	31-21
-	Boise St - #14	+13	20-23
-	at Hawaii	+25	17-54
-	at Idaho	-7	28-13
-	Fresno St	-4'	24-14

2007 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Arizona St	+15	3-45
-	at Kansas St	+19	14-34
-	at Stanford	+7'	0-37
-	at Utah St	+3	23-20
-	UC Davis	NL	34-14
-	Idaho	-6'	28-20
-	Hawaii - #16	+17	35-42 OT
-	at Fresno St	+13'	0-30
-	at Boise St - #21	+25'	7-42
-	New Mexico St	-4	51-17
-	at Louisiana Tech	+5'	23-27
-	Nevada	+3'	27-24

2008 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	UC Davis	NL	13-10
-	at Nebraska	+27	12-35
-	San Diego St	-6'	35-10
-	at Stanford	+8	10-23
-	at Hawaii	+3	20-17
-	Utah St	-13'	30-7
-	at New Mexico St	-1'	31-14
-	Boise St - #13	+7'	16-33
-	at Idaho	-16'	30-24
-	Louisiana Tech	-7	0-21
-	at Nevada	+14	17-41
-	Fresno St	+3'	10-24

UTAH ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QB Diondre Borel

QUARTERBACKS - The Aggies were about as inexperienced as it gets at the QB position last year. They had to replace their starter, Leon Jackson, and then his backup Jase McCormick (40 passes '07) quit at the start of Aug. While Ben Longshore opted to go on a mission. The remaining QB's combined for 1 pass in FBS ball. Sean Setzer, who threw for over 2,000 yards at JC, was a pocket passer who threw an accurate ball. Setzer won the starting job over Diondre Borel (PS#320) who played 6 at WR & RB as a true frosh and Exavier Johnson (PS#69). Borel has a strong arm and is an outstanding runner. He split time with Setzer early and was named the starter in Wk 4. He became one of 7 QB's in the FBS to lead his team in both rushing and passing, throwing for 1,705 (56.2%) with an 11-10 ratio while rushing for 632 (3.5). Setzer played in 9 only throwing for 653 (57.6%) with a 5-4 ratio. This year they lose Setzer (3 st). While Borel must learn a new offense, he should have an improved year in his 2nd as a starter and has added 15 lbs of muscle and improved his speed.

RUNNING BACKS - Utah St had some excellent RB's from 1999-2002 with Demario Brown breaking the Utah St single season rushing record (1,536) in 1999. Emmett White led the NCAA in all-purpose yards in 2000 (2,628) and twice topped 1,300 rushing. The team had a 100 yard rusher in 51 of its previous 77 games heading into 2002 but has had just 10 by a RB in the seven years since (1 in '07 and '08 combined). Last year Utah St returned 2007's leading rusher in Derrvin Speight (504, 3.9) and #2 RB rusher Curtis Marsh (302, 3.7). Their one 100 yard effort in the last two years was by Robert Turbin who had 123 (8.2) LY vs Idaho. While QB Borel led the team in rushing, Turbin was the top RB with 485 (4.6), Marsh had 185 (4.4) and true frosh Marquis Butler (PS#391) was impressive in practice and added 171 (3.3). True frosh FB Ronald Scott had 141 (9.4) and Speight DNP (inj). This year the losses are Derrick Cumbee (22 yd) and Chris Forbes (0 yd). Not listed in the PSL below are Josh Flores (5'5" 161 So), Kurtis Shaw (5'8" 176 rFr, PS#399) and Ronald Scott (6'0" 198 So). Utah St adds speedy (4.35) JUCO Michael Smith. HC Gary Andersen said this unit was the deepest on the team.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace their top WR in Kevin Robinson (640, 11.6) then TE Rob Myers, who had (320, 15.2 in '07), was injured and DNP. That made Otis Nelson, who had 189 (9.4) in '07, the leading returnee. Nelson finished his career with 30 consecutive games with a rec (3rd in WAC) and led with 455 (12.3). Nnamdi Gwacham had 370 (18.5) while rFr Stanley Morrison added 291 (11.2). This year they lose Nelson (10 st) and Myers. They add AF transfer Eric Moats and have 8 back with starting experience. Last year's returning receivers had a combined 376 yards while this year's have 1,442. They are more experienced, even with the loss of their top man.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In former HC Brent Guy's first year (2005) he said they would like to use zone blocking schemes, but since the OL was so light they were unable to incorporate those schemes. They had to use DL's and TE's to plug holes in the O-line. In 2006, Utah St had to replace 3 starters and then 2 players (11 car st) missed the year. Malik Cin missed the first 3 but still earned 2nd Tm WAC. The Aggies did improve to 3.2 ypc rush (2.9 in '05) while allowing just 19 sacks (6.4%). In 2007 they had to replace Cin and one other starter and they moved some returnees around to give them more size in the middle. The Aggies improved to 125 ypg (3.2) but allowed 30 sacks (11%). Last year they had to replace two starters including a #4DC and starting C Ryan Tonnemacher, who was on the Rimington Trophy watch list, was lost after 6 starts. The Aggies still managed to improve to 138 ypg rush (3.8), their best ypg of the decade, but did allow 32 sacks (9.4%). Having a mobile QB like Borel helped. This year they must replace RT Derek Hoke (10 st, 2Y st'r), C Tonnemacher (3Y st'r) and 3rd string OT Mike Green. Eight return with starting experience including 2nd Tm WAC Brennan McFadden (7 st RG, 3C) and Andersen inherits a much stronger O-line than Guy did in his first year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Utah St has produced some great DL's like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones. In Guy's first year ('05) they moved to a 4-3 defense and went 3 deep with solid, experienced players up front. DE John Chick led the WAC in sacks (12.5) and the Aggies allowed just 144 ypg rush (3.9), their best since 1998 (123). In 2006, they had to replace Chick and had just one starter back. The ypc increased to 5.0 (11 sk). In 2007 they lost 2 starters and 3 backups. The Aggies' ypg rush allowed increased to 196 (4.9) with just 12 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but Ben Calderwood (17 st '06-'07) did return. Thanks to 3 sacks in the final game, Calderwood led the team in sacks (4.5) LY. They did lose DT Casey Davis after 6 starts (inj) but made some strides allowing 162 ypg (4.5) with 18 sacks. This year they lose Calderwood (11 st, 39 tkl) and Gregg Clark (1 st, 4 tkl). Seven players return with starting experience and they add some good-sized JUCO's. With Andersen having been the DC at Utah where the D-line was the strength on a yearly basis, this could be the Aggies' best D-line since that their squad.

LINEBACKERS - In Guy's first season the Aggies had to replace all 3 LB starters and true frosh walk-on Jake Hutton became the first frosh in school history to be the #1 tackler (#3 Fr tkl'r FBS). They had 3 soph starters in 2006 but Hutton, who was leading the team in tackles, was lost to injury after 4 games. Another true frosh, Paul Igboeli, became the WAC Frosh POY despite having just 8 starts. In 2007 the unit returned intact and Hutton and Igboeli were #1 and #2 in tackles. Last year the entire 2 deep returned again but De'von Hall (#5 tkl'r '07) moved to S. Jordan Glass was lost after 3 starts. This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC Hutton (10 st, #1 tkl'r) and Daryl Fields (2 st, 30 tkl). Igboeli was also 2nd Tm WAC and he returns. Even with the loss of their top man, they should come close to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies finished #48 in my pass D rankings in '03 but dropped to #100, #103 and were dead last at #119 in '06. In 2007 they had 3 starters back but did lose a starting FS after 2. The Aggies moved "up" to #101. Last year the unit returned intact and they moved in Hall who had 25 starts at LB so they had 111 career starts returning. Utah St improved again but only to #91. This year they lose FS Caleb Taylor (11 st, 63 tkl, 5 pbu), CB Roy Hurst (10 st, 35 tkl, 2 int), SS Hall (3 st, #4 tkl'r), CB Joshua Taylor (2 st, 25 tkl) and CB Marquise Charles (2 st, 23 tkl). While they could improve in my pass D rankings, they are less experienced than last year. The Aggies will use man coverage this year and press their corners, something they did not do in the past.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Thanks to the presence of Robinson, Utah St finished #20 in '04 and #54 in '05 in my ST rankings. They slipped to #114 in '06 but returned to #35 in '07. Robinson left as the school's career PR leader and had 4 return TD's in '07. He finished 1st in the FBS in PR (18.9) and 6th in KR (29.3) breaking Emmett White's career record for career all-purp yards with 6,479. Last year they had to replace Robinson as well as their punter. Peter Caldwell avg 41.9 on punts (36.8 net) and hit 10 of 12 FG's a (long 42). Chris Ulinski hit the WAC's 2nd longest FG of '08 (56 yd) and had 21 TB on 55 KO. Kejon Murphy took over as the KR (24.2) and PR (8.8) and the Aggies climbed to #84. This year the unit returns intact and should be one of the WAC's strongest ST units.

COACHES - Andersen was the asst HC and DC at Utah for the past 5 years and was the HC at S Utah in '03. For the 2nd straight year a former HC is the OC as Andersen brings in Dave Baldwin who was NM's OC the last 2 years. Baldwin was also the OC at Mich St from '03-'06 and was the HC at SJSt from '97-'00 compiling an 18-27 record. The DC is Bill Busch who was the safeties coach and ST coordinator at Neb from '05-'07. Andersen becomes the Aggies' 8th coach in 25 years and the last coach to leave here with a winning record was Phil Krueger ('73-'75).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Andersen steps into a much better situation than Guy did. In Guy's first year, he had to replace 22 lettermen and had less than 70 scholarship players. Twelve frosh started at least 1 (3rd highest IA). While they were 2-6 in WAC play in '05 (which tied them for 6th), they had the best ypg of those three 2-6 teams at -54.4. They did have a 478-276 yd edge vs LT but lost. In '06 Utah St had 11 starters back. The Aggies had a couple of close losses and surprisingly had their first one-win season S/'84. They were -142.2 ypg in league play (2nd worst). In 2007 they lost their starting QB (mission) but still had 17 starters back. The Aggies had some close losses and opened 0-10 but rallied to win their last 2 for their first 2-game win streak S/'03. Utah St was finally up to 85 scholarship players as Guy built the program the right way bringing in frosh as opposed to the quick-fix of JUCO's. In Guy's first spring they had 56 players participate but had 97 in '08. They had 15 returning starters and only 13 lettermen lost and the improvement showed in league games. They won 3 WAC games for the first time since joining in '05. Utah St almost upset Fresno giving up a 58 yd FG on the final play. While Guy's final record of 9-38 is the worst % ever for a Utah St HC, I feel he did a great job at getting this program turned in the right direction. Last year Guy had non-conf games vs #18 Oregon, #22 Utah and #8 BYU giving them the toughest schedule in the WAC. They faced those 3 in the first 5 and opened 1-4 with a 42-17 win over Idaho. After expected losses on the road at SJSt and Nevada, they had the narrow loss to Fresno but beat Hawaii at home 30-14. After losing on the blue turf at Boise, they led LT 38-35 with 11:30 left but lost. They fired Guy and in his FHG they blasted NMSt 47-2. While USt was 3-5 in the conf, they were only -11.4 ypg, their best S/'03 when they were in the Sun Belt. Andersen inherits 16 returning starters including exciting QB Borel and the team had 2 net close losses last year and 11.9 def ypp (pg 299). Andersen, perhaps noting the potential of this team, opted to sign 8 JUCO's and most should make an immediate impact. While the Aggies have road games at Utah, Texas A&M and BYU, they are the MIT in the WAC and have a good shot at topping last year's total of 3 WAC wins. The cupboard, after being empty when Guy took over, is almost full this year so it's a great situation for Anderson.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 12 DIONDRE BOREL JR. 6-0 174 PS#320. 9 st, 1705 pass (56%), 855 rush LY. Jeffrey Fischer is PS#438JC. 2063 pass (64%) 23-4 ratio LY @JC. **3** Exavier Johnson (6'1" 210 rFr) PS#69.

RB 34 MICHAEL SMITH JR. 5-9 187 PS#249. 4.35 spd. Robert Turbin (5'10" 202 So) 6 st, 485 (4.6). Marquis Butler (6'0" 192 So) 4 st, 171 (3.3). Derrvin Speight (5'9" 193 Jr) 504 (3.9) '07.

WR 11 STANLEY MORRISON SO. 5-9 151 5 st, 291 (11.2) LY. **82** Eric Moats (6'0" 173 Jr) **Air Force trans**. **24** Austin Alder (5'11" 178 So) 2 rec LY. **86** Kyle Shaney (6'0" 190 Fr).

WR 17 Xavier Bowman Sr. 6-3 195 PS#265. 4 st, 209 (9.5) 3Y #1WR spg. **19** Emmanual Ojeriakhi (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#204. **18** Chase Griffiths (6'1" 200 Sr) PS#528. 1 rec LY.

WR 81 NNAMDI GWACHAM SR. 6-3 205 6 st, 416 (17.3) 3Y. **85** Omar Sawyer (5'9" 174 Sr) 6 st, 393 (13.1) 3Y. **87** Josh Johansen (6'1" 177 So). Travis Van Leeuwen is PS#205.

TE 83 JEREMY MITCHELL SR. 6-5 243 PS#294JC. 5 st, 6 rec. Zac Zimmerman (6'6" 252 Sr) 1 st. Doug Barbour (6'5" 242 Jr) 5 st, 221 (11.6) 2Y. Tarren Lloyd (6'7" 247 So) 5 st, 9 rec.

C 61 BRENNAN McFADDEN SR. 6-2 294 2 st '06-'07. 10 st (7RG, 3C) LY. **2nd Tm WAC.** David Disman (6'1" 263 So) 3 st LY. Preston Erickson (6'1" 270 Jr). **LS** Patrick Scales (6'4" 230 Jr).

RG 68 PHILIP GAPELU SO. 6-2 306 Last 5 st at RG LY. **75** Carlos Cuevas (6'3" 311 So) PS#308. Robert Hill (6'2" 260 So) PS#243. Last 5 st at LT LY. Leti Faitala (6'5" 310 Jr).

LG 76 FUNAKI ASISI SO. 6-3 295 Last 5 st at LG LY. **69** Ty Rogers (6'4" 279 Jr) PS#492. **7 st** at LG LY. **64** Brad Jakel (6'3" 281 So). Tyler Larsen (6'4" 273 Fr) PS#417.

RT 74 Tariq Polley Jr. 6-4 315 PS#478JC. 2 st at RT, 10 gm LY. Tanner Richins (6'6" 308 So) PS#282. Christian Browne-Frazier (6'4" 305 So) PS#402JC. Eric Scholtz (6'4" 295 Fr).

LT 52 SPENCER JOHNSON JR. 6-5 285 PS#302. 12 st LT '07. 7 st at LT LY. John Darrah (6'4" 263 Sr) PS#515JC. Oscar Molina (6'5" 265 rFr) PS#464DL. Chris Friesen (6'5" 245 Fr).

K 8 PETER CALDWELL JR. 6-4 236 PS#96. 13-21 FG long of 47 as true. 10-12 FG LY long 42. Chris Ulinski (6'3" 202 Sr) 9 TB on 49 KO '07. 2-2 FG LY long 56, 21 TB/55 KO.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 46 DARBY GOLDEN SR. 6-2 254 8 st, 36 tkl, 6.5 tfl '06-'07. 10 st, 26 tkl, 4 tfl LY until inj. Quinn Garner (6'3" 236 So) 15 tkl. Robert Tidwell (6'4" 250 rFr). Kellen Bartlett (6'3" 244 So) 1st FB LY.

DT 57 MAGNUM MAUGA SR. 5-11 306 **PS#98JC**. **96** Alan Bishop (6'5" 281 Sr) **16 st**, 55 tkl, 6.5 tfl 3Y. Cedric Reeves (6'2" 282 So) 5 tkl. Leti Faitala (6'5" 310 Jr). Nick Zundel (6'0" 247 Jr).

DT 54 NATHAN ROYSTER JR. 6-0 252 12 st, 23 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. Casey Davis (6'3" 281 Sr) PS#311JC. 6 st, 17 tkl. Jervon Graves (6'0" 301 Jr) PS#214. 11 tkl 2Y. **91** Sean Enesi (5'10" 271 Jr) PS#229JC.

DE 94 Antonio May Sr. 6-4 231 PS#443. 2 st, 26 tkl, 7 tfl, 3 pbu LY. **93** Levi Koskan (6'4" 208 So) 10 tkl. **98** Steven Clark (6'5" 258 So) PS#352. Junior Keiaho (6'3" 244 So) 18 tkl, 3.5 tfl.

OLB 40 BOBBY WAGNER SO. 6-1 217 PS#408. 9 st, 51 tkl, 2 tfl. **30** Jake Poulson (6'1" 214 So). Jordan Glass (6'2" 232 Jr) 3 st, 26 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY until inj. Tim Wlodarczyk (6'1" 197 So).

MLB 15 Reuben Willis So. 5-10 239 PS#245JC. **32** Jacob Actkinson (6'1" 208 So) 4 st at FB '07, 253 tfl yd. **50** Andy Carlsen (6'1" 228 Jr) 21 tkl 2Y. **28** Alfred Kikau (6'0" 192 rFr) PS#426DB.

OLB 31 PAUL IGBOELI SR. 6-0 201 8 st true, 69 tkl, 8 tfl. 12 st '07, 95 tkl, 8 tfl. 12 st LY. **2nd Tm WAC**. 78 tkl, 6 tfl. Kyle Gallagher (6'1" 203 So) 3 st, 47 tkl true. Robert Fuller (6'2" 191 rFr). Sidney Allen (6'1" 180 Jr). Cache Morgan (5'10" 180 rFr). Chris Harris (5'8" 170 So) PS#391RB.

CB 1 KEJON MURPHY SR. 5-9 155 PS#361RB. 4 st, 52 tkl '06-'07. 9 st, 30 tkl, 2 int LY. **CB NA Rajric Coleman Jr.** 6-2 185 PS#370JC. Chris Randle (5'10" 176 Jr) 3 st, 55 tkl 2Y. Curtis Marsh (6'1" 184 Jr) PS#377RB. 6 st RB, 487 rush (3.9) 2Y. Sheldon Armstrong (5'11" 182 rFr).

SS 20 Maxim Dinka Jr. 5-11 211 PS#423. 22 tkl 2Y. **4** Walter McClenton (5'11" 176 So) PS#448. 1 tkl. **25** Adrian Bybee (5'11" 191 Sr) 3 tkl '07. Trifon Gochis (5'9" 190 rFr) PS#479.

FS 3 JAMES BRINDLEY SR. 5-11 189 PS#215. 22 tkl true. 11 st SS '07, 84 tkl, 3 int. 10 st SS LY, 75 tkl, 3 int. Chris Williams (6'2" 189 Sr) PS#194JC. 2 tkl. Joey Schrader (6'0" 192 Jr).

P 8 PETER CALDWELL JR. 6-4 236 PS#96. 4 punts, 41.2 avg as true. 65 punts, 41.9 avg, 36.8 net, 11 inside 20 LY. **16** Chris Ulinski (6'3" 202 Sr) 1 punt for 21 yds LY, 21 TB/55 KO.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL Sean Enesi 5-10 271 PS#229JC
LB Reuben Willis 5-10 239 PS#245JC
RB Michael Smith 5-9 187 PS#249JC
DB Rajric Coleman 6-2 185 PS#370JC
WR Travis Van Leeuwen 6-3 190 PS#205
DL Kamaloni Vainikolo 6-2 280 PS#400JC
OL Christian Browne-Frazier 6-4 305 PS#402JC
QB Jeffrey Fischer 6-0 195 PS#438JC
DB Jamaine Olson 6-0 190 PS#467JC
QB Jeff Manning 6-5 180 PS#207
OL Tyler Larsen 6-4 273 PS#417
QB Kane Wilson 6-4 215 PS#217
RB Kerwynn Williams 5-9 180 PS#391WR
DL Eric Berntson 6-6 230 PS#470
WR Travis Reynolds 6-0 165 PS#418
LB Travis Parrish 6-3 195 PS#473
WR Cameron Sanders 6-0 160 PS#600
OL Chris Friesen 6-5 245 PS#718
DL Mika Nickel 6-2 245 PS#660
TE DJ Tialavea 6-5 260 PS#260
DL Ricky Aliifua 6-3 270 PS#971
WR Jackie Wilson 6-1 200 PS#610QB
QB Adam Eastman 6-1 198 PS#977
DL Tryn Mesarch 6-5 245 PS#1562

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Sep. 3	at Utah (Thur)	A					
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	at Texas A&M	G					
Sep. 26	Southern Utah	A					
Oct. 2	at BYU (Fri)	G					
Oct. 10	at New Mexico St	G					
Oct. 17	Nevada	A					
Oct. 24	Louisiana Tech	A					
Oct. 31	at Fresno St	G					
Nov. 7	at Hawaii	A					
Nov. 14	San Jose St	A					
Nov. 20	Boise St (Fri)	A					
Nov. 28	at Idaho	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jose Fuentes 9,168 '99-'02
2. Tony Adams 6,226 '70-'72
3. Brent Snyder 6,105 '87-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Demario Brown 4,053 '96-'99
2. Abu Wilson 3,933 '92, '94-'96
3. Rick Parros 3,537 '76-'79

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kendal Smith 2,943 '85-'88
2. Kevin Curtis 2,789 '01-'02
3. Kevin Robinson 2,485 '04-'07

Utah St has dropped 11 straight & this is the 109th meeting in the "Battle of the Brothers". These 2 have played every yr S/'44 but will not face each other in 2010 or '11.

First meeting. Utah St will have now faced every Big 12 school & has a record of 9-40-1. The last meeting vs the Big 12 was a 54-3 loss at Oklahoma in 2007.

USt HC Gary Anderson was the HC at Southern Utah in '03. The Aggies beat the Thunderbirds in their only meeting 30-14 in '00. SUU was 4-7 LY including a 41-7 loss at AF.

Utah St has dropped 19 of the last 20 in this series including 9 straight. They've also lost 14 straight in Provo by an avg of 24 ppg. Last time here they were shutout 38-0.

Utah St leads this series 27-6 including wins the L2Y. They reeled off 19 straight victories from '68-'98. In LY's 47-2 mauling USt scored 28 1H pts which is their most since Oct 2003.

Aggies are 4-15 vs Nevada but have lost 4 straight & 6 straight in Logan. Last time here USt had a 28-24 4Q lead but after a UN TD went 3&out & UN controlled the last 5:26.

The Aggies won the 1st 2 in this series but have lost the 4 since in WAC play. LY USt outgained LT 368-345 & had a 38-35 4Q lead but allowed Tech the last 10 pts.

USt has lost 5 of 6 in series & are 0-8-1 L/9 in Fresno. LY the Aggies took a 28-27 lead w/:38 left but after a 27 yd KR & 4 passes FSU kicked a 58 yd FG as time expired.

USt leads this series 5-4 but has lost 3 of the L/4. In LY's 30-14 win the Aggies blocked 2 FG's, recovered a fumble inside the UH 5 & forced & recovered a fumble on a KO.

Utah St is 1-11S/'86 in this series with their lone win at home in '05 (1st WAC win). Six of the L/8 have been decided by 7 or less. New OC Baldwin was SJSt HC from '97-'00.

The Aggies are 4-11 in this series and have lost 8 straight with the last 3 by a 50-8 average. LY USU trailed only 28-14 but imploded with 6 TO's and 13 penalties.

The Aggies lead this series 17-16-2 with B2B wins. LY USt had a 580-271 yd edge but led only 17-14 late 3Q before scoring 28 pts in the last 15:34 for a 42-17 final.

GARY ANDERSEN (Career 0–0) (FCS 4–7)
1st Year at Utah St
Andersen's Bowl Record: 0-0

Andersen's records AT UTAH ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

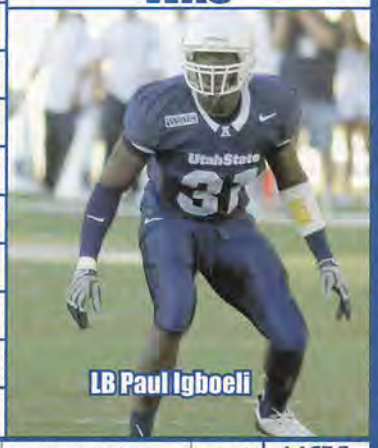
2008 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (21,24,3)
Lost: 14 (5,9,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,736 (#117)

WAC



LB Paul Igboeli

STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (25,513) (#111)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sprinturf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	4-7	3-9	3-8	3-8	1-11	2-10	3-9	28-75
Home	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-3	1-4	0-4	3-3	20-24
Away	2-4	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-6	1-5	0-7	2-6	0-6	8-51
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-1	0-0	0-0	3-4	2-5	2-6	1-7	2-6	3-5	17-34
vs Non-Conf	1-5	4-7	4-7	0-5	1-3	1-2	0-4	0-4	0-4	11-41
ATS	4-5	3-6	4-6	6-6	2-9	7-4	3-9	7-5	8-4	44-54
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	7-5
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-1	2-2	1-4	1-2	3-1	13-14
Away Favorite	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-5
Away Dog	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	1-6	3-1	2-5	6-2	3-3	22-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-1	0-0	0-0	4-3	1-6	4-4	2-6	5-3	6-2	26-25
vs Non-Conf	0-4	3-6	4-6	2-3	1-3	3-0	1-3	2-2	2-2	18-29
Off SU Win	3-2	1-2	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	11-12
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-4	3-2	5-3	2-6	5-3	2-8	6-4	5-4	30-36

Rick Dennehy 2000 | Brent Guy | Gary Anderson

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
46	Raisin	NL	San Jose St	0-20
60	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	13-20
61	Gotham	NL	Baylor	9-24
93	Las Vegas	NL	Ball St	42-33
97	Humanitarian	+2'	Cincinnati	19-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Utah St's All-Time Bowl Record 1–4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5	24.0	334	138	3.8	197	56.4	13.9	32	-1	2008	9	34.7	413	162	4.5	251	64.3	11.9	18
8*	20.6	278	125	3.2	153	65.1	13.5	30	+2	2007	9	33.8	450	196	4.9	254	69.3	13.3	12
6*	10.8	255	115	3.2	140	52.0	23.5	19	-6	2006	5	38.5	436	187	5.0	249	64.2	11.3	11
5	18.9	317	117	2.9	200	60.3	16.8	29	-2	2005	5	32.7	406	144	3.9	262	62.2	12.4	23
4*	16.7	290	76	2.3	214	57.2	17.3	38	-6	2004	6	30.3	395	192	4.5	203	61.9	13.0	19
4	22.0	350	108	3.5	242	54.9	15.9	34	-4	2003	7	26.3	360	167	3.6	193	54.0	13.7	22
6*	27.7	392	84	3.1	308	53.0	14.2	32	-11	2002	7	39.3	471	235	5.1	236	53.6	12.0	14

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Diondre Borel	179	855	223	632	5	3.5
Robert Turbin	106	499	14	485	8	4.6
Curtis Marsh	42	206	21	185	2	4.4
Marquis Butler	52	198	27	171	2	3.3
Ronald Scott	15	144	3	141	1	9.4
Sean Setzer	22	43	50	-7	0	-0.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Diondre Borel	242	136	56.2	1705	11	10
Sean Setzer	99	57	57.6	653	5	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Otis Nelson	37	455	12.3	4	52	
Nnamdi Gwacham	20	370	18.5	2	62	
Stanley Morrison	26	291	11.2	1	46	
Robert Turbin	20	256	12.8	2	29	
Omar Sawyer	19	246	12.9	0	33	
Doug Barbour	12	169	14.1	1	51	
Curtis Marsh	12	144	9.5	1	31	
Tarren Lloyd	9	122	13.6	1	29	
Xavier Bowman	9	101	11.2	2	20	
Marquis Butler	9	69	7.7	0	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Peter Caldwell	65	2723	41.9	7	36.8(t)	1	11
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Peter Caldwell	32-33	5-6	4-4	1-2	0-0	10-12	42
Chris Ulinski	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	56

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jake Hutton	110	0.5	7.5	1	0
Paul Igboeli	78	0	6	4	1
James Brindley	75	0	3.5	2	3
De'von Hall	72	1	1	7	1
Caleb Taylor	63	0	2	5	1
Bobby Wagner	51	0	2	2	0
Ben Calderwood	39	4.5	4	0	0
Alan Bishop	37	1	3.5	1	0
Roy Hurst	35	0	0	2	2
Kejon Murphy	30	0	1.5	2	2
Daryl Fields	30	0	0	0	0
Chris Randle	28	0	0	1	1
Antonio May	26	2.5	4.5	3	0
Darby Golden	26	2	2	3	0
Jordan Glass	26	0.5	2	1	0
Joshua Taylor	25	0	3	4	1
Marquise Charles	23	0	0	1	0
Maxim Dinka	19	0	0	0	0
Junior Keiaho	18	2.5	1	2	0
Nathan Royster	17	2	1	1	0
Casey Davis	17	1	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kejon Murphy	11	97	8.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kejon Murphy	17	412	24.2	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

USU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
18,815	at UNLV	15	37-111	3.0	18-33	203	1	21	30-132	4.4	19-32	221	1	-2
58,060	at Oregon	18	31-88	2.8	23-35	218	4	34	53-408	7.7	24-35	280	1	+2
19,061	Utah	8	25-27	1.1	9-23	89	4	30	50-248	5.0	23-32	213	1	0
10,154	Idaho	26	44-356	8.1	14-23	224	0	18	31-84	2.7	23-39	187	3	0
23,101	BYU	23	43-129	3.0	16-27	193	5	19	30-103	3.4	23-37	303	1	-2
20,318	at San Jose St	10	34-71	2.1	13-30	119	4	18	29-87	3.0	31-47	314	1	-1
13,159	at Nevada	16	37-71	1.9	19-39	262	5	22	42-284	6.8	14-28	239	0	+2
14,071	Fresno St	21	39-206	5.3	15-24	193	0	25	33-154	4.7	25-36	257	0	0
12,112	Hawaii	17	40-145	3.6	14-20	223	4	21	27-141	5.2	19-37	233	1	+1
32,171	at Boise St	15	21-44	2.1	22-41	261	1	26	36-105	2.9	32-42	458	0	-3
15,320	at Louisiana Tech	18	39-164	4.2	12-18	204	4	22	52-200	3.8	12-18	145	3	0
9,919	New Mexico St	22	47-241	5.1	18-29	169	0	12	19-(-7)	-0.4	25-37	163	6	+2
TOTALS		209	437-1653	3.8	193-342	2358	32	268	432-1939	4.5	270-420	3013	18	-1
AVERAGES		17.4	36-138	3.8	16-29	197	9.4%	22.3	36-162	4.5	23-35	251	4.3%	-0.1

2004 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Alabama	+26	17-48
–	Idaho	-10'	14-7
–	Utah - #15	+19	6-48
–	at UNLV	+13	31-21
–	at Troy	+14	21-49
–	North Texas	-2	23-31
–	at Clemson	+22'	6-35
–	at Middle Tenn	+9'	0-21
–	at ULM	+6'	25-32
–	at Arkansas St	+7	7-16
–	New Mexico St	+5'	34-25

2005 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Nicholls St	CANCELLED	
–	at Utah	+24'	7-31
–	UNLV	+3'	31-24
–	at Idaho	-2'	13-27
–	San Jose St	-5	24-17
–	at Fresno St	+33	21-53
–	Boise St	+19	21-45
–	at Alabama - #5	+34	3-35
–	Louisiana Tech	+7	17-27
–	at Hawaii	+16'	23-50
–	Nevada	+9'	24-30
–	at New Mexico St	-2'	24-21

2006 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wyoming	+13	7-38
–	at Arkansas	+28'	0-20
–	Utah	+20'	0-48
–	at BYU	+28'	0-38
–	Idaho	+3	21-41
–	Fresno St	+27	13-12
–	at San Jose St	+17	14-21
–	at Louisiana Tech	+6'	35-48
–	Hawaii	+26	10-63
–	at Nevada	+29	0-42
–	at Boise St - #13	+37'	10-49
–	New Mexico St	+6'	20-42

2007 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UNLV	+6'	16-23
–	at Wyoming	+25	18-32
–	at Oklahoma - #3	+45'	3-54
–	San Jose St	-3	20-23
–	at Utah	+21'	18-34
–	at Hawaii - #16	+39'	37-52
–	Nevada	+7	28-31
–	Louisiana Tech	+3	21-31
–	at Fresno St	+20'	27-38
–	Boise St - #19	+24'	0-52
–	at New Mexico St	+8	35-17
–	at Idaho	+2'	24-19

2008 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UNLV	+12'	17-27
–	at Oregon - #18	+35'	24-66
–	Utah - #22	+24'	10-58
–	Idaho	-4'	42-17
–	BYU - #8	+29	14-34
–	at San Jose St	+13'	7-30
–	at Nevada	+22	17-44
–	Fresno St	+15'	28-30
–	Hawaii	+6	30-14
–	at Boise St - #9	+35'	14-49
–	at Louisiana Tech	+14	38-45
–	New Mexico St	-6	47-2

HAWAII WARRIORS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Hawaii had to replace Timmy Chang who left as the only passer in NCAA history to top 17,000 yards. Colt Brennan came off the bench in the 2nd game of '05 and led the NCAA in TD passes, finishing with 4,301 yards (68%) and a 35-13 ratio. Surprisingly, the UH record for completion % in a season was just 60% (Chang) and Brennan thrashed that. Brennan was the best QB in college in 2006 throwing for an amazing 5,549 (72.6%) with a 58-12 ratio (#1 NCAA pass eff). Tyler Graunke threw for 501 (74.4%) with a 4-0 ratio. Inoke Funaki (strongest arm of the QB's) threw for 128 (50%). In 2007, Brennan threw for 4,343 (70.4%) with a 38-17 ratio. Graunke started 2 and threw for 1,234 (65.7%) and Funaki added for 136 (66.7%). Graunke was the frontrunner last year but was not on the team's 105 man roster in early Aug. Brent Rausch (PS#171JC) was named the starter but was inj in Aug. Surprisingly, Greg Alexander (PS#29JC) started vs Florida throwing 2 int while Rausch threw 1. Funaki led UH to both 4Q scores and won the starters job. In Wk 2 down 17-7, Graunke replaced Funaki and led the comeback win but in the 3Q vs Oreg St, Graunke inj'd his thumb and only played briefly thereafter (not 100%). Funaki guided the road win over Fresno (170 pass, 79 rush) as they added plays to use his mobility. He had 5 int vs Boise and Alexander took over. Alexander threw for 1,895 (62.9%) with a 14-5 ratio while Funaki threw for 1,184 (58%, 7-12 ratio). This year they lose Graunke (4 gm) and Funaki moves to RB. Not listed below are Bryce Kalau'oka'a'ea (6'1" 200 So), Steele Jantz (6'3" 205 rFr) and Bryant Moniz (6'0" 185 So). The coaches spent a lot of time on Alexander's mechanics in the offseason which should result in fewer deflected passes. With a year of experience Alexander should guide Hawaii to much improved QB stats.

QB Greg Alexander

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006, Nate Ilaoa fell 10 yards shy of being former HC June Jones' first ever 1,000 yard rusher as he had 990 (7.6) and also added 837 yards receiving (12.5). UH added in VHT Nebraska transfer Leon Wright-Jackson (PS#8DB). Surprisingly the leading rusher in '07 was Kaeloha Pilares (388, 5.7, 249 rec) with Wright-Jackson having 219 (6.6) and Daniel Libre (5'8" 185 Sr) adding 190 (8.3). Everyone ret'd last year and Libre led with just 443 (4.5) and Pilares, splitting time between RB and SB, added 300 (5.4). Wright-Jackson battled an inj and started 3 (102, 3.6). This year they only lose David Farmer (4 st, 59 yd). Not listed below are Jayson Rego (5'9" 215 Sr), Kahekili Kalalau (5'9" 220 Jr), Kimo Alo (5'11" 205 Sr), Kennedy Carlson (5'10" 230 So) and Joey Cadiz (5'7" 190 So). They move in QB Funaki and Alex Green (PS#44JC) and if Wright-Jackson can stay healthy, this unit goes from a weakness to a strength.

RECEIVERS - The Warriors use 4 WR's, rarely using a FB or TE. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters including three 1,000 yard receivers and the #4 man (859, 14.1). That was a veteran, experienced unit that had stayed together for 3 years. Walk-on Greg Salas fractured his finger vs Florida and played with a wrap but still led with 831 (14.6). Diminutive Michael Washington (5'7") was #2 with 789 (12.7). Malcolm Lane (4.45 spd) emerged and had 613 with the best ypc of the WR's (17.5). Aaron Bain had 557 (10.7) and was the Hawaii Bowl MVP (109 yd). NFL WR coach James Lofton's son Daniel (PS#48) had a hip problem (0 rec). This year they lose Washington (14 st) and Bain (12 st). Not listed below are Craig Bell (6'0" 185 Sr, PS#417JC, Rick Taylor (5'10" 175 Jr), Corey Paclebar (5'7" 175 So), Nathaniel Nasca (5'8" 165 Sr), Troy Lauduski (6'2" 165 rFr) and Jett Jasper (6'2" 195 So). This unit is vastly more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jones did an outstanding job developing the line and in his 9 years had 7 OL's drafted. In '07 the unit was my biggest concern as they had to replace 3 starters including a #2DC and a 1st Tm WAC LT. Despite their unbeaten regular season, their numbers did drop as they avg just 73 ypg rush (3.4), their lowest since 2001 and the sacks rose to 35 (5.3%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm AA. Of the 3 returning starters, Keith AhSoon started just 6. UH allowed a near NCAA record (58, ND in '07) 57 sacks (11.6%, 3rd worst % FBS) and while improving their rush ypg to 95 ypg (thanks to 133 more rush att), their ypc dropped to 3.2. This year they lose RT Kecni Steinhoff (14 st, 2Y st'r), RG Lafu Tuioti-Mariner (14 st) and AhSoon (2Y st'r). They do have 4 back with starting experience and the numbers should improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year UH had to replace 3 starters from its front wall and the lone returning starter, DT Fale Laeli (13 st '07), started just 3 (offssn knee surg). They did return DE David Veikune who was 1st Tm WAC despite just 1 start in '07 (7 sk). The inexperienced line only yielded 142 ypg rush (3.9) while the D had 36 sacks. This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC DE Veikune (14 st, 73 tkl, 9 sk, #2DC CLE), DT Joshua Leonard (12 st, 36 tkl, 2.5 sk), DT Keala Watson (11 st, 28 tkl, 2 sk), Laeli (3 st, 11 tkl), DE Francis Maka (1 st, 10 tkl, 1.5 sk) and DE CJ Allen-Jones (21 tkl, 2 sk). Not listed in the PSL below are Aaron Rink (6'3" 210 Sr), Bo Montgomery (6'2" 250 Sr), Keahi Watson (6'1" 300 Jr), Geordon Hanohano (6'1" 295 rFr), Ikaika Mahoe (5'11" 280 Jr) and Marc Moody (6'2" 230 So). They do add 3 JC's and while equal to '08 in terms of returning starters, they do not have an All-WAC DL returning, so figure to be weaker.

LINEBACKERS - This was the best LB corps in the WAC last year as the Warriors returned a pair of 1st Tm WAC LB's who were their top 2 tacklers in '07 in Solomon Elimimian and Adam Leonard. Those two finished on top again LY with Elimimian winning co-WAC Def POY. This year he departs (14 st, 121 tkl) along with Leonard (13 st, 88 tkl, 2.5 sk) and Tyson Kafentzis (7 tkl). This unit goes from a strength to a question mark and Elimimian finished as the UH career leader in tackles with 434, 9 short of the WAC record.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Hawaii had a veteran secondary in its magical '07 Sugar Bowl season and finished #28 in my pass D rankings (#60 in '06) with a 16-20 ratio. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st Tm WAC CB (plus 3 bkup). Returning starting FS Desmond Thomas had just 3 starts. DB coach Rich Miano said Ryan Mouton (4.3 spd) was the best corner they've had in 9 years. Mouton played mostly NB in '07 but lived up to the coaches billing earning 1st Tm WAC in '08. The inexperienced unit dropped to #76. This year they lose their star CB Mouton (#3DC TEN), FS Keao Monteilh (11 st, 44 tkl, 5 int), SS Erik Robinson (12 st, 51 tkl, 1 int), CB Calvin Roberts (13 st, 60 tkl, 1 int), CB Jameel Dowling (8 st, 66 tkl, 2 int), DB Guyton Galdeira (6 tkl), Thomas (39 tkl, 3 int) and Dane Porlas (6 tkl). They add Oreg St transfer Mana Silva at SS. Not listed below are Cody Walker (5'11" 185 Jr), Steve Stepter (5'9" 180 rFr), Fesootai Papalil (5'10" 205 So), Marvin Judd (5'9" 185 Jr) and Rykin Enos (5'11" 200 rFr). This unit returns zero career starts which makes them the least experienced secondary in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jones' teams had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #4 in 2001, but his final years ('05-'07) were #90, #56 and #57. That 2007 finish was surprising as K Dan Kelly hit 12 of 17 FG's (long 54) and they had 4 return TD's. Everyone ret'd in '08. Kelly added 20 lbs of muscle but saw his numbers drop to 10 of 20 (long 41). P Tim Grasso improved his net to 34.0 (from 32.0 in '07). Mouton (21.4) and Lane (26.5) were dangerous on KR but UH was last in the FBS in PR (2.0). Surprisingly those stats added up to the #116 finish. This year they lose Kelly, Grasso, Mouton, LS Jacob Ingram (#6DC NE) and PR Washington. Despite being less experienced and perhaps less talented, they can only improve.

COACHES - Jones had a storied 9 years here taking over an 0-12 team and eventually guiding UH to a BCS bowl (Sugar). HC Greg McMackin had some big shoes to fill. McMackin was the DC at TT from '00-'02 and pulled the same duties with the 49ers from '03-'05. He was the UH DC in '99 and ret'd in that role here during their Sugar Bowl season as HC McMackin went from earning $110,000 as DC to $1.1 million. His '07 defense improved from #93 to #34. McMackin was the HC at Oregon Tech ('86-'89) and twice was named Coach of the Year. Ron Lee took over as OC last year and he ran a run-and-shoot offense at St Louis HS in Honolulu that earned 14 state titles. The new DC last year was Cal Lee (Ron's brother) who was the LB coach here the last 5 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called for UH to have the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappoint going from 0-12 in '98 to 9-4, the biggest single season turnaround in NCAA history. They had a rebuilding year in 2000 (3-9) but rebounded with 4 consec winning seasons and 3 straight bowls. In 2002, UH was ranked in the Top 25 (ESPN poll) for the first time since 1992 and went 10-4 despite being -14 in turnovers. In 2003, Hawaii upset Alabama, had a 26-21 FD edge in their loss to USC, and finished 9-5. In 2005, UH had to replace the NCAA's all-time career leading passer in Chang and 26 lettermen (most in WAC). UH was much better statistically at +79.3 ypg (2nd best) but finished 4-4 in the WAC. In 2006 they had 9 starters back on offense and I called for them to have their best ppg since 2001 (40.3) which they easily topped with 46.9 ppg (#1 NCAA) and they went 11-3 including their Hawaii Bowl win over Ariz St. In 2007, I called for the Warriors to break the school record in wins as all then-8 sets of my power ratings called for them to have an undefeated season, a prediction that many argued with around the country prior to the season. I also projected UH to play in the Sugar Bowl. The previous year I projected Boise St to make a BCS Bowl and caught similar flack. Much like Boise the year before, UH gave me a couple of scares, barely getting past LT in OT and trailing SJSt 35-21 with 4:00 left. A 45 yd FG with :11 left pulled out a 28-26 win over Nevada and they trailed UW 21-0 in the 1Q needing a TD with :44 left to win. UH finished getting blown out by Georgia in the bowl 41-10. McMackin stepped into a tough situation as it was impossible to match the previous year's 12-1 record and they had road trips to Fla, Oreg St, Fresno and Boise, plus had to replace QB Brennan and his star WR's. They had just 8 returning starters (fewest in the WAC). I called for UH to be bowl eligible but mentioned they would have more losses in 2008 than they had the previous 2 years combined (4). As expected, they were blown out by Florida and after a win over Weber St, they were blown out by Oreg St 45-7. Thanks to -6 in TO's, they lost to SJSt despite an 18-11 FD edge but they benefitted from TO's the next week (+5) knocking off #22 Fresno in OT 32-29 despite being outgained 522-342. It was UH's first win over a ranked foe on the road in school history. They had a 17 pt 4Q lead vs LT (won by 10) and led NV 31-17 but needed a TD w/:20 left for the 38-31 win. UH was upset by Utah St on the road but got a key 91 yd IR TD in Las Cruces to get past NMSt (42-30). After knocking off Idaho and Wash St, UH took on Big East Champ Cincy and led 24-10 in the 4Q but lost by 5. They were waxed by ND in the bowl and finished 7-7. UH finished in a tie for 2nd in the WAC at 5-3 (-7.1 ypg, 4th best) and was -7 in TO's. UH will be much more explosive on offense but the D, with just 2 returning starters, 18 def lettermen lost and losing 11 of their top 13 tacklers, is my concern. They also have 6 trips to the mainland and need some home wins over teams like Boise, Wisc, Navy and Fresno so keeping alive their streak of 3 straight bowls will not be easy.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Alex Green 6-2 220 PS#44JC
DB	Aaron Brown 6-1 215 PS#95JC
DB	Melvin Hopkins 5-9 165 PS#130JC
RB	Chizzy Dimude 5-9 190 PS#133JC
DL	Brett Leonard 6-5 310 PS#137JC
LB	TJ Alofipo 6-4 240 PS#116
DL	David Hafoka 6-1 315 PS#171JC
DB	Lametrius Davis 6-0 190 PS#188JC
DL	Geordon Hanohano 6-1 295 PS#93 '08
LB	Chad Lopati 6-2 250 PS#130
WR	Rodney Bradley 6-0 190 PS#196JC
WR	Billy Ray Stutzmann 6-0 155 PS#123
DL	Zachary Masch 6-2 285 PS#203JC
OL	Benson Ma'afala 6-3 305 PS#169
QB	Corey Nielsen 5-11 185 PS#96
OL	Chauncy Winchester Makainai 6-4 325 PS#217
WR	Destin Stewart 6-4 200 PS#169
DL	Veni Manu 6-4 230 PS#230
QB	Cayman Schutter 6-1 180 PS#124
DB	Aulola Tonga 6-3 200 PS#252
DB	Michael Wadsworth 6-1 190 PS#301
DB	Kamalani Alo 6-2 200 PS#377
DL	Marcus Malepeai 6-2 245 PS#365
WR	Deondre Powell 5-8 160 PS#302
LB	George Daily-Lyles 5-11 220 PS#361
OL	Jordan Loeffler 6-5 280 PS#495
DB	Joey Iosefa 6-1 190 PS#532
OL	Bronson Tiwanak 6-1 315 PS#513JC '08
DL	Abraham Cavaco-Amoy 6-2 235 PS#349LB '08
QB	David Graves 6-0 190 PS#390
LB	Art Laurel 6-0 220 PS#384 '08
RB	John Lister 6-1 205 PS#613
DB	Kalani Brackenridge 5-11 165 PS#958
DL	Alema Tachibana 6-2 200 PS#408LB '08
K	St. John Lessary 6-0 190 PS#935RB
DL	Waylon Lolotai 6-3 245 PS#1562
RB	Hogan Rosehill 6-1 220 PS#1607
OL	Chad Preacher 6-0 220 PS#1788

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 12 GREG ALEXANDER SR. 6-3 230 **PS#29JC**. 7 st, 1895 pass (63%) 14-5 ratio LY. **16** Brent Rausch (6'4" 180 Jr) PS#171JC. 3 gm, 6-14 here LY. **10** Shane Austin (5'11" 200 So).

RB 23 LEON WRIGHT-JACKSON SR. 6-1 215 **PS#8**. 7 st, 321 (5.3) 2Y. Inoke Funaki (5'11" 190 Sr) PS#302. 6 st, 1448 pass 3Y. Alex Green (6'2" 220 Jr) **PS#44JC**. **26** Daniel Libre 3 st 2Y. ? '09.

WR 1 GREG SALAS JR. 6-2 200 8 gm, 3 rec rFr. 14 st, 831 (14.6) LY. 3 Rodney Bradley (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#196JC. Destin Stewart (6'4" 200 Fr) PS#169. **84** Joe Avery (6'4" 180 So).

WR 21 Kealoha Pilares Jr. 5-11 190 PS#280. 6 st RB, 688 rush (5.5), 495 rec (9.0) 2Y. **6** Dustin Blount (5'8" 160 Jr) PS#448JC. **7** Jovonte Taylor (5'9" 185 Jr). **4.2 speed**.

WR 89 MALCOLM LANE SR. 6-1 180 2 st, 390 (22.9) 2Y. 13 st, 613 (17.5) LY. Jon Medeiros (5'9" 195 Sr). 105 (10.5) 2Y. **81** Royce Pollard (6'0" 175 So). 71 (17.8) LY. **25** Matt Kiel (6'2" 190 Jr).

WR 80 Daniel Lofton Jr. 6-2 200 **PS#48. Cal trans.** Inj LY. **83** Ryan Henry (5'9" 160 Jr) PS#242JC. **87** Mike Tinoco (6'2" 200 Jr). 4.4 spd. **34** Jeremiah Ostrowski (5'9" 185 rFr).

C 55 JOHN ESTES SR. 6-3 295 14 st RG rFr. 13 st C '07. 14 st LY. **1st Tm WAC** L2Y. **56** Matagisila Lefiti (5'11" 295 So). **60** Lucas Kennard (6'1" 255 So). **LS** Chad Preacher.

RG 63 Brysen Ginlack Jr. 6-2 310 9 gm rFr. 5 st LG, 9 gm LY. **74** Raphael Ieru (6'2" 315 Sr) PS#317. 16 gm bkup 3Y. **73** Drew Uperesa (6'2" 280 rFr). **53** Levi Legay (6'3" 270 rFr).

LG 64 Ray Hisatake Sr. 6-3 315 PS#144JC. 5 gm LY. **61** Austin Hansen (6'4" 285 So). 9 gm LY. Tuiatua Tuiasosopo (6'0" 300 rFr) PS#188. Daniel Otineru (6'3" 285 Sr).

RT 50 LAUPEPA LETULI SR. 6-4 320 PS#205. 16 gm 2Y. 6 st (5LG, 1LT), 12 gm LY. Adrian Thomas (6'6" 305 Jr). Daniel Johnson (6'4" 290 Sr) PS#262. Andrew Faaumu (6'2" 340 So).

LT 77 AARON KIA SR. 6-5 290 15 gm 2Y. 11 st LY. **76** Brett Leonard is PS#137JC. IFS. **72** Clayton Laurel (6'2" 280 So). Steven Rodenhurst (6'3" 310 So). **Oregon St** trans.

K 98 Brett Symonds rFr. 5-10 145 11-18 FG, career long of 43 his last 2 years in high school. #1 K in spring. St John Lessary (6'0" 190 Fr). Invited walk-on.

DE 58 JOHN FONOTI SR. 6-2 255 10 gm, 7 tkl true. RS '06. 24 tkl, 3.5 tfl '07. 14 st, 62 tkl, 9 tfl LY. **97** Alasi Tollolo (6'3" 255 So). **44** Alema Tachibana (6'2" 200 Fr) PS#408. GS LY.

DT 95 Vaughn Meatoga So. 6-2 305 PS#226. 1 st, 10 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **99** Haku Correa (6'1" 275 rFr) PS#142. **92** Rocky Savaligaea (6'2" 330 Sr). 10 tkl 3Y. Zachary Masch is PS#203JC.

DT 96 David Hafoka Jr. 6-1 315 PS#171JC. IFS. **49** Tuika Tufaga (6'2" 285 Sr) 8 tkl. **91** Chris Leatigaga (6'4" 305 Sr) **PS#92JC**. Cameron Allen-Jones (6'2" 255 Sr) PS#297.

DE 90 Elliott Purcell Jr. 6-3 250 4 tkl 2Y. **46** Victor Clore (6'2" 250 Sr). 4 tkl 3Y. **80** Antwan Mahaley (6'4" 220 Sr) PS#273. 2 tkl, 12 gm 2Y. **98** Liko Satele (6'2" 260 So).

SLB 53 Blaze Soares Jr. 6-1 235 PS#282. 14 tkl, 3 tfl '06. 27 tkl, 6 tfl '07. Inj'd LY. Paipai Falemalu (6'3" 225 rFr) PS#105. Jake Heun (6'1" 250 Jr) PS#320JC. Art Laurel (6'0" 220 Fr).

MLB 13 BRASHTON SATELE SR. 6-1 255 PS#223. 1 st, 7 tkl 2Y. 8 st, 53 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **50** Mana Lolotai (6'0" 240 Jr) PS#191. 6 tkl 2Y. Cory Paredes (5'11" 230 So) 3 tkl. Joshua Rice (5'11" 220 Sr).

BLB 59 RJ Kiesel-Kauhane Sr. 5-11 225 9 tkl 2Y. 4 st, 22 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **40** Po'okela Ahmad (6'1" 225 Jr) 7 tkl 2Y. TJ Alofipo (6'4" 240) PS#116. **36** Villami Nauahi (6'2" 215 Sr) PS#261.

CB 18 Jeramy Bryant So. 5-10 170 PS#407JC. 2 tkl LY. Lewis Walker (5'11" 160 rFr) PS#135. Steven Christian (6'0" 170 rFr) PS#115. Richard Torres (5'7" 165 So) 7 tkl, 1 sk LY.

CB 4 Melvin Hopkins Jr. 5-9 165 PS#130JC. **33** Chris Black (5'10" 175 Sr) PS#422JC. JoPierre Davis (6'0" 210 Sr) 13 tkl, 1 int 2Y. **Susp spg?** Kawika Ornellas (5'9" 170 rFr) PS#464.

SS 43 Mana Silva Jr. 6-1 220 PS#295. **Oreg St** trans. 10 tkl, 1 pbu LY. Aaron Brown is **PS#95JC**. **37** Kenny Estes (6'0" 200 So) 1 tkl true. Michael Wadsworth is PS#301.

FS 9 Spencer Smith Jr. 5-11 200 7 tkl rFr. 12 tkl LY. **2** Lametrius Davis (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#188JC. **28** Jordan Gomes (5'10" 160 rFr) PS#476. Aulolo Tonga (6'3" 200 Fr) PS#252.

P NA Alex Dunnachie Fr. 6-2 220 Australia. **9** Spencer Smith (5'11" 200 Jr) 19 tkl L2Y. #1 P & #1 FS in spg. **37** Kenny Estes (6'0" 200 So) Safety in spring. St John Lessary (6'0" 190 Fr).

HAWAII WARRIORS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#100

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 4	C Arkansas (Fri)	A					1st meeting. Hawaii has won 3 straight home openers including the L/2 vs FCS opp's. The Bears went 10-2 LY including a 62-34 loss at Tulsa getting outgained 641-435.
Sep. 12	at Washington St	A					UH is 14-34 vs current Pac-10 tms but won 3 of 4 including LY's 24-10 win over the Cougars. UH QB Alexander threw for a career high 315 yds & was the only UH QB to top 300 yds LY.
Sep. 19	at UNLV	A					Hawaii is 12-6 vs UNLV including winning 9 of L/12. In their last trip to Vegas ('07) UH was in the 2nd of B2B road games & stayed on the mainland & had a 42-7 lead.
Sep. 26							
Sep. 30	at Louisiana Tech (Wed)	A					Hawaii leads the series 6-1 & has won 3 straight. Hawaii controlled LY's 24-14 gm as Hawaii held the Bulldogs to 43 2H yds before LT scored a garbage TD w/:19 left.
Oct. 10	Fresno St	A					Hawaii got their 3rd straight win vs Fresno & their 1st road win ever vs a ranked opp (1-11). They led 26-9 in the 2H but needed a blk'd FG with :51 to send it to OT.
Oct. 17	at Idaho	A					The Warriors have won 7 straight & lead the series 8-1. LY UH broke a 7-7 tie by going on a 42-10 run & outgaining the Vandals 356-219. UH finished with 7 sks & 7 qbh.
Oct. 24	Boise St	A					These 2 each won their last home game but Hawaii has dropped 7 of L/8 overall. LY UH only trailed 10-7 at HT before imploding with four 2H TO's leading to 17 Boise pts.
Oct. 31	at Nevada	A					The home tm has won 9 of L/10 with Hawaii winning the L/3. Hawaii got a 24 yd TD pass on 3rd down with :20 left in LY's 38-31 win despite getting outgained 481-331.
Nov. 7	Utah St (HC)	A					UH has won 3 of 4 as WAC foes but is just 4-5 all-time in this series. LY UH outgained the Aggies 374-368 in the 30-14 loss but was scoreless in three 1st & goal situations.
Nov. 14	New Mexico St	A					Hawaii has won all 5 meetings vs NMSt & has outscored the Aggies by an avg of 21 ppg. LY NMSt led 14-7 before UH went on a 28-3 run including a 91 yd IR by Ryan Mouton.
Nov. 21	at San Jose St	A					LY's loss snapped a 7 game Hawaii win steak. UH does trail 15-16-1 in the series. Hawaii had a 17-7 HT lead but had five 2H TO's & SJ kicked a GW 47 yd FG w/1:49 left.
Nov. 28	Navy	A					Hawaii defeated Navy in their only meeting 48-41 in 1999. The Warriors are 8-11-1 all-time vs the Service Academies. Their last meeting was a 59-28 home win vs Army in '03.
Dec. 5	Wisconsin	A					The Warriors are 7-14 vs current Big Ten tms including a 1-4 mark vs UW. The last being a 42-35 win vs Purdue in 2006. Hawaii is just 2-7 in reg ssn home finales vs BCS tms.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Timmy Chang 17,072 '00-'04
2. Colt Brennan 14,193 '05-'07
3. Dan Robinson 6,038 '97-'99

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Gary Allen 3,451 '78-'81
2. Michael Carter 2,528 '90-'93
3. Travis Sims 2,311 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jason Rivers 3,919 '03-'04, '06-'07
2. Davone Bess 3,610 '05-'07
3. Ryan Grice-Mullin 3,370 '04-'07

GREG McMACKIN (Career 7-7) (NAIA 24-14-1)
2nd Year at Hawaii — McMackin's Bowl Record: 0-1

McMackin's records AT HAWAII

7-7	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
5-3	Home	1-3	Vs Top 25
2-4	Away	1-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
5-3	Vs Conference	4-2	Off A Loss

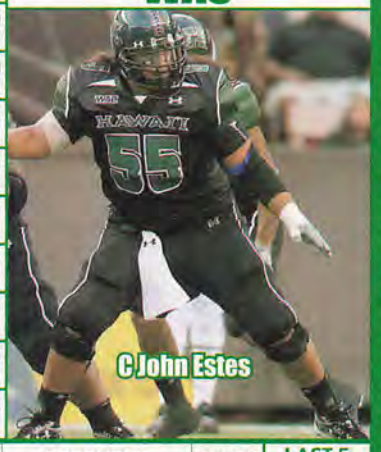
2008 RECORD: (7-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (26,24,0)
Lost: 33 (12,18,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,010 (#58)

WAC



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STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000) (#60)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	9-3	10-4	9-5	8-5	5-7	11-3	12-1	7-7	74-44
Home	3-5	7-2	7-2	7-1	8-1	3-4	8-1	7-0	5-3	55-19
Away	0-4	2-1	3-2	2-4	0-4	2-3	3-2	5-0	2-4	19-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	7-1	5-3	4-4	4-4	7-1	8-0	5-3	47-25
vs Non-Conf	1-3	4-0	3-3	4-2	4-1	1-3	4-2	4-1	2-4	27-19
ATS	7-4	7-4	6-7	4-9	7-6	7-5	9-4	4-7	7-6	58-52
Home Fav	2-0	3-3	2-5	2-3	5-2	3-0	5-3	2-3	2-2	26-21
Home Dog	3-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-1	12-7
Away Favorite	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	0-1	1-0	2-1	2-3	1-1	8-11
Away Dog	2-2	1-0	2-1	0-2	0-3	1-2	2-0	0-0	2-2	10-12
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	6-2	3-5	6-2	38-34
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	2-3	2-3	4-1	2-2	3-2	1-2	1-4	20-18
Off SU Win	2-1	6-2	4-6	2-6	4-3	2-2	6-4	4-7	4-3	34-34
Off SU Loss	5-3	1-2	2-1	2-3	3-2	5-2	2-0	0-0	3-2	23-15

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Daniel Libre	99	475	32	443	6	4.5
Kealoha Pilares	56	316	16	300	5	5.4
Inoke Funaki	74	353	138	215	1	2.9
Greg Alexander	90	345	206	139	3	1.5
Leon Wright-Jackson	28	107	5	102	1	3.6
Jayson Rego	21	97	6	91	0	4.3
David Farmer	18	60	1	59	2	3.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Greg Alexander	245	154	62.9	1895	14	5
Inoke Funaki	173	100	57.8	1184	7	12
Tyler Graunke	58	30	51.7	388	3	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Greg Salas	57	831	14.6	3	48	
Michael Washington	62	789	12.7	6	44	
Malcolm Lane	35	613	17.5	6	82	
Aaron Bain	52	557	10.7	6	33	
Kealoha Pilares	29	246	8.5	2	23	
Jon Medeiros	9	98	10.9	1	24	
Daniel Libre	15	86	5.7	0	16	
Ryan Mouton	8	71	8.9	0	18	
Royce Pollard	4	71	17.8	0	29	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tim Grasso	68	2750	40.4	12	34.0	2	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dan Kelly	41-43	2-4	6-8	2-7	0-1	10-20	41

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Solomon Elimimian	121	4	6.5	5	0
Adam Leonard	88	2.5	6.5	0	0
David Veikune	73	9	7.5	3	0
Jameel Dowling	66	1.5	1	3	2
John Fonoti	62	3.5	6	3	0
Calvin Roberts	60	0	2.5	4	1
Brashton Satele	53	1	5	0	1
Erik Robinson	51	1	4	2	1
Keao Monteilh	44	0	1.5	6	5
Ryan Mouton	43	1	5	7	1
Desmond Thomas	39	0	0	1	3
Joshua Leonard	36	2.5	5.5	2	0
Keala Watson	28	2	4	2	0
RJ Kiesel-Kauhane	22	1	1	0	0
CJ Allen-Jones	21	2	1	0	0
Spencer Smith	12	0	0	0	0
Fale Laeli	11	1	2.5	0	0
Vaughn Meatoga	10	1.5	1	0	0
Mana Silva	10	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Aaron Bain	8	41	5.1	0	
Michael Washington	19	17	0.9	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Malcolm Lane	24	635	26.5	0	
Ryan Mouton	24	514	21.4	1	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Hawaii	-10'	Houston (3OT)	54-48
04	Hawaii	-4	UAB	59-40
06	Hawaii	-7	Arizona St	41-24
07	Sugar - #10	+7'	Georgia - #4	10-41
08	Hawaii	+2	Notre Dame	21-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Hawaii's All-Time Bowl Record 5-4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
4	24.6	346	95	3.2	251	59.2	14.0	57	-7	2008	4	28.9	361	142	3.9	219	58.7	12.5	36
6*	43.4	512	73	3.4	439	69.2	11.8	35	-6	2007	8	25.5	348	134	3.5	214	57.0	13.7	38
9*	46.9	559	118	5.5	441	72.2	11.9	28	+1	2006	5	24.1	378	136	3.9	242	54.7	15.7	30
4	30.7	476	92	4.0	384	65.6	15.5	38	-3	2005	6	35.7	439	188	4.7	251	62.1	12.3	25
10*	35.9	435	96	4.7	339	58.2	12.1	17	-2	2004	3	38.4	488	253	5.4	235	55.8	12.7	29
7*	34.7	488	104	4.6	384	58.9	14.1	26	-8	2003	7	30.5	397	158	3.8	239	56.7	13.0	46
6*	35.9	496	110	5.0	386	55.7	13.8	27	-14	2002	8	27.8	395	169	4.0	226	51.1	14.2	37

2008 STATS BY GAME

UH 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
90,575	at Florida	16	24-60	2.5	21-39	181	4	20	38-255	6.7	10-17	151	1	-6
39,446	Weber St	21	34-133	3.9	20-34	305	2	14	26-(-20)	-0.8	24-40	233	3	0
45,059	at Oregon St	14	20-57	2.9	16-35	154	2	28	50-217	4.3	20-36	268	0	-3
40,571	San Jose St	18	29-131	4.5	21-36	225	6	11	39-85	2.2	14-28	152	2	-6
40,572	at Fresno St	14	33-172	5.2	17-25	170	3	24	49-318	6.5	12-24	204	1	+5
40,246	Louisiana Tech	21	40-177	4.4	14-26	224	2	24	37-191	5.2	15-38	167	1	+3
32,342	at Boise St	20	35-56	1.6	20-38	232	7	18	31-111	3.6	25-34	256	0	-3
40,225	Nevada	17	28-42	1.5	23-36	289	6	21	40-308	7.7	14-28	173	3	+1
12,112	at Utah St	21	27-141	5.2	19-37	233	1	17	40-145	3.6	14-20	223	4	-1
10,861	at New Mexico St	24	37-144	3.9	27-35	303	4	15	21-6	0.3	24-38	394	5	0
39,014	Idaho	18	28-70	2.5	17-29	286	2	16	40-49	1.2	20-33	170	7	+3
42,312	Washington St	20	34-63	1.9	19-34	315	5	14	37-120	3.2	8-17	76	5	+1
40,549	Cincinnati	16	24-45	1.9	28-42	275	5	18	33-139	4.2	16-28	183	2	+1
45,718	Notre Dame	22	19-32	1.7	28-44	326	8	23	34-65	1.9	24-28	413	2	-2
TOTALS		262	412-1323	3.2	290-490	3518	57	263	515-1989	3.9	240-409	3063	36	-7
AVERAGES		18.7	29-95	3.2	21-35	251	11.6%	18.8	37-142	3.9	17-29	219	8.8%	-0.5

2004 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida Atlantic	-21	28-35 OT
–	at Rice	-1'	29-41
–	Tulsa	-11	44-16
–	Nevada	-18'	48-26
–	at UTEP	+3'	20-51
–	San Jose St	-22	46-28
–	at Boise St - #18	+23'	3-69
–	Louisiana Tech	-3'	34-23
–	at Fresno St	+21	14-70
–	Idaho	-21	52-21
–	Northwestern	+6	49-41
–	Michigan St	+6	41-38

2005 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	USC - #1	+36	17-63
–	at Michigan St	+31'	14-42
–	at Idaho	E	24-0
–	Boise St	+10'	41-44
–	at Louisiana Tech	+3	14-46
–	New Mexico St	-20	49-28
–	at San Jose St	-6	45-38
–	Fresno St - #22	+13	13-27
–	at Nevada	+5	28-38
–	Utah St	-16'	50-23
–	Wisconsin - #24	+7	24-41
–	San Diego St	-3	49-38

2006 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Alabama	+15	17-25
–	UNLV	-13	42-13
–	at Boise St - #25	+14	34-41
–	E Illinois	NL	44-9
–	Nevada	-12	41-34
–	at Fresno St	-4	68-37
–	at New Mexico St	-20'	49-30
–	Idaho	-20'	68-10
–	at Utah St	-26	63-10
–	Louisiana Tech	-37'	61-17
–	San Jose St	-25	54-17
#25	Purdue	-18'	42-35
#24	Oregon St	-8	32-35

2007 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre #23 Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#23	Northern Colorado	NL	63-6
#20	at Louisiana Tech	-28	45-44 OT
#24	at UNLV	-17	49-14
#19	Charleston Southern	NL	66-10
#19	at Idaho	-25	48-20
#16	Utah St	-39'	52-37
#16	at San Jose St	-17	42-35 OT
#16	New Mexico St	-30	50-13
#14	Fresno St	-18	37-30
#13	at Nevada	-6	28-26
#14	Boise St - #17	-2'	39-27
#11	Washington	-13	35-28

2008 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Florida - #5	+34'	10-56
–	Weber St	-24'	36-17
–	at Oregon St	+13	7-45
–	San Jose St	-3	17-20
–	at Fresno St - #22	+21	32-29 OT
–	Louisiana Tech	-7'	24-14
–	at Boise St - #15	+23'	7-27
–	Nevada	+3'	38-31
–	at Utah St	-6	14-30
–	at New Mexico St	-3'	42-30
–	Idaho	-23'	49-17
–	Washington St	-28'	24-10
–	Cincinnati - #13	+7'	24-29

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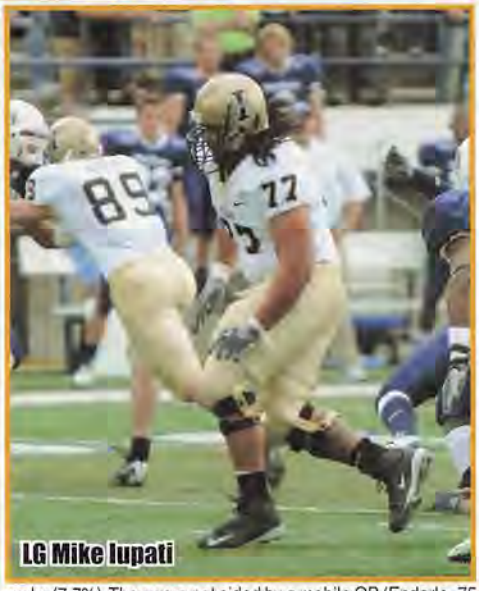
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has had some outstanding QB's with Scott Linehan, John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart, Ryan Fien and John Welsh all producing 3,000+ yard seasons (none since 2000). In 2007, Brian Nooy (PS#89) was the most experienced QB with 836 yards (50%) and a 4-8 ratio in 3 years. Surprisingly good-sized rFr Nathan Enderle (6'5" 223, PS#73) took all but one snap in the first 4 incl throwing for 423 vs NI. Enderle was injured vs Hawaii and Nooy started the next two. Idaho also worked in true frosh Quin Ashley mostly to run the ball. Enderle reclaimed his starting job but finished with just 1,787 completing a poor 44.3% (10-18 ratio). Nooy threw for 389 (50.7%) with a 3-4 ratio and Ashley had 22 pass att and 28 rush att. Enderle made significant improvements statistically in 2008 throwing for 2,077 (54.3%) and a 20-17 ratio. Ashley had just 3 pass att and 12 rush while also playing DB. Chris Joseph (PS#192) played in 6 hitting 16 of 33. Enderle has had an up and down career and in their lone win over an FBS opponent (NMSt), hit just 7 of 18 for 59. Adding depth to the unit are Andrew Dresback, Logan Bushnell (6'1" 183 rFr) and Bobby Cowan (6'4" 212 rFr). If Enderle makes as much improvement as he did last year, he could turn into one of the better QB's in the WAC.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2007 Idaho returned all of their top RB's including PS#28JC Brian Flowers who led in 2006 with 561 (4.4) and Jayson Bird who had 506 (3.7) and had been the leading rusher in 2004 with 859 (5.7). Surprisingly Deonte' Jackson took command in '07 and rushed for 1,175 (4.9) while Flowers had 434 (4.8) and Bird had 116 (4.1). Jackson did suffer through an injury plagued season and said he was worn down at season's end due to the amount of carries (240). Despite the fact that both Flowers and Bird departed last year, HC Robb Akey lightened Jackson's workload by using 3 different RB's. Jackson's carries dropped to 161 for just 696 yards. He suffered from a back injury all year and his ypc dropped to 4.3. Princeton McCarty (PS#206) was the fastest of the backs and rushed for 160 vs NMSt while finishing with 480 (6.2). True frosh Troy Vital (6'0" 207) was the powerback and rushed for 210 (3.9) including a crucial 26 yds in the 4Q vs NMSt. Corey White (PS#106) battled injuries and had just 9 rush att. This year everyone returns and they also add De'Maundray Woolridge (5'9" 220 Sr, PS#237) who rushed for 312 (6.0) in '05 at Wash St as a true frosh and had 86 vs a tough Auburn defense in less than 2Q's in 2006 (330, 4.2) before transferring here. Adding depth are Vital (10 gm), Devon Sturdivant (5'10" 206 Sr), John McKinley (6'0" 215 So), Kama Bailey (5'9" 209 So), Michael Lee (5'8" 175 rFr) and Lucas Fox (5'9" 199 rFr). This is a deep RB corps and one of the WAC's best.

RECEIVERS - The Vandals have produced upper tier receivers in 2004 (Bobby Bernal-Wood) and 2005 (DJ Smith). In 2006 the leading receiver had just 473 (17.5) and in '07 it was Max Komar with 445 (14.8). Last year the unit ret'd intact but Akey was concerned with the WR's production in August. Lee Smith missed the 1H of the year (hamstring) and true frosh Preston Davis (PS#116) started the opener and was #3 with 296 (11.0) making him, along with Komar (298, 11.5), the top WR's. The actual top receiver by far was 1st Tm WAC HB/TE Eddie Williams who had 687 (12.7). Smith finished with 166 (11.1) while Maurice Shaw (276, 12.0 in '07, 8 st) had 155 (14.1). This year they lose Williams (10 st, #7DC WAS), Smith (5 st) and TE Jim Reuber (2 rec). Not listed below are Landon Weaver (5'9" 181 So), Justin Hernandez (5'8" 203 rFr) and Augusto Sussi (5'10" 183 So). While I expect more production from the WR's the overall unit will be down a notch with the loss of their top guy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Vandals had banged up O-lines in both 2005 and 2006. In 2007 despite a coaching change and losing two starters including a 1st Tm WAC LG, they maintained better health and improved to 158 ypg (4.0) while allowing 30


LG Mike Iupati

sacks (7.7%). They were not aided by a mobile QB (Enderle -75 yds). Last year Idaho only had to replace one player (7 st) and had 9 of the top 10 back with 110 career starts (5th best FBS). Surprisingly, Akey said at the start of the year the line would be a work in progress and they'd have to find their best 5 and put them in the spots available. RFr Matt Cleveland easily won the LT job but broke his leg in August. Returning starting LG Mike Iupati missed the first 2 (shoulder) but still earned 2nd Tm WAC. It was surprising that this veteran unit had its numbers regress to 133 ypg (3.8) while allowing 36 sacks (9.5%). This year they lose 1st Tm WAC C Adam Korby (12 st, 4Y st'r), LT Billy Bates (12 st, 2Y st'r) and G Kris Anderson (12 st, 4Y st'r). They do have 5 back with starting experience including Adam Juratovac (15 st '06 & '07). Even though their returning career starts dropped to 54, they could still match or top last year's underachieving numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '07, Idaho had to replace 4 players who combined for 28 starts and 6 sacks but still trimmed the ypc rush allowed from 4.9 (in 2006) to 3.9. Akey noted that due to a shortage of linemen in '07 they were not able to play his preferred 4-3 at times and last year they had 6 of their top 8 back. Surprisingly, the Vandals yielded 210 ypg rush and their 5.6 ypc allowed was by far their worst in IA ball (14 yr). This year they lose DE Josh Shaw (12 st, 47 tkl, 3 sk), DE Taylor Rust (12 st, 33 tkl, 5 tfl) and Marcus Pedro (6 tkl, 2 tfl). While equal to last year in terms of experience, they can only improve upon last year's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Perhaps part of the reason for the Vandals' weak rush D last year was this unit was wiped out by graduation as they had to replace their #1, #2 and #5 tacklers including a #7DC as well as two backups. It appeared they would be in much better shape this year but surprisingly Jonathan Faraimo (#2 tkl'r, 10 st, 70 tkl, 4 tfl) left the team for personal reasons prior to spring and Justin Allen (#3 tkl'r, 12 st, 68 tkl, 1 int, 3 tfl) opted to transfer to Rice. They also lose Andrew Blevins (3 st, 39 tkl). Despite the losses, they are actually a little more experienced than last year and can only improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Vandals had inexperienced units in 2004 and 2005 and finished #72 and #76 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they got the super addition of JUCO CB Stanley Franks who tied for the NCAA int lead with 9. Surprisingly the Vandals only finished #77. In 2007 the two starters back were the most in four years but the Vandals slipped to #114. Hawaii QB Colt Brennan did have a career high 5 int's vs them. Last year they had to replace 2nd Tm WAC CB Franks and their starting FS. The 2007 Team MVP SS Shiloh Keo was lost after 4 starts (inj). They added Cal transfer FS Virdell Larkins (PS#36) and he started all 12 here and was the team's leading tackler. The Vandals, with one starter back, finished #115. Not listed in the PSL is Cary Jensen-Madison (6'2" 195 Jr). This year they only lose CB Breyon Williams (10 st, 40 tkl, 1 int), TJ Taylor (1 tkl) and they get the return of Keo. The Vandals should have their best finish in my pass D rankings in at least 3 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Idaho lost its all-conf K Mike Barrow to a torn ACL prior to 2006 and dropped from #79 in my ST rankings in 2005 to #101. In 2007 they brought in a new ST coach, Roderick Plummer, whose unit set five school records at Cornell. All of the key players were back and as expected, Idaho moved up to #40. Shiloh Keo set the school record with a 100 yard PR TD vs NI and finished #6 in the FBS. Last year everyone returned so it looked like one of the top units in the WAC and especially when TJ Conley stopped practicing at QB and focused on punting. Conley (bench 225 20x) led the NCAA with a 47.4 average and a 37.8 net. The unit took a hit when Keo was lost in Wk 4 (14.8 on 4 PR) and his replacement Bailey only gained 8 yards on 9 returns (0.9) but was the top KR (23.3). Tino Amancio hit 14 of 18 FG's (long 51) in '07 and 8 of 13 (long 52) including 3 of 6 from 50+ last year. Vincente Rico had 19 TB on 41 KO. This year they lose Conley, Rico and Amancio but get Keo and Bailey back on returns. Surprisingly, Idaho was just #73 but with the loss of their specialists, will find it tough to improve.

COACHES - Nick Holt unexpectedly left after 2005 to become an asst at USC. Former Vandal HC Dennis Erickson stepped in for a quick one year stint. Robb Akey, who was the DL coach at Wash St from 1999-'02 and the DC there from '03-'06, became the 3rd HC here in 3 seasons. He enters his 3rd year. Akey brought in OC Steve Axman who was the QB coach at Montana in '06 and was his boss at N Arizona in the 1990's. Axman's offenses at N Ariz finished near the top of the IAA each year and Akey thinks his team has an advantage of playing in a dome. Axman also had stops at UCLA, Wash, Minny, MD, Stanford, Ariz and Illinois. The DC is Mark Criner who was the LB/ST coach at Minny in 2006 and DC at MT, Cincy and Portland St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Idaho has had just 10 losing seasons since 1981 but unfortunately that includes this entire decade as they have suffered 9 in a row! Idaho also plays its home games in the Kibbie Dome (107-60-1 there since 1975) but they are just 12-26 in the last 8 years. Idaho's last winning conf record came in 2000 in the Big West Conference. UI was in the SBC from 2001-'04 and joined the WAC in 2005 (9-38 overall since joining). In Dennis Erickson's one year stint in 2006, they won their first 3 WAC games but after a close loss to Boise, were outscored 175-30 in their final 4. Since that 3-0 start, they are 1-20 in conf play. In Robb Akey's first year they went just 1-11 but some factors pointed towards improvement in 2008 as they were -9 in TO's and allowed 11.3 ypp on defense. While UI was 0-8 in the WAC they were "only" outgained by 95.1 ypg (2nd worst). Last year they only lost 11 lettermen and had 6 HG's. While Idaho did improve its record in 2008 to 2-10 (1-7 in WAC), they were -151.6 ypg, by far the league's worst. One of their wins was vs FCS Idaho St and only 2 of their losses came by less than 23 as they were noncompetitive in most games. Idaho did lead Utah St 17-14 in the 3Q but gave up 28 unanswered points. SDSt came in winless but had a 603-351 yd edge over the Vandals in their 45-17 win. Idaho did outgain Fresno 452-443. They ended their FBS and WAC losing streak with a 20-14 win vs NMSt but were pummeled in their final 2. Idaho is in its 3rd year under Akey. They were -14 in TO's last year (pg 312) and had an 11.0 defensive ypp (see pg 299). The Vandals do have a veteran QB (20 st), a RB who has been a 1,000 yard rusher and some solid skill players, but I'm concerned about the unexpected loss of 2 starting LB's during the spring. While they should greatly improve upon their -151.6 ypg in WAC play and be much more competitive, I will call for their 11th straight losing season.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Jordan Johnson 6-5 306 PS#182
QB	Brian Reader 6-3 220 PS#281JC
LB	Jared Heston 6-1 220 PS#209
DB	Aaron Grymes 5-11 170 PS#260
LB	Korey Toomer 6-2 225 PS#393JC
QB	Taylor Elmo 6-3 220 PS#164
WR	Justin Veltung 5-11 175 PS#293
LB	Michael Terry 6-1 225 PS#318RB
LB	Conrad Scheidt 6-0 207 PS#348
TE	Clayton Homme 6-5 200 PS#114
QB	Taylor Davis 6-3 191 PS#249
DB	Gary Walker 6-0 190 PS#499
OL	Tevita Halaholo 6-5 358 PS#798JC
TE	Michael LaGrone 6-2 215 PS#153
DL	Vince Keener 6-4 220 PS#583
K	Trey Farquhar 6-1 175 PS#74 '08
DL	Larry Dugan 6-2 279 PS#464 '08
LB	Jeffrey Bediako 6-3 228 PS#946
DB	Trey Williams 6-2 200 PS#993RB
WR	Denzell Wedgeworth 5-10 190 PS#1565
OL	Kyle Salm 6-6 273 PS#1788
DB	Tracy Carter 5-11 170 PS#1875

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 10 NATHAN ENDERLE JR. 6-5 223 PS#73. 8 st, 1787 (44%), 10-18 rFr. 12 st, 2077 (54%), 20-17 LY. **14** Brian Reader is PS#281JC. RS at **Ark** '07. Andrew Dresback (6'1" 203 So). **RB 3 DEONTE' JACKSON JR.** 5-8 191 1175 (4.9), 2nd Tm WAC rFr. 8 st, 696 (4.3) LY. Princeton McCarty (5'8" 174 So). 3 st, 480 (6.2) rFr. Corey White (5'9" 195 So). 1 st, 30 (3.3) rFr. **WR 22 MAX KOMAR SR.** 5-10 202 16 st, 758 (16.1) 2Y. 2 st, 298 (11.5) LY. **19** Dewey Hale (5'10" 194 Jr). 42 KR (21.5) true. 8 gm, 12 KR LY. **12** Quin Ashley (5'11" 199 Jr) QB/DB LY. **WR 7 PRESTON DAVIS SO.** 6-1 191 PS#116. 9 st, 12 gm, 296 (11.0) true. **15** Marsel Posey (5'10" 158 So) PS#271. 7 gm, 3 rec true. **6** Robert Hatchett (5'9" 151 rFr) PS#360. **WR 1 Eric Greenwood Jr.** 6-6 205 PS#196. 3 rec true. 4 st, 72 (9.0) LY. **2** Maurice Shaw (6'2" 188 Jr). 11 st, 431 (12.7) 2Y. **88** Daniel Hardy (6'4" 211 Jr). 7 gm, 128 (14.2) LY. **TE 89 PETER BJORVIK SR.** 6-4 245 PS#121. 10 st, 255 (15.0) '07. 8 st, 5 rec LY. **84** Kevin Small (6'3" 257 Sr) PS#53. 2 st, 2 rec LY. Kyle Steverman (6'6" 229 Jr). Patrick Mealey (6'2" 234 rFr). **C 68 Guy Reynolds rFr.** 6-3 331 PS#202. At **Ark** in '07. Med RS here LY. **69** Irvin Stevens (6'3" 274 Sr) PS#530. 3 st RG, 8 gm 3Y. **60** Kai Jensen (6'5" 265 Jr). Scout Tm L2Y. **RG 62 Adam Juratovac Sr.** 6-3 299 10 st, 12 gm as rFr. 5 st, 11 gm in '07. 12 gm last year. **61** Tevita Halaholo is PS#798JC. In for spring. **78** Bryan Wilson (6'3" 297 rFr). **LG 77 MIKE IUPATI SR.** 6-6 330 PS#316. 3 gm true. 12 st '07. 9 st (inj), **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **66** Kurt Newboles (6'7" 298 Jr). **73** Bilal Liggins (6'3" 274 rFr). From DL. +20 lb. **RT 79 BRYCE SINCLAIR SR.** 6-5 327 Scout Tm rFr. 2 st '07. 7 st, 12 gm LY. **68** Ronald Mallory (6'7" 285 rFr) PS#297. **75** Kellen Beam (6'7" 262 Jr) PS#138. Mostly Scout Tm L2Y. **LT 70 Matt Cleveland So.** 6-4 310 RS in '07. Missed '08 (leg). Great spg. **67** Tyrone Novikoff (6'7" 308). 6 st (5 RT, 1 TE), 9 games then inj as rFr. Jordan Johnson is PS#182. **K 21 Trey Farquhar Fr.** 6-1 175 PS#74. Hit 10-15 FG, long of 42, won the "Last Man Standing" & "FG Charting" competition at Nike camp HS Sr. Grayshirt last year.

DE 58 Hank Bryant So. 6-3 222 PS#395. 9 gm, 4 tkl LY. **53** Andre Ferguson (6'3" 225 So) PS#114. 5 gm rFr. **52** Derek Wieting (5'11" 238 So). 6 gm (inj), 2 tkl LY. Vince Keener. **DT 99 JONAH SATARAKA JR.** 6-2 285 PS#258. 3 st, 8 tkl rFr. 2 st, 21 tkl LY. 405 bench. **44 Faleoga Faumui** (6'0" 299 Sr). **10 st**, 41 tkl, 5 tfl here LY. **59** Isaiah Lavea (6'2" 298 rFr). **DT 93 Michael Cosgrove So.** 6-4 265 4 st, 11 gm, 19 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. **49** Fonomanu Sekona (6'2" 283 Jr) PS#451. 4 st, 16 tkl 2Y. **91** Clell Hasenbank (6'0" 278 Jr) PS#512JC. Larry Dugan. **DE 95 AARON LAVARIAS JR.** 6-3 262 PS#305. 6 st, 25 tkl rFr. 8 st, 21 tkl LY. **96** Charles Smith, Jr (6'5" 256 So) PS#174. 6 gm, 2 tkl true. **40** Henry Asuega (6'0" 274 rFr) PS#226. **SLB 34 JOJO DICKSON JR.** 6-1 215 2 st, 12 gm, 34 tkl, 4 tfl true. 4 st, 9 gm (inj), 35 tkl LY. Korey Toomer PS#393JC. Orig signed in '07. **30** Tyler Brooks (6'0" 228 So). 2 tkl, 4 gm as rFr. **MLB 42 Paul Senescall Jr.** 6-1 225 PS#109. 2 tkl, 7 gm rFr. 2 st, 10 gm, 27 tkl LY. **51** Tre'Shawn Robinson (5'11" 243 So). 1 st, 14 tkl true. **48** Justin Shearer (6'0" 188 rFr). **WLB 1 Robert Siavii So.** 6-2 195 PS#369. 4 st, 12 gm, 20 tkl as true. **54** Brad Marboe (6'3" 190 rFr) PS#269. **47** Ben Garnett (5'9" 219 rFr). Adam Shamion (6'2" 234 Jr). **CB 27 ISAAC BUTTS JR.** 6-0 175 8 gm, 9 tkl true. 11 st, 12 gm, 42 tkl, 5 pd LY. **4** Eric Hunter (5'6" 154 Jr). 1 st, 12 gm, 31 tkl 2Y. **12** Quin Ashley (5'11" 199 Jr) 2 st QB true. QB/DB LY. **CB 23 Kenneth Patten So.** 5-9 183 GS '07. 2 st, 37 tkl as "true" LY. **32** Andre Robinson (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#456. **31** Steve Brown (5'10" 168 Jr). At WR LY. **39** Tim Pring (6'0" 182 rFr). **SS 10 SHILOH KEO JR.** 5-10 214 24 st, 153 tkl 2Y. 4 st (inj), 31 tkl LY. **5** Shelton Miles (5'9" 175 So). 2 st, 9 gm (susp), 22 tkl, 3 pd as true. **20** Michael Thomas (5'10" 164 rFr). **FS 24 VIRDELL LARKINS SR.** 6-0 191 **PS#36. RS@Cal '05.** JC. 12 st, 82 tkl here LY. Jeromy Jones (6'0" 200 Sr) PS#280JC. 6 st, 52 tkl LY. **26** Brandon Artz (5'10" 187 Jr). 3 tkl LY. **P 13 Bobby Cowan rFr.** 6-4 212 PS#86. Named All-Washington three times as both P & QB, over 2,000 yds passing and 20 TD's in HS. Listed as both a P & QB in spring.

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at New Mexico St	G					
Sep. 12	at Washington	A					
Sep. 19	San Diego St	A					
Sep. 26	at Northern Illinois	A					
Oct. 3	Colorado St	A					
Oct. 10	at San Jose St	A					
Oct. 17	Hawaii	A					
Oct. 24	at Nevada	A					
Oct. 31	Louisiana Tech (HC)	A					
Nov. 7	Fresno St	A					
Nov. 14	at Boise St	A					
Nov. 21							
Nov. 28	Utah St	A					
Dec. 5							

This is one series that UI does lead winning 4 of 5 & 11 of 15. Last year's 20-14 win snapped a 17 game conf losing streak as rFr RB McCarty had a career high 161 yds (10.7).

The Vandals have lost 17 straight to the Huskies & are 0-30-1 since 1909. They played regularly prior to '73 & have met 5 times since 2000 with an avg score of 43-14.

The teams have met 3 times with Idaho going 1-2 & the HT 3-0. LY the Vandals traveled to San Diego & trailed 24-3 at HT getting outgained 603-351 in the 45-17 loss.

The visitor is just 1-4 in this series. They last met in 2007 when the Vandals trailed 35-14 at the half but mounted a comeback that came up just short (42-35).

UI is 2-3 in this series but the last gm was in '92. Coming into '09, the Vandals have hosted only 3 non-conf FBS tms since '03 going 0-3 including a 51-28 loss to West Mich LY.

Idaho is 7-12-1 in this series including losing all 4 as WAC opponents. Last time at Spartan Stadium Idaho trailed 28-6 then cut the lead to 28-20 w/5:27 left but threw 2 late int's.

Vandals are 1-8 in this series w/7 straight losses. They have only hosted UH twice losing 48-20 ('07) & 24-0 ('05). LY Idaho only gained 219 yds & had 4 TO's in a ssn ending 49-17 loss.

The Vandals have dropped 4 straight & 6 of 7 to the Wolf Pack. In their last trip to Reno Idaho only trailed 17-14 to start the 4Q & the teams combined for 4 TD's in the final 10:01.

Idaho & the home team are both 1-3 in this young series. Last time in the Kibbie Dome UI led 16-14 mid 4Q but the Bulldogs finished with 80/4pl & 72/12pl TD drives.

UI has lost 6 straight to FSU by an avg of 21 ppg & all 4 as WAC foes. Idaho won the ydg battle LY 452-443 but FSU recovered a fumble for a TD & went 90/1pl after another fumble.

In the series Idaho trails only 17-20-1 but they've lost 10 straight & have lost the last 5 in Boise by an avg score of 59-20. LY they only trailed 17-10 at HT in the 45-10 loss.

The teams have split the 4 WAC meetings but UI has dropped the L/2. Last time here the Vandals had a 428-272 yard edge & 24-15 FD edge but lost the turnover battle 4-0.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Doug Nussmeier 10,824 '90-'93
2. John Friesz 10,697 '86-'89
3. Ken Hobart 9,300 '80-'83

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joel Thomas 3,929 '93-'98
2. Sherriden May 3,748 '92-'94
3. Willis Smith 3,029 '29-'32

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kasey Dunn 3,847 '88-'91
2. Jerry Hendren 3,435 '67-'69
3. Chris Lacy 2,368 '98-'01

ROBB AKEY (Career 3-21)
3rd Year at Idaho
Akey's Bowl Record: 0-0

Akey's records AT IDAHO

3-21	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
3-9	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
0-12	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
1-15	Vs Conference	3-16	Off A Loss

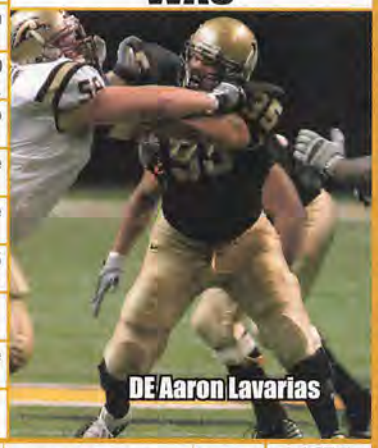
2008 RECORD: (2–10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (21,23,0)
Lost: 20 (9,7,4)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,340 (#115)

WAC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STADIUM: KIBBIE DOME (17,000) (#121)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	2-10	3-9	3-9	2-9	4-8	1-11	2-10	23-82
Home	3-1	1-3	2-3	1-4	2-1	1-3	2-3	1-5	2-4	15-27
Away	2-5	0-6	0-7	2-4	1-8	1-6	2-5	0-6	0-6	8-53
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	3-2	1-5	1-5	3-4	2-5	2-6	3-5	0-8	1-7	16-47
vs Non-Conf	2-4	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-4	0-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	7-35
ATS	3-6	3-7	6-5	5-5	4-8	5-5-1	5-6	3-8	4-7	38-57-1
Home Fav (Tom Cable 2000)	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	(Nick Hill) 0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	2-6
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-1	(Dennis Erickson) 1-2	(Robb Akey) 0-3	3-2	13-13
Away Favorite	0-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-7
Away Dog	2-3	3-1	3-2	1-1	2-7	3-3-1	2-4	3-3	1-5	20-29-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-4	3-4	3-4-1	4-4	1-7	4-4	24-38-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-4	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	14-19
Off SU Win	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-1	1-0	1-1	9-12
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-5	4-4	3-4	4-4	3-4-1	1-5	1-8	3-5	24-41-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Humanitarian		+17	Southern Miss	42-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Idaho's All-Time Bowl Record 1–0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
10*	19.6	321	133	3.8	188	52.8	16.4	36	-14	2008	4	42.8	472	210	5.6	262	66.8	11.0	10
5	21.5	350	158	4.0	192	45.2	16.3	30	-9	2007	6	36.9	418	161	3.9	257	66.2	11.3	16
8*	16.9	310	114	3.4	196	48.6	18.3	24	-1	2006	5	34.8	394	165	4.9	229	62.6	11.4	17
7*	22.1	336	78	2.5	257	56.5	15.2	34	-6	2005	7	38.1	421	183	4.8	238	59.5	11.1	19
5	20.4	340	132	3.5	208	63.3	16.7	45	-2	2004	3	39.4	429	197	5.0	232	56.4	10.9	26
6*	20.7	381	125	3.7	256	53.4	18.5	21	-5	2003	7	26.2	416	217	4.8	199	62.2	15.9	18
7	23.8	405	115	3.5	290	59.0	17.0	37	-14	2002	7	35.7	464	190	4.7	274	58.8	13.0	26

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Deonte' Jackson	161	734	38	696	3	4.3
Princeton McCarty	77	487	7	480	3	6.2
Troy Vital	54	221	11	210	1	3.9
Eddie Williams	10	114	0	114	0	11.4
Preston Davis	7	51	3	48	0	6.9
Quin Ashley	12	39	4	35	0	2.9
Chris Joseph	6	15	28	-13	0	-2.2
Nathan Enderle	76	216	238	-22	1	-0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Nathan Enderle	339	184	54.3	2077	20	17
Chris Joseph	33	16	48.5	176	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eddie Williams	54	687	12.7	6	50
Max Komar	26	298	11.5	0	44
Preston Davis	27	296	11.0	3	31
Lee Smith	15	166	11.1	2	26
Maurice Shaw	11	155	14.1	2	77
Daniel Hardy	9	128	14.2	2	81
Deonte' Jackson	16	111	6.9	0	33
Eric Greenwood	8	72	9.0	1	22
Princeton McCarty	9	60	6.7	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
TJ Conley	58	2751	47.4	9	37.8	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tino Amancio	29-29	3-3	1-2	1-2	3-6	8-13	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Virdell Larkins	82	0	2	1	2
Jonathan Faraimo	70	0.5	3.5	3	0
Justin Allen	68	1	2	1	1
Jeromy Jones	52	0	0	2	1
Josh Shaw	47	3	7	0	0
Isaac Butts	42	0	0	2	3
Faleaoga Faumui	41	2	3	1	0
Breyon Williams	40	0	2	2	1
Andrew Blevins	39	0	4	0	0
Kenneth Patten	37	0	0	2	0
JoJo Dickson	35	1	3	1	0
Taylor Rust	33	0.5	4.5	2	0
Shiloh Keo	31	0	0	0	0
Paul Senescall	27	0	0	0	0
Shelton Miles	22	0	0	2	1
Aaron Lavarias	21	0	3	0	0
Jonah Sataraka	21	0	0	0	0
Robert Siavii	20	1	3	1	0
Michael Cosgrove	19	1	2	0	0
Tre'Shawn Robinson	14	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shiloh Keo	4	59	14.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kama Bailey	41	955	23.3	0
Dewey Hale	12	248	20.7	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UI 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
47,511	at Arizona	7	25-64	2.6	10-27	48	0	27	49-265	5.4	23-31	256	0	-5
15,013	Idaho St	18	43-249	5.8	8-13	170	4	25	20-89	4.5	36-66	308	1	+3
15,003	W Michigan	27	42-121	2.9	25-39	334	5	23	25-175	7.0	23-31	241	1	-2
10,154	at Utah St	18	31-84	2.7	23-39	187	3	26	45-356	7.9	14-23	224	0	0
21,401	at San Diego St	20	40-182	4.6	16-34	169	2	23	35-158	4.5	26-40	445	0	-2
15,013	Nevada	17	28-24	0.9	22-47	292	4	27	47-264	5.6	19-24	243	0	+1
37,015	at Fresno St	26	39-215	5.5	22-39	237	0	23	38-318	8.4	14-23	125	2	-1
12,400	at Louisiana Tech	13	19-15	0.8	22-40	224	5	30	59-364	6.2	13-22	192	1	-3
15,010	New Mexico St	16	48-271	5.6	7-18	59	1	19	26-35	1.3	37-47	324	3	+1
15,002	San Jose St	19	33-220	6.7	10-21	138	1	20	39-106	2.7	23-31	295	0	-1
17,000	Boise St	15	37-104	2.8	15-29	225	4	29	38-315	8.3	23-34	210	0	-2
39,014	at Hawaii	16	40-49	1.2	20-33	170	7	18	28-70	2.5	17-29	286	2	-3
TOTALS		212	425-1598	3.8	200-379	2253	36	290	449-2515	5.6	268-401	3149	10	-14
AVERAGES		17.7	35-133	3.8	17-32	188	9.5%	24.2	37-210	5.6	22-33	262	2.5%	-1.2

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Boise St	+31'	7-65
–	at Utah St	+10'	7-14
–	at Washington St	+25	8-49
–	at Oregon	+35	10-48
–	at E Michigan	+7	45-41
–	ULM	+1	14-16
–	Louisiana	+3'	38-25
–	at Middle Tenn	+10	14-34
–	at Troy	+24'	7-47
–	† Arkansas St	+2'	45-31
–	at North Texas	+18'	29-51
–	at Hawaii	+21	21-52

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Washington St	+29	26-38
–	at UNLV	+12	31-34
–	at Washington	+13'	6-34
–	Hawaii	E	0-24
–	Utah St	+2'	27-13
–	at Nevada	+8	14-62
–	Fresno St - #24	+29'	10-40
–	at New Mexico St	+5'	38-37 ot
–	Louisiana Tech	+9	38-41
–	at Boise St	+32'	35-70
–	at San Jose St	+8	18-26

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Michigan St	+29'	17-27
–	at Washington St	+17	10-56
–	Idaho St	NL	27-24
–	at Oregon St	+25'	0-38
–	at Utah St	-3	41-21
–	New Mexico St	-1	28-20
–	at Louisiana Tech	+3	24-14
–	Boise St - #18	+21	26-42
–	at Hawaii	+26'	10-68
–	Nevada	+10	7-45
–	at Fresno St	+11	0-34
–	San Jose St	+7	13-28

2007 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at USC - #1	+47	10-38
–	Cal Poly	NL	20-13
–	at Washington St	+24'	28-45
–	N Illinois	-3	35-42
–	Hawaii - #19	+25	20-48
–	at San Jose St	+6'	20-28
–	Fresno St	+10	24-37
–	at New Mexico St	+9	31-45
–	at Nevada	+17'	21-37
–	Louisiana Tech	+3'	16-28
–	at Boise St - #17	+34	14-58
–	Utah St	-2'	19-24

2008 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arizona	+27	0-70
–	Idaho St	NL	42-27
–	W Michigan	+8	28-51
–	at Utah St	+4'	17-42
–	at San Diego St	+11'	17-45
–	Nevada	+24	14-49
–	at Fresno St	+34'	32-45
–	at Louisiana Tech	+20'	14-46
–	New Mexico St	+12'	20-14
–	San Jose St	+16'	24-30
–	Boise St - #9	+36'	10-45
–	at Hawaii	+23'	17-49

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - NMSt ran an option offense prior to HC Hal Mumme's arrival and he did not have QB's to fit his "Air Raid" system in the first year ('05). For his system to be effective, you need to complete at least 64% and the 2 QB's who split the job completed 56.7% with a 17-21 ratio. Chase Holbrook was brought in and played in Mumme's offense at SEL in '04. Holbrook set the NCAA record for passing yards by a soph in '06 throwing for 4,619 (70%) with a 34-9 ratio. Naturally, he broke all of Cody Ledbetter's school single season passing records (1995) despite missing time in 3 (inj). Having just 9 int in '06, Holbrook threw 3 by the 1st snap of the 2Q in the opener of '07. His new backup was JJ McDermott and he got his first start vs LT and nearly led the team to victory. Holbrook started the rest of the year and threw for 3,866 (70.2%) with a 26-18 ratio while McDermott threw for 430 (61%) with a 2-4 ratio. Holbrook stayed healthier last year but unfortunately the receivers did not. He threw for 3,361 (67.6%) with a 25-14 ratio and he was already the school's all-time career leading passer after 2007. McDermott played in 4 throwing for 246 (58.8%) with an 0-2 ratio. Trevor Walls and Scott Galland (6'3" 212 So) DNP. Not listed in the PSL is Alex Carson (6'2" 225 rFr). I expect Walker signee Jeff Fleming to win the job (1,900 (60%) with 24 TD's at JC LY) with Walls pushing him in summer camp. With the new offense and zero career FBS passes, this year's QB will come nowhere near last year's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In '05 Justine Buries rushed for 779 (4.2) and was the WAC's leading returning rusher heading into '06, but he tore his ACL in Wk 2. Jeremiah Williams led with 426 (4.4). Buries returned in '07 and rushed for 581 (3.8) splitting snaps with Tonny Glynn (DB in '06) who had 6 starts and 456 (5.6) in '07. While Glynn returned, JUCO Marquell Colston (PS#259) was added to give more juice to the backfield. Brandon Perez, who is known as a solid blocker, impressed the team late in '07 rushing for 41 (6.6). Much like the rest of the team the unit was banged up last year with Colston and Glynn playing in 10. Colston led with 384 (4.7) and Glynn had 214 (3.2). Perez played in just 6 with 104 (5.2) and soph Ronald Opetaia added 85 (3.9). Not listed in the PSL below are Donavan Roberts (5'10" 200 So, PS#278), Alonzo Cliatt (5'8" 195 rFr), Brian Mead (5'8" 154 So), Ndukwe Kas-Osoka (5'10" 240 So) and J'Barrie Jones (5'11" 220 Jr). There will be much more emphasis on the run and this unit should remain healthier so I look for the rushing numbers to perhaps triple 2008's total.

RECEIVERS - In Mumme's first year, ex-QB Paul Dombrowski set a school record with 78 rec (10.2). They had to replace him in '06 and Chris Williams (the fastest player on the team) took charge with a new schl rec 92 rec for 1,415 yards (15.4) and was #1 in the NCAA for receiving ypg. Derek Dubois had 800 (15.1) and AJ Harris added 789 (11.1). Nick Cleaver set the school TE record with 50 rec (13.7) in '06. Everyone was back in '07 but Williams, who was on his way to another record breaking season, missed the final 5.5 games (inj). He still led with 772 (13.8). Harris became the school's all-time leader in receptions in '07. Last year the only losses were Dubois and Cleaver and they added JUCO Marcus Anderson, who Mumme compared to Dubois. After 4 games Anderson had 12 rec and 6 went for TD's and he finished the year #3 with 617 (12.3, 9 TD's) as a knee injury slowed him in the 2H of the year. Williams finished with 1,271 (14.8) and was also banged up late. Harris had 713 (9.1) and Wes Neiman was #4 with 254 (9.4) despite being lost after 6 (inj). This year they lose one of the most underrated WR's in college football in Williams (11 st) as well as Harris (12 st), Kenneth Buckley (21 rec, 2 st), Doug McDaniel (2 rec), Neiman (4 st) and Drew Thatcher (1 rec). Not listed below are Darrius Preston (6'1" 170 rFr) and Barry Huntley (6'0" 182 Sr). It's tough to replace 2 of NMSt's all-time leading receivers. HC Walker wants more size at this position and expect his JUCO's to see action immediately.

WR Marcus Anderson

OFFENSIVE LINE - Naturally when you go from an option attack to a pass offense, the rushing numbers will greatly decrease and that was the case in Hal Mumme's four years here. In his first season NMSt avg 78 ypg rush (2.7). In 2006, with just one OL returning, they had the-then fewest rush yards in school history with 910 (76 ypg, 2.8). With 9 of the top 10 back in 2007 NMSt improved to 92 (3.2). Last year they had to replace two starters but set school record lows (#118 FBS) avg just 55 ypg (2.1) and the sack total went from 28 in '07 to 44 (8.9%). They did lose starting LT Kyle Smith after 4 and C Richie Bolin started just 8 (inj) but still earned 2nd Tm WAC. Due to injuries they basically only had 6 OL's for the Hawaii game. This year they lose Polo Gutierrez (12 st, 3Y st'r) and C Bolin (2Y st'r). Thanks to last year's injuries, eight return with starting experience. While they must learn a new system, they will improve upon 2008's feeble numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NMSt made progress each year under Mumme as after allowing 5.0 ypc rush in 2004, they allowed 4.9 in 2005 and trimmed that to 4.5 and 4.4 the next two years. In '08 then-DC Joe Lee Dunn tried to install the 3-3-5, bringing LB's in as rush ends and while their total yds allowed dropped (379.6 ypg) they gave up a whopping 5.2 ypc rush (220 ypg rush). The sack production also dipped from 24 to just 19. This year they move back to a traditional 4-3, but some of their converted LB's could stay on at DL. Two years ago NMSt got a late addition in Rhyan Anderson (PS#8) from Miami, Fl (13 st '07) but he only started 5 LY. This year they lose Anderson (25 tkl), NT Dylan Moss (2 st, 17 tkl), DT Oren Long (12 st, 26 tkl, 2.5 tfl), DT La'Auli Fonoti (10 st, 56 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and converted LB Chris Nwoko (4 st, 30 tkl, 2.5 tfl). Despite losing their starting DT's, the unit should be improved moving back to a 4 man defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Aggies had to replace Jimmy Cottrell who led the team in tackles 4 straight years! In 2007 the group had to replace their #1 tackler again (2nd Tm WAC) as well as one other starter. Last year they lost just 1 full-time starter (2nd Tm WAC, #1 tkl'r) and 3 others who combined for 13 starts plus moved 3 LB to DL. They did get an immediate impact from JUCO's Jason Scott (9 tfl) and Nick Paden (#2 tkl'r, 7.5 tfl). The only loss this year is Brennan Baiamonte (12 st, 73 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and with the team's #2 and #3 tacklers returning, I look for improvement from this unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies ranked #95 in my pass D rankings in '06 and with just two starters back in '07, dropped to #107. Last year it appeared they only had to replace 2 starters. In the new 3-3-5 defense, the Aggies allowed a lot more rushing yards so their pass D did improve on paper. Thanks to the poor rush D the Aggies allowed 103 ypg fewer moving their pass D rank up to #53. This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC FS Derrick Richardson (11 st, 137 tkl, 1 int), CB Marvin Betts (12 st, 21 tkl, 2 int) and CB Vince Butler (1 st, 10 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Luis Eres (5'11" 170 rFr), S Baer Philipbar (5'10" 192 Jr) and Justin Adolpho (5'10" 215 rFr). Just like last year they have 2 starters returning but I think it will be tough to match last year's finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Mumme's first three years here ('05-'07) NMSt finished #53, #85 and #113. Last year they had to replace their P and top KR but surprisingly moved up to #63 despite being an injury plagued team. JUCO Marcus Anderson avg 23.7 on KR and Chris Williams 25.6 while the two combined for a 12.8 team avg on PR. Kyle Hughes hit 7 of 11 (long 44). True frosh Jordan Davenport was mentioned by Mumme as a possible contributor in '08 and had just 1 TB on 27 KO with Hughes having 5 TB on 20. Hughes took over the P duties and avg 42.7 (35.1 net). This year they lose Williams (2 ret TD's) but have everyone else back and could show continued improvement.

COACHES - DeWayne Walker was UCLA's DC the past 3 years and was the interim HC of the 2007 Las Vegas Bowl where the Bruins nearly beat #19 BYU. Walker's was the DB coach for the Washington Redskins in 2004 and 2005. His OC is Timm Rosenbach who was the QB coach at Wash St from 2003-'07 and did not coach last year. Walker will serve as his own DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When you shift from an option attack to a pure pass offense, it's usually a 3 to 4 year process. Tony Samuel ran an old school Neb wishbone and Mumme brought in his pure pass offense in 2005. As expected, the team struggled and in fact had their first winless season since 1989 at 0-12! A good portion of their points came in garbage time when they trailed big. The Aggies were outgained by a WAC worst 124.2 ypg and that team was -23 in TO's. In 2006 everything pointed to a much better season and the Aggies had 3 net close losses or could have actually had a winning year. They won their final 2 by a 92-43 margin with the biggest difference between 2005 and 2006 being their QB play. In 2007 NMSt had 17 returning starters and opened 4-4 but lost to NM despite a 30-20 FD edge. They lost QB Holbrook to injury and suffered some tough losses (led LT 21-9, missed 44 yd FG vs Nev). NMSt was 1-7 in the WAC and was -71.5 ypg (3rd worst). Everything pointed to a winning season last year. In 2007 NMSt was -15 in TO's and had poor ypp's. Mumme said the team was deeper than they'd been and he was as optimistic as he's been at any school he's coached. The Aggies had an early game cancelled (Nicholls St) and in the opener took on a Neb team that already played 2 games. NMSt got past UTEP thanks in part to UTEP's QB being inj'd in the 1Q. The next week vs NM they led 14-0 and had a 4Q lead but blew it. NMSt still beat NV on the road, 48-45, for a 3-2 start and a bowl seemed inevitable. SJSt got 90 and 43 yd IR TD's and NMSt lost 31-14 despite a 284-201 yd edge. Their O-line was decimated by injuries and they lost at Idaho 20-14 with 5 starters out. NMSt was thrashed by Boise and Hawaii. They blew some opportunities vs Fresno and vs LT they had a 523-358 yd edge but lost. Ironically Mumme was offered a contract extension prior to '08 but opted not to sign it which made letting him go much easier, especially after their embarrassing 47-2 loss to Utah St in the finale. The Aggies are in transition again as they lose QB Holbrook and must learn new schemes on both sides. They have just 10 starters back and after having a favorable road schedule in WAC play LY, travel to the 3 farthest conf opp (UH, Boise & LT). It does not look promising for NMSt to get to its first bowl game since 1960 and the Aggies will have a tough time topping LY's 3 win total.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Marcus Allen 6-0 190 PS#121JC
DL	Vincent Federico 6-4 290 PS#144JC
DL	John Finau 6-1 295 PS#191JC '08
OL	Dwayne Barton 6-4 285 PS#204JC
WR	William Bullock 6-3 205 PS#239JC
OL	Ruben Escarsega 6-4 300 PS#246JC
QB	Tanner Rust 6-2 195 PS#95
RB	Robert Clay 5-10 190 PS#172
QB	Jeff Fleming 6-4 195 PS#302JC
RB	James Hall, Jr 5-8 170 PS#242
WR	David Quiroga 6-1 205 PS#238
OL	Mike Yocius 6-4 295 PS#353
WR	Eric Hunter 5-9 180 PS#282
DB	Lorenzo Caldwell 6-1 190 PS#618JC
DL	Djuan Yates 6-2 280 PS#663JC
TE	Ronny Torres 6-4 285 PS#689JC
DL	Rex Meikel 6-3 275 PS#437
DB	Justin Smith 6-2 190 PS#636
DL	Matt Flores 6-3 235 PS#602
RB	Marquese Dunn 6-2 217 PS#611
OL	Jake Swenson 6-6 305 PS#719
WR	Joe Cordova 6-8 205 PS#1565
DB	Rueben Thomas 6-0 158 PS#1875
DB	Jonta Green 6-0 175 PS#1875

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB NA Jeff Fleming Jr. 6-4 195 PS#302JC.1900 (60%) 24 TD at JC. **11** Trevor Walls (6'5" 220 rFr) PS#252. **13** Scott Galland (6'3" 212 So). **14** Matt Parsons (6'6" 205 Jr).

RB 3 MARQUELL COLSTON SR. 5-9 205 PS#259JC.3 st, 384 (4.7) LY. **23** Tonny Glynn (5'8" 192 Sr) 9 st, 746 (4.4) 3Y. **21** Ronald Opetaia (5'9" 221 So) 85 (3.9) rFr. Seth Smith (5'8" 200 Jr).

WR 12 William Bullock Jr. 6-3 205 PS#239JC. **87** Ruben Martinez (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#224. **7** Todd Lee (5'9" 155 So) 2 st, 35 (5.8) true. **FB** Brandon Perez (5'8" 236 Sr) 3 st, 145 (5.6) 2Y.

WR 10 MARCUS ANDERSON SR. 5-8 166 PS#126JC. 6 st, 617 (12.3) LY. **5** Julius Fleming (5'8" 162 So) 166 (12.8) rFr. Sinu Shabazz (5'11" 180 Jr). Kenny Evora (6'4" 239 Jr). 2 gm 2Y.

WR NA Marcus Allen Jr. 6-0 190 PS#121JC. LaVorick Williams (6'1" 170 So) PS#215. 9 gm, 7 rec true. Trans to TT but ret'd '09. **80** Jeremy Little (6'1" 168 So) PS#178.

TE 17 Kyle Nelson Jr. 6-4 232 13 gm, 2 rec rFr. 4 st, 70 (6.4) LY. **82** Ryan Franzoy (6'4" 238 Sr) 9 gm '06. RS (inj) '07. 1 st, torn ACL LY. **85** Ronny Torres (6'4" 285 Jr) PS#689JC.

C 62 MICHAEL GRADY SO. 6-3 302 8 st (4 at C, 4 at LT), 12 gm as rFr. **61** JR Saulietis (6'3" 310 Sr). 7 gm on OL/ST's LY. **60** Derek Thompson (6'3" 290 So). 5 gm rFr.

RG 72 Sioeli Fakalata Sr. 6-3 313 2 st, 37 tkl, 3.5 sk 2Y. Med RS LY. **63** Mike Yocius (6'4" 295 Fr). Fork Union LY. IFS. Djuan Yates PS#663JC. IFS. Wallace Jennings (6'2" 277 So).

LG 67 JOSEPH PALMER SR. 6-3 308 Bkup 2Y. L/4 st, 11 gm LY. **76 Chuck Taylor** (6'3" 345 Jr) 12 st '07. **12 st LY. 66** Ruben Escarsega PS#246JC. IFS. Sunia Vaitai (6'4" 345 So).

RT 74 JOE SUDER SR. 6-5 346 PS#159JC. 2 st, 10 gm LY. **73 Patrick Blount** (6'3" 275 Jr) PS#290. 1 st '07. **8 st LY. 77** Joel Buschmann (6'3" 289 Jr). 1 st, 4 gm LY.

LT 78 Kyle Smith Jr. 6-6 312 PS#118. 10 gm true. RS '07. 4 st, 4 gm (inj) LY. **59** David Norman (6'4" 300 Sr) PS#286JC. 4 st (3 TE, 1 FB) 12 gm LY. Eddie Tautolo (6'4" 360 So).

K 96 KYLE HUGHES SO. 6-0 184 PS#88.7-11 FG, L/44, also starting P LY. **46** Jordan Davenport (6'1" 190 So) 27 KO, 1 TB true. **98** Colin Lund (5'11" 192 So) PS#90. 3 gm true.

DE 48 Pierre Fils So. 6-2 230 12 tkl true. **24** Justen Alford (6'2" 227 Sr) PS#422JC. 3 st, 32 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. Matt Flores PS#602. David Niumatalolo (6'2" 265 So) 2 st '05. Mission.

DT 52 Donte Savage So. 6-1 229 9 gm, 11 tkl, 2 sk true. **37** Ka'ua Adolpho (6'1" 233 Jr) 4 tkl 2Y. **91** JD Davis (6'3" 256 Jr) PS#329JC. RS LY. Mathew Collins (6'3" 310 rFr).

NT 90 EJ Cannon Sr. 6-0 292 JUCO. RS '07. 2 st, 1 tkl LY. John Finau PS#191. **44** Chris Romero (6'4" 276 Jr) PS#281JC. RS LY. Anthony Smith (6'1" 225 So) PS#464. 1 tkl LY.

DE 92 Vincent Federico Jr. 6-4 290 PS#144JC. RS at **New Mexico** '06, then JUCO. **94** Kawika Shook (6'3" 248 Jr). 10 gm, 11 tkl 2Y. Spencer Diaz (6'5" 206 Jr) 16 gm, 17 tkl 2Y.

WLB 9 JASON SCOTT SR. 5-10 207 PS#198JC. 12 st DE, 84 tkl LY. **45** Dawan Nolton (5'11" 212 rFr) 1 tkl, 1 gm but RS LY. **47** Boyblue Aoelua (5'10" 217 So) 6 tkl, 7 gm (inj) rFr.

MLB 51 JAMAR COTTON SR. 6-0 218 40 tkl 2Y. 4 st (inj), 38 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **51** Ross Conner (5'10" 212 Sr) 30 tkl 2Y. 2 st DE, 18 tkl LY. Jerry Jones (6'0" 182 rFr). Numi Lolohea (5'11" 233 rFr).

SLB 42 NICK PADEN SR. 6-3 235 PS#220JC. 12 st, 107 tkl, 7.5 tfl here LY. **56** Sam King (6'0" 223 Sr) PS#370. 2 tkl 2Y. 4 st DE, 13 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **50** Randy Franzoy (6'3" 221 rFr) PS#291.

CB 1 Jonte Green So. 6-0 175 JUCO. RS here LY. **8** Chris Buckner (6'0" 188 Sr) PS#307 WR. 6 st @ WR, 359 (8.2) '06/'07. 5 tkl LY. Luc Cadet (5'9" 147 So). Walk-on LY.

CB 4 DAVON HOUSE JR. 6-0 172 7 st, 37 tkl, 12 pd true. 11 st, 40 tkl, 6 pbu, 2 int LY. **29** Victor Johnson (5'11" 200 rFr) PS#183. **25** Ben Bradley (5'10" 183 So) 5 tkl (inj) LY.

SS 15 JUNIOR FASAVALU SR. 6-0 191 PS#316JC. 1 gm (inj), RS '07. 9 gm, 7 tkl LY. **2 Alphonso Powell** (5'9" 182 Jr) 8 tkl true. **11 st**, 71 tkl, 5 pd LY. Lorenzo Caldwell (6'1" 190 Jr).

FS 40 Michael Zant So. 5-10 171 Mission. 2 st, 28 tkl LY. **19** Stephon Hatchett (5'8" 170 Jr) 19 tkl LY. **6** Will Morris (6'1" 185 So) 4 tkl true. Mark Waters (5'10" 180 So) 3 tkl rFr.

P 96 KYLE HUGHES SO. 6-0 184 PS#88. RS '07 (acad) 52 punts (42.7) 35.1 net, 20 KO, 5 TB, also FG kicker LY. **46** Jordan Davenport (6'1" 190 So) 27 KO, 1 TB LY as true.

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#96

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NMSt	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Idaho	G					The Aggies are just 4-11 winning just once in the L/5 gms. LY's game was tied at HT 14-14 but despite QB Holbrook comp 79% (37-47) the Aggies were shutout in the 2H.
Sep. 12	Prairie View A&M	G					New Mexico St has won their last 6 vs FCS teams by an avg of 26 ppg. The Panthers went 9-1 last year as SWAC members but did not face a FBS team.
Sep. 19	UTEP	G					NMSt has B2B wins in the "Battle of I-10". These schools are just 45 miles apart & UTEP is the 1st FBS opponent they've beaten in B2B seasons since ULM in '02 & '03.
Sep. 26	at New Mexico	G					The Aggies have dropped 6 straight in the "Battle of I-25" & have lost 14 of 15 in Albuquerque. Last time here it was tied 27 apiece in the 4Q before NM pulled away.
Oct. 3	at San Diego St	G					NM St is 1-6-1 vs San Diego St but they haven't played since '75. They are 5-24-1 vs MWC tms excluding New Mexico. The Aggies are 1-17 away vs non-conf teams.
Oct. 10	Utah St	G					NMSt is just 1-4 vs USt & amazingly just 2-15 at home in this series. LY's 47-2 loss was the worst in the series S/'64, a 76-0 loss (lost 55-10 in '90). Last time here NMSt had 455-355 yd edge.
Oct. 17	at Louisiana Tech	A					The HT won all 7 in this series before Louisiana Tech's win LY. Last time in Ruston the Aggies led 21-9 mid-4Q but allowed a pair of TD drives in the final 6:55.
Oct. 24	Fresno St (HC)	G					The Aggies have lost all 15 meetings vs Fresno but the L/3 gms have been decided by 7 pts or less. LY's gm was tied 17-17 at the half but NMSt was held scoreless in the 2H.
Oct. 31	at Ohio St	A					This is a rare trip as the Aggies are 0-7 their L/7 gms in the ET zone S/'88 (avg loss by 34 ppg). NMSt is 0-2 vs the B10 & has lost 18 straight vs current BCS tms by avg 32 ppg.
Nov. 7							
Nov. 14	at Hawaii	A					The Aggies are 0-5 vs the Warriors dropping 3 gms in Honolulu by avg 24 ppg. LY the tms scored 6 TD's the first 21:27 & a 91yd IR turned the tide in the Warriors favor.
Nov. 21	Nevada	G					The Aggies have lost all 6 meetings at home to UN with an avg score of 39-23. Last season NMSt pulled a huge upset as both topped 500 yds with 8 lead changes.
Nov. 28	at San Jose St	A					NMSt is only 2-14 in this series but both wins came in the L/4 trips to San Jose. LY the Aggies held SJSt to 201 yds but all 3 SJSt scoring drives were 4 plays or less adding 90 & 43 yd IR for TD's.
Dec. 5	at Boise St	A					The Aggies are winless in 9 tries vs the Broncos including 0-4 at Boise with an avg score of 53-11. In B2B shutout losses, NMSt was outscored 107-0 & outgained 1,099-239.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chase Holbrook 11,846 '06-'08
2. Cody Ledbetter 7,480 '91-'95
3. Joe Pisarcik 5,770 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Dennis Manns 4,692 '95-'98
2. Ron "Po" James 3,885 '68-'71
3. James Pilot 2,971 '61-'63

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chris Williams 3,555 '05-'08
2. Lucious Davis 2,769 '92-'95
3. Duane Gregory 2,641 '94-'97

DEWAYNE WALKER (Career 0-1)

1st Year at New Mexico St (UCLA '07 (bowl) Record: 0-1

Walker's records AT NEW MEXICO ST

0-0 / 0-1	SU	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0 / 0-1	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0 / 0-1	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conf	0-0	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,20,2)
Lost: 21 (11,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,756 (#106)

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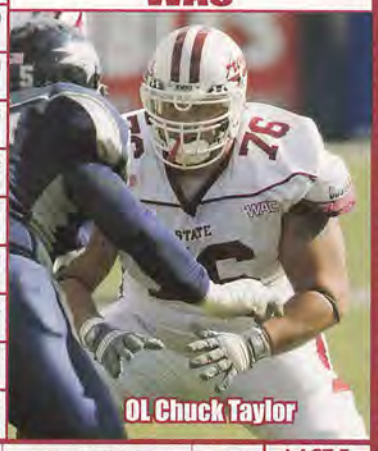
OL Chuck Taylor

STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,343) (#101)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-7	7-5	3-9	5-6	0-12	4-8	4-9	3-9	34-73
Home	2-3	2-2	5-0	2-3	4-1	0-6	3-4	4-3	1-5	23-27
Away	1-5	3-5	2-5	1-6	1-5	0-6	1-4	0-6	2-4	11-46
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-4	4-2	5-1	2-5	3-2	0-8	2-6	1-7	1-7	19-42
vs Non-Conf	2-4	1-5	2-4	1-4	2-4	0-4	2-2	3-2	2-2	15-31
ATS	6-5	5-7	3-9	6-5	6-5	2-10	7-3	4-7	4-7	43-58
Home Fav (Samuel Hey)	2-2	0-3	1-3	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-2	0-0	6-13
Home Dog (Bou Saed)	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-0	1-4	15-10
Away Favorite (Hal Mumme)	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	4-8
Away Dog (Dowayne Walker)	2-2	3-3	1-3	3-2	2-3	1-5	2-2	1-5	3-2	18-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-2	2-4	0-6	3-4	3-2	0-8	5-3	4-4	3-5	23-38
vs Non-Conf	3-3	3-3	3-3	3-1	3-3	2-2	2-0	0-3	1-2	20-20
Off SU Win	3-0	2-3	0-6	2-1	2-3	0-0	3-0	0-4	1-2	13-19
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-3	2-3	4-3	4-1	2-9	4-3	4-3	3-4	29-33

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marquell Colston	82	412	28	384	4	4.7
Tonny Glynn	66	224	10	214	0	3.2
Brandon Perez	20	115	11	104	0	5.2
Ronald Opetaia	22	85	0	85	1	3.9
Donavan Roberts	20	47	5	42	0	2.1
JJ McDermott	9	8	38	-30	0	-3.3
Chase Holbrook	81	105	301	-196	2	-2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chase Holbrook	457	309	67.6	3361	25	14
JJ McDermott	34	20	58.8	246	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Williams	86	1271	14.8	9	84
AJ Harris	78	713	9.1	3	84
Marcus Anderson	50	617	12.3	9	79
Wes Neiman	27	254	9.4	2	23
Kenneth Buckley	21	216	10.3	0	26
Julius Fleming	13	166	12.8	0	55
Marquell Colston	14	76	5.4	1	25
Tonny Glynn	7	74	10.6	0	33
Kyle Nelson	11	70	6.4	0	13
LaVorick Williams	7	52	7.4	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Hughes	52	2219	42.7	8	35.1	1	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kyle Hughes	33-33	6-8	0-0	1-3	0-0	7-11	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Derrick Richardson	137	0	2.5	2	1
Nick Paden	107	2	5.5	1	2
Jason Scott	84	2	7	3	0
Brennan Baiamonte	73	1	3.5	7	0
La'Auli Fonoti	56	4	4.5	1	0
Davon House	40	0	1	6	2
Jamar Cotton	38	3	2.5	2	0
Justen Alford	32	0	1.5	0	0
Chris Nwoko	30	1	1.5	0	0
Michael Zant	28	0	2	0	0
Oren Long	26	1	1.5	3	0
Rhyan Anderson	25	1	2	1	0
Marvin Betts	21	0	1	5	2
Stephon Hatchett	19	0	0	1	0
Ross Conner	18	1	0	0	0
Dylan Moss	17	0	1.5	0	0
Sam King	13	1	1	1	0
Pierre Fils	12	0	0	0	0
Donte Savage	11	2	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Williams	7	105	15.0	1
Marcus Anderson	7	74	10.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Anderson	22	522	23.7	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
35	Sun	NL	Hardin-Simmons	14-14
59	Sun	NL	North Texas	28-8
60	Sun - #17	NL	Utah St	20-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

New Mexico St's All-Time Bowl Record 2-0-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
	7*	22.2	356	55	2.1	301	66.9	16.1	44	-6	2008	6	34.1	380	220	5.2	159	58.7	11.1	19
	10*	24.0	424	92	3.2	332	68.9	17.6	28	-15	2007	7	36.2	430	168	4.4	262	58.5	11.9	24
	5	31.2	475	76	2.8	399	69.4	15.2	40	-10	2006	4	30.8	390	156	4.5	234	58.7	12.7	12
	8	16.5	344	78	2.7	266	56.7	20.9	45	-23	2005	6	38.8	481	217	4.9	264	62.1	12.5	9
	3*	24.8	376	131	3.6	245	61.6	15.1	26	+5	2004	9	32.3	418	221	5.0	197	63.5	13.0	13
	6*	21.8	410	212	4.3	198	61.8	18.8	30	-8	2003	7	28.4	353	153	4.1	200	55.6	12.4	21
	5	27.3	410	215	4.5	195	61.2	15.0	21	0	2002	4	27.3	361	160	4.5	201	61.9	13.2	14

2008 STATS BY GAME

NMSt 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,821	at Nebraska	19	32 - 114	3.6	19 - 39	225	3	28	44 - 330	7.5	18 - 24	223	0	-1
42,930	at UTEP	22	25 - 37	1.5	29 - 39	329	3	21	48 - 277	5.8	11 - 26	95	3	-1
30,343	New Mexico	15	18 - 48	2.7	24 - 38	382	1	23	63 - 297	4.7	7 - 16	55	1	0
11,374	Alcorn St	24	33 - 220	6.7	26 - 34	351	1	14	24 - (-13)	-0.5	20 - 39	208	6	-2
12,475	at Nevada	28	36 - 104	2.9	28 - 47	409	3	28	42 - 313	7.5	15 - 26	194	1	+2
20,607	San Jose St	17	29 - 35	1.2	28 - 45	249	6	11	37 - 151	4.1	8 - 18	50	1	-1
15,010	at Idaho	19	26 - 35	1.3	37 - 47	324	3	16	48 - 271	5.6	7 - 18	59	1	-1
15,922	Boise St	11	39 - 38	1.0	18 - 31	112	6	26	33 - 216	6.5	19 - 29	279	1	+1
10,861	Hawaii	15	21 - 6	0.3	24 - 38	394	5	24	37 - 144	3.9	27 - 35	303	4	0
36,137	at Fresno St	11	15 - (-9)	-0.6	27 - 38	192	5	20	50 - 189	3.8	14 - 20	146	1	0
17,426	Louisiana Tech	27	24 - 37	1.5	45 - 60	486	2	15	35 - 226	6.5	12 - 20	132	0	-1
9,919	at Utah St	12	19 - (-7)	-0.4	25 - 37	163	6	22	47 - 241	5.1	18 - 29	169	0	-2
TOTALS		220	317 - 658	2.1	330 - 493	3616	44	248	508 - 2642	5.2	176 - 300	1913	19	-6
AVERAGES		18.3	26 - 55	2.1	28 - 41	301	8.9%	20.7	42 - 220	5.2	15 - 25	159	6.3%	-0.5

2004 RESULTS

NMSt Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Arkansas	+21	13-63
–	at California - #12	+34'	14-41
–	Troy	+10	22-18
–	New Mexico	+6	3-38
–	at UTEP	+7'	0-45
–	Louisiana	+3	35-32
–	at North Texas	+8	26-36
–	FIU	-10	56-31
–	Middle Tenn	+3	44-10
–	at Florida Atlantic	+7	35-7
–	at Utah St	-5'	25-34

2005 RESULTS

NMSt Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	UTEP	+9'	17-34
–	at Colorado	+24	0-39
–	at New Mexico	+21'	21-38
–	California - #13	+29	13-41
–	at Louisiana Tech	+10'	14-34
–	Fresno St	+28	7-37
–	at Hawaii	+20	28-49
–	Idaho	-5'	37-38 2OT
–	at Boise St	+33'	6-56
–	Nevada	+10	24-48
–	at San Jose St	+8	10-27
–	Utah St	+2'	21-24

2006 RESULTS

NMSt Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	SE Louisiana	NL	30-15
–	New Mexico	+6'	28-34
–	Texas Southern	NL	48-14
–	at UTEP	+16'	38-44
–	at Idaho	+1	20-28
–	Boise St - #20	+26'	28-40
–	Hawaii	+20'	30-49
–	at Nevada	+17'	21-48
–	San Jose St	+6'	21-31
–	at Fresno St	+12	18-23
–	at Utah St	-6'	42-20
–	Louisiana Tech	-12'	50-23

2007 RESULTS

NMSt Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	SE Louisiana	NL	35-14
–	at New Mexico	+7	34-44
–	UTEP	-5'	29-24
–	at Auburn	+16'	20-55
–	Ark Pine-Bluff	NL	20-17
–	at Boise St	+24'	0-58
–	at Louisiana Tech	+7	21-22
–	Idaho	-9	45-31
–	at Hawaii - #16	+30	13-50
–	Nevada	+7	38-40
–	at San Jose St	+4	17-51
–	Utah St	-8	17-35
–	Fresno St	+13	23-30

2008 RESULTS

NMSt Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
–	at Nebraska	+25'	7-38
–	at UTEP	+7	34-33
–	New Mexico	+3	24-35
–	Alcorn St	NL	45-10
–	at Nevada	+19'	48-45
–	San Jose St	+1'	14-31
–	at Idaho	-12'	14-20
–	Boise St - #11	+21'	0-49
–	Hawaii	+3'	30-42
–	at Fresno St	+17	17-24
–	Louisiana Tech	+6'	31-35
–	at Utah St	+6	2-47

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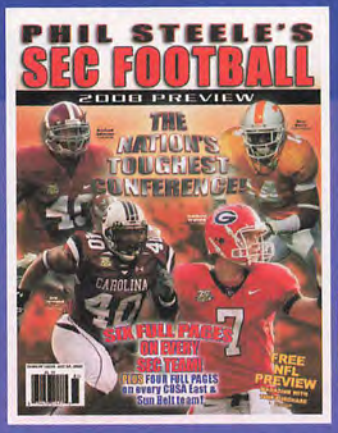
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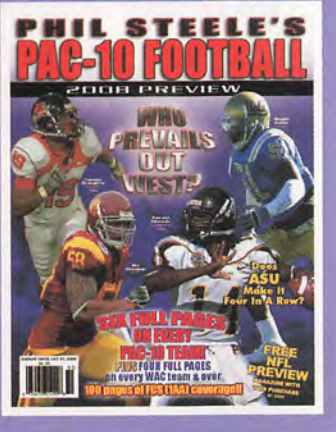
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Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
43	Notre Dame	27.0	2	340.0	1	230.0	2	4.5	2	110.0	1	78.9	1	12.6	1	5	3	1	1
49	Navy	27.5	1	336.0	2	273.0	1	5.4	1	63.0	2	25.0	3	12.2	2	1	1	1	1
119	Army	0.0	3	154.0	3	102.0	3	2.8	3	52.0	3	56.3	2	0.0	3	2	2	2	3

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33	Notre Dame	21.0	2	242.0	1	178.0	2	4.0	2	64.0	2	21.4	1	11.5	1	1	3	1	2
72	Army	34.0	3	430.0	3	368.0	3	6.5	3	62.0	1	30.0	2	12.6	2	0	2	0	3
81	Navy	13.5	1	247.0	2	166.0	1	3.8	1	81.0	3	68.6	3	18.3	3	7	1	3	1

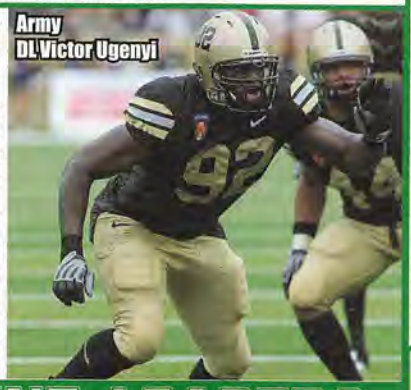
PHIL STEELE'S 2009 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. NOTRE DAME - While ND was just 7-6 last year, they blew 3 double digit leads or could easily have been 10-3. This year the Irish are much stronger and for the 2nd straight year play a manageable schedule. One of my 9 sets of power ratings actually calls for the Irish to go unbeaten and yes, that set knows that ND plays USC. The Irish go from being one of my Most Improved Teams to one of my Surprise Teams (pg 20).

2. NAVY - I thought HC Ken Niumatalolo did a great job last year getting the team to 8-5 despite just 12 returning starters. They did benefit from +15 in turnovers and had 3 net close wins. This year they have just 11 returning starters but have a top-notch defense and some playmakers on offense. The Mids play 13 games this year which means they even have a shot at topping LY's 8 win total.

3. ARMY - HC Rich Ellerson steps into a tremendous situation. Keep in mind Ellerson's Cal Poly team almost upset Wisconsin last year if not for 3 crucial missed xp's. I felt that former HC Stan Brock made the right move switching to the option LY but it didn't catch on until the 5th game and Army was 3-5 after that with 2 close losses. Last year they had just 8 ret starters and have 12 this year and the Knights were also -14 in TO's. If they catch a few breaks, Army could actually have their first winning season since 1996.

Independent Notes: With just 3 independents left and one of them being a potential Top 10 team loaded with VHT's and the other two being service academies, it is tough to do a balanced All-Independent team. Two years ago Navy ended the longest series win streak by beating ND for the 1st time in 44 years and Army tied ND for 2nd best record among the Ind's at 3-9. Notre Dame got back to #2 last year but still finished a game behind Navy in overall record. I know Army's venture into CUSA was disastrous but I still feel they would be an excellent fit for the MAC as they need a 14th team to balance its schedule. Army has now lost an amazing 7 in a row to rival Navy and I am very happy to see them move their game back one week and make it the only game being played on Dec 12th.


Army DL Victor Ugenyi

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 INDEPENDENT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team
QB	Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	Ricky Dobbs, Navy
RB	Armando Allen, Notre Dame	Robert Hughes, Notre Dame
RB	Bobby Doyle, Navy	Bryson Carl, Army
WR	Golden Tate, Notre Dame	Duval Kamara, Notre Dame
WR	Michael Floyd, Notre Dame	Damion Hunter, Army
TE	Kyle Rudolph, Notre Dame	Ali Villanueva (WR), Army
C	Dan Wenger, Notre Dame	Brady DeMell, Navy
OG	Chris Stewart, Notre Dame	Osei Asante, Navy
OG	Curtis Bass, Navy	Eric Olsen, Notre Dame
OT	Sam Young, Notre Dame	Jason Johnson, Army
OT	Jeff Battipaglia, Navy	Matt Molloy, Navy
DL	Victor Ugenyi, Army	Kapron Lewis-Moore, Notre Dame
DL	Ethan Johnson, Notre Dame	Ian Williams, Notre Dame
DL	Nate Frazier, Navy	Michael Walsh, Navy
DL	Joshua McNary, Army	Jabaree Tuani, Navy
LB	Stephen Anderson, Army	Clint Sovie, Navy
LB	Ross Pospisil, Navy	Steve Erzinger, Army
LB	Brian Smith, Notre Dame	Manti Te'o, Notre Dame
CB	Raeshon McNeil, Notre Dame	Mario Hill, Army
CB	Darrin Walls, Notre Dame	Blake Carter, Navy
S	Kyle McCarthy, Notre Dame	Harrison Smith, Notre Dame
S	Wyatt Middleton, Navy	Donovan Travis, Army
K	Brandon Walker, Notre Dame	Matthew Campbell, Army
P	Eric Maust, Notre Dame	Kyle Delahooke, Navy
KR	Armando Allen, Notre Dame	Jameson Carter, Army
PR	Golden Tate, Notre Dame	Mario Washington, Navy

2008 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG ALL GAMES 2008	2007	2006
Navy	8	5	353	286	+89.0	+4.9	+47.8
Notre Dame	7	6	321	288	+98.0	-114.7	+49.6
Army	3	9	177	284	-276.0	-147.9	-93.9

2007 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Navy	8	5	511	473
Army	3	9	203	364
Notre Dame	3	9	197	345
WKU	7	5	398	250

2006 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	10	3	403	310
Navy	9	4	367	261
Army	3	9	232	335
Temple	1	11	131	496

2008 INDEPENDENT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	35	18	1	51.4	305	8.7	3	147.2
Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	**440**	**268**	**17**	**60.9**	**3172**	**7.2**	**25**	**132.5**
Jarod Bryant, Navy	37	19	3	51.4	275	7.4	2	115.4
Carson Williams, Army	**53**	**26**	**3**	**49.1**	**273**	**5.2**	**1**	**87.2**
Chip Bowden, Army	**72**	**31**	**3**	**43.1**	**282**	**3.9**	**2**	**76.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	**13**	**54**	**-73**	**440**	**3172**	**3099**	**238.4**
Collin Mooney, Army	12	231	1339	0	0	1339	111.6
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	6	63	295	35	305	600	100.0
Ricky Dobbs, Navy	**8**	**106**	**495**	**16**	**212**	**707**	**88.4**
Shun White, Navy	13	132	1092	0	0	1092	84.0
Eric Kettani, Navy	13	190	982	0	0	982	75.5
Chip Bowden, Army	**12**	**194**	**572**	**72**	**282**	**854**	**71.2**
Jarod Bryant, Navy	13	139	481	37	275	756	58.2
Armando Allen, Notre Dame	**13**	**134**	**585**	**0**	**0**	**585**	**45.0**
Robert Hughes, Notre Dame	**12**	**112**	**382**	**0**	**0**	**382**	**31.8**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	REC/PG	REC AVG	YDS/PG
Golden Tate, Notre Dame	**13**	**58**	**1080**	**10**	**4.5**	**18.6**	**83.1**
Michael Floyd, Notre Dame	**11**	**48**	**719**	**7**	**4.4**	**15.0**	**65.4**
Tyree Barnes, Navy	13	20	400	2	1.5	20.0	30.8
David Grimes, Notre Dame	11	35	321	3	3.2	9.2	29.2
Armando Allen, Notre Dame	**13**	**50**	**355**	**2**	**3.8**	**7.1**	**27.3**
Kyle Rudolph, Notre Dame	**13**	**29**	**340**	**2**	**2.2**	**11.7**	**26.2**

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Raeshon McNeil, Notre Dame	**11**	**2**	**13**
David Bruton, Notre Dame	6	4	10
Frank Scappaticci, Army	4	3	7
Harrison Smith, Notre Dame	**7**	**0**	**7**
Stephen Anderson, Army	**6**	**0**	**6**
Mario Hill, Army	**6**	**0**	**6**
Sergio Brown, Notre Dame	**6**	**0**	**6**
Donovan Travis, Army	**4**	**2**	**6**
Ross Pospisil, Navy	**4**	**2**	**6**
Wyatt Middleton, Navy	**5**	**1**	**6**

PUNT RETURNS

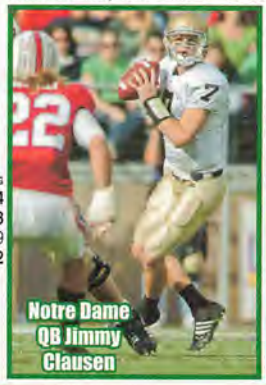
	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Armando Allen, ND	**7**	**66**	**0**	**9.4**
Golden Tate, Notre Dame	**14**	**116**	**0**	**8.3**
Carlo Sandiego, Army	10	69	0	6.9
Mario Washington, Navy	**10**	**62**	**0**	**6.2**

PUNTING

	NO	YDS	AVG
Kyle Delahooke, Navy	**42**	**1746**	**41.6**
Eric Maust, Notre Dame	**54**	**2218**	**41.1**
Andrew Rinehart, Army	60	2349	39.2

FIELD GOALS

	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Matt Harmon, Navy	22	19	86.4	49
Matthew Campbell, Army	**12**	**8**	**66.7**	**42**
Brandon Walker, Notre Dame	**24**	**14**	**58.3**	**48**


Notre Dame QB Jimmy Clausen

RUSHING YDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Collin Mooney, Army	12	231	1339	8	5.8	111.6
Shun White, Navy	13	132	1092	8	8.3	84.0
Eric Kettani, Navy	13	190	982	4	5.2	75.5
Ricky Dobbs, Navy	**8**	**106**	**495**	**8**	**4.7**	**61.9**
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	6	63	295	4	4.7	49.2
Chip Bowden, Army	**12**	**194**	**572**	**1**	**2.9**	**47.7**
Armando Allen, Notre Dame	**13**	**134**	**585**	**3**	**4.4**	**45.0**
Jarod Bryant, Navy	13	139	481	6	3.5	37.0
Robert Hughes, Notre Dame	**12**	**112**	**382**	**4**	**3.4**	**31.8**
James Aldridge, Notre Dame	**12**	**91**	**357**	**3**	**3.9**	**29.8**
Wesley McMahand, Army	12	43	339	2	7.9	28.3

SACKS

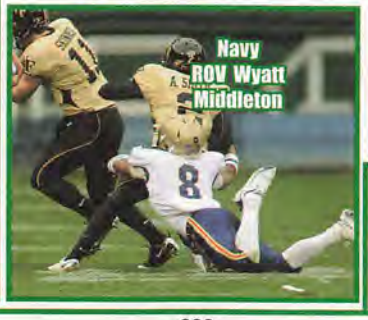
	NO	YDS
Joshua McNary, Army	**4.5**	**39**
Victor Ugenyi, Army	**4**	**30**
Matt Nechak, Navy	**4**	**28**
Ted Bentler, Army	3.5	33
Patrick Kuntz, Notre Dame	3.5	26
Harrison Smith, Notre Dame	3.5	26
Ethan Johnson, Notre Dame	3.5	17

TFL

	NO	YDS
Joshua McNary, Army	**12**	**52**
Stephen Anderson, Army	**11**	**45**
Nate Frazier, Navy	**9**	**26**
Jabaree Tuani, Navy	**9**	**25**
Matt Nechak, Navy	**8.5**	**40**
Harrison Smith, Notre Dame	8.5	39
Corey Johnson, Navy	8.5	20

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Armando Allen, Notre Dame	**21**	**543**	**1**	**25.9**
Patrick Mealy, Army	**12**	**291**	**0**	**24.3**
John Angelo, Navy	**10**	**222**	**0**	**22.2**
Jameson Carter, Army	**26**	**542**	**0**	**20.8**
Golden Tate, Notre Dame	**26**	**521**	**0**	**20.0**
Corey James, Navy	**9**	**179**	**0**	**19.9**
Shun White, Navy	6	108	0	18.0
Carlo Sandiego, Army	6	105	0	17.5
Greg Jones, Navy	**11**	**189**	**0**	**17.2**


Navy ROV Wyatt Middleton

Notre Dame LB Brian Smith

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Kyle McCarthy, Notre Dame	13	64	46	110	8.5
Stephen Anderson, Army	**10**	**52**	**30**	**82**	**8.2**
Ross Pospisil, Navy	**13**	**64**	**42**	**106**	**8.2**
Frank Scappaticci, Army	12	53	44	97	8.1
David Bruton, Notre Dame	13	61	36	97	7.5
Corey Johnson, Navy	13	49	36	85	6.5
Jeff Deliz, Navy	13	42	40	82	6.3
Joshua McNary, Army	**11**	**42**	**27**	**69**	**6.3**
Wyatt Middleton, Navy	**13**	**57**	**23**	**80**	**6.2**
Donovan Travis, Army	**11**	**34**	**30**	**64**	**5.8**
Lowell Garthwaite, Army	12	39	28	67	5.6
John Plumstead, Army	12	37	28	65	5.4
Maurice Crum, Notre Dame	13	33	32	65	5.0

Notre Dame WR Golden Tate

PHIL'S INDEPENDENT UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Notre Dame	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Navy	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2
Army	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	3

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In Brady Quinn's first year as a starting QB he threw for 1,831 (47%) with a 9-15 ratio. In his senior season, with a veteran offense, he threw for 3,426 (61.9%) with a 37-7 ratio. Quinn's backup, Evan Sharpley (PS#13), played in 8 (2 passes) in '06 and he battled true frosh Jimmy Clausen (PS#5) in 2007. Clausen underwent elbow surgery in June and was not 100% in Aug as it affected his conditioning and arm strength. After a disastrous opener which caused starter Demetrius Jones (PS#6) to transfer, Clausen became just the 8th frosh to start since 1951 when he started in Wk 2. Clausen became physically worn down and was benched for a few games. Sharpley had 2 starts and threw for 736 (55%) with a 5-3 ratio. Clausen threw for 1,254 (56.3%) with a 7-6 ratio (6-1 ratio L/3). Clausen was able to condition last year and added 18 lbs and figured to be a much improved QB. Clausen threw for 3,172 (61%) with 25 TD's but after his streak of 132 passes without an int ended vs N Car (3Q), he threw 11 int in the next 24Q's and finished with 17. Sharpley played in just 3 (5 att) and has opted to leave the team to play baseball. Backing up Clausen will be Dayne Crist (PS#5), Nate Montana (Joe's son, PS#245), Brian Castello (6'2" 191 Jr) and Matt Mulvey (6'3" 195 rFr). Clausen had a record setting bowl (22-26 401, 5 TD) which should give him the added confidence to show continued improvement as a junior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 Darius Walker led with 1,267 (5.0) while true frosh James Aldridge (PS#2) rushed for 142 (3.8) while missing 5 games. They had to replace Walker in '07 and their top 3 RB's were soph Aldridge and 2 true frosh in Armando Allen (PS#13) and Robert Hughes (PS#9). Aldridge started 5 and led with 463 (3.8) and Allen was #2 with 348 (4.0). Hughes' powerful running helped on a muddy field vs Duke (110) he then added 136 vs Stanford and finished with 294 (5.5). All 3 ret'd last year. Allen, who is one of the team's fastest (4.34), led with 585 (4.4) and also had 50 rec (7.1). He had 134 (7.9) vs Purdue and since they split carries, that was the only individual 100 yard effort by the RB's. Hughes' ypc dropped to 3.4 and he was #2 with 382. Aldridge rushed for 357 (3.9) and he was tried at FB in spring '09. True frosh Jonas Gray (PS#5) had 61 vs Wash but had a late fumble at the GL vs Navy, which kept the Mids in the game. He did not play in the last 2 reg season games but had 5 att in the bowl. Once again the top 3 return with the only loss being FB Asaph Schwapp (2 st). Also in the mix are FB Mike Narvaez (5'11" 231 Sr) and this year's true frosh including Cierre Wood (PS#4). I will call for the Irish to have their best RB production in at least 5 years.

RECEIVERS - The Irish's career reception leader was Tom Gatewood (1969-'71) and he was also the team's last 1,000 yard receiver until Weis arrived in '05. In his first 2 years, Weis produced three 1,000 yard rec. In '07 the unit had to replace 2 WR's (comb 1,924 rec yd '06) but did return TE John Carlson who had 634 (13.5) while the top returning WR was David Grimes (336, 12.9). Carlson led with just 372 (9.3) and soph Robby Parris (PS#31) added 361 (12.4). Grimes saw his numbers drop to 224 (8.3). True frosh Golden Tate (PS#27) got his first start vs UCLA and had 131 (21.8). He had moved from RB and there was a learning curve for him at WR with most of his plays being the go route. Last year they had to replace Carlson and then projected starting TE Mike Ragone (PS#2) tore his ACL and his backup, Will Yeatman (PS#33), played in just 3 (susp). True frosh Kyle Rudolph (PS#2) was basically the team's only TE until Joseph Fauria burned his RS in game 7. Tate was much more comfortable at WR and he led with 1,080 (18.6). Michael Floyd (PS#2) set 7 ND freshman reception records as a true despite missing most of the last 3 regular season games due to a knee injury. He finished with 719 (15.0). Rudolph had 340 (11.7). This year the only loss is Grimes (7 st, 321, 9.2). Everyone else is back and they add in a PS#10 and PS#13 rFr! Not listed below is TE Bobby Burger (6'3" 242 Jr). This is one of the best receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Irish OL is made up almost exclusively of VHT's but despite fielding experienced fronts from '02-'06, the best ypg rush was 157 (4.0) in 2003. In the other 4 years they avg just 3.4, 3.3, 3.6 and 3.9 ypc. In '07 they had to replace 3 starters (#3, #7 DC's) and two backups. They had three 1st time starters and the inexperienced OL struggled. They set a school record (38 in '02) by allowing an NCAA worst 58 sacks (14.9%) and only avg 75 ypg (2.1) rush. That total was 50 ypg less than any season in the last 60 years. Last year they had to replace one starter and then lost LT Paul Duncan (12 st '07) to injury. As you would expect, the numbers improved dramatically with just 22 sacks allowed (4.9%) and 110 ypg (3.3). This year they must replace LT Michael Turkovich (13 st, 2Y st'r) and OG Thomas Bemenderfer (13 gm) but have 8 of the top 10 back, plus Duncan returns to fill the open spot. This unit has gone from a weakness in '07 to a strength in 2009.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 the Irish had to replace 3 of their 4 starters including #2 and #5DC's and switched to a 3-4. The less experienced front allowed 195 ypg rush (4.3) which was the most here since 1991 while the D had just 19 sacks. DE Trevor Laws led ND in tackles with 112, the most since Steve Niehaus (113, 1975). Pat Kuntz led all FBS DL's in pbu. Last year they had to replace Laws (#2DC) and 2 others (comb 5 st). They moved to more of a 4-3 with a LB playing standup DE and the Irish improved to 134 ypg (4.1). They had only 18 sks in the reg ssn until they had 8 vs the NCAA's most porous OL (Hawaii) in the bowl. This year they lose Kuntz (13 st, 42 tkl, 1 int, 3.5 sk) and DE Justin Brown (9 st, 24 tkl). While there is one more position to fill, Kerry Neal and John Ryan combined for 14 starts at the LB/DE spot so they do have 2 starters back and add in 4 VHT rFr. I look for continued improvement from the Irish D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Irish had to replace their #2 tackler and a backup (4 st). This year they lose Maurice Crum (11 st, #3 tkl'r, 4Y st'r) and Steve Quinn (2 st, 14 tkl, 3 sk). Harrison Smith (#4 tkl'r) moves to FS so the top returnee is Brian Smith (#5 tkl'r). Surprisingly true frosh PS#1 Steve Filer played in 11 games LY but had just 1 tackle. I expect a bigger impact from this year's PS#1 LB Manti Te'o who should start immediately. They add in 3 other VHT true frosh and not listed in the 2 deep below are Sean Oxley (6'2" 220 rFr), Tom Burke (5'10" 242 Sr) and Steve Botsford (6'2" 225 Jr). Despite losing 2 starters, they actually have a little more experience and speed.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 ND had to replace 2 starters (#6 & #7 DC's) but moved up to #26 in my pass D rankings allowing just 162 ypg (52.6%), their lowest total since 1996. Last year they had to replace one starter (#3DC) and one backup (4 st). They then lost CB Darrin Walls (11 st '07, RS) and CB Terrail Lambert started just 9. The Irish slipped a little to #32 but Kyle McCarthy set a school record in tackles by a DB with 110. This year they lose FS David Bruton (13 st, 97 tkl, 4 int, #4DC DEN), CB's Lambert (9 st, 33 tkl) and John Leonis (1 tkl). Not only do six of the top 8 return but they get Walls back and add in Harrison Smith (PS#22) who had 9 starts at LB last year. Five players who have been full-time starters return and should be one of the top secondaries in the country.

SS Kyle McCarthy

SPECIAL TEAMS - Charlie Weis inherited a unit that finished #59 in my ST rankings in '04 and they moved up to #39 in '05. They dropped to #64 and #93 in '06 & '07. Weis admitted his mistake of splitting the ST coaching duties among 9 asst's noting that "it did not work." Last year they had to replace their P and top PR and almost replaced their K. Brandon Walker, who has a good leg, hit just 6 of 12 FG's in '07, and just 1 of his first 7 LY. Weis brought in intramural player David Ruffer who was impressive in practice but he missed an xp in his only action. Walker hit 13 of his final 17 FG's (long 48) with 2 misses from 49+. New P Eric Maust had 21 punts (42.1) in '07 and avg 41.1 in '08 (35.1 net). Ryan Burkhart had only 1 TB on 62 KO but ND led the FBS in KR defense. The return game, despite some explosive players, was avg but they were +2 in the TD/Blk and finished #30. This year everyone returns including star gunner Mike Anello (23 tkl on ST).

COACHES - Charlie Weis has 3 Super Bowl rings as the NE Patriots OC and is a 1978 ND grad. He took over as head man in 2005 and guided the team to a pair of BCS bowls in his first two years. Weis has come under a lot of fire the last two seasons (10-15) barely holding on to his job after '08. Last year's OC Mike Haywood moved on to be the HC at Miami (OH). Weis will be the OC which he did after resuming the play calling duties late last year, he also handled them his first 3 years. Co-DC Corwin Brown will enter his 3rd year but last year Jon Tenuta was added as a Co-DC and will call the def signals this year. He has been the DC at GTech ('02-'07), NC ('01) and Ohio St ('00).

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a 5-7 season in 2003, I called the Irish the 7th most improved team in the country and they became yet another squad that got to a bowl after a losing season. When Ty Willingham took over in 2002, he converted the team from an option-style rush attack to a pro-style pass attack and that is usually a 3-to-4 year process. In 2005 Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation as it was the 4th year after the change of offense and the team possessed a pro-style QB, pro-style WR's and an OL that was used to pass blocking. He also inherited 10 ret starters on offense and they rolled up 36.7 ppg. They upended #3 Mich on the road, which was the highest ranked team that ND had beaten since 1993 and later earned a BCS bowl berth but were outgained by Ohio St 617-348 in their 8th straight bowl loss. Weis was named the FWAA Coach of the Year. In 2006 they had 16 ret starters and the Irish opened at #2 in the AP poll. They became the first team since USA Today took over the coaches poll ('91) to start one year unranked and to be ranked in the Top 3 the next year. The Irish rolled to a 10-1 record (#6) but lost to #3 USC by 20 then were thrashed in the bowl by 27 vs LSU. They also had a 26 pt home loss to Mich. 2007 looked like a rebuilding year but Weis refused to use those words. The Irish went from a veteran unit to one with just 9 returning starters and a true frosh QB. It ended up being a record breaking year for all of the wrong reasons. They were basically non-competitive as they opened the season 0-5 with all of the losses coming by double digits. They finished 3-9 but did, however, win their last 2 gms for the 1st time since '92. Nine true frosh started at some point. It was their 4th losing season since 1999 and 13th in school history. Last year the Irish were my #1 Most Improved Team and as you would expect, went from a losing season to a bowl. They also could have had a much better record than 7-6. Three times during the year the Irish blew a double digit lead. They led UNC 17-6 in the 2Q but imploded with 4 TO's in the 2H. They were in control vs Pitt with a 240-71 yd edge and led 17-3 at half but lost in 4OT. The most unforgiveable loss came vs Syr where they led 23-10 in the 4Q but let the worst team in the Big East come back. They did not get their first FD until the end of the 3Q vs USC in the 38-3 rout. ND ended the season on a high note, picking up their first bowl win since the 1993 Cotton Bowl. ND's 15 losses the last 2 years are the most in school history and Weis' overall record of 29-21 is actually a weaker percentage than Ty Willingham's and Bob Davie's when they were fired. This year ND has 15 ret starters including 3rd year starting QB Jimmy Clausen. The Irish did have 38 starts lost to injury which is the 15th most in the FBS. This year the Irish make my Surprise Teams list as a Darkhorse Nat'l Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 JIMMY CLAUSEN JR. 6-3 217 **PS#5.** 9 st, 1254 (56%), 7-6 ratio. 13 st, 3172 (61%), 25-17 ratio. **10** Dayne Crist (6'4" 233 rFr) **PS#5. 16** Nate Montana (6'4" 200 rFr).

HB 5 ARMANDO ALLEN JR. 5-10 195 **PS#13.** 933 (4.2) 2Y. **33** Robert Hughes (5'11" 237 Jr) **PS#9.** 676 (4.1) 2Y. James Aldridge (6'0" 225 Sr) **PS#2.** 962 (3.9) 3Y. Jonas Gray (5'10" 230 So) **PS#5.**

WR 18 Duval Kamara Jr. 6-5 219 **PS#8.** 5 st, 357 (11.2) true. 10 st, 206 (10.3) LY. Robby Parris (6'3" 210 Sr) **PS#31.** 418 (10.7) 3Y. **FB** Steve Paskorz (6'2" 235 So) **PS#30.** 10 gm rFr.

WR 3 MICHAEL FLOYD SO. 6-3 215 **PS#2.** 10 st, 719 (15.0) true. **81** John Goodman (6'3" 197 rFr) **PS#10.** Deion Walker (6'2" 188 rFr) **PS#13.** Barry Gallup (5'11" 200 Jr) **PS#16.**

WR 23 GOLDEN TATE JR. 5-11 195 **PS#27.** 2 st, 131 (21.8) true. 8 st, 1080 (18.6) LY. Shaquelle Evans is **PS#9. 19** George West (5'8" 196 Sr) **PS#42.** 7 st, 192 (8.0) 3Y.

TE 9 KYLE RUDOLPH SO. 6-6 258 **PS#2.** 13 st, 340 (11.7). **1stTm Frosh AA** true. **83** Mike Ragone (6'5" 251 So) **PS#2.** 1 rec true. ACL & RS LY. Joseph Fauria (6'7" 245 So) **PS#10.**

C 51 DAN WENGER JR. 6-4 302 **PS#24.** 5 st rFr, 154:35 min ply'd. 13 st, 354:12 LY. Braxton Cave (6'3" 310 rFr) **PS#39.** 1 gm, 4:33. **LS** Jordan Cowart is PS#326. Bill Flavin (6'3" 252 Jr).

RG 59 CHRIS STEWART JR. 6-5 337 **PS#14.** 6 gm, 46:44 rFr. 10 st (inj). 219:00 LY. **78** Trevor Robinson (6'5" 301 So) **PS#13.** 3 st, 11 gm, 174:44 true. Mike Golic Jr (6'3" 280 rFr) **PS#38.**

LG 55 ERIC OLSEN SR. 6-4 303 **PS#28.** 8 gm, 20:45 true. 6 st, 171:45 '07. 13 st, 328:12 LY. **76** Andrew Nuss (6'5" 304 So) **PS#58.** 2 gm, 9:17 rFr. Mike Hernandez (6'2" 275 rFr).

RT 74 SAM YOUNG SR. 6-8 330 **PS#1.** 13 st, 292:17 true. 12 st, 310:08 '07. 13 st, 353:20 LY. Lane Clelland (6'5" 281 rFr) **PS#19.** Taylor Dever (6'5" 308 So) PS#149. 12 gm, 12:52 LY.

LT 72 Paul Duncan Sr. 6-7 308 **PS#53.** 18 gm, 107:54 2Y. 12 st, 301:44 '07. RS inj LY. **77** Matt Romine (6'5" 292 So) **PS#18.** 5 gm, 17:03 rFr. Dennis Mahoney (6'6" 290 rFr).

K 14 BRANDON WALKER JR. 6-3 202 **PS#5.** 6-12 FG, L/48, 13 KO (56.4) true. 14-24 FG, L/48 LY. Nick Tausch **PS#6. 48** David Ruffer (6'1" 180 So). **36** Joe Bizjak (6'2" 165 Sr).

DE 89 Kapron Lewis-Moore rFr. 6-4 265 **PS#40. 53** Morrice Richardson (6'2" 255 Sr) **PS#20.** 9 gm true. 7 tkl '07. 11 tkl LY. **98** Sean Cwynar (6'4" 282 rFr) **PS#13.** Martin Quintana (6'1" 250 Sr).

NG 95 IAN WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 310 **PS#45.** 2 st, 45 tkl, 1.5 true. 7 st, 40 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **79** Hafis Williams (6'1" 295 rFr) **PS#33.** Big spg. **99** Brandon Newman (6'1" 310 rFr) **PS#46.**

DT 9 Ethan Johnson So. 6-4 275 **PS#11.** 4 st, 18 tkl, 5 tfl true. **91** Emeka Nwankwo (6'4" 295 So) **PS#27.** 2 tkl, 7 gm rFr. **93** Paddy Mullen (6'3" 300 Jr) **PS#12.** 1 tkl, 3 gm 2Y.

DE 56 KERRY NEAL JR. 6-2 246 **PS#38.** 5 st, 20 tkl true. 9 st, 25 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **90** John Ryan (6'5" 264 Sr) PS#67. 10 st, 43 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 7 tkl LY. **97** Kallen Wade (6'5" 255 Jr) **PS#33.** 2 gm 2Y.

SLB NA Manti Te'o Fr. 6-2 225 **PS#1.** Expected to start immediately. **45** Darius Fleming (6'1" 236 So) **PS#26.** 3 st, 24 tkl true. **41** Scott Smith (6'3" 235 Sr) PS#69. 33 tkl 3Y.

MLB 56 BRIAN SMITH JR. 6-3 245 **PS#34.** 3 st, 25 tkl true. 9 st, 11 gm (inj) 54 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **49** Toryan Smith (6'1" 244 Sr) **PS#22.** 4 st, 41 tkl 3Y. Carlo Calabrese is **PS#27.**

WLB 46 Steve Filer So. 6-3 236 **PS#1.** 11 gm, 1 tkl as true. 4.5 speed. **36** David Posluszny (6'0" 220 rFr) PS#82. 4.62 speed. **54** Anthony McDonald (6'1" 225 rFr) **PS#14.**

CB 2 Darrin Walls Jr. 6-0 190 **PS#5.** 2 st, 4 tkl, 8 gm true. 11 st, 32 tkl '07. RS LY. **26** Jamoris Slaughter (6'0" 182 rFr) **PS#35.** Gary Gray (5'11" 188 So) **PS#12.** 9 gm, 15 tkl rFr. ? spg.

CB 8 RAESHON McNEIL SR. 6-0 190 **PS#16.** 1 st, 13 tkl, 3 pbu 2Y. 13 st, 41 tkl, 13 pd LY. **12** Robert Blanton (6'1" 180 So) **PS#22.** 3 st, 33 tkl, 5 pd true. Mike Anello (5'10" 170 Sr) 29 tkl 2Y.

SS 28 KYLE McCARTHY SR. 6-0 203 1 st, 29 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 110 tkl LY. **31** Sergio Brown (6'2" 205 Sr) **PS#31.** 11 tkl 2Y. 6 st, 28 tkl, 6 pd LY. **6** Ray Herring (5'10" 198 Sr) PS#61. 1 st, 43 tkl 4Y.

FS 22 HARRISON SMITH SO. 6-2 212 **PS#22.** 9 st, 57 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 7 pbu rFr. **15** Dan McCarthy (6'2" 200 rFr) **PS#6. 24** Leonard Gordon (5'11" 187 Jr) PS#79. 7 gm rFr. 13 gm, 5 tkl LY.

P 43 ERIC MAUST JR. 6-2 177 PS#357. 21 punts (42.1) rFr. 54 punts (41.1), 35.1 net LY. Ben Turk is **PS#10. 39** Ryan Burkhart (5'11" 190 Sr) PS#13. 8 KO true. DNP '07. 62 KO (61.1) LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Manti Te'o 6-2 225 PS#1
OL	Chris Watt 6-3 280 PS#6
RB	Cierre Wood 6-0 192 PS#4
WR	Shaquelle Evans 6-1 203 PS#9
DL	Tyler Stockton 6-1 290 PS#17
LB	Zeke Motta 6-2 215 PS#17
RB	Theo Riddick 5-10 185 PS#24
OL	Alex Bullard 6-3 275 PS#28
OL	Zach Martin 6-5 270 PS#32
LB	Carlo Calabrese 6-2 225 PS#27
DB	EJ Banks 5-11 181 PS#52
LB	Dan Fox 6-4 219 PS#35
TE	Jake Golic 6-4 220 PS#21
TE	Tyler Eifert 6-6 220 PS#24
WR	Roby Toma 5-9 175 PS#109
K	Nick Tausch 6-1 180 PS#6
K	Ben Turk 6-0 190 PS#10
OL	Tom Freeman 6-3 275 PS#183
LS	Jordan Cowart 6-2 255 PS#326OL

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#36

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	Nevada	G					First meeting. Last year the Irish faced San Diego St which was the first time since 1955 that their home opener was against a team that was not a current BCS team.
Sep. 12	at Michigan	A					Five upsets in the last 7 games. The Irish are 3-9 since 1997 in road openers. LY ND scored a series record 21 pts in the 1Q & Michigan finished with 6 TO's.
Sep. 19	Michigan St	G					The home team is 1-7 with ND's 23-7 loss LY. ND is 3-9 vs MSU incl B2B losses. The Irish have faced MSU the week after Michigan for 8 straight years (including '09).
Sep. 26	at Purdue	G					The visitor is 3-10 & the last 6 games have been decided by an avg of 17 ppg with none closer than 13 pts. Last year's game was tied at 14 before 24 2H pts (295 2H yds).
Oct. 3	Washington	G					ND is a perfect 7-0 vs Wash winning by an avg of 27 ppg with the L/4 all by 19+ pts. Dominating LY as UW didn't cross midfield until 5:50 left & had 51 yds to start 4Q.
Oct. 10							
Oct. 17	USC	G					Notre Dame has lost 7 straight & the last 2 have been by a combined 76-3 pts. When ND hosted USC in '07 the 38-0 loss was a series worst for the Irish (80 gms).
Oct. 24	Boston College	G					Teams have split 18 all-time meetings but the Irish have dropped 6 straight. ND outgained BC 292-246 in LY's shutout but Clausen threw 4 int's including a pick 6.
Oct. 31	† Wash St *(San Antonio)*	A					ND won 29-26 in OT in their only meeting vs WSU ('03 opener). The Irish are 5-0 in regular season neutral site gms. ND has won 8 straight non-USC Pac-10 games.
Nov. 7	Navy	G					ND is of course 44-1 after dropping their 3OT game to Navy in last game here. Last year ND led 27-7 with 1:33 left & Navy got 2 onside K's for the 27-21 final.
Nov. 14	at Pittsburgh	G					ND is 12-3 vs Pitt but 2-2 since '03 as the visitor has won 4 straight. LY ND had a 14pt HT lead & neither tm could score a TD in 4 OT's (ND missed a FG from 38 yds).
Nov. 21	Connecticut	G					First meeting. Notre Dame is 7-2 in home finales but lost last year to Big East member Syracuse as a 19' pt fav. Coming into '09, ND is 56-22-1 vs current Big East tms.
Nov. 28	at Stanford	G					The Irish have beaten the Cardinal 7 straight times including twice in the reg season finale. Last yr Clausen had career highs in passing yds (347) & completions (29).
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brady Quinn 11,762 '03-'06	1. Autry Denson 4,318 '95-'98	1. Jeff Samardzija 2,593 '03-'06
2. Ron Powlus 7,602 '94-'97	2. Allen Pinkett 4,131 '82-'85	2. Derrick Mayes 2,512 '92-'95
3. Steve Beuerlein 6,527 '83-'86	3. Vagas Ferguson 3,472 '76-'79	3. Tim Brown 2,493 '84-'87

CHARLIE WEIS (Career 29–21)

5th Year at Notre Dame — Weis' Bowl Record: 1-2

Weis' records AT NOTRE DAME

29-21	Straight Up	1-6	Vs Top 10
15-11	Home	4-10	Vs Top 25
12-8	Away	21-19	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	4-4	Off A Bye
4-1	Vs Independent	9-10	Off A Loss

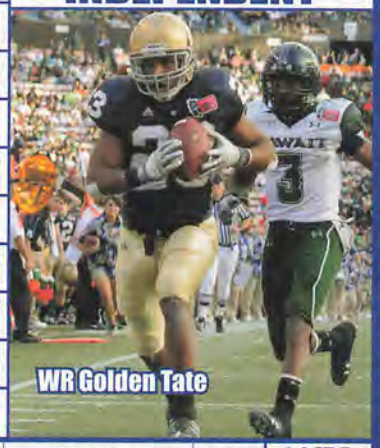
2008 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (21,20,3)
Lost: 20 (8,11,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795 (#16)

INDEPENDENT



STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795) (#18)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	5-6	10-3	5-7	6-6	9-3	10-3	3-9	7-6	64-46
Home	5-1	4-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-1	1-6	4-2	35-21
Away	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-4	2-2	5-0	3-1	2-3	2-4	23-20
Neutral	1-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	6-5
vs Independent	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	9-1
vs Non-Indep	8-3	4-6	9-3	4-7	5-6	8-3	8-3	3-8	6-6	55-45
ATS	8-4	4-7	9-4	4-8	6-6	7-5	4-8-1	5-7	7-6	54-55-1
Home Fav (Bob Davie 1997)	2-2	1-3	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-5	1-2	2-3	17-24
Home Dog (Ty Willingham)	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-3	1-0	8-7
Away Favorite (Ken Baer Dec.)	3-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1-1	0-0	2-0	9-4-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	3-2	1-3	15-14
Neutral	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	5-6
vs Independent	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	5-5
vs Non-Indep	7-4	4-6	9-3	4-7	5-6	7-4	2-8-1	5-6	6-6	49-50-1
Off SU Win	6-3	2-2	8-2	2-3	3-3	4-5	4-6	2-0	3-3	34-27
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-4	0-2	2-4	3-2	2-0	0-1-1	3-6	4-2	17-22-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Armando Allen	134	621	36	585	3	4.4
Robert Hughes	112	412	30	382	4	3.4
James Aldridge	91	383	26	357	3	3.9
Jonas Gray	21	104	14	90	0	4.3
Harrison Smith	2	58	0	58	0	29.0
Golden Tate	5	50	13	37	1	7.4
Evan Sharpley	4	3	2	1	0	0.2
Jimmy Clausen	54	116	189	-73	0	-1.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jimmy Clausen	440	268	60.9	3172	25	17
Evan Sharpley	5	3	60.0	18	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Golden Tate	58	1080	18.6	10	69
Michael Floyd	48	719	15.0	7	51
Armando Allen	50	355	7.1	2	41
Kyle Rudolph	29	340	11.7	2	29
David Grimes	35	321	9.2	3	31
Duval Kamara	20	206	10.3	1	28
Robert Hughes	14	93	6.6	0	15
Robby Parris	9	50	5.6	0	12
Asaph Schwapp	2	13	6.5	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Maust	54	2218	41.1	10	35.1	2	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Walker	39-39	5-6	3-5	6-11	0-2	14-24	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyle McCarthy	110	0	3.5	1	2
David Bruton	97	0	1.5	6	4
Maurice Crum	65	3	2.5	1	0
Harrison Smith	57	3.5	5	7	0
Brian Smith	54	2	2	2	0
Pat Kuntz	42	3.5	4.5	1	1
Raeshon McNeil	41	0	0	11	2
Ian Williams	40	0	2	1	0
Robert Blanton	33	0	3	3	2
Terrail Lambert	33	0	0	4	0
Sergio Brown	28	1	1	6	0
Kerry Neal	25	2	2	1	1
Justin Brown	24	0	4.5	0	0
Darius Fleming	24	2.5	0	0	0
Mike Anello	23	0	0	1	0
Ethan Johnson	18	3.5	1.5	2	0
Toryan Smith	18	0	0	1	0
Ray Herring	17	0.5	0	0	0
Gary Gray	15	0	0	2	2
Steve Quinn	14	3	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Golden Tate	14	116	8.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Armando Allen	21	543	25.9	1
Golden Tate	26	521	20.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Gator - #11	+1	NC State - #17	6-28
04	Insight	+4	Oregon St	21-38
05	Fiesta - #5	+4'	Ohio St - #4	20-34
06	Sugar - #11	+8'	LSU - #4	14-41
08	Hawaii	-2	Hawaii	49-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Notre Dame's All-Time Bowl Record 14–15

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	24.7	355	110	3.3	245	60.6	14.4	22	-3	2008	6	22.2	330	134	4.1	196	54.0	14.9	26
4	16.4	242	75	2.1	167	55.8	14.8	58	0	2007	5	28.8	357	195	4.3	162	52.6	12.4	19
7*	31.0	390	126	3.9	264	61.6	12.6	31	+5	2006	9	23.8	340	137	3.8	203	55.2	14.3	31
10*	36.7	477	147	3.6	330	64.8	13.0	21	+10	2005	3	24.5	397	132	3.9	265	53.2	16.2	31
8*	24.1	346	127	3.3	218	53.9	14.3	25	+5	2004	6	24.1	369	88	2.7	281	58.2	15.3	30
5*	20.3	336	157	4.0	179	47.4	16.6	24	+2	2003	8	26.3	340	127	3.1	213	57.6	13.0	37
6*	22.3	314	139	3.4	174	50.4	14.1	37	+5	2002	7	16.7	300	96	2.8	205	49.2	18.0	37

2008 STATS BY GAME

ND 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
80,795	San Diego St	20	34-105	3.1	21-34	237	0	19	15-71	4.7	29-59	274	1	-2
80,795	Michigan	14	34-113	3.3	10-21	147	0	21	42-159	3.8	19-28	229	0	+4
76,366	at Michigan St	18	22-16	0.7	24-41	242	3	16	43-203	4.7	12-26	143	0	-2
80,795	Purdue	23	40-201	5.0	20-35	275	1	23	17-103	6.1	29-55	359	0	+1
80,795	Stanford	20	27-83	3.1	29-40	347	1	20	37-161	4.4	18-28	182	5	+4
60,500	at N Carolina	27	30-89	3.0	31-48	383	4	21	32-121	3.8	18-32	201	1	-5
70,437	at Washington	25	49-252	5.1	15-28	207	2	9	23-26	1.1	11-25	98	4	-1
80,795	Pittsburgh	20	39-115	2.9	23-44	271	1	17	47-178	3.8	15-30	168	2	+3
44,500	at Boston College	16	21-66	3.1	26-46	226	1	13	41-167	4.1	9-22	79	0	-5
70,932	† Navy	24	51-230	4.5	15-19	110	1	11	45-178	4.0	3-14	64	1	-4
80,795	Syracuse	16	28-41	1.5	22-41	291	2	18	36-170	4.7	14-26	147	2	+2
90,689	at USC	4	27-50	1.9	11-22	41	4	22	33-175	5.3	23-33	274	2	0
45,718	at Hawaii	23	34-65	1.9	24-28	413	2	22	19-32	1.7	28-44	326	8	+2
TOTALS		250	436-1426	3.3	271-447	3190	22	232	430-1744	4.1	228-422	2544	26	-3
AVERAGES		19.2	34-110	3.3	21-34	245	4.9%	17.8	33-134	4.1	18-32	196	6.2%	-0.2

2004 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at BYU	-5	17-20	
–	Michigan - #8	+12	28-20	
–	at Michigan St	-3	31-24	
–	Washington	-11'	38-3	
–	Purdue - #15	+2'	16-41	
–	Stanford	-5	23-15	
–	† Navy	-6	27-9	
#24	Boston College	-6'	23-24	
–	at Tennessee - #9	+7	17-13	
#24	Pittsburgh	-11	38-41	
–	at USC - #1	+23'	10-41	

2005 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post #9
–	at Pittsburgh - #23	+3	42-21	
#20	at Michigan - #3	+7	17-10	
#10	Michigan St	-6	41-44 OT	
#16	at Washington	-12	36-17	
#13	at Purdue - #22	+3	49-28	
#9	USC - #1	+12	31-34	
#9	BYU	-18'	49-23	
#8	Tennessee	-8'	41-21	
#7	Navy	-23'	42-21	
#6	Syracuse	-34	34-10	
#6	at Stanford	-15	38-31	

2006 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre #2 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #17
#2	at Georgia Tech	-6'	14-10	
#4	Penn St - #19	-8'	41-17	
#2	Michigan - #11	-5'	21-47	
#12	at Michigan St	-3	40-37	
#12	Purdue	-14'	35-21	
#12	Stanford	-29	31-10	
#10	UCLA	-12'	20-17	
#11	† Navy	-13'	38-14	
#11	North Carolina	-24'	45-26	
#9	at Air Force	-10'	39-17	
#6	Army	-29	41-9	
#6	at USC - #3	+8'	24-44	

2007 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Georgia Tech	-1	3-33	
–	at Penn St - #14	+17'	10-31	
–	at Michigan	+9'	0-38	
–	Michigan St	+10'	14-31	
–	at Purdue	+21'	19-33	
–	at UCLA	+22	20-6	
–	Boston College - #4	+14	14-27	
–	USC - #13	+17'	0-38	
–	Navy	-3	44-46 3OT	
–	Air Force	+4	24-41	
–	Duke	-6'	28-7	
–	at Stanford	+4'	21-14	

2008 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	San Diego St	-21'	21-13	
–	Michigan	+2	35-17	
–	at Michigan St	+8'	7-23	
–	Purdue	-1'	38-21	
–	Stanford	-6'	28-21	
–	at North Carolina - #22	+8'	24-29	
–	at Washington	-10	33-7	
–	Pittsburgh	-4'	33-36 4OT	
–	at Boston College	+3'	0-17	
–	† Navy	-4	27-21	
–	Syracuse	-19'	23-24	
–	at USC - #5	+32	3-38	

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada started the final 5 at QB after starter Brian Hampton was injured. Navy was 4-1 and threw for 384 (47.9%) with a 5-1 ratio (507 rush). In '07 Kaheaku-Enhada battled Jarod Bryant (128 ttl yd, 11 gm '06). Kaipo won the job but got banged up and Bryant rallied the team from a 10 point deficit against Duke. Kaipo also missed NI. For the season he threw for 952 (56.1%) with an 8-5 ratio while rushing for 834 (4.6). Bryant threw for 252 (54.8%) with 464 rush (4.9). Last year Kaipo was bothered all year by a hamstring injury. He played in just 6. He was clearly their best QB at running the triple option. Bryant is more adept at the in-line option and he started 6 and was also much maligned during the year. He was injured vs SMU and Ricky Dobbs became Navy's first QB to top 200 rushing in a game since '01. Dobbs led the miracle win over Temple (trailed by 20 in 4Q) and guided the comeback try vs ND (14 pts last 2:00). He got his first start vs NI and rushed for 124 but Kaipo managed to start and finish the last 2. Dobbs had a tendency to make alot of mistakes in practice but did earn the nickname "Backdoor Ricky" due to his escapability during games. This year they lose Kaheaku-Enhada and Bryant. Not in the PSL below are Greg Zingler (6'0" 192 Sr), Kameron Smith (6'1" 182 So), Sy Gaines (6'2" 210 So) and Brian Blick (5'10" 188 So). Despite being less experienced, I'll call for improved production from the Navy QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Navy's triple option offense uses a FB and 2 slotbacks with the FB getting the bulk of the carries. FB Kyle Eckel was Navy's leading RB rusher for 3 straight years ('02-'04) and the first RB to top 1,000 since Napoleon McCallum in 1985. In 2005 FB Adam Ballard led with 668 (6.1) although Matt Hall was leading with 493 (5.0) after 9 but tore his ACL. Ballard had 488 in the final 3. SB Reggie Campbell became just the 4th player in NCAA history to have 5 TD's in a bowl game and finished with 514 (9.0!). Ballard led in '06 with 792 (5.1) while Campbell was #2 with 706 (7.1) and SB Shun White had 578 (12.0!). In '07 FB Eric Kettani led with 880 (5.8) while Ballard had 665 (4.7), White had 620 (7.9) and Campbell finished with 522 (7.4). Kettani and White were back last year and White, who finished #2 in the 100M in the Patriot League (4.36 spd), rushed for a school record 348 (18.3!!) vs Towson in the opener. Kettani had just 127 in the first 3 but then HC Niumatalolo called him out saying he had too much strength and speed for that type of production. He responded with 133 vs Rutgers and 175 vs WF. Both White and Kettani topped 100 vs Army. White led with 1,092 (8.3) while Kettani was #2 with 982 (5.2). The #3, #4 and #5 rushers were all QB's and SB Bobby Doyle had just 16 att but finished with 169 (10.6). This year they lose Kettani (13 st), White (13 st) and SB Greg Shinego (5 st, 96, 4.6), but move Jordan Eddington (6'0" 230 Sr, 4.4 spd) in from LB. Not listed below are FB's Kyrion Nelson (6'0" 215 So), John McCauley (6'0" 225 So), Delvin Diggs (5'11" 200 So), Torri Preston (6'0" 231 So), SB's Julius Bratton (5'8" 200 Jr), JJ Cosh (5'9" 181 Jr) and Chris Hill (5'10" 207 So). Navy usually does a good job of replacing their RB's but it will be tough replacing two of the most athletically gifted RB's I've seen here in years.

RECEIVERS - Navy's WR's do not get a lot of touches but are excellent blockers. They sometimes call themselves "wide tackles". In '07 Tyree Barnes (6 rec) was the top returnee. OJ Washington led the WR's with 248 (20.7) while SB's were #1 and #3. Barnes had 168 (16.8) and was clearly the go-to WR last year and had the highest total for a Navy WR (400, 20.0) since '05. This year they lose Barnes (13 st), Curtis Sharp (13 st, 1 rec) and TJ Thiel (3 rec). The top returning WR Washington had just 56 yards (18.7) so the group is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Under Paul Johnson Navy almost always had a solid O-line no matter how many starters returned. They only had to replace one starter in '06 and the unit paved the way for a school record and Div I high 327 ypg rushing (5.6) although they allowed 19.6% sacks (22). In '07 they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups but had 3 back with starting experience. They used an 8-man rotation and despite being less experienced, improved to 349 ypg (5.6) and trimmed the sack total (14, 10.3%). Last year they had to replace 3.5 starters and a backup. They had just 25 career starts returning (5th fewest FBS). RT Andrew McGinn who had 12 of those 25 starts was lost in the opener to injury. Navy's numbers slipped to 292 ypg (5.3) while allowing 10 sacks (10.8%). This year they lose LG Anthony Gaskins (13 st, 2Y st'r), McGinn (1 st), C Ricky Moore (13 st), OT Mike Von Bargen (2 st) and backup OT Sander Gossard (13 gm). While last year's unit basically had 13 career starts back, this year's has 36 including 4 players who started four or more games last year, so it's one of the Mids more experienced O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Paul Johnson's first 5 years, Navy improved from allowing 4.3 ypc rush to 4.2, 3.9, 3.8 and 3.6. The '07 DL had to replace all 4 starters and slipped back to 4.3 ypc while the D had just 12 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter although Michael Walsh was lost after 4 starts. Navy improved to 135 ypg (3.8) while the D had 17 sacks. Not only does the entire 2 deep return this year, but Walsh was granted a 5th year. Not listed in the PSL are Maurice Cumberland (6'4" 259 Jr), Taylor Hamilton (6'3" 207 Jr), Jared Marks (6'5" 280 So), Ryan Basford (6'5" 265 So), Eric Douglass (6'2" 280 So), Thomas Batchelder (6'2 225 So), Lee Calloway (5'11" 255 Jr), Clayton Lydick (6'4" 246 Jr), Shane Bothel (6'3" 239 Jr), Bayard Roberts (6'2" 237 Sr) and Michael Letton (6'4" 242 So). The Mids could have their best ypc rush allowed this decade.

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LINEBACKERS - In 2006 Navy allowed 20.1 ppg. In 2007 they had to replace 3 LB starters including their #1 and #2 tacklers along with 4 backups. The lone returnee, Clint Sovie was lost in Wk 2 (ankle inj). The inexperienced LB corps is a major reason why Navy allowed 36.4 ppg. Last year they had to replace two starters (#1, #3 tkl'r). They did get Sovie back so it was like having 3 starters back. Navy improved greatly allowing just 22.0 ppg. Not listed in the PSL below are John Ponce (5'9" 198 Jr), Mason Graham (6'0" 190 So), Hal Hunter (6'1" 220 So), Brian Smith (6'1" 215 Sr), Elliott Joses (6'1" 220 Sr) and Ian Meredith (6'3" 219 Sr). This year they lose OLB Corey Johnson (13 st, 85 tkl, 8.5 tfl) but have 7 of the top 8 back including 3 of the top 10 tacklers and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 this unit not only had to replace 3 starters but went through an injury plagued year that included losing their best player, S Jeff Deliz after two starts. As you would expect, Navy dropped even further (#100 in '06) finishing dead last, allowing a ghastly 69.9% with a 32-10 ratio. Last year they had 9 back who started in '07 with 61 career starts overall and Deliz was granted a 5th year. Surprisingly Navy only climbed to #108 allowing 212 ypg (66.6%) but with a much improved 17-16 ratio. This year they lose ROV Deliz (13 st, #3 tkl'r), CB Ketric Buffin (10 st, 33 tkl, 3 int) and CB Rashawn King (12 st, 48 tkl, 3 int). Six return with starting experience and FS Wyatt Middleton, who set a Navy frosh record for tackles with 88 in 2007, was the #4 tackler last year. While they cannot drop much in my pass D rankings, this unit is clearly less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Heading into '07 Navy's last KR TD was in '97 and their last PR TD was in '96 (longest FBS drought) with their last punt block coming in '99. Navy had finished #76, #113, #69 and #107 in my ST rankings from '03-'06. In '07 Reggie Campbell broke the KR drought with a 73 yard KR TD vs NT then set a school record with a 98 yd KR TD vs Army. He avg 27.5 on KR and 14.3 on PR. Matt Harmon who hit 8 of 11 FG in '06, hit 6 of 10 in '07 with some key misses. Joey Bullen, who was the PK in '05 (9-12 FG's) but inj'd in '06, hit 11 of 17 (long 51). P Greg Veteto's net rose from 32.7 in '06 to 33.4. Navy finally blk'd a punt and skyrocketed to #15. Last year they had to replace everyone but Harmon and I called for a drastic drop and they fell to #81. Harmon made huge strides hitting 19 of 22 FG's (long 49). Kyle Delahooke improved the punt game with a 41.6 avg (34.4 net). True frosh Jon Teague was brought in for KO (9 TB) but the return game was avg. They lose Harmon and LS Scott Reider this year but could still move up.

COACHES - Ken Niumatalolo (1st Polynesian HC in FBS) served as asst HC and OL coach under Paul Johnson. He was the OC at Navy from '97-'98 and the off play caller at UNLV ('99-'01). His first game as HC was the '07 bowl and he now has a full year of HC experience. Niumatalolo's 8 wins were the most by a Navy first year HC since 1926 and he became just the 2nd Navy coach to win a CIC Trophy in his first year. Ivin Jasper is in his 2nd year as OC (10Y Navy QB cch prior). The DC is Buddy Green who surprisingly left NCSt (alum), where he held the same post, to come here in '02.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Navy was just 11-45 from '98-'02 which included Paul Johnson's first season. They got their first bowl bid since '96 in '03 and amazingly have now gone to 6 straight. Navy has won 6 straight Commander-in-Chief's Trophies and they have won 13 straight vs their military rivals. Their average win over Army is 29 ppg in the last seven. Service academies usually do not return a lot of starters and in '04 Navy had 14 back and finished 10-2 including a bowl win over NMex. Their 10 wins were the most in 99 years of football. It was the first time they finished the season ranked (#24) since 1963 and the first time they appeared in a poll since 1979. Against a tougher schedule in '05 they went 8-4 including a bowl win over Colo St despite the fact that they had just 5 ret starters (NCAA's fewest). Navy lost to a pair of BCS schools by 3 points each. In '06 Navy played its best ball down the stretch and went 9-3 before losing by a point in the Meineke Car Care Bowl to Matt Ryan and BC, despite a 403-315 yd edge. Only one of Navy's wins in '05 and '06 came vs a IA team that finished with a winning record. In '07 Navy's D was wiped out by graduation and inj's and they allowed the most points in school history (473) with the previous high being 2002 (436). The '07 offense did score the most points in Navy history (511) breaking a record set in 1917 (442). Navy went 8-4 and still made it back to the Poinsettia Bowl where they lost by 3 to a solid Utah team. Despite the coaching change LY Navy matched 2007's win total. Shun White had a school record 348 yards rushing vs Towson. The next week vs Ball St, Navy blew numerous chances in the redzone and lost 35-23 to the Cardinals (12-0 reg ssn). It seemed like it could be a long year as they lost to Duke by 10 and then trailed Rutgers 14-6 at the half. Navy rallied for the 23-21 win vs RU then upset #16 WF (first win over an AP ranked foe since 1985!) on the road thanks in part to +4 in TO's. The next week vs AF they returned 2 blocked punts for TD's and despite being outgained 411-244, moved to 4-2 but were then walloped by Pitt. They benefitted from wind & rain when taking on pass happy SMU in a 34-7 win. Another improbable victory happened when they trailed Temple by 20 in the 4Q but got a FR TD w/:37 left to force OT and won. They nearly got another miracle win trailing 27-7 vs ND with the Irish playing their backups and actually had the ball at the ND34 down by 6 at the end. They shutout NI and Army by a combined 50-0 but were outgained 405-253 in their 10 pt bowl loss to WF. Unlike '05 and '06, Navy beat 4 teams that made it to bowls. Navy benefitted from +15 in TO's and had 3 net close wins. They also have just 11 ret starters, but I will call for the Mids to get to their 7th straight bowl game this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 4 Ricky Dobbs Jr. 6-1 194 PS#142. 1st, 7 gm, 212 pass yds (56.2%), 1-1 ratio, 495 rush (4.7) LY. 2 Kriss Proctor (6'1" 175 So) PS#197. 17 Michael Stukel (5'11" 195 So).

FB 39 Alex Teich So. 6-0 215 PS#402.24 rush (3.4) true. Kevin Campbell (5'11" 193 Sr) PS#343. 97 rush (3.9) 2Y. 47 Vince Murray (6'1" 217 Jr). Jordan Eddington (6'0" 230 Sr).

SB 33 BOBBY DOYLE SR. 5-11 195 PS#437DB. 18 rush (4.5) 2Y. 1st, 13 gm, 169 (10.6) LY. 20 Andre Byrd (5'7" 157 Jr). 26 Aaron Santiago (5'8"175 So). 31 Chris Rivers (5'7" 155 So).

SB 28 Cory Finnerty Sr. 5-10 190 PS#462.7 st, 108 ttl yd LY. Marcus Curry (5'11"207 So). 24 Corey James (5'8" 168 So) 7 rush yd, 8 gm true. Jarren Brown (5'8" 175 So) PS#348.

WR 80 Mike Schupp Jr. 5-10 180 1 rec in 13 gm LY. 81 Nick Henderson (6'4" 212 Sr), 6 gm 3Y. 86 Gary Myers (6'1" 200 So) PS#271DB, Bruce Andrews (6'0" 180 So) PS#274.

WR 85 Mario Washington Jr. 5-9 184 PS#429.3 rec (18.7). Greg Jones (5'10" 181 Jr). Mike Mathews (6'1" 206 Sr). Doug Furman (6'3" 206 So). Hal Bowron (6'1" 195 So) PS#334.

C 75 Brady DeMell So. 6-3 295 PS#217DL. 65 Patrick Snow (6'1" 250 Jr) PS#490. 4 gm as bkup. 62 Mike McCarthy (6'3" 260 So) PS#434. LS 99 Brian Ackerman (5'11" 180 So).

RG 66 CURTIS BASS SR. 6-1 266 PS#382.13 st RG LY. 390 bench. 53 David Hong (6'3 290 So). Alex Boddiford (6'5" 260 So). Garrett Snoeyenbos (6'4" 275 So) **Vandy trans**.

LG 79 Osei Asante Sr. 6-1 264 PS#562. 13 gm LY. Andy Lark (6'0" 289 Sr). 10 tkl DL '07. 12 gm OL LY. Jeff Lenar (6'6" 276 Sr). Taylor Newton (6'3" 286 So) PS#490.

RT 70 MATT MOLLOY JR. 6-3 280 Last 6 st RT LY. 68 John Dowd (6'4" 240 So) PS#450. Warren Fischer (6'5" 265 So). Zach Dryden (6'5" 275 So). Conor Krebs (6'1" 240 So).

LT 61 JEFF BATTIPAGLIA JR. 6-4 260 PS#302. 13 st LT LY. 60 Austin Milke (6'3" 265 Sr) 4 st RT LY. David Sumrall (6'5" 265 So). Andrew Burger (6'3" 262 Sr). Donnie Bowers (6'6" 237 Jr).

K 45 Jon Teague So. 6-3 195 PS#35. Hit 50 yd FG in HS. 9 TB in 64 KO as true LY. Scott Blasinsky PS#58. 26-41 FG in HS career. 16 Joe Buckley (5'9" 177 Jr) PS#96.

DE 98 JABAREE TUANI SO. 6-1 242 PS#352.9 st, 13 gm, 42 tkl, 9 tfl as true. 78 Michael Walsh (6'2" 257 Sr) 13 st, 57 tkl, 10.5 tfl '07. 4 st (inj) LY. Kyle Bookhout (6'2" 247 Sr) 15 tkl 2Y.

NG 99 NATE FRAZIER SR. 6-3 287 13 st, 42 tkl, 4.5 tfl '07, 13 st, 44 tkl, 9 tfl LY. Chase Burge (6'4" 250 Jr) PS#389. Francis Archibald (6'2" 255 So). John Cabbage (6'2" 240 So) PS#202.

DE 59 MATT NECHAK SR. 6-4 249 2 st, 22 tkl '07. 12 st, 39 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. Jordan Stephens (6'4" 263 Sr) 16 tkl 2Y. Billy Yarborough (6'5" 234 Jr) 1st, 4 tkl, 2 sk LY. Richard Marshall (6'6" 228 Sr).

OLB 34 RAM VELA SR. 5-9 193 9 st, 57 tkl, 3.5 tfl '07. 8 st, 33 tkl, 3 sk LY. Travis Sudderth (6'2" 224 Jr) 2 tkl. 57 Aaron McCauley (5'10" 190 So) 7 tkl true. Andrew Sharp (6'0" 185 So) PS#383.

ILB 50 Tony Haberer Sr. 6-1 225 PS#367.7 st, 44 tkl '07. 5 st, 41 tkl LY. Trey Grissom (6'3" 219 Jr) 2 tkl LY. 39 Caleb King (6'0" 220 So) PS#401. Eric Stein (6'1" 207 So) PS#368.

ILB 51 ROSS POSPISIL SR. 6-0 223 4 st, 67 tkl '07. 13 st LY, 106 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 int. Tyler Simmons (6'3" 230 Jr) 10 tkl LY. Jonathan Hill (6'1" 218 So) PS#204. Max Blue (6'0" 214 So) PS#290.

OLB 44 CLINT SOVIE SR. 5-11 210 11 st, 77 tkl '05-'07. 8 st, 60 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Craig Schaefer (6'2" 222 Sr) 2 st, 30 tkl 2Y. Jerry Hauburger (6'0" 218 Jr) 4 tkl. Neil Doogan (6'3" 218 So) PS#338.

CB 15 Kevin Edwards Jr. 6-2 173 4.47 spd. 3 st, 27 tkl as true. 4 tkl LY (inj). Darius Terry (5'7" 168 Sr) 3 st, 24 tkl 2Y. David Wright (6'2" 185 So). Bryant Alsup (5'10" 185 So) PS#463.

CB 1 Blake Carter Sr. 5-11 185 9 st, 71 tkl, 2 tfl '07. 3 st, 16 tkl, 1 int last year. 22 John Angelo (5'9" 176 Jr) 1 tkl, 22.2 KR avg, 6 gm LY (inj). 19 David Dawson (5'9" 174 Sr).

FS 8 WYATT MIDDLETON JR. 6-0 192 10 st, 88 tkl true. 13 st, 80 tkl, 5 pbu, 3 FF LY. Emmett Merchant (5'9" 186 Jr) 11 tkl true. 3 st, 41 tkl, 2 int LY. 10 Jarrod Shannon (6'0" 197 So) PS#461.

FS 37 Kwesi Mitchell So. 5-10 191 PS#321. Jesse Iwuji (6'1" 182 Sr) 3 st, 9 tkl '07. 11 Ricky Kyles (6'1" 180 So) PS#367. 7 James Howell (5'8" 170 Jr) 2 tkl. Jason Wright (6'1" 194 Jr).

P 35 KYLE DELAHOOKE JR. 6-1 202 PS#75. Hit 51 yd FG on JV tm '07. 42 punts, 41.6 avg, 34.4 net, 11 inside 20 LY. 15 John Charles White (6'2" 189 Jr). 16 Joe Buckley (5'9" 177 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Cameron Mason 6-3 243 PS#202
OL	Beau Haworth 6-7 290 PS#236
OL	Matt Couch 6-2 272 PS#304
RB	Cyril Ontal 5-10 205 PS#261
DL	Ryan Paulson 6-3 235 PS#303
LB	Jake Juriga 6-3 210 PS#283
RB	Jonathan Howell 5-9 175 PS#302
OL	Josh Cabral 6-3 295 PS#385
RB	Alexander Greene 5-8 180 PS#336
RB	Bo Snelson 5-8 175 PS#342
LB	Josh Patton 6-2 210 PS#376
K	Scott Blasinsky 5-11 175 PS#58
DB	Travis Keating 6-1 185 PS#514
DB	David Sperry 6-0 180 PS#641
DB	Jordan Fraser 6-1 196 PS#646
RB	Matt Warrick 6-2 215 PS#619
DL	Andrew Stellato 6-4 230 PS#682
DB	Caleb Lucas 6-0 185 PS#829
OL	Corey Oberst 6-5 285 PS#766
DB	Jonathan Wev 5-9 175 PS#959
LB	Conor Hozey 6-0 225 PS#949
RB	Jarred Mack 5-10 210 PS#938
QB	Tyler Lynch 6-2 205 PS#607
QB	Jarvis Cummings 6-2 205 PS#608
DL	Craig Veech 6-3 225 PS#979
LB	John Nurthern 6-2 220 PS#1045
LB	Tra'ves Bush 5-10 180 PS#1083
DL	Josh Jones 6-2 245 PS#1068
DL	Wes Henderson 6-2 230 PS#1562
LB	Adam Johnson 6-2 207 PS#1667
LB	Keegan Wetzel 6-3 190 PS#1667

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#87

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NAVY	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at Ohio St	A					Navy has won 6 of the last 7 season openers and 5 of the last 7 road openers. Navy is 0-3 all-time vs OSU losing the last meeting 31-28 in the '81 Liberty Bowl.
Sep. 12	Louisiana Tech	A					First meeting & only second vs a current WAC tm (48-41 loss at Hawaii in 1999). The Midshipmen are 19-4 at home vs non-BCS opponents including 3-0 last yr.
Sep. 19	at Pittsburgh	G					The last time at Pitt ('07), the game was tied 6 times & Navy held Pitt on 4th & goal in 2OT to win it. Navy has lost 5 of the last 6 in this series including 42-21 LY.
Sep. 26	WKU	A					First meeting. WK is in their first full season as a member of the Sun Belt Conf. Navy's only meeting with a Sun Belt team was their 74-62 win over NT in '07.
Oct. 3	Air Force	A					Navy is 13-1 vs Service Academies the last 7 yrs winning 6 consecutive CIC Trophies. Navy has won 6 in a row vs Air Force, the longest streak in school history.
Oct. 10	at Rice	A					Navy is 3-7 after Air Force the L10Y. Navy is 5-6 all-time vs Rice but has won the L/3. Navy won the last meeting 41-9 in 2005. Navy is 9-4 vs current CUSA tms S/'02.
Oct. 17	at SMU	A					QB Dobbs rushed for 224 yds & 4 TDs in his first major action in Navy's 34-7 win last year played in the pouring rain. Navy is 6-7 all-time vs SMU winning 5 of last 6.
Oct. 24	Wake Forest (HC)	A					Navy is 5-16 hosting BCS tms in Annapolis but 5-4 since 1997. Navy is just 3-7 all-time vs WF & LY upset #16 WF 24-17 in Winston Salem, but lost 29-19 in the bowl.
Oct. 31	Temple	A					Navy is 10-2 vs current MAC teams since 2003 including 4-0 vs Temple. Last yr Navy trailed 27-7 w/13:41 left but won 33-27 in OT (3rd straight OT win).
Nov. 7	at Notre Dame	G					Navy's 46-44 win in 3OT's in '07 in South Bend ended the Nation's longest series win streak (43 gms). LY Navy's 4Q comeback came up short in the 27-21 loss.
Nov. 14	Delaware	A					The all-time series is tied 7-7 & Delaware has won 2 of the L/3 including the last meeting, 59-52 in '07. The Blue Hens were 4-8 as members of Colonial Athletic Assoc LY.
Nov. 21							Bonus: Navy has won 5 straight 13 "true" away games in November. Bonus: The Mids are 17-5 in Annapolis in November games since 1994.
Nov. 28	at Hawaii	A					The only previous meeting between these 2 was a 48-41 Hawaii win in 1999. Navy HC Niumatalolo is a native of Hawaii & UH is his alma-mater.
Dec. 12	† Army (Philadelphia)	G					Navy has won 7 in a row vs their biggest rival. The Mids have won 5 straight at Lincoln Financial Field including last year's 34-0 win, the first shutout in the series S/'78.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jim Kubiak 6,008 '91-'94	1. Napoleon McCallum 4,179 '81-'85	1. Rob Taylor 1,736 '65-'67
2. Bill Byrne 4,582 '84-'86	2. Chris McCoy 3,401 '95-'97	2. Phil McConkey 1,278 '75-'78
3. Mike McNallen 3,996 '68-'70	3. Eddie Meyers 2,935 '78-'81	3. Larry Van Loan 1,259 '71-'73

KEN NIUMATALOLO (Career 8-6)
2nd Year at Navy
Niumatalolo's Bowl Record: 0-2

Niumatalolo's records AT NAVY

8-6	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-1	Home	1-1	Vs Top 25
3-2	Away	2-4	Vs BCS Teams
1-3	Neutral	1-3	Off A Bye
2-0	Vs Service Academies	3-1	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 27 (10,15,2)
Lost: 28 (13,11,4)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,775 (#66)

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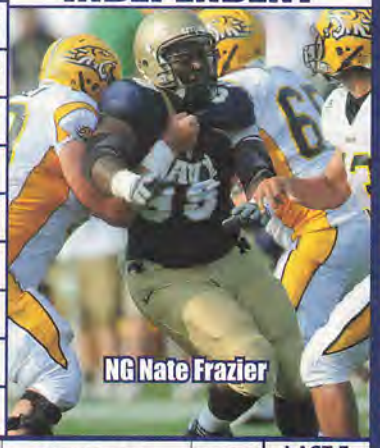

STADIUM: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (34,000) (#87)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	0-10	2-10	8-5	10-2	8-4	9-4	8-5	8-5	54-55
Home	0-5	0-5	0-5	5-1	6-0	4-1	3-2	3-3	4-1	25-23
Away	0-4	0-4	1-4	2-3	2-1	2-2	4-0	4-1	3-2	18-21
Neutral	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	1-1	1-2	11-11
vs Service Academies	1-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	14-4
vs Non-Service Academies	0-9	0-8	1-9	6-5	8-2	6-4	7-4	6-5	6-5	40-51
ATS	4-7	4-6	6-6	9-2	6-4	8-3-1	7-5	5-7	6-6	55-46-1
Home Fav	0-3	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	1-2	1-3	1-3	1-1	9-16
Home Dog	1-1	2-3	1-2	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	7-8-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	4-4
Away Dog	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	2-1	3-2	21-9
Neutral	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	3-0	2-2	2-0	1-2	14-8
vs Service Academies	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	15-3
vs Non-Service Academies	2-7	3-5	5-5	7-2	4-4	6-3-1	6-4	3-7	4-6	40-43-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-2	4-3	5-2	5-3	4-4	3-5	26-20
Off SU Loss	4-6	4-5	5-5	4-0	1-1	2-1-1	2-1	1-2	3-1	26-22-1

Charlie Weatherbie 1995 | Charlie Weatherbie (1-7) Rick Lantz (8-10) | Paul Johnson | Ken Niumatalolo | Paul Johnson/Ken Niumatalolo (bowl)

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shun White	132	1140	48	1092	8	8.3
Eric Kettani	190	986	4	982	4	5.2
Ricky Dobbs	**106**	**505**	**10**	**495**	**8**	**4.7**
Jarod Bryant	139	551	70	481	6	3.5
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada	63	309	14	295	4	4.7
Bobby Doyle	**16**	**174**	**5**	**169**	**1**	**10.6**
Greg Shinego	21	103	7	96	0	4.6
Kevin Campbell	**22**	**84**	**0**	**84**	**0**	**3.8**
Cory Finnerty	**8**	**73**	**2**	**71**	**1**	**8.9**
Alex Teich	**7**	**24**	**0**	**24**	**0**	**3.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada	35	18	51.4	305	3	1
Jarod Bryant	37	19	51.4	275	2	3
Ricky Dobbs	**16**	**9**	**56.2**	**212**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tyree Barnes	20	400	20.0	2	68
Shun White	4	92	23.0	1	38
Greg Shinego	4	74	18.5	1	32
Mario Washington	**3**	**56**	**18.7**	**0**	**39**
Bobby Doyle	**2**	**54**	**27.0**	**1**	**38**
TJ Thiel	3	40	13.3	1	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Delahooke	**42**	**1746**	**41.6**	**7**	**34.4**	**0**	**11**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Harmon	38-40	8-8	6-7	5-7	0-0	19-22	49

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ross Pospisil	**106**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**2**
Corey Johnson	85	2	6.5	1	0
Jeff Deliz	82	1	3	3	1
Wyatt Middleton	**80**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**
Clint Sovie	**60**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Rashawn King	48	0	0.5	2	3
Nate Frazier	**44**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**1**
Jabaree Tuani	**42**	**1.5**	**7.5**	**1**	**0**
Emmett Merchant	**41**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Tony Haberer	**41**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Matt Nechak	**39**	**4**	**4.5**	**0**	**0**
Ram Vela	**33**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**2**
Ketric Bulfin	33	0	1	2	3
Craig Schaefer	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Blake Carter	**16**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Tyler Simmons	**10**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Michael Walsh	**8**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Darius Terry	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Aaron McCauley	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Kyle Bookhout	**6**	**0**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mario Washington	**10**	**62**	**6.2**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Angelo	**10**	**222**	**22.2**	**0**
Greg Jones	**11**	**189**	**17.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Emerald	+3	New Mexico	34-19
05	Poinsettia	-3	Colorado St	51-30
06	Meineke Car Care	+7	Boston College - #23	24-25
07	Poinsettia	+8	Utah	32-35
08	EagleBank	+3	Wake Forest	19-29

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
4*	27.2	353	292	5.3	61	49.5	13.0	10	+15	2008	8	22.0	347	135	3.8	212	66.6	15.8	17
7	39.3	444	349	5.6	95	54.4	11.3	14	-2	2007	2	36.4	439	176	4.3	263	69.9	12.1	12
7	28.2	383	327	5.6	56	45.5	13.6	22	+2	2006	8	20.1	335	117	3.6	218	61.7	16.7	29
2	34.2	436	319	5.7	117	46.9	12.8	18	-6	2005	3	26.1	377	155	3.8	223	63.0	14.5	31
6	27.8	389	290	5.0	99	53.3	14.0	17	+3	2004	8	19.8	352	151	3.9	200	62.6	17.7	17
7*	30.5	423	323	5.5	100	46.8	13.9	16	+7	2003	6	21.8	353	173	4.2	180	61.9	16.2	16
5	24.2	370	271	5.0	99	46.0	15.3	16	-14	2002	8	36.3	423	203	4.3	220	65.9	11.6	20

2008 STATS BY GAME

NAVY 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
31,613	Towson	26	58-558	9.6	2-5	44	0	21	26-30	1.2	29-47	330	3	0
22,517	at Ball St	22	59-346	5.9	6-11	67	2	26	29-162	5.6	21-28	326	0	+1
25,082	at Duke	13	46-207	4.5	8-10	150	2	21	34-79	2.3	25-36	317	2	-1
37,821	Rutgers	16	51-272	5.3	5-8	89	0	17	33-206	6.2	13-20	131	0	+2
33,173	at Wake Forest	14	59-292	4.9	3-4	51	2	16	31-43	1.4	26-40	270	3	+4
46,339	at Air Force	13	56-206	3.7	1-2	38	0	20	56-227	4.1	12-21	184	0	0
37,970	Pittsburgh	12	47-194	4.1	4-8	57	1	22	42-244	5.8	15-23	255	2	+1
31,698	SMU	23	77-404	5.2	0-0	0	0	8	11-(-13)	-1.2	16-28	157	2	0
34,775	Temple	23	57-293	5.1	8-12	106	0	21	37-69	1.9	21-28	340	2	+1
70,932	† Notre Dame	11	45-178	4.0	3-14	64	1	24	51-230	4.5	15-19	110	1	+4
17,932	at N Illinois	19	55-262	4.8	1-2	32	0	18	33-135	4.1	14-24	116	0	+2
69,144	† Army	20	57-368	6.5	3-10	62	0	7	36-102	2.8	9-16	52	2	+2
28,777	† Wake Forest	12	48-221	4.6	2-7	32	2	18	48-239	5.0	11-11	166	0	-1
TOTALS		224	715-3801	5.3	46-93	792	10	239	467-1753	3.8	227-341	2754	17	+15
AVERAGES		17.2	55-292	5.3	4-7	61	10.8%	18.4	36-135	3.8	17-26	212	5.0%	1.2

NAVY Pre-2004 RESULTS Post-

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	#24
–	Duke	-7	27-12	
–	Northeastern	NL	28-24	
–	at Tulsa	+1	29-0	
–	Vanderbilt	-8'	29-26	
–	at Air Force	+1	24-21	
–	† Notre Dame	+6	9-27	
–	Rice	-9'	14-13	
–	Delaware	NL	34-20	
–	at Tulane	-11	10-42	
–	Rutgers	-3'	54-21	
–	† Army	-13	42-13	

NAVY Pre-2005 RESULTS Post-

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	† Maryland	+12'	20-23
–	Stanford	+3	38-41
–	at Duke	-6	28-21
–	Air Force	+2	27-24
–	Kent St	-12'	34-31
–	at Rice	-7	41-9
–	at Rutgers	+6'	21-31
–	Tulane	-11	49-21
–	at Notre Dame - #7	+23'	21-42
–	Temple	-27	38-17
–	† Army	-6	42-23

NAVY Pre-2006 RESULTS Post-

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	East Carolina	-12'	28-23
–	Massachusetts	NL	21-20
–	at Stanford	+1	37-9
–	Tulsa	-5	23-24 OT
–	at Connecticut	+1'	41-17
–	at Air Force	+2'	24-17
–	Rutgers - #24	-2'	0-34
–	† Notre Dame - #11	+13'	14-38
–	at Duke	-10	38-13
–	† E Michigan	-15	49-21
–	Temple	-31'	42-6
–	† Army	-19'	26-14

NAVY Pre-2007 RESULTS Post-

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Temple	-21	30-19
–	at Rutgers - #15	+16'	24-41
–	Ball St	-7	31-34 OT
–	Duke	-14	46-43
–	Air Force	-2'	31-20
–	at Pittsburgh	+4	48-45 2OT
–	Wake Forest	+3	24-44
–	Delaware	NL	52-59
–	at Notre Dame	+3	46-44 3OT
–	at North Texas	-15	74-62
–	N Illinois	-16'	35-24
–	† Army	-14	38-3

NAVY Pre-2008 RESULTS Post-

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Towson	NL	41-13
–	at Ball St	+7	23-35
–	at Duke	+2'	31-41
–	Rutgers	+5'	23-21
–	at Wake Forest - #16	+16	24-17
–	at Air Force	+4	33-27
–	Pittsburgh - #23	+2'	21-42
–	SMU	-12	34-7
–	Temple	-7	33-27 OT
–	† Notre Dame	+4	21-27
–	at N Illinois	+3	16-0
–	† Army	-10'	34-0

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

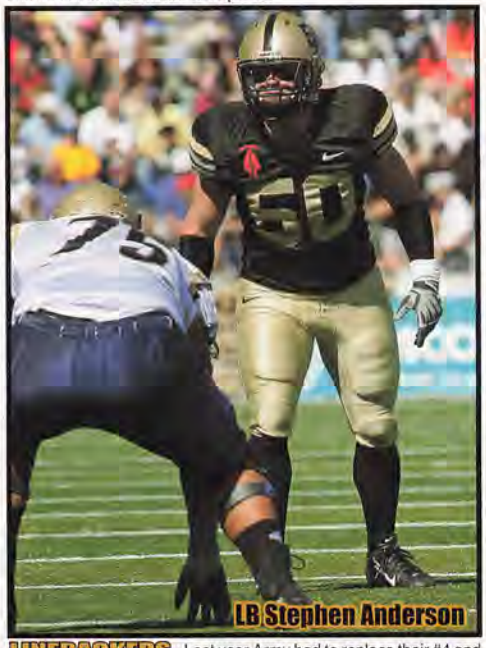
QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Zac Dahman became Army's career passing leader. In 2006 Carson Williams started the final 4 throwing for 577 (57.1%) with a 4-10 ratio and then started the last 10 in '07 throwing for 1,770 (52.6%) with an 11-12 ratio. Williams had said after the '07 season that if Army was going to run the option, he was not their man as he was a pro-style QB. He had a different attitude in the spring and summer scrimmages and was named the starter despite Army having better option QB's in Chip Bowden (PS#213) and Paul McIntosh (PS#94). McIntosh, who was the Indiana HS POY, was impressive in scrimmages but was not given a shot at the starting spot and transferred after 2 games. Bowden took over after 3. Williams proved to be the better passer completing 49% for 273 yd while Bowden completed just 43% for 282 yds. Running is of course the chief requirement for the QB in an option offense and Bowden almost became the first Army QB since 1992 to break 600 yards rushing and finished with 572 (2.9). He did injure himself in practice prior to Navy and had just 6 rush yards on 14 att. This year they lose #3 QB Carlo Sandiego (6 rush) but Bowden and Williams are back and added to the mix are Max Jenkins (6'2" 197 So, PS#95), Jimmy Reitter (6'0" 188 So) and this year's recruits. New HC Ellerson's triple option is similar to LY's system and I expect much improved numbers from the Army QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 the Knights had to replace Carlton Jones who became just the 3rd player in Army history (Mike Mayweather, Glenn Davis) to lead the team in rushing for four straight years. Diminutive Wesley McMahand (5'5"), who benched 320 and has excellent speed, led with 654 (4.4) while Tony Moore added 399 (3.8). Both ret'd in '07 and they got a significant addition in Patrick Mealy (PS#154) who broke the USMAPS rushing record in '06. McMahand led in the first 3 with 173 but surprisingly had just 40 after that. Mealy led 4 times including 86 vs GT. Tony Dace led 3 times and broke a streak of 24 straight games without a 100 yard rusher (104 vs Navy). Dace led with a paltry 330 (3.4). True Frosh Ian Smith added 157 (5.8) playing in just 4 and FB Mike Viti rushed for 81 (2.5). Moore missed '07 with a hip inj. Last year the top four ret'd but in the FB driven offense, it was FB Collin Mooney that got the bulk of the carries. Mooney ran the ball 231 times which was 188 more than the #2 RB, McMahand (43 att). On the last play of the season, former HC Brock called a time-out and Mooney's final rush gave him the single season rushing record with 1,339 (1990 Mayweather, 1,338). Mooney's best games were 207 (8.0) vs Rice, 172 (10.8) vs Buffalo, 229 (7.9) vs EM and 187 (9.8) vs Tulane. McMahand finished with 339 (7.9) and FB Bryson Carl added 227 (6.1) while Smith had 107 (5.6). Mealy quit early on but the players allowed him to return and his numbers dropped to 97 (5.4). This year they lose Mooney (12 st, 5.8 ypc), Tony Dace (5 st, 90, 3.9), Geoffrey Hewitt (30 yd), Justin Turner (3 st, 56 yd) and McMahand (4 st). Not listed below are Chad Littlejohn (6'0" 229 So), Stanton Bachus (5'7" 173 So) and Jacob Bohn (5'9" 215 Jr). I doubt the new feature back will match Mooney's numbers.

RECEIVERS - Jeremy Trimble led Army in receiving for four straight years with his best season coming in '07 when he had 912 (14.7) and left as Army's all-time career leading receiver. This unit was inexperienced losing their top 3 WR's last year and of course passed the ball a lot less. Jameson Carter was the top WR with just 157 yards, the lowest of any FBS school's leading receiver while Damion Hunter added 134 (12.2). This year they lose WR Mike Wright (12 st, 6 rec), TE Mike Evans (8 st, 1 rec), Joe LeForte (4 rec) and Jamison Maehler (6 rec). Carter is expected to play SB this year but Ellerson moved in huge former LT Ali Villanueva (6'10" 283) and they can only put up better numbers in 2009.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 Army had an inexperienced O-line and after 8 weeks nine different players had started. It's not surprising that they dropped to 88 ypg rushing (2.6). Last year they only had to replace three players who combined for 15 starts in '07 as C Trey Miranne (12 st '07) was granted a 5th year. I have pointed out that service academies usually graduate a good portion of their starting OL but the '08 group had 5 back with starting experience and I called for much improved numbers which was actually a no-brainer considering the shift to the option. Naturally Army greatly improved to 241 ypg (4.6) which was their best total since '99 but they did allow 9.4% sacks (12). Army usually has an undersized O-line but actually had the tallest OL in the country in 6'10" Ali Villanueva. The OL started the same five players in 11 gms and they had their best 4 OL's in the middle. Unfortunately they must replace all 4 as LT Villanueva (12 st) moves to WR while C Miranne (12 st 2Y starter), RG Mike Lemming (12 st 2Y starter) and LG Brandon Cox (12 st) depart along with backups Tyson Quick (1 st) and John Keller (5 gm). Army should fashion a good group and the rushing numbers will be strong in Ellerson's triple option offense, but this is a much less experienced group and this position is my biggest concern on the entire team.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '07 Army allowed 234 ypg rush (4.8) with just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 3 backups but did have Victor Ugenyi (orig commit Baylor) and Iowa transfer Ted Bentler. Army trimmed the totals to 145 ypg (4.0). This year they lose DT Bentler (12 st, 53 tkl, 3.5 sk), DE Nick Emmons (2 st, 2 tkl) and DT Joe Paolini (1 tkl) but have 5 of the top 7 back. Bentler's 280 lbs will be missed in the middle but this line should continue to improve.


LB Stephen Anderson

LINEBACKERS - Last year Army had to replace their #4 and #8 tkl'rs but ret their #3 and #7. Stephen Anderson started the last 9 (missed 2) and was the #2 tkl'r and had 11 tfl. He also had an 81 yd FR TD in his 2nd start. This year they lose MLB Frank Scappaticci (12 st, 97 tkl, 3 int, 7 tfl), SLB John Plumstead (11 st, 65 tkl, 4 tfl), Peter Anderson (3 tkl) and Matt Eason (2 tkl). Not listed below are Dennis Hilburn (6'1" 218 Sr) and Corey Laufasa (6'0" 230 So). They switched the terminology adding a ROV and a WHIP. While this unit is a little less experienced than in '08, but it could be just as strong.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 just one player departed from the 3 deep but Army only moved up to #100 in my pass D rankings (#107 '06) despite a respectable 12-7 ratio. Last year this unit was my biggest concern on the team as they had to replace all 4 starters including #7DC Caleb Campbell. The 4 starting DB's had a combined 2 career starts, with both of those coming in '06. Six of the top 12 DB's had no game experience. Former DC Mumford said "We are talented as ever in the secondary but it will be a learning process." Surprisingly Army moved up slightly to #92. This year they lose SS Lowell Garthwaite (12 st, 67 tkl), FS Markenson Pierre (2 st, 16 tkl), SS David Black (6 tkl) and CB TJ Walker (1 st, 4 tkl). Four return who combined for 33 starts LY making this a much more experienced unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Bobby Ross' final season, Army finished an outstanding #23 in my ST rankings. In '07 they only had to replace their K but dropped to #59. They did have 2 ST TD's in the same game (Temple) for the first time since 1960. Last year they had to replace all four of their category leaders. The unit got off to a slow start (allowed Temple 98 yd and NH 87 yd KR TD's). Brock moved some starters into the unit to correct the problem but they fell all the way to #111. Soph Matthew Campbell hit 8 of 12 FG's (long 42) with 2 misses from 50+. P Andrew Rinehart avg 39.2 (net 34.1) while the return game was below average. This year they lose P Rinehart and PR Sandiego (6.9) but have almost everyone else back including outstanding LS Jeremy Jonas (6'5" 255 Sr) who has had just 1 low snap in 2 years. I'll call for good-sized improvement from this more experienced unit.

COACHES - Bobby Ross unexpectedly retired after the 2006 season with a 9-25 record. His OL coach for 3 seasons, Stan Brock, took over. Brock made the correct move bringing the team back to the option offense LY but was let go after two seasons. New HC Rich Ellerson brings the triple-option offense from Cal-Poly. He had three Great West Titles in 8 years at CP and this past year his squad upset SDSt and missed 3 xp's in a 1 pt OT loss to Wisc. The OC is Ian Shields who was the OC at Cal-Poly. He has co-DC's in Payam Saadat (DC at CP) and Chris Smeland who spent the last 4 seasons at Mich St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to be one of the NCAA's powerhouses winning three straight National Titles from 1944-1946 while notching 14 Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long passed. They have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972. Since their last bowl season (1996) Army is 30-108 and has not won more than 4 in a season. Bob Sutton took the team to a bowl game in 1996 when the team was 10-2 but after 3 straight losing seasons, was let go in 1999 and Army made a fatal mistake of shifting from the option to a pass happy offense in 2000. The next 4 years they set all kinds of records going just 5-42 including in 2002 when they set a school record for losses with 11 but then became the first ever IA team to go 0-13 in 2003. Bobby Ross came in and converted them to a pro-style attack but it was a slow process although they did win 9 games in three years. Surprisingly Ross stepped aside prior to 2007 and Stan Brock won 3 games in his first year and made the commitment to the option last year. It was a slow process. Army lost to Temple by 28, FCS N Hampshire by 18 and then to Akron at home by 19 to open 0-3. Their season started to turn around when they only lost by 4 to TX A&M. They were nearly a 3 TD underdog and stunned Tulane 44-13. They beat EM and led Buffalo 24-10 in the 4Q but ended up losing in OT. They knocked off Independence Bowl champ LT 14-7 despite having a 4-1 TO deficit and though their record was 3-5 they could have easily been 4-4 or 5-3. They led AF 7-0 but allowed the Falcons' 4 scoring drives of 24, 34, 32 and 3 yards and lost by 9. The next week vs Houston Bowl champ Rice, they trailed 31-10 at the half but only lost 38-31. After playing 7 straight solid games it was surprising to me that in the final two against two more bowl teams they lost by a combined 64-3 and were outgained 951-373. New HC Rich Ellerson steps into a tremendous situation as Army has been softening their schedule and went through the initial growing pains of switching to the option last year and I thought they made tremendous progress. Ellersons' offense does throw often and even produced a #3 NFL DC WR (Ramses Barden) who had 1,257 yds (18.8) and 18 TD's LY. As opposed to having just 8 starters returning like last season, this year they have 12. Army was -14 in TO's and had 1 net close loss and also an offensive ypp of 19.5 (pg 299). If the Knights catch a few breaks, they could have their first winning season since 1996.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 10 CHIP BOWDEN JR. 6-0 211 PS#213. 9 st, 282 pass, 572 rush. Max Jenkins PS#95. Carson Williams (6'3" 212 Sr). **17 st**, 2631 (53%) 16-25 ratio 3Y. Trent Steelman PS#245.
FB 45 Bryson Carl Sr. 6-0 245 227 rush (6.1) LY. **36** CeDarius Williams (5'11" 203 So). **27** Kingsley Ehie (5'10" 221 Jr) 1 gm, LY. **33** Robert McClary (5'11" 247 Jr) 20 yd.
SB 5 PATRICK MEALY JR. 5-8 203 PS#154. 3 st, 302 (3.2) true. 3 st, 97 (5.4) LY. **1** Jameson Carter (5'11" 180 Jr) 1 st WR, 11 rec (14.3). Lawrence Brown (5'6" 164 Jr) 1 st CB, 9 tkl.
SB 25 Ian Smith Sr. 5-8 180 3 st, 264 rush (5.7) 2Y. **28** George Fletcher (5'9" 195 So) 2 st true. **22** Jamal Olatunde (5'8" 175 Jr). **32** Nelson Simmons (5'8" 180 Jr).
WR 82 ALI VILLANUEVA SR. **6-10 283** 12 st LT LY. **13** Davyd Brooks (6'3" 200 So) 6 gm true. Mark Allen (6'0" 173 Jr). Brian McSween (5'11" 160 Sr). Sean Boyle (6'0" 176 So).
WR 7 DAMION HUNTER SR. 5-10 166 4 gm, 58 (9.7) '07. 4 st, 134 (12.2) LY. 4.36 spd. **87** Austin Barr (6'4" 195 So). **2** Matt Vane (6'4" 207 Jr) 8 gm. Brian Austin (5'9" 165 Fr) PS#545.
C 57 Zachary Peterson Jr. 6-1 267 #1 C spg. **73** Anees Merzi (6'3" 276 Jr). **84** Thomas Hagan (6'2" 259 Jr) PS#423. **53** Jason Rothamel (6'3" 259 So). **LS** Jeremy Jonas (6'5" 255 Sr).
RG 54 Seth Reed Jr. 6-1 266 #1 RG spg, no gm action LY. **74** Karl Thompson (6'2" 292 Sr) 8 gm LY. **56** Joe Bailey (6'2" 283 So) PS#490. **52** Emmett Cosgrove (6'2" 231 So).
LG 72 Mikel Weich Jr. 6-3 277 PS#452. 3 st RG true. 8 gm LY. **66** David Sprague (6'3" 286 Sr) 5 gm LY. Jordan Pleasants (6'2" 298 So). Austin Noonan (6'4" 268 Fr) PS#387.
RT 67 JASON JOHNSON SR. 6-3 257 PS#378. 5 st, 7 gm LT '07, 11 st RT LY. **68** Mike McDermott (6'7" 248 So). **51** Kenric Lull (6'3" 258 Sr) 2 gm LY. **79** Matt Coulthard (6'2" 235 Sr).
LT 78 Brad Kelly So. 6-4 231 PS#180. #1 LT spg. **58** Tyler Hufstetler (6'1" 227 Jr) PS#311. **75** Ernie Bernal (6'3"249 Sr) 2 rec TE '07. Inj LY. **70** Jon Cohen (6'4" 228 So).
K 19 MATTHEW CAMPBELL JR. 5-9 195 PS#47. 8-12 FG with a long of 42 LY & just 1-4 from 40+. 15-15 xp, 3 TB/40 KO. **39** Alex Carlton (6'0" 186 So) PS#61. #2 PK in spg.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 95 Marcus Hilton Jr. 6-0 247 L/2 st LY, 3 tkl. **52** Adam Wilde (6'0" 218 So) PS#419. **81** Carson Homme (6'4" 243 Jr). **86** Taylor Dawson (6'2" 254 Sr). **46** Dean Lisante (6'0" 202 Sr).
DT 92 VICTOR UGENYI SR. 6-3 262 PS#171. 33 tkl, 7.5 tfl '07. 12 sts, 36 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **93** Mike Gann (6'2" 270 Jr) 24 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. 3 st, 10 tkl before inj LY. **94** Kyle Bates (6'2" 234 Sr).
DT 98 FRITZ BENTLER SR. 6-3 248 PS#135. 10 st, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **62** Christopher Swain (6'3" 232 So). **71** Patrick Landry (6'0" 297 So) PS#489. **69** Broghan Carnes (6'2" 231 So) PS#427.
DE 44 JOSHUA McNARY JR. 6-1 225 15 tkl, 2 tfl true. 10 st, 69 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7.5 tfl, 5 pbu LY. **55** Bradley Marren (6'1" 226 Sr) 2 tkl. **97** Todd Miller (6'2" 225 Jr). David Ford (6'1" 234 So).
WHIP 42 Andrew Rodriguez So. 6-3 210 PS#408. **5** Rod Murray (5'11" 206 Jr) PS#356. 11 gm, 17 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **59** Chad Thayer (6'0" 198 Sr). **48** Jake Arbanas (6'3" 192 So) PS#112TE.
MLB 50 STEPHEN ANDERSON JR. 5-10 219 15 tkl, 2 tfl true. Last 9 st LY, 82 tkl, 11 tfl, 6 pbu. **47** Bill Prosko (6'2" 210 So). **23** Andre Shinda (6'0" 195 So). **49** Justin Schaaf (5'11" 212 So) PS#363.
ROV 9 Steve Erzinger So. 6-1 215 5 tkl true. **29** Josh Jones (6'1" 187 So) PS#181QB. **13** John Wasniewski (6'1" 214 Jr) PS#189. **22** Sean Westphal (6'1" 205 Jr). Move from DB spg.
CB 1 MARIO HILL SR. 6-0 175 12 st, 40 tkl, 6 pbu 2Y. **3** Antuan Aaron (5'9" 193 So) 6 st, 28 tkl true. **16** Daniel Hinkson (6'1" 199 So) PS#366. **26** Don Gbaanador (5'11" 178 Sr).
CB 20 JORDAN TRIMBLE JR. 5-10 181 14 tkl true. 5 st, 29 tkl before inj LY. **8** Richard King (5'11" 190 Jr) 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Eric Jones (6'0" 195 So) 5 tkl true. Reginald Williams (5'11" 205 Jr).
SS 21 Desmond Lamb Jr. 6-2 193 PS#300. 4.5 spd. 7 tkl, 1 sk LY. **18** Donnie Dixon (6'0" 196 Jr) 1 tkl. Johnny Franco (5'8" 190 So) PS#374. **30** Jack Finan (6'1" 184 So) PS#306.
FS 6 DONOVAN TRAVIS JR. 6-1 187 10 st, 64 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 int LY. **17** Chase Prasnicki (6'1" 212 Sr) PS#176. **23** Joseph Puttmann (6'1" 202 Sr) 1 tkl. **4** Mark Myers (6'2" 177 Jr).
P 18 Jonathan Bulls Jr. 6-1 217 #2 punter LY, but no varsity action. #1 punter in spring '09. **38** Kolin Walk (6'0" 180 So) PS#96. **86** Matt Arent (6'3" 212 So) PS#211QB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Julius Warmsley 6-2 240 PS#179
RB	Marcus Dixon 5-11 195 PS#309
OL	Austin Noonan 6-4 268 PS#387
RB	Raymond Maples 6-0 195 PS#321
LB	Brad Strimel 6-2 220 PS#364
LB	Patrick Jann 5-11 220 PS#375
QB	Trent Steelman 6-1 186 PS#245 '08
DB	Jon Pozonsky 6-0 205 PS#506
QB	Cody Jackson 6-0 200 PS#267
DB	Casey Hughes 6-1 175 PS#559
DB	Lyle Beloney 5-11 185 PS#560
DL	Loren Baker 6-1 265 PS#525
WR	Brian Austin 5-9 165 PS#545
RB	Hunter Frantz 5-10 190 PS#566
LB	Clay Rutherford 6-2 215 PS#599
RB	PJ Clark 5-10 180 PS#621
DL	Ben Jebb 6-5 241 PS#656
QB	Chris Beck 5-11 185 PS#417
DB	CJ Shelley 5-11 190 PS#807
DB	Cole Stanford 6-2 210 PS#838
WR	Nathan Hughes 6-0 168 PS#882
DL	JT Lang 6-4 225 PS#911
LB	Josh Breitwieser 6-3 215 PS#970DL
QB	Miles Freeman 6-1 200 PS#609
WR	Kyler Martin 6-2 200 PS#1565

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

West Point, New York
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#118

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ARMY	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Sep. 12	Duke	A					
Sep. 19	Ball St	A					
Sep. 26	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 3	Tulane (HC)	A					
Oct. 10	Vanderbilt	A					
Oct. 17	at Temple	G					
Oct. 23	Rutgers (Fri)	A					
Oct. 31							
Nov. 7	at Air Force	A					
Nov. 14	VMI	A					
Nov. 21	at North Texas	A					
Nov. 28							
Dec. 12	† Navy (Philadelphia)	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Dahman 6,904 '02-'05
2. Leamon Hall 5,502 '74-'77
3. Kingsley Fink 3,079 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Mayweather 4,299 '87-'90
2. Carlton Jones 3,536 '02-'05
3. Glenn Davis 2,957 '43-'46

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jeremy Trimble 2,330 '04-'07
2. Clennie Brundidge 2,279 '75-'78
3. Aaron Alexander 1,820 '02-'04

Army has now dropped 12 straight ssn openers including the L/2 vs MAC tms. LY FB Mooney rushed for a career high 229 yds (7.9) as Army outscored EMU 10-0 in the 2H.

Army has lost 7 straight at home vs BCS conf tms by an avg of 23 ppg. Army is 39-57-1 vs current ACC tms & is 1-6 S/'89 vs Duke. Army did win the last meeting here in '96.

We feel Army would be a great fit as the MAC's 14th team & this year they play 3 more MAC opp's after playing 4 in 2008 (Army went 1-2 at home & 1-3 overall).

The Knights have played the Big 12 tough. While having gone 1-4 the L4Y they've been outscored by a total of 18 pts & that includes a pair of 4 pt losses vs Texas A&M.

These 2 have played 12 times the L13Y. Army has B2B wins. LY in the Dome, Army led 23-7 at HT & the 31 pt win was the largest MOV vs a FBS team since 10/21/95.

Army has a 12-14-1 record vs the SEC. They are 3-4 vs Vandy but this is the 1st meeting S/'91. The Knights last SEC gm was a 32-29 loss to Auburn in the '96 Independence Bowl.

These 2 are just 120 miles apart with Army also facing Navy here almost annually. LY Army finished with a 284-250 yd edge but allowed a 98 yd KR & 17 yd FR for TD's.

Army has now dropped 5 straight to Rutgers by an avg of 27 ppg & 10 straight to Big East members. The L2Y Army has been outgained 967-371 & outFD'd 50-17.

Army has lost 3 straight to Air Force & is 2-18 S/'89. LY the Knights held the Falcons to 10 FD & 174 total yds but lost as AF's scoring drives were 24, 34, 32 & 3 yds.

Army is 12-1 vs VMI including a 62-7 win in '06. They did, however, lose to FCS foe NH LY & needed OT to beat Rhode Island in '07. The Keydets went 4-7 LY including a 51-31 loss to Ohio.

Army is 3-1 vs the SBC & 2-0 vs NT. Army has a large number of Texas players (17TY) & draws well from the military bases. The L3Y they were 1-3 in Texas but only outscored by 2 ppg.

Note: Army has two weeks off (Nov 28 & Dec 5) before playing their rival Service Academy Navy.

The streak is now 7 straight losses to Navy. This is the 110th meeting & 82nd in Philly. LY Army was outgained 288-84 in the 1H but LB Scappaticci had a career high 15 tkls.

RICH ELLERSON (Career 0-0) (FCS 60-41)
1st Year at Army
Ellerson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Ellerson's records AT ARMY

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

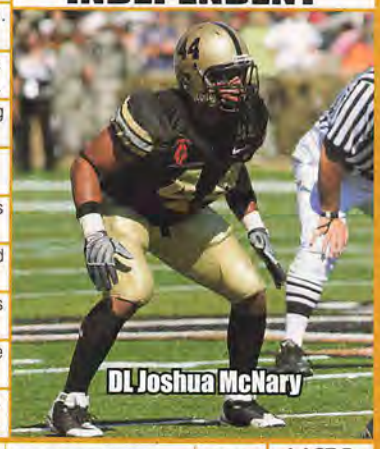
2008 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (13,18,2)
Lost: 44 (23,18,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,752 (#80)

INDEPENDENT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STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (40,000) (#78)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	1-11	0-13	2-9	4-7	3-9	3-9	3-9	20-85
Home	1-4	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-4	2-4	2-3	3-2	2-4	13-36
Away	0-5	0-5	1-4	0-6	1-4	2-2	1-4	0-6	1-4	6-40
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-9
vs Conf	1-6	2-5	1-7	0-8	2-6	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	7-39
vs Non-Conf	0-4	1-3	0-4	0-5	0-3	3-6	3-7	3-7	3-7	13-46
ATS	4-7	6-5	4-6-1	4-9	5-6	5-5	3-8	4-6-1	6-5	41-57-2
Home Fav (Todd Berry 2000)	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	4-4
Home Dog (Todd Berry 2000)	1-4	3-1	2-2-1	0-6	3-2	1-3	0-2	1-1	0-3	11-24-1
Away Fav (Todd Berry (1-7) John Mumford (8-13))	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3
Away Dog (Todd Berry (1-7) John Mumford (8-13))	3-2	2-3	2-2	4-2	2-2	3-1	1-3	2-3-1	4-1	23-19-1
Neutral (Todd Berry (1-7) John Mumford (8-13))	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	3-7
vs Conf (Todd Berry (1-7) John Mumford (8-13))	4-3	3-4	4-3-1	4-4	5-3	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	22-23-1
vs Non-Conf (Todd Berry (1-7) John Mumford (8-13))	0-4	3-1	0-3	0-5	0-3	4-4	2-7	4-4-1	6-3	19-34-1
Off SU Win (Bobby Ross)	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	8-10
Off SU Loss (Bobby Ross)	3-6	4-4	4-5-1	4-8	4-4	3-3	2-5	3-3-1	4-3	31-41-2

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29
88	Sun	+14	Alabama - #20	28-29
96	Independence - #24	+7'	Auburn	29-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Army's All-Time Bowl Record 2-2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
4*	14.8	288	241	4.6	46	44.5	19.5	12	-14	2008	4	23.7	340	145	4.0	194	60.7	14.3	19
6*	16.9	276	88	2.6	188	52.9	16.3	28	-10	2007	6	30.3	424	234	4.8	190	64.6	14.0	15
8	19.3	261	128	3.7	133	55.6	13.5	20	-18	2006	7	27.9	355	199	4.8	156	62.3	12.7	11
5*	20.0	316	140	3.3	176	55.8	15.8	22	-2	2005	5	26.7	347	173	4.4	174	63.8	13.0	13
9*	23.6	382	176	5.1	206	51.9	16.1	17	+3	2004	8	35.3	490	249	5.1	241	66.1	13.9	20
5*	15.8	271	64	2.0	207	51.8	17.1	35	-20	2003	7	36.6	464	211	4.5	253	65.2	12.7	17
4	18.8	299	120	3.4	179	47.7	15.9	18	-14	2002	5	40.9	393	210	4.4	183	61.8	9.6	22

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Collin Mooney	231	1343	4	1339	8	5.8
Chip Bowden	194	710	138	572	1	2.9
Wesley McMahand	43	351	12	339	2	7.9
Bryson Carl	37	228	1	227	0	6.1
Ian Smith	19	108	1	107	2	5.6
Patrick Mealy	18	98	1	97	2	5.4
Tony Dace	23	106	16	90	2	3.9
Justin Turner	17	57	1	56	0	3.3
Geoffrey Hewitt	5	30	0	30	0	6.0
Robert McClary	5	20	0	20	0	4.0
Carson Williams	21	47	35	12	0	0.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chip Bowden	72	31	43.1	282	2	3
Carson Williams	53	26	49.1	273	1	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jameson Carter	11	157	14.3	0	59
Damion Hunter	11	134	12.2	1	47
Carlo Sandiego	6	68	11.3	0	28
Collin Mooney	9	59	6.6	0	26
Jamison Maehler	6	50	8.3	0	18
Mike Wright	6	49	8.2	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andrew Rinehart	60	2349	39.2	14	34.1(t)	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matthew Campbell	15-15	5-5	2-3	1-2	0-2	8-12	42

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Frank Scappaticci	97	2	5	4	3
Stephen Anderson	82	2	9	6	0
Joshua McNary	69	4.5	7.5	5	0
Lowell Garthwaite	67	0	0	3	0
John Plumstead	65	0	4	0	0
Donovan Travis	64	0	1	4	2
Ted Bentler	53	3.5	2	2	0
Victor Ugenyi	36	4	2	4	0
Jordan Trimble	29	0	1	1	0
Mario Hill	28	0	0.5	6	0
Antuan Aaron	28	0	1	0	0
Richard King	18	1	1.5	1	1
Fritz Bentler	18	0	2.5	0	0
Rod Murray	17	0	2	0	1
Markenson Pierre	16	0	0	0	0
Michael Gann	10	1	0.5	0	0
Lawrence Brown	9	0	1	1	0
Desmond Lamb	7	1	0	0	0
David Black	6	0	0	1	0
Eric Jones	5	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Carlo Sandiego	10	69	6.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jameson Carter	26	542	20.8	0
Patrick Mealy	12	291	24.3	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

ARMY 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
21,822	Temple	17	58-210	3.6	6-15	74	0	16	30-84	2.8	16-23	166	0	-1
25,762	New Hampshire	15	55-169	3.1	7-11	95	3	17	38-184	4.8	12-17	138	2	-2
27,040	Akron	15	48-160	3.3	7-13	63	3	18	37-153	4.1	14-25	204	0	-4
84,090	at Texas A&M	21	65-280	4.3	1-5	4	0	14	29-133	4.6	13-19	157	1	0
23,794	at Tulane	13	44-291	6.6	4-5	43	0	25	38-156	4.1	26-42	330	1	+4
27,096	E Michigan	17	59-341	5.8	0-3	0	0	16	29-117	4.0	12-30	138	2	-2
21,719	at Buffalo	17	54-320	5.9	4-6	52	0	15	30-41	1.4	25-35	279	5	-1
27,383	Louisiana Tech	12	56-203	3.6	3-9	32	0	9	38-68	1.8	8-19	84	5	-3
37,409	Air Force	17	48-143	3.0	8-26	107	1	10	49-142	2.9	3-8	32	0	-2
19,243	at Rice	24	65-461	7.1	6-15	31	2	22	29-133	4.6	21-28	384	2	-1
42,212	at Rutgers	11	47-217	4.6	2-4	2	1	25	30-162	5.4	23-34	359	2	0
69,144	† Navy	7	36-102	2.8	9-16	52	2	20	57-368	6.5	3-10	62	0	-2
TOTALS		186	635-2897	4.6	57-128	555	12	207	434-1741	4.0	176-290	2333	19	-14
AVERAGES		15.5	53-241	4.6	5-11	46	9.4%	17.3	36-145	4.0	15-24	194	6.6%	-1.2

2004 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Louisville	+22'	21-52
–	at Houston	+15'	21-35
–	at Connecticut	+22'	3-40
–	TCU	+18'	17-21
–	Cincinnati	+14'	48-29
–	at USF	+15	42-35
–	at East Carolina	-3	28-38
–	Air Force	+3'	22-31
–	at Tulane	+6'	31-45
–	UAB	+11'	14-20
–	† Navy	+13	13-42

2005 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Boston College - #19	+27'	7-44
–	Baylor	+5'	10-20
–	Iowa St - #22	+17	21-28
–	Connecticut	+10'	13-47
–	C Michigan	+2'	10-14
–	at TCU - #25	+22	17-38
–	at Akron	+9	20-0
–	at Air Force	+11'	27-24
–	Massachusetts	NL	34-27
–	Arkansas St	-8'	38-10
–	† Navy	+6	23-42

2006 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arkansas St	-4'	6-14
–	Kent St	-6	17-14 OT
–	† Texas A&M	+28	24-28
–	at Baylor	+11	27-20 OT
–	Rice	-11	14-48
–	VMI	NL	62-7
–	at Connecticut	+4'	7-21
–	TCU	+12	17-31
–	at Tulane	+5'	28-42
–	Air Force	+4'	7-43
–	at Notre Dame - #6	+29	9-41
–	† Navy	+19'	14-26

2007 RESULTS

ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Akron	+6	14-22
–	Rhode Island	NL	14-7 OT
–	at Wake Forest	+20	10-21
–	at Boston College - #14	+27'	17-37
–	Temple	-6'	37-21
–	Tulane	-6'	20-17 OT
–	at C Michigan	+14	23-47
–	at Georgia Tech	+24	10-34
–	at Air Force	+16'	10-30
–	Rutgers	+19'	6-41
–	Tulsa	+15'	39-49
–	† Navy	+14	3-38

2008 RESULTS

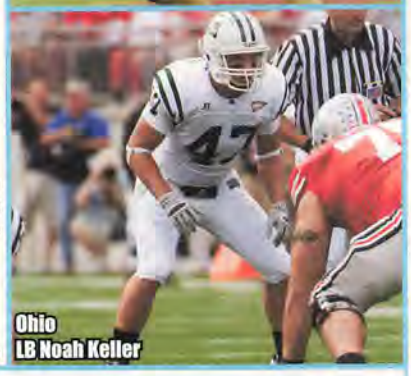
ARMY Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Temple	+7	7-35
–	New Hampshire	NL	10-28
–	Akron	+10	3-22
–	at Texas A&M	+27	17-21
–	at Tulane	+19'	44-13
–	E Michigan	-1	17-13
–	at Buffalo	+11	24-27 OT
–	Louisiana Tech	-2'	14-7
–	Air Force	+7'	7-16
–	at Rice	+9'	31-38
–	at Rutgers	+18	3-30
–	† Navy	+10'	0-34

MAC
MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 MAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team	Honorable Mention
QB	Dan LeFevour, C Michigan	Tim Hiller, W Michigan	Andy Schmitt, E Michigan	Tyler Sheehan, BGSU	Chris Jacquemain, Akron
RB	MiQuale Lewis, Ball St	Brandon West, W Michigan	Morgan Williams, Toledo	Terrence Blevins, E Michigan	DeVoe Torrence, Akron
RB	James Starks, Buffalo	Eugene Jarvis, Kent St	Donte Harden, Ohio	DaJuane Collins, Toledo	Lamar McPherson, Temple
WR	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	Taylor Price, Ohio	Deryn Bowser, Akron	Andre Jones, Akron	Anthony Bowman, Kent St
WR	Antonio Brown, C Michigan	Bryan Anderson, C Michigan	Juan Nunez, W Michigan	Jason Harper, Temple	Briggs Orsbon, Ball St
WR	Jacory Stone, E Michigan	Stephen Williams, Toledo	Freddie Barnes, BGSU	Chris Givens, Miami	Marcus Lewis, N Illinois
TE	Madaris Grant, Ball St	Matt Stevens, W Michigan	Josh LeDuc, E Michigan	Jesse Rack, Buffalo	Steve Maneri, Temple
C	Colin Miller, C Michigan	Eddie Adamski, N Illinois	David White, Ohio	Eric Davis, E Michigan	Elliott Bates, Akron
G	Jason Onyebuagu, N Illinois	Colin Madison, Temple	Mike Ward, Akron	Nick Clemens, W Michigan	Jared DeWalt, Toledo
G	Zack Anderson, Akron	Phillip Swanson, W Michigan	Michael Switzer, Ball St	Shane Steffy, BGSU	Brandon Brooks, Miami
T	Corey Woods, Akron	Mike VanDerMeulen, Toledo	Andrew West, Buffalo	Pat Boyle, Temple	Pat Reedy, Kent St
T	Anthony Parker, W Michigan	Trevor Olson, N Illinois	John Morookian, Toledo	Bob Gulley, Miami	Bridger Buche, E Michigan
DE	Frank Zombo, C Michigan	Brandon Crawford, Ball St	Brandon Bice, N Illinois	Brad Ohrman, E Michigan	Sam Williams, C Michigan
DT	Andre Neblett, Temple	Ryan Bain, Akron	Sean Murnane, C Michigan	Ernie Hodge, Ohio	Anel Montanez, Buffalo
DT	Sam Frist, Kent St	Cody Cielenski, W Michigan	Martin Channels, Miami	Skylaar Constant, Toledo	Aaron Hull, Kent St
DE	Junior Galette, Temple	Almondo Sewell, Akron	Kevin Hogan, Kent St	Adrian Robinson, Temple	Justin Braska, W Michigan
LB	Nick Bellore, C Michigan	Cobrani Mixon, Kent St	Caleb Bostic, Miami	Andre Hatchett, E Michigan	Jermaine Jenkins, E Michigan
LB	Austin Pritchard, W Michigan	Alex Joseph, Temple	Raphael Akobundu, Buffalo	Mike Thomas, Akron	Pat Schiller, N Illinois
LB	Noah Keller, Ohio	Archie Donald, Toledo	Amara Kamara, Temple	Errik Ejike, Ohio	Aaron Williams, Akron
LB	Justin Winters, Buffalo	Lee Renfro, Ohio	Davyd Jones, Ball St	Alex Kube, N Illinois	Jerett Sanderson, BGSU
CB	Kendrick Hawkins, Buffalo	Miguel Graham, Akron	Travis Carrie, Ohio	Daryl Robinson, Temple	Lester Richmond (SS), Toledo
CB	Jamal Schulters, Temple	Domonic Cook, Buffalo	Josh Gordy, C Michigan	Patrick George, N Illinois	David Bryant (FS), N Illinois
SS	Barry Church, Toledo	Davonte Shannon, Buffalo	PJ Mahone, BGSU	Sean Baker, Ball St	Dominique Harris, Temple
FS	Mike Newton, Buffalo	Doug Wiggins, W Michigan	Steven Jackson, Ohio	Jaiquawn Jarrett, Temple	Brian Lainhart, Kent St
K	Mike Salerno, N Illinois	Andrew Aguila, C Michigan	Alex Steigerwald, Toledo	Ian McGarvey, Ball St	AJ Principe, Buffalo
P	Zach Johnson, E Michigan	Bill Claus, Toledo	Ben Armer, W Michigan	Nick Iovinelli, BGSU	Matt Schulte, Ohio
KR	Chris Garrett, Ohio	Antonio Brown, C Michigan	Brandon West, W Michigan	Jamal Schulters, Temple	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo
PR	Antonio Brown, C Michigan	LaVon Brazill, Ohio	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	Eugene Harris, Miami	Doug Wiggins, W Michigan

Central Michigan QB Dan LeFevour


Ohio LB Noah Keller

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 MAC FORECAST

MAC WEST

1. CENTRAL MICHIGAN - The schedule makers did C Michigan no favors as they have to play last year's MAC Title Game participants Buffalo and Ball St as well as rival WM on the road. In fact, C Michigan has to travel to face SEVEN teams that were bowl eligible last year. Still, CM has only 10 lettermen lost and 44 lettermen returning including QB LeFevour, WR's Brown and Anderson and their top 12 tacklers from '08. CM is my choice to get their 3rd MAC Title in 4 years.

2. WESTERN MICHIGAN - WM is tied with BG for the fewest returning starters in the MAC at 10 but keep in mind they were -7 in TO's and QB Hiller tore his ACL and was not 100% over the final 4 games last season. While the D is young, they could play beyond their years. They do have massive losses at WR but the QB, RB and OL's are among the best in the MAC, as is their special teams and HC. Look for the D to be much tougher than you would expect (3 st back).

3. TOLEDO - Last year Toledo was outgained by 79.7 ypg in the MAC (2nd worst) but did have just 10 seniors. This year they have an amazing 57 lettermen returning and just 7 lettermen lost (89% back). While the Rockets have a new HC, they should have the most improved D in the MAC to go with a potent offense. Last year I had Toledo pegged lower than most (5th) but this year they will be a surprise team in the tough MAC West.

4. NORTHERN ILLINOIS - Last year Jerry Kill stepped into a great situation with 21 returning starters including 20 seniors who had starting experience and had a team that lost 38 starts to injury in '07. As expected, NI went from 2-10 to a bowl game and would have had a winning record but 5 of their 7 losses were by 7 points or less. They have just 11 returning starters and lose 24 lettermen (tied for most in the MAC) but they are now in the second year of Kill's system and should be bowl eligible again.

5. BALL ST - While Ball St did not win the MAC Title last year, they were the best team in the league opening 12-0 and getting as high as #12 in the polls. In the MAC Title game they had a dominating 503-301 yd edge but could not overcome two long FR TD's. This year, Ball St loses their star QB Nate Davis, 3 of their top 4 receivers, 4 starting OL's plus their HC. I like the backfield of QB Page and RB Lewis (MAC #1 rusher in '08) but in the very competitive West, Ball St figures to take a few steps back.

6. EASTERN MICHIGAN - EM could easily move out of the basement, but once again the MAC West is loaded with talented teams. Last year the Eagles got their 2nd consecutive Michigan MAC Championship thanks to winning their final 2 games which got them a tie for 5th. This year they have 17 returning starters (most in MAC) and also have my #3 rated offense in the league.

MAC EAST

1. OHIO - The Bobcats were just 4-8 last year but could easily have prevailed in 5 of their 8 losses as they were much stronger than their final record. They were also -12 in TO's. Ohio has 14 starters back which is their most since 2006. Ohio makes my list of Most Improved Teams and gets my call to be the surprise winner of the MAC East.

2. AKRON - Many teams have been "Akroned" in MAC play the last few years but the Zips have only had a 3-5 record in the MAC in each of the past 3 years. This year they have a veteran QB, outstanding skill positions and will benefit from the opening of their brand new on campus stadium. Akron does host Ohio on Oct 10th and I give them a shot at 8 wins for the first time since 1985. The Zips also make my Most Improved List!

3. TEMPLE - A lot was expected of Temple last year as they amazingly had just 2 lettermen lost. Despite being -70.7 ypg (3rd worst MAC) they managed a 4-4 record and a tie for 2nd in the East. Although they lose star QB DiMichele they amazingly lost 3 games on the final play last year and were also without him for 4 so they could have easily had a winning record. This year they have 15 returning starters (4th most) and still lose just 16 lettermen. Temple has my #1 rated D in the MAC and that makes them a threat in the MAC East despite having to play both Akron and Ohio on the road.

4. BUFFALO - Buffalo was very fortunate to win the MAC last year with 2 long FR TD's getting them past Ball St in the MAC Title game despite being outgained 503-301. They had a lot of games that could have gone either way. This year Buffalo has RB Starks and WR Roosevelt, two of their top weapons on offense back, as well as their top 7 tacklers. They were however +19 in TO's and despite their MAC Title, they were actually outgained in conf play. Those factors have me calling for a drop in the standings.

5. KENT ST - Kent St has blown a lot of winnable games in the MAC the last few years and has also been hit hard by injuries. They do have RB Jarvis and an improved defense plus 82% returning lettermen (2nd most in the league with 59). Kent St also outgained MAC foes last year by 40.6 ypg (3rd best) which means they could be one of the surprise teams.

6. BOWLING GREEN - I picked BG to win the MAC East last year and when they were on their game, they were very good beating Pitt and Wyoming on the road and walloping MAC foes like Kent St, Ohio and Toledo. They also suffered some tough losses, like the one to EM and a 2OT loss to Buffalo, a game they led 27-7, which cost them a trip to the Title game. This year they have just 10 returning starters and break in a new HC with new schemes on both sides of the ball, which actually has me calling for a rebuilding season.

6. MIAMI, OH - A lot of things point to a Miami resurgence this year as they have most of their skill players back and were -12 in TO's last year. They do return their top 4 rushers and top 4 rec but lose their top 4 tacklers from a D that yielded 423 ypg in MAC play. Last year's 1-7 MAC record was a surprise but this year's likely losing MAC record will not be.

MAC NOTES: C Michigan's Antonio Brown is one of just 2 players in Bowl Subdivision history to earn All Conf 1st Tm honors at 3 different positions in the same season. Brown was All MAC 1st Tm at WR, KR and PR in 2008. C Michigan is trying to become the first ever MAC team to appear in four straight bowl games. Buffalo SS Davonte Shannon is the first Bull in their first 10 years in the MAC to earn All-MAC honors in his first two seasons. The MAC had 5 wins vs BCS schools in '07 which was tied with the Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-10. Last year they upped it to 6 which tied them with the SEC and was ahead of the Big Ten and Pac-10 (5 each). The MAC is 21-17 vs FBS teams not in a BCS conf the last 3 years. The MAC East has produced 5 different division champs the last 5 years in Miami, Akron, Ohio, BG and Buffalo. There have been 3 upsets in 5 years in the MAC Title game since it moved to Detroit. The MAC had 10 NFL DC's this year which tied for 2nd most among non BCS conferences. At least 3 MAC teams make my Most Improved List this year. The 5 teams in bowls last year tied a conf record but unfortunately they were 0-5 in those games. Ten different MAC teams have been to a bowl since 2004. The 3 that have the longest bowl droughts are Eastern Michigan, which has not been to a bowl since '87, Temple (last bowl 1979) and Kent St, which has not been to a bowl since 1972!

2008 MAC vs MAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
31	Ball St	37.9	1	459.5	1	197.1	2	5.1	2	262.4	4	65.2	4	12.1	12	5	1	8	2
37	C Michigan	31.6	4	433.1	2	149.3	8	3.8	11	283.9	3	69.0	2	13.7	7	7	3	15	11
57	Akron	33.0	2	408.8	6	179.6	4	4.8	4	229.1	7	54.7	12	12.4	11	16	9	11	4
63	W Michigan	27.4	8	413.5	5	117.1	12	4.2	8	296.4	2	64.1	5	15.1	4	17	11	7	1
65	E Michigan	26.3	9	415.4	4	118.8	11	3.5	12	296.6	1	63.7	6	15.8	2	14	6	11	4
67	Kent St	28.6	6	418.0	3	244.5	1	5.4	1	173.5	11	56.9	11	14.6	6	14	6	13	8
71	Buffalo	32.0	3	401.0	7	157.6	5	4.3	7	243.4	5	65.5	3	12.5	10	6	2	13	8
74	Bowling Green	29.5	5	372.4	9	151.5	7	4.4	6	220.9	8	69.4	1	12.6	9	11	5	14	10
91	Toledo	21.3	12	317.3	12	152.5	6	4.8	3	164.8	12	58.8	8	14.9	5	14	6	12	6
92	Ohio	24.5	11	373.6	8	137.9	9	4.2	9	235.8	6	58.8	7	15.3	3	19	12	15	11
98	N Illinois	27.5	7	351.9	10	188.6	3	4.5	5	163.3	13	57.9	9	12.8	8	8	4	10	3
109	Miami	18.0	13	326.5	11	123.3	10	3.9	10	203.3	10	57.7	10	18.1	1	19	12	12	6
111	Temple	25.9	10	310.3	13	105.6	13	3.0	13	204.6	9	53.5	13	12.0	13	16	9	18	13

2008 MAC vs MAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
47	N Illinois	19.3	2	318.3	1	150.6	5	4.60	10	167.6	1	64.8	2	16.5	11	12	3	15	4
68	Bowling Green	22.9	4	334.4	2	163.3	9	4.19	7	171.1	2	54.7	13	14.6	9	11	5	16	2
70	Ball St	17.0	1	339.8	3	108.8	1	3.72	2	231.0	8	57.6	11	20.0	13	15	1	13	7
71	Temple	22.5	3	381.0	6	111.5	2	3.26	1	269.5	12	62.1	7	16.9	12	17	2	15	4
75	W Michigan	23.4	5	381.5	7	152.1	6	3.89	5	229.4	6	57.0	12	16.3	10	12	4	15	4
85	Ohio	29.1	7	365.5	4	135.4	4	3.73	3	230.1	7	61.9	9	12.5	5	9	9	16	2
89	Buffalo	27.9	6	403.1	9	157.9	8	4.75	11	245.3	10	65.4	1	14.5	7	15	7	7	11
90	Toledo	29.5	9	397.0	8	185.9	12	4.55	9	211.1	4	64.5	3	13.5	6	15	8	5	13
99	Akron	36.1	12	411.3	10	170.0	10	4.26	8	241.3	9	63.6	4	11.4	2	14	12	6	12
105	C Michigan	29.4	8	428.3	12	120.3	3	3.80	4	308.0	13	62.1	6	14.6	8	9	6	21	1
108	Kent St	33.0	10	377.4	5	155.1	7	4.15	6	222.3	5	62.0	8	11.4	3	18	11	12	8
112	Miami	33.8	11	423.0	11	228.8	13	5.83	13	194.3	3	60.3	10	12.5	4	8	10	8	10
117	E Michigan	39.6	13	440.8	13	183.9	11	5.39	12	256.9	11	62.3	5	11.1	1	11	13	10	9

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Nate Davis, Ball St	401	258	64.3	8	3591	9.0	26	157.0
Adam DiMichele, Temple	231	134	58.0	6	1911	8.3	18	148.0
Dan LeFevour, C Michigan	**376**	**251**	**66.8**	**6**	**2784**	**7.4**	**21**	**144.2**
Tim Hiller, W Michigan	**522**	**339**	**64.9**	**10**	**3725**	**7.1**	**36**	**143.8**
Drew Willy, Buffalo	468	304	65.0	6	3304	7.1	25	139.3
Boo Jackson, Ohio	**306**	**185**	**60.5**	**12**	**2355**	**7.7**	**19**	**137.8**
Tyler Sheehan, Bowling Green	400	267	66.8	9	2610	6.5	20	133.6
Chris Jacquemain, Akron	**399**	**231**	**57.9**	**14**	**2748**	**6.9**	**20**	**125.3**
Andy Schmitt, E Michigan	**417**	**261**	**62.6**	**8**	**2644**	**6.3**	**15**	**123.9**
Chandler Harnish, N Illinois	**211**	**118**	**55.9**	**9**	**1528**	**7.2**	**8**	**120.7**
Julian Edelman, Kent St	275	153	55.6	11	1820	6.6	13	118.8
Aaron Opelt, Toledo	**376**	**225**	**59.8**	**7**	**2176**	**5.8**	**12**	**115.3**
Daniel Raudabaugh, Miami	**343**	**201**	**58.6**	**9**	**1960**	**5.7**	**8**	**109.1**

TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Dan LeFevour, C Michigan	**11**	**168**	**592**	**376**	**2784**	**3376**	**306.9**
Tim Hiller, W Michigan	**13**	**38**	**2**	**522**	**3725**	**3727**	**286.7**
Nate Davis, Ball St	14	66	312	401	3591	3903	278.8
Julian Edelman, Kent St	12	215	1370	275	1820	3190	265.8
Andy Schmitt, E Michigan	**11**	**57**	**171**	**417**	**2644**	**2815**	**255.9**
Tyler Sheehan, Bowling Green	12	105	237	400	2610	2847	237.3
Chris Jacquemain, Akron	**12**	**55**	**46**	**399**	**2748**	**2794**	**232.8**
Drew Willy, Buffalo	14	65	-115	468	3304	3189	227.8
Boo Jackson, Ohio	**12**	**100**	**333**	**306**	**2355**	**2688**	**224.0**
Adam DiMichele, Temple	9	61	91	231	1911	2002	222.4
Chandler Harnish, N Illinois	**10**	**118**	**539**	**211**	**1528**	**2067**	**206.7**
Aaron Opelt, Toledo	**12**	**42**	**-44**	**376**	**2176**	**2132**	**177.7**
Daniel Raudabaugh, Miami	11	25	-22	343	1960	1938	176.2
MiQuale Lewis, Ball St	**14**	**322**	**1736**	**0**	**0**	**1736**	**124.0**
Dennis Kennedy, Akron	12	239	1321	3	30	1351	112.6
James Starks, Buffalo	**12**	**272**	**1333**	**0**	**0**	**1333**	**111.1**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

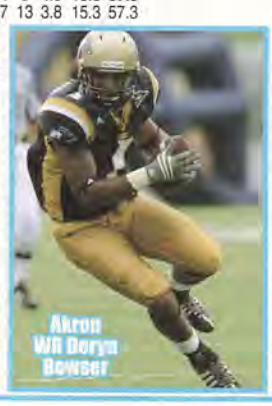
	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/GM
MiQuale Lewis, Ball St	**14**	**322**	**1736**	**22**	**5.4**	**124.0**
Julian Edelman, Kent St	12	215	1370	13	6.4	114.2
James Starks, Buffalo	**12**	**272**	**1333**	**16**	**4.9**	**111.1**
Dennis Kennedy, Akron	12	239	1321	17	5.5	110.1
Eugene Jarvis, Kent St	**9**	**165**	**801**	**9**	**4.9**	**89.0**
Brandon West, W Michigan	**12**	**204**	**1026**	**8**	**5.0**	**85.5**
Morgan Williams, Toledo	**12**	**169**	**1010**	**6**	**6.0**	**84.2**
DaJuane Collins, Toledo	**10**	**127**	**700**	**5**	**5.5**	**70.0**
Donte Harden, Ohio	**7**	**87**	**454**	**2**	**5.2**	**64.9**
Thomas Merriweather, Miami	**10**	**140**	**547**	**4**	**3.9**	**54.7**
Chandler Harnish, N Illinois	**10**	**118**	**539**	**4**	**4.6**	**53.9**
Dan LeFevour, C Michigan	**11**	**168**	**592**	**6**	**3.5**	**53.8**
JR Taylor, Miami	**8**	**87**	**427**	**2**	**4.9**	**53.4**
Chris Garrett, Ohio	**11**	**117**	**529**	**5**	**4.5**	**48.1**
Terrence Blevins, E Michigan	**12**	**133**	**575**	**12**	**4.3**	**47.9**
Ontario Sneed, C Michigan	13	124	548	8	4.4	42.2

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/PG	AVG/REC	YDS/GM
Dante Love, Ball St	4	28	460	3	7.0	16.4	115.0
Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	**14**	**104**	**1402**	**13**	**7.4**	**13.5**	**100.1**
Jamarko Simmons, W Michigan	13	104	1276	7	8.0	12.3	98.2
Jacory Stone, E Michigan	**12**	**88**	**943**	**3**	**7.3**	**10.7**	**78.6**
Antonio Brown, C Michigan	**13**	**93**	**998**	**7**	**7.2**	**10.7**	**76.8**
Bryan Anderson, C Michigan	**12**	**63**	**865**	**6**	**5.3**	**13.7**	**72.1**
Deryn Bowser, Akron	**12**	**64**	**785**	**4**	**5.3**	**12.3**	**65.4**
Stephen Williams, Toledo	**12**	**71**	**781**	**8**	**5.9**	**11.0**	**65.1**
Nick Moore, Toledo	12	78	779	1	6.5	10.0	64.9
Tyler Jones, E Michigan	12	75	760	6	6.3	10.1	63.3
Andre Jones, Akron	**11**	**47**	**678**	**7**	**4.3**	**14.4**	**61.6**
Schneider Julien, W Michigan	12	59	712	6	4.9	12.1	59.3
Juan Nunez, W Michigan	**12**	**57**	**701**	**7**	**4.8**	**12.3**	**58.4**
Briggs Orsbon, Ball St	**14**	**68**	**813**	**5**	**4.9**	**12.0**	**58.1**
Taylor Price, Ohio	**12**	**51**	**694**	**5**	**4.3**	**13.6**	**57.8**
Bruce Francis, Temple	12	45	687	13	3.8	15.3	57.3

PASSES DEFENDED

	PBU	INT	TTL
Sean Baker, Ball St	**10**	**6**	**16**
Antonio Smith, BG	11	2	13
Brian Lainhart, Kent St	**5**	**6**	**11**
Miguel Graham, Akron	**8**	**3**	**11**
Brandon Anderson, Akron	10	1	11
Kenny Lewis, Bowling Green	6	4	10
Jamal Schulters, Temple	**7**	**3**	**10**
PJ Mahone, Bowling Green	**7**	**3**	**10**
Domonic Cook, Buffalo	**7**	**3**	**10**
Jerrett Sanderson, BG	**8**	**2**	**10**
CJ Wilson, W Michigan	6	3	9
Michael Mitchell, Ohio	5	3	8
BJ Hill, Ball St	5	3	8
Alex Knipp, Ball St	**6**	**2**	**8**
Trey Buice, Ball St	6	2	8
Arrington Hicks, E Mich	**7**	**1**	**8**
Rico Murray, Kent St	7	1	8
Mike Newton, Buffalo	**7**	**1**	**8**



2008 MAC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
EAST											
Buffalo	5	3	256	223	8	6	424	395	-2.1	+70.1	-111.3
Bowling Green	4	4	236	183	6	6	332	278	+38.0	+1.6	+21.6
Temple	4	4	207	180	5	7	281	277	-70.7	-56.6	-236.7
Akron	3	5	264	289	5	7	360	375	-2.5	-74.5	+4.5
Ohio	3	5	196	233	4	8	289	327	+8.1	-1.8	+60.6
Kent State	3	5	229	264	4	8	308	380	+40.6	-44.0	+33.3
Miami	1	7	144	270	2	10	221	392	-96.5	+97.7	-11.1
WEST											
Ball State	8	0	303	136	12	2	489	287	+119.7	+53.3	-52.2
W Michigan	6	2	219	187	9	4	372	324	+32.0	+42.4	+63.8
C Michigan	6	2	253	235	8	5	384	393	+4.8	+92.0	+9.8
N Illinois	5	3	220	154	6	7	314	234	+33.6	-67.4	+53.1
Toledo	2	6	170	236	3	9	269	377	-79.7	+49.9	+8.9
E Michigan	2	6	210	317	3	9	309	427	-25.4	-41.4	-81.0

Coach of the Year: Brady Hoke, Ball St
MAC TITLE GAME: Buffalo 42 Ball St 24

2007 MAC STANDINGS

	Div W	L	Con PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Bowling Green	4	2	6	2	271	219	8	5	392	417
Miami	4	2	5	2	165	130	6	7	250	333
Buffalo	4	2	5	3	231	194	5	7	291	331
Ohio	3	3	4	4	259	260	6	6	366	359
Temple	3	3	4	4	140	195	4	8	197	315
Akron	2	4	3	5	196	231	4	8	254	350
Kent State	1	5	1	7	175	225	3	9	259	350
WEST										
C Mich	4	1	6	1	300	222	8	6	487	517
Ball State	4	1	5	2	233	166	7	6	409	368
W Mich	2	3	3	4	169	163	5	7	323	347
E Mich	3	2	3	4	206	243	4	8	290	374
Toledo	2	3	3	5	287	304	5	7	395	470
N Illinois	0	5	1	6	126	206	2	10	229	370

Coach of the Year: Turner Gill, Buffalo
MAC TITLE GAME: C Michigan 35 Miami 10

2006 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Ohio	7	1	197	119	9	5	276	253
Kent State	5	3	172	140	6	6	214	241
Akron	3	5	153	187	5	7	236	271
Bowling Green	3	5	166	214	4	8	234	340
Miami	2	6	164	187	2	10	222	304
Buffalo	1	7	201	314	2	10	220	431
WEST								
C Michigan	7	1	235	145	10	4	416	312
W Michigan	6	2	177	148	8	5	299	259
N Illinois	5	3	207	144	7	6	331	275
Ball State	5	3	225	184	5	7	326	309
Toledo	3	5	157	204	5	7	281	332
E Michigan	1	7	106	174	1	11	167	322

Coach of the Year: Frank Solich, Ohio
MAC TITLE GAME: C Michigan 31 Ohio 10

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Diyral Briggs, Bowling Green	9.5	62
Frank Zombo, C Michigan	**9**	**45**
Junior Galette, Temple	**7.5**	**58**
Larry English, N Illinois	8	57
Sam Williams, C Michigan	**6.5**	**34**
Brandon Bice, N Illinois	**6.5**	**33**
Justin Braska, W Michigan	**6**	**46**
Kenny Meeks, Ball St	6	43
Brad Ohrman, E Michigan	**6**	**39**
Kevin Hogan, Kent St	**5**	**43**
Derek Burrell, Kent St	4.5	28
Monte Simmons, Kent St	**4.5**	**23**
Joe Coniglio, Miami	4	34
Robert Eddins, Ball St	**4**	**32**
Bryant Haines, Ball St	4	28
Kevin Grant, Akron	4	26
Jameson Hartke, Ohio	4	25
Cody Cielenski, W Michigan	**4**	**23**
Larry Knight, C Michigan	**4**	**18**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Larry English, N Illinois	16	73
Frank Zombo, C Michigan	**15.5**	**56**
Diyral Briggs, Bowling Green	13.5	71
Austin Pritchard, W Michigan	**12.5**	**38**
Brandon Bice, N Illinois	12	43
Davyd Jones, Ball St	**12**	**33**
Brad Ohrman, E Michigan	**11**	**60**
Mike Thompson, Buffalo	10.5	40
Sam Frist, Kent St	**10.5**	**24**
Junior Galette, Temple	**10**	**64**
Clayton Mullins, Miami	10	52
Justin Braska, W Michigan	**10**	**51**
Cody Cielenski, W Michigan	**10**	**40**
Zach Davidson, W Michigan	9.5	40
Kenny Meeks, Ball St	9	60
Sam Williams, C Michigan	**9**	**39**
Kevin Hogan, Kent St	**8.5**	**64**
Kevin Grant, Akron	8.5	41
Mike Thomas, Akron	**8.5**	**33**
Sean Murnane, C Michigan	**8.5**	**33**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	LONG
Nathan Parseghian, Miami	12	23	20	87.0	44
Alex Steigerwald, Toledo	**12**	**21**	**16**	**76.2**	**48**
Andrew Aguila, C Michigan	**13**	**21**	**16**	**76.2**	**48**
Ian McGarvey, Ball St	**14**	**21**	**16**	**76.2**	**47**
Mike Salerno, N Illinois	**13**	**24**	**18**	**75.0**	**52**
Joe Carithers, E Michigan	**12**	**14**	**10**	**71.4**	**43**
AJ Principe, Buffalo	**14**	**17**	**12**	**70.6**	**40**
John Potter, W Michigan	**13**	**16**	**11**	**68.8**	**45**
Barrett Way, Ohio	12	19	13	68.4	47
Igor Iveljic, Akron	**12**	**28**	**18**	**64.3**	**49**
Nate Reed, Kent St	**12**	**13**	**8**	**61.5**	**48**
Jake Brownell, Temple	**11**	**14**	**8**	**57.1**	**45**
Sinisa Vrvilo, Bowling Green	12	16	9	56.3	44

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Antonio Brown, C Michigan	**20**	**410**	**1**	**20.5**
LaVon Brazill, Ohio	**11**	**181**	**1**	**16.5**
BJ Hill, Ball St	18	229	0	12.7
Delano Green, Temple	**20**	**219**	**0**	**11.0**
Eugene Harris, Miami	**20**	**183**	**2**	**9.1**
Corey Partridge, Bowling Green	19	172	0	9.1
Schneider Julien, W Michigan	21	130	0	6.2

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jacob Richardson, Miami	12	52	2360	45.4
Chris Miller, Ball St	14	45	1956	43.5
Ben Armer, W Michigan	**13**	**50**	**2032**	**40.6**
Nick Iovinelli, Bowling Green	12	47	1900	40.4
Jeff Wathne, Temple	**12**	**65**	**2623**	**40.4**
Brett Hartmann, C Michigan	**13**	**51**	**2040**	**40.0**
Matt Rinehart, Kent St	**12**	**45**	**1799**	**40.0**
Peter Fardon, Buffalo	**14**	**65**	**2540**	**39.1**
Andy Dittbenner, N Illinois	13	41	1605	39.1
Bill Claus, Toledo	**12**	**49**	**1902**	**38.8**
Matt Schulte, Ohio	**12**	**44**	**1682**	**38.2**
John Stec, Akron	**12**	**48**	**1782**	**37.1**
Zach Johnson, E Michigan	**9**	**24**	**868**	**36.2**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Travis Shelton, Temple	23	720	1	31.3
Jamal Schulters, Temple	**12**	**356**	**1**	**29.7**
Bryan Williams, Akron	21	609	0	29.0
LJ Flintall, Ohio	**13**	**368**	**1**	**28.3**
Chris Garrett, Ohio	**23**	**618**	**1**	**26.9**
Ricky Crider, N Illinois	**14**	**375**	**0**	**26.8**
Dustin Woods, Miami	**17**	**436**	**0**	**25.6**
Ernest Jackson, Buffalo	13	330	1	25.4
Kenny Lewis, Bowling Green	23	561	0	24.4
Dashan Miller, Akron	**13**	**316**	**0**	**24.3**
Aaron Winchester, W Michigan	**19**	**446**	**0**	**23.5**
Brandon West, W Michigan	**28**	**637**	**0**	**22.8**
Corey Welch, E Michigan	**26**	**562**	**0**	**21.6**
Shawn Bayes, Kent St	31	668	0	21.5
Torieal Gibson, Ball St	**28**	**603**	**0**	**21.5**
Greg Harris, Toledo	**33**	**710**	**0**	**21.5**
Me'co Brown, N Illinois	**23**	**492**	**0**	**21.4**
Antonio Brown, C Michigan	**38**	**791**	**0**	**20.8**
Jamal Rogers, Miami	**28**	**581**	**0**	**20.8**

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Nick Bellore, C Michigan	**13**	**73**	**75**	**148**	**11.4**
Derek Burrell, Kent St	12	50	69	119	9.9
Archie Donald, Toledo	**12**	**59**	**60**	**119**	**9.9**
Joey Hudson, Miami	12	63	46	109	9.1
Justin Winters, Buffalo	**14**	**58**	**67**	**125**	**8.9**
Daniel Holtzclaw, E Michigan	12	49	58	107	8.9
Brian Lainhart, Kent St	**12**	**48**	**58**	**106**	**8.8**
Clayton Mullins, Miami	12	59	46	105	8.8
Noah Keller, Ohio	**12**	**49**	**55**	**104**	**8.7**
Davonte Shannon, Buffalo	**14**	**70**	**51**	**121**	**8.6**
Louis Delmas, W Michigan	13	61	50	111	8.5
Mike Newton, Buffalo	**14**	**69**	**43**	**112**	**8.0**
PJ Mahone, Bowling Green	**12**	**53**	**42**	**95**	**7.9**
Alex Joseph, Temple	**11**	**46**	**41**	**87**	**7.9**
Barry Church, Toledo	**12**	**57**	**36**	**93**	**7.8**
Lee Renfro, Ohio	**11**	**38**	**45**	**83**	**7.5**
Jaiquawn Jarrett, Temple	**12**	**53**	**35**	**88**	**7.3**
Jacob Wyatt, E Michigan	12	59	29	88	7.3
John Haneline, Bowling Green	12	41	46	87	7.3
Cobrani Mixon, Kent St	**10**	**37**	**36**	**73**	**7.3**
Jahmal Brown, BG	**12**	**47**	**36**	**83**	**6.9**
Alex Knipp, Ball St	**14**	**58**	**38**	**96**	**6.9**
Sean Baker, Ball St	**14**	**46**	**48**	**94**	**6.7**
Austin Pritchard, WM	**13**	**47**	**39**	**86**	**6.6**
Kevin Grant, Akron	12	50	35	85	7.1
Mike Thomas, Akron	**12**	**48**	**33**	**81**	**6.8**
Bobby Seay, C Michigan	**13**	**53**	**37**	**90**	**6.9**

PHIL'S MAC UNIT RANKING

West	Off	Pass	Rec	DL	OL	LB	DB	ST	CH
C Michigan	1	10	1	7	1	7	3	1	3
W Michigan	2	6	9	2	8	3	9	3	1
Toledo	7	3	7	1	7	3	3	8	10
N Illinois	7	6	12	4	8	2	9	3	5
Ball St	11	1	9	11	5	9	6	7	9
E Michigan	3	11	5	6	10	8	12	5	11
East	Off	Pass	Rec	DL	OL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Ohio	3	9	9	9	4	3	6	2	1
Akron	7	5	2	2	2	12	12	10	5
Temple	10	11	7	11	3	1	2	5	8
Buffalo	12	1	3	11	12	6	1	11	3
Kent St	12	3	12	4	5	9	5	12	7
Bowling Green	3	10	6	7	13	11	8	12	11
Miami	6	6	3	10	11	12	9	9	11

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - CM's top 3 QB's had a combined 3 att's heading into 2006. Brian Brunner (PS#89) won the starting job but was injured on the 2nd play and Dan LeFevour has had a tremendous 3 seasons ever since. In LeFevour's first year ('06), he set an NCAA record for most pass att by a frosh (388) and was the MAC Fr POY. He was #1 in the MAC in TD passes, comp % and total offense, throwing for 3,031 (63.7%) with a 26-10 ratio (521 rush). I mentioned it would be tough for LeFevour to improve in '07 but he proved me wrong. His 19 rushing TD's were 2nd in the FBS to Tim Tebow. LeFevour (3652, 65.4%, 27-13, 1122 rush) became the first MAC QB to guide his team to conf titles as both a frosh and soph. He also set a CM record with 506 all-purp yards vs Ball St then topped that with 514 vs Akron. LeFevour became just the 2nd QB in NCAA history to have 1,000 rush and 3,000 yards pass in the same season (Vince Young, Texas). LeFevour's numbers were down a little last season (inj) as he threw for 2,784 (66.8%) with a 21-6 ratio (592 rush, 3.5). In 2006, Brunner was the MAC West OPW in his one start vs EM and last year started 2 earning MAC West OPW both weeks. Brunner hit 35 of 53 for 485 guiding the upset of Ind and 20 of 28 for 346 in CM's big win over WM. It makes me wonder what kind of career he would have had if not for that '06 inj. This year LeFevour (#14 in FBS hist ttl off, 5208 behind #1 Timmy Chang) returns but Brunner departs so they do lack depth. Battling for backup honors are Derek Rifenbury (6'3" 198 So), Ryan Radcliff (PS#87) and Kent Viening (6'1" 190 rFr) along with true frosh AJ Westendorp.

RUNNING BACKS - During the summer of '05, CM's returning 1,000 yard rusher was dismissed as was his top backup. True frosh Ontario Sneed stepped in and had an 80 yd TD run vs Ind and would top the magical 1,000 yard barrier (1065, 4.8). The top backup had just 65 (3.8). Sneed saw his numbers fall in '06 to 764 but still avg 5.7 ypc. In 2007, CM added ND transfer Justin Hoskins (PS#20). Hoskins did not get his first start until game 5. He avg'd 5.8 ypc but only had 664 yards. Sneed battled injuries and had 486 (4.1). Both RB's had 22 rec's while Marcel Archer added 114 rush (3.8). Carl Volny led with 10 carries for 36 vs Clemson. Last year Sneed improved his yards to 548 (4.4) with 32 rec and surprisingly, Hoskins played in just 9 in '08 with 30 carries (13 rec). True frosh Bryan Schroeder took off his RS vs Temple (6th gm) and in his first start vs WM rushed for 106 which was the only time a CM back topped 100 LY. Volny started the opener but played in just 4 (41 yds). This year they lose both Hoskins and Sneed. Not listed below is FB Tyler Reed (5'11" 206 Jr). Despite losing their 2 most talented RB's (Sneed and Hoskins combined for 1,146 ttl yd in '08 while the returnees had just 397), the unit adds 4 newcomers to ease the transition.

RECEIVERS - In 2006, rFr Bryan Anderson (6'5") was 1st Tm MAC setting a then school record with 73 rec (11.9). Anderson led again in 2007 with 1,132 yards (12.6) but walk-on Antonio Brown, who was not even in the team's media guide, proved to be the impact frosh of '07. Brown was not only a dangerous returnman, but both he and Anderson crushed the record as Brown led in rec with 102 (9.8). Brown (MAC Fr POY) also set an FBS frosh record with 2,267 all-purp yds. Last year they did have to replace their #3 and #4 WR's. After both WR's topped 1,000 in 2007, their numbers dropped some in '08 as Brown had 998 (10.7) and Anderson had 865 (13.7). Kito Poblah was #3 with 532 (12.4) and Joe Bockheim added 491 (14.0). This year they must replace Bockheim (11 st) and not listed in the PSL is Chris Starkey (6'3" 237 Jr, PS#68). With their super WR duo back, this unit is the MAC's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, CM had 4 starters returning and they were #2 in my MAC OL ratings heading into the year. Four OL's amazingly earned 1st or 2nd Tm MAC and opened holes for 4.3 ypc rush while allowing 30 sacks (6.7%). In 2007, CM had to replace two starters (#1 and #6 DC's) and another OL (6 st) but returned a pair of 2nd Tm MAC OL. Despite the losses, the unit improved in HC Butch Jones' 1st year opening holes for 180 ypg (4.9) while allowing just 22 sacks (3.9%). Of course, having a mobile QB like LeFevour (1267 gross rush) aided those stats. Last year they only had to replace one starter and three backups. It surprised me that the numbers dropped to 134 ypg rush (3.6) with 30 sacks (6.3%). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC LT Andrew Hartline, whose 52 straight starts were #1 in the NCAA, 3rd Tm MAC RT Greg Wojt (10 st, 2Y st'r), C Joe McMahon (12 st) and LG Kyle Curtis (4 st). While this unit is less experienced (54 car st) you may see an uptick in the stats. This unit, however, is still my biggest concern on the team.

DE Frank Zombo

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '07, CM had to replace its career sack and ttl leader in Dan Bazuin (#2DC) and slipped to allowing 157 ypg rush (4.0). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup. Two of the three returning starters were injured (comb 10 st in '08). CM allowed 137 ypg (4.1) with 35 sacks. This year they lose NG Casey Droscha (8 st, 23 tkl), DE Antrione Archer (1 st, 5 tkl), NG Tredale Kennedy (5 st, 24 tkl) and NG Mark Dietz (14 tkl, 3.5 sk). They have 4 back who have been full-time starters with DE's Frank Zombo, Sam Williams and Larry Knight having a combined 59 career starts and 38.5 sacks. Provided they stay healthier, I look for this to be a much improved unit.

LINEBACKERS - Last year CM had to replace Red Keith who led the team in tackles each of his four years while also leading the MAC in tackles with 148 in '07 (1st Tm MAC). They also had to replace their #2 tackler in Ike Brown. CM did return its #3 tackler, Nick Bellore, but the other two starters had a combined 50 tackles in '07. This year they only lose David Lawrence (1 st, 7 tkl) and Barron Miles (4 st, 16 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Jake Bentley (6'2" 205 rFr), Chris Reeves (6'1" 245 rFr) and Kevin Sweet (6'1" 210 rFr). Jones added 4 solid true frosh signees and with all 3 starters back, this is a more veteran unit anchored by Bellore who led the MAC in tackles (148) last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CM lost both of its CB's over the summer of '06 but still had its best recent finish in my pass D rankings at #81. In '07, they only had to replace one starter but injuries wiped out the unit and they dropped back to #115 (9 diff st'rs). Last year they did lose ret starting FS Chaz West (13 st, #4 tkl'r '07) prior to the year so they had 2.5 starters returning but surprisingly only moved up to #109. This year the unit returns intact with an amazing 10 (incl West) who have starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are Lorenzo White (6'0" 170 rFr) and Yvener Lisca (5'9" 170 rFr). I look for a big jump in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - CM was #58 in my ST rankings in 2006. Despite the presence of explosive true frosh Antonio Brown (26.2 KR, 10.9 PR), they slipped to #88 in '07 with the net punting dropping from 37.4 to 32.9. K Andrew Aguila (PS#144JC) had 7 TB on 89 KO while hitting 9 of 14 FG's (long 51, 1 miss 52). Last year CM only had to replace its P and as expected, moved up to #55. P Brett Hartmann improved the team net to 34.6 and Aguila hit 16 of 21 FG's (long 48) with 10 TB on 75 KO. Brown was #1 in the NCAA with 20.5 on 20 PR although his KR avg dropped to 20.8. With everyone back, I will call for CM to have its best ST ranking finish since I started publishing them back in 1995 (previous high #53, 1995).

COACHES - After CM's MAC Championship win in 2006, 3rd year HC Brian Kelly (19-16) left to become the HC at Cincy. Butch Jones, who was previously the OC at CM from 2001-'03 and was WR coach at W Virg from 2005-'06, became the first coach to win the MAC Title in his first year since 2001. Jones just had his contract extended through 2013. OC Mike Bajakian (3rd yr) spent 3 years as the offensive quality control asst with the Chicago Bears (QB cch here '02-'03). DC Tim Banks (3rd yr) spent 4 years at Maryland (ILB, DB cch). Banks was a 4 year letterman ('91-'94) and a 2x 2nd Tm MAC selection here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2003, CM slumped to 1-7 in MAC play (-140.1 ypg) so they opted to bring in new HC Brian Kelly. Kelly's Div II offense at Grand Valley St averaged 600.8 ypg in 2001. In 2004, CM returned a 1,000 yard rusher, its top receiver and 17 returning starters. CM also installed new FieldTurf. They were outgained by 60 ypg in MAC play and finished 3-5 (4-7 overall). In 2005, veteran QB Kent Smith led CM to its first winning season since 1998. CM improved to 5-3 in the MAC (+74.9 ypg, 3rd best). In 2006, CM was picked 4th in the MAC West by the media. I rated their OL #2 in the MAC and the DL #1 and the line play was the key as their top 2 players were frosh in QB LeFevour and WR Anderson. They opened 5-0 in the MAC and defeated six IA foes in back-to-back years for the first time since 1984-'85. CM wrapped up a spot in the MAC Title game early and in that game dominated Ohio 31-10. CM then beat up MT in the Motor City Bowl giving them 10 wins for the first time since 1979. In 2007, they had to replace Coach Kelly, their OC and DC and became the only school in MAC history to have players drafted in each of the first two rounds of the NFL draft. HC Butch Jones concentrated on MAC West games. CM was blown out in non-conf games but went 4-1 in their division. They won their 2nd straight MAC Title whipping Miami by 25 then had a close loss to Purdue in the bowl (51-48). CM finished 7-1 in the MAC (+92 ypg, 2nd best). Last year CM had 15 returning starters and the best set of skill players in the MAC and my #1 rated O-line. They did have just 4 senior starters (fewest in MAC) and the defense was a question mark but CM still controlled its own destiny. They had a tough non-conf slate with a Big Ten team and preseason #1 Georgia. At 1-1 they led Ohio 31-21 but needed a Bobcat fumble into the EZ for a TB with 1:01 left to hold on. Purdue got a 46 yd TD run with CM up 25-24 in the final minute. Buffalo had a 46 yd FG bounce off the right upright on the final play and CM won by 2. Temple was without its starting QB and CM won by 10. The next week CM was without LeFevour but backup Brunner led them to a 38-28 win over rival WM. CM got past Toledo by 1 and upset Indiana on the road 37-34. They led NI 30-6 but needed OT for the win. In a game that would have given them another MAC West Title, CM lost to Ball St at home by 7. In HC Jeff Genyk's finale at EM, CM was upended allowing 616 yards. They lost their 3rd straight game when they dropped the Motor City Bowl to Fla Atl and finished 8-5. CM actually ranked 4th in the MAC West (7th overall) in ypg in MAC play (+4.8). CM does have 16 starters returning for '09. They led the MAC in attendance for the 2nd time in 3 years avg 22,659 in '08. CM has a killer road schedule this year as all 7 road foes were bowl eligible in '08. Despite that gloomy schedule, they have 81.5% of their lettermen back including QB LeFevour, WR's Brown and Anderson and their top 12 tkl'rs and are my choice to get their 3rd MAC Title in 4 years.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Leron Eaddy 5-10 190 PS#148
RB	Malek Redd 5-5 150 PS#122
LB	Kyle Zelinsky 6-1 225 PS#136
DB	Darrick (DJ) Scott 5-9 165 PS#188
TE	Bobby James 6-3 227 PS#53
DL	Cody Pettit 6-3 250 PS#195
LB	Shamari Benton 6-0 180 PS#184
LB	Alex Smith 6-3 220 PS#189
LB	Adam Fenton 6-2 215 PS#192
OL	Adam Schneid 6-5 255 PS#234
DL	Aaron McCord 6-3 265 PS#226
OL	Jeff Fantuzzi 6-4 280 PS#239
DL	Jarrett Fleming 6-6 215 PS#257
WR	Ronnie Kennedy 5-8 150 PS#222
DL	Will Schwarz 6-5 215 PS#244LB
DL	Aaron Kaczmarski 6-5 255 PS#297
RB	Tim Phillips 5-5 165 PS#271
DB	Jason Johnson 6-0 177 PS#392
OL	Dominic Mainello 6-4 250 PS#383
DL	Justice Akuezue 6-3 205 PS#385
DL	Galen Clemons 6-2 255 PS#400
DL	Caesar Rodriguez 6-2 215 PS#407
RB	Zurlon Tipton 6-1 195 PS#388
WR	Deja Alexander 6-1 190 PS#388
DB	Evan Ray 6-1 185 PS#507
OL	Jon Czerwienski 6-3 260 PS#496
OL	Eric Fisher 6-7 243 PS#497
QB	AJ Westendorp 6-1 210 PS#340
WR	Cody Wilson 5-10 175 PS#586
RB	Davon Muse 5-9 160 PS#610
WR	Connor Odykirk 6-3 195 PS#1058
WR	Jordan McConnell 5-10 175 PS#1565
TE	Charlie Hoch 6-4 205 PS#431
K	Connor Gagnon 6-1 175 PS#280
K	David Harman 6-0 170 PS#280

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 14 DAN LeFEVOUR SR. 6-3 229 PS#93. 26 st, 6683 (65%), 1886 rush, **2x 1st Tm MAC** 2Y. 11 st (inj), 2784 (67%), 592 rush, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **8** Ryan Radcliff (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#87.

RB 35 Bryan Schroeder So. 5-9 211 PS#194. 3 st, 208 (3.5) true. **6** Paris Cotton (5'9" 175 So) PS#203. 101 (4.0) true. **29** Carl Volny (5'10" 193 Jr). James Falls (5'11" 229 So) Walk-on.

WR 1 KITO POBLAH JR. 6-2 197 4 st, 137 (9.8) rFr. 10 st, 532 (12.4) LY. Jeremy Wilson (6'3" 210 So). 8 gm, 1 rec rFr. Reggie Brown (5'2" 155 rFr). Cornelius Gallon (5'11" 185 rFr).

WR 7 BRYAN ANDERSON SR. 6-5 213 28 st, 1999 (12.3) 2Y. 11 st, 865 (13.7), **1st Tm MAC** LY. **80** Cedric Fraser (6'3" 180 So) PS#360. 4 gm. Matt Torres (6'2" 187 Jr) 24 gm 2Y.

WR 27 ANTONIO BROWN JR. 5-10 179 1003 (9.8), 40 KR (26.2) true. 9 st, 988 (10.7), 38 KR (20.8), 20 PR (20.5), **1st Tm MAC WR/PR/KR** LY. **80** Jerry Harris (6'3" 182 rFr) PS#360.

SB 2 Jahleel Addae rFr. 5-9 176 PS#65. **25** Sean Skergan (6'1" 196 Jr) 12 gm rFr. 2 rec, 10 gm LY. **88** Valtorrey Showers (5'9" 170 rFr) PS#343. **TE 82** David Blackburn (6'3" 245 So) PS#154.

C 66 COLIN MILLER JR. 6-3 287 PS#143. 14 st rFr. 9 st (6 C, 3 LG), 9 gm (inj) LY. **65** Darren Keyton (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#434. **LS 61** Brian Bennyhoff (6'0" 225 So) PS#490. 6 gm true.

RG 64 Allen Ollenburger Sr. 6-4 283 3 rec TE rFr. 11 gm ST '07. 6 st (3RG, 3RT), 13 gm LY. **58** Anthony Quinn (6'4" 285 Jr) PS#65. RS '06. Move DL '07. 1 gm OL LY. **70** Jeff Fantuzzi IFS.

LG 68 JEFF MADDUX JR. 6-5 313 PS#129. 10 st rFr. 11 st OG LY. **76** Todd Johnson (6'4" 295 Sr) PS#478JC. **66** Richard Hayes (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#434. **69** Nick Reynolds (6'1" 275 rFr).

RT 78 Rocky Weaver So. 6-6 253 PS#34TE. 4 st TE, 8 rec, 1 TD LY. Moved to OL in spg. **67** Mike Repovz (6'4" 243 rFr). Adam Schneid is PS#234. Jon Czerwienski is PS#496.

LT 79 Jake Olson rFr. 6-8 237 PS#264. **71** Matt Kanitz (6'6" 260 So). 1 gm true. Dominic Mainello (6'4" 250 Fr) PS#383. **92** Jake Ekkens (6'5" 242 Jr). 21 gm LS 2Y.

K 36 ANDREW AGUILA SR. 5-11 175 PS#144JC. 9-14 FG, long 51 here '07. 16-21 FG, long 48, 10 TB on 75 KO, 44-46 xp, **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **86** Brett Hartmann (6'4" 220 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 15 SAM WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 241 5 st @ TE rFr. 6 st @ DE, 19 tkl, 2 sk '07. 10 st, 43 tkl, 9 tfl LY. **98** Larry Knight (6'4" 247 Sr). 8 st, 67 tkl, 10.5 tfl 2Y. 2 st, 19 tkl, 7 tfl, 1 blk xp LY.

NG 94 John Williams So. 6-0 270 PS#430. 7 gm, 9 tkl, 1 sk as true. Aaron McCord (6'3" 265 Fr) PS#226. **97** Darryll Stinson (6'6" 240 rFr) PS#430. Galen Clemons is PS#400.

DT 54 SEAN MURNANE JR. 6-1 258 PS#284. 14 tkl as rFr. 13 st, 57 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. **47** Josh Allison (6'0" 246 So) PS#85. 2 tkl rFr. Aaron Kaczmarski (6'5" 255 Fr) PS#297.

DE 98 FRANK ZOMBO SR. 6-4 260 PS#171. 15 st, 85 tkl, 13.5 tfl 2Y. 13 st, 51 tkl, 15.5 tfl, **1st Tm MAC** LY. Kashawn Fraser (6'3" 230 So) PS#464, 3 tkl true. Steve Winston (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#243.

SLB 17 TIM BRAZZEL SR. 6-0 195 1 st, 38 tkl SS 2Y. 12 st LB, 53 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **23** Derek Carter (6'0" 183 So) PS#408DB 2 tkl, 8 gm true. **45** Landon Carter (5'11" 205 So). 11 gm, 4 tkl rFr.

MLB 45 NICK BELLORE JR. 6-1 232 14 st, 102 tkl true. 13 st, 148 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **1st Tm MAC** LY. Kyle Zelinsky PS#136. Shane Torzy (6'0" 212 Jr) PS#215. 12 tkl 2Y. Kyle Torzy (6'2" 232 rFr) PS#417.

WLB 45 MATT BERNING JR. 6-0 233 14 gm, 31 tkl true. 9 st, 13 gm, 70 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. Mike Petrucci (6'2" 218 So). 16 tkl rFr. **41** Armond Staten (6'1" 205 So) PS#368. 12 gm, 6 tkl true.

CB 5 TAYLOR BRADLEY JR. 6-0 180 4 st WR true. 2 st CB, 17 tkl LY. **14** Tommy Mama (5'10" 184 Sr) 6 st, 37 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 25 tkl LY. **25** DJ Scott was IFS. Gary Jackson (5'8" 165 So) 2 tkl LY.

CB 19 JOSH GORDY SR. 5-11 190 22 st, 122 tkl, 16 pd 2Y. 11 st (inj), 47 tkl LY. **31** Kirkston Edwards (6'1" 186 Sr) 2 st, 56 tkl 2Y. 7 st, 12 gm, 48 tkl LY. LaVarus Williams (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#154.

SS 12 ERIC FRASER SR. 6-1 201 13 st, 114 tkl, 8 pd 2Y. 9 st (inj) 36 tkl, DB MVP LY. **4** Chaz West (5'10" 175 Jr) 15 st, 114 tkl, 11 pd 2Y. RS LY. **22** Vince Agnew (5'10" 193 Jr). 4 st, 53 tkl 2Y.

FS 9 BOBBY SEAY JR. 5-11 184 12 gm, 18 tkl rFr. 12 st, 90 tkl, 7 pd LY. **44** Dannie Bolden (5'11" 189 So) 5 tkl, 6 gm as rFr. **40** John Carr (6'2" 180 So) PS#291. 1 st, 13 tkl true.

P 36 BRETT HARTMANN JR. 6-4 220 PS#49. 51 punts (40.0), long of 65, 6 TB, 17 inside the 20, tm net 34.6 LY. **34** Jake Linklater (6'2" 180 rFr) PS#90. Preferred walk-on.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
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BUTCH JONES (Career 16–11)
3rd Year at C Michigan — Jones' Bowl Record: 0-2

Jones' records AT C MICHIGAN

16-11	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-3	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
8-6	Away	1-6	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	2-3	Off A Bye
13-3	Vs Conference	6-3	Off A Loss

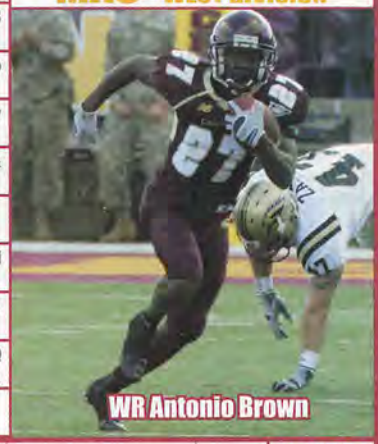
2008 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (17,22,5)
Lost: 10 (7,3,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,659 (#86)

MAC - WEST DIVISION


WR Antonio Brown

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#97

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CM	Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	at Arizona	G						First meeting as well as first vs any Pac-10 foe. The Chippewas are 0-15 losing by an avg of 42-11 when their first road game is versus a BCS opponent.
Sep. 12	at Michigan St	G						CMU is 2-4 vs MSU but dropped the L/4 by an avg 19 ppg. CMU won their last gm away vs a Big Ten foe (37-34 vs IU LY) but had lost 16 straight prior (previous win '92).
Sep. 19	Alcorn St	A						CMU has split a pair of meetings vs Alcorn St ('77 & '78) & is 110-38-2 vs FCS teams. The Braves went 2-10 last year playing in the SWAC including a 65-0 loss at Troy.
Sep. 26	Akron	A						The Chippewas have won 3 straight & 6 of 7 in this series but the last 2 have been by 3 pts each. In last game ('07) CMU scored 15 pts in the final 6:58 for the win.
Oct. 3	at Buffalo	A						CMU has won 4 of the 5 meetings including going 3-1 at Buffalo. LY the teams combined for eight 1H pts & 44 2H pts as UB missed a 46 yd FG on the last play.
Oct. 10	E Michigan (HC)	A						CMU had dominated going 44-9-3 S/'37prior to losing 4 of the L/5 including B2B losses at home. Last year the teams combined for 63 FD's, 108 pts & 1,171 yds.
Oct. 17	at W Michigan	A						CMU has won 3 straight which includes an '07 win snapping a 6 game Kalamazoo losing streak. LY QB Brunner got his 1st start S/'06 & led CM to 524 yds.
Oct. 24	at Bowling Green	A						CMU's win in '06 snapped a 5 game series losing streak. The last 3 games at Perry Stadium ('96, '99 & '03) have been losses by a combined 48 points.
Oct. 31	at Boston College	A						Each has hosted a gm in the series with CMU losing both. In '06 CM opened vs BC & trailed by 7 w/3:55 left before getting to the BC34 & throwing an int at the BC 16.
Nov. 7								
Nov. 11	Toledo (Wed)	A						CM dropped 10 straight in the series from '95-'04 but has won 4 straight since. LY CM trailed 23-17 in the 4Q but had a 98-38 yd & 11:22-3:38 TOP edge in the 4Q.
Nov. 18	at Ball St (Wed)	A						LY's gm was for the MAC West lead as both were 6-0 in MAC play BSU ranked #14. The game was tied 4 times but CM allowed QB Davis 2 TD passes in the 4Q.
Nov. 27	N Illinois (Fri)	A						CMU endured 9 losses from '98 - '06 before B2B wins the L2Y's. CM led 30-6 mid 3Q before allowing 24 straight pts. In OT the Chippewas got an int & then a 40 yd FG.
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Dan LeFevour 9,467 '06-Present
2. Jeff Bender 6,528 '88-'91
3. Pete Shepherd 5,754 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Curtis Adams 4,162 '81-'84
2. Walt Hodges 3,886 '73-'76
3. Jesse Lakes 3,702 '69-'71

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Reggie Allen 3,242 '95-'98
2. Bryan Schorman 2,968 '95-'98
3. Bryan Anderson 2,864 '06-Present

STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS STADIUM (30,255) (#102)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	4-8	3-9	4-7	6-5	10-4	8-6	8-5	48-61
Home	2-3	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-1	2-3	4-1	3-2	4-1	26-21
Away	0-6	1-5	2-4	0-6	0-5	4-2	4-3	4-3	4-3	19-37
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	3-3
vs Conf	2-6	2-6	2-6	1-7	3-5	5-3	8-1	7-1	6-2	36-37
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-5	2-3	12-24
ATS	3-8	7-3	5-6	3-7	3-7	6-4-1	11-2-1	7-5-1	5-7	50-49-3
Home Fav (Motor City Bowl '07)	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	3-0 (Brian Kelly)	3-1	1-1	10-8
Home Dog	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1-1	2-0 (Jeff Quinn bowl)	0-0	1-1	12-9-1
Away Favorite	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	2-2 (Butch Jones)	1-1-1	0-3	8-7-1
Away Dog	0-6	5-0	0-4	1-5	2-2	2-2	2-0-1	1-3	3-1	16-23-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	4-2
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	8-1	5-2-1	3-5	38-34-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-1-1	3-1-1	2-3	2-2	12-15-2
Off SU Win	0-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	1-2	3-2	6-2-1	4-3-1	5-3	23-19-2
Off SU Loss	3-5	5-2	3-4	3-4	2-4	3-2	4-0	3-1	0-4	26-26

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dan LeFevour	168	763	171	592	6	3.5
Ontario Sneed	124	593	45	548	8	4.4
Bryan Schroeder	59	226	18	208	2	3.5
Justin Hoskins	30	146	1	145	2	4.8
Antonio Brown	20	154	38	116	0	5.8
Paris Cotton	25	104	3	101	0	4.0
Carl Volny	18	41	0	41	0	2.3
Brian Brunner	26	88	74	14	1	0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dan LeFevour	376	251	66.8	2784	21	6
Brian Brunner	101	65	64.4	981	6	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Antonio Brown	93	998	10.7	7	93
Bryan Anderson	63	865	13.7	6	44
Kito Poblah	43	532	12.4	3	38
Joe Bockheim	35	491	14.0	5	40
Ontario Sneed	32	297	9.3	3	44
Jean Pitts	15	215	14.3	2	32
Justin Hoskins	13	156	12.0	0	52
Rocky Weaver	8	65	8.1	1	15
Darren Martin	2	51	25.5	0	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Hartmann	51	2040	40.0	13	34.6(t)	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Andrew Aguila	44-46	3-4	10-12	3-5	0-0	16-21	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Bellore	148	0.5	5	4	0
Bobby Seay	90	0	2	6	1
Matt Berning	70	1	0.5	0	0
Sean Murnane	57	2	6.5	1	0
Tim Brazzel	53	0	4	2	0
Frank Zombo	51	9	6.5	2	0
Kirkston Edwards	48	0	1	6	1
Josh Gordy	47	0	0	6	1
Vince Agnew	44	0	0.5	2	0
Sam Williams	43	6.5	2.5	0	1
Eric Fraser	36	1.5	0	1	2
Tommy Mama	25	0	1	1	0
Tredale Kennedy	24	1	0	0	0
Casey Droscha	23	1.5	2	0	0
Larry Knight	19	4	3	1	0
Taylor Bradley	17	0	1	2	1
Mike Petrucci	16	0	1	0	0
Barron Miles	16	0	0	0	0
Mark Dietz	14	3.5	0.5	2	0
LaVarus Williams	13	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Brown	20	410	20.5	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Brown	38	791	20.8	0
Hannibal Beauford	7	136	19.4	0

	YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
	90	California	+14	San Jose St	24-48
	94	Las Vegas	+5	UNLV	24-52
	06	Motor City	-8	Middle Tennessee	31-14
	07	Motor City	+7'	Purdue	48-51
	08	Motor City	-7	Florida Atlantic	21-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Central Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 1–4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	29.5	423	134	3.6	290	66.0	14.3	30	+4	2008	7	30.2	424	137	4.1	287	62.9	14.0	35
7*	34.8	447	180	4.9	267	64.8	12.9	22	+6	2007	7	36.9	460	157	4.0	304	65.4	12.5	24
7	29.7	375	129	4.3	246	62.6	12.6	30	+7	2006	6	22.3	342	127	3.5	215	62.1	15.3	31
6*	23.6	419	159	4.0	260	60.8	17.7	22	+5	2005	6	23.6	395	114	3.2	281	57.5	16.7	29
8	23.6	396	170	4.2	226	55.7	16.7	26	-4	2004	9	34.4	431	170	3.9	261	60.4	12.6	14
7*	23.1	371	196	4.3	175	55.1	16.1	21	-4	2003	4	35.7	502	246	5.2	256	64.5	14.1	27
8*	22.3	372	206	4.4	166	51.9	16.7	14	+3	2002	8	32.0	404	140	3.6	264	63.4	12.6	29

2008 STATS BY GAME

CM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
19,732	E Illinois	26	44-172	3.9	21-31	217	2	18	31-83	2.7	19-28	201	4	+1
92,746	at Georgia	17	22-59	2.7	23-44	250	1	25	36-263	7.3	23-33	289	0	0
18,268	at Ohio	21	33-70	2.1	28-42	361	1	20	35-148	4.2	17-33	365	2	+2
57,101	at Purdue	26	38-149	3.9	25-44	291	4	16	29-83	2.9	27-36	261	1	0
21,032	Buffalo	21	39-208	5.3	21-26	152	0	18	30-66	2.2	23-33	270	3	-1
22,114	Temple	14	40-55	1.4	17-25	242	4	14	34-138	4.1	15-32	163	4	+3
30,302	W Michigan	22	41-176	4.3	21-29	348	1	28	23-49	2.1	38-53	471	3	-1
21,422	at Toledo	27	45-146	3.2	27-37	256	1	19	32-149	4.7	16-26	216	2	0
26,140	at Indiana	26	31-37	1.2	35-53	485	7	22	43-272	6.3	13-25	213	5	+1
13,543	at N Illinois	28	49-241	4.9	19-26	189	3	19	35-80	2.3	18-38	288	3	+1
20,114	Ball St	28	40-121	3.0	30-45	345	3	23	39-232	5.9	12-22	175	2	-1
26,188	at E Michigan	25	31-177	5.7	22-38	378	2	38	25-100	4.0	58-80	516	2	-1
41,399	† Florida Atlantic	20	31-127	4.1	28-40	253	1	27	36-112	3.1	20-36	306	4	0
TOTALS		301	484-1738	3.6	317-480	3767	30	287	428-1775	4.1	299-475	3734	35	+4
AVERAGES		23.2	37-134	3.6	24-37	290	6.3%	22.1	33-137	4.1	23-37	287	7.4%	0.3

2004 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Indiana	+10'	10-41	
–	at Michigan St	+25	7-24	
–	SE Missouri St	NL	44-27	
–	Kent St	+1	24-21	
–	Bowling Green	+15	14-38	
–	at N Illinois	+19'	10-42	
–	at Toledo	+24	22-27	
–	W Michigan	-7'	24-21	OT
–	† E Michigan	-1	58-61	#21
–	at Buffalo	-5	6-36	
–	Ball St	-3'	41-40	

2005 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Indiana	+7	13-20	
–	at Miami, Oh	+22	38-37	
–	at Penn St	+22	3-40	
–	E Michigan	-5'	20-23	OT
–	at Akron	+11	31-17	
–	at Army	-2'	14-10	
–	Ohio	-6'	37-10	
–	Toledo	+7'	21-17	
–	N Illinois	+2	28-31	
–	at W Michigan	+3	24-31	
–	at Ball St	-4	31-24	OT

2006 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Boston College	+11	24-31	
–	at Michigan - #10	+28	17-41	
–	Akron	+1	24-21	
–	at E Michigan	-4'	24-17	OT
–	at Kentucky	+9	36-45	
–	at Toledo	+2'	42-20	
–	Ball St	-10	18-7	
–	Bowling Green	-7	31-14	
–	at Temple	-20	42-26	
–	W Michigan	-6	31-7	
–	at N Illinois	-4	10-31	
–	at Buffalo	-14'	55-28	
–	† Ohio	-3	31-10	

2007 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Kansas	+7'	7-52	
–	Toledo	-3	52-31	
–	at Purdue	+21'	22-45	
–	North Dakota St	NL	14-44	
–	N Illinois	-3	35-10	
–	at Ball St	+13	58-38	
–	Army	-14	47-23	
–	at Clemson	+16'	14-70	
–	at Kent St	-3	41-32	
–	at W Michigan	-3	34-31	
–	E Michigan	-14	45-48	
–	at Akron	-3'	35-32	
–	† Miami, Oh	-3	35-10	

2008 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	E Illinois	NL	31-12	
–	at Georgia - #2	+24'	17-56	
–	at Ohio	-3'	31-28	
–	at Purdue	+10	25-32	
–	Buffalo	-6'	27-25	
–	Temple	-7'	24-14	
–	W Michigan	+1'	38-28	
–	at Toledo	-3'	24-23	
–	at Indiana	+2	37-34	
–	at N Illinois	+3'	33-30	OT
–	Ball St - #14	+6'	24-31	
–	at E Michigan	-10'	52-56	

WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '05, Ryan Cubit (HC's son) began as the starter but was injured and true frosh Tim Hiller (PS#89) started the final 5. Hiller would have been #1 in the NCAA in pass eff (178.85) had he played enough games. He threw for 1,334 (64.9%) with an outstanding 20-3 ratio and was the MAC Frosh of the Year. With Cubit back in 2006, Hiller was able to RS (knee inj '05 finale). Cubit threw for 2,138 (61.4%) with a 16-13 ratio. In 2007, Hiller battled Thomas Peregrin (PS#47JC) and rFr Drew Burdi. HC Cubit liked what Burdi's mobility could bring to the offense but Hiller took the majority of the snaps and threw for 3,021 (63.4%) with a 20-15 ratio. Last year they had to replace Peregrin (5 gm, 158 yd). Cubit said Hiller improved his throwing motion and did a much better job of understanding the offense. Hiller set the WM single season passing record with 3,725 (64.9%) with a super 36-10 ratio despite tearing his ACL in the 2Q vs Illinois (played on it rest of yr). Burdi may have the best deep ball of the QB's and also had a 42 yd TD run vs Idaho. Cubit is also high on Alex Carder (6'2" 205 rFr, PS#148) and adding depth is Alex Jagels (6'3" 210 Jr) and true frosh Tyler VanTabbergen. Hiller (missed spring, ACL) will obviously not show as much improvement as he did last year, but should have his best season as a senior.

QB Tim Hiller

RUNNING BACKS - Trovon Riley led in '05 with 1,004 (4.6). Mark Bonds had 456 (4.5) in '05 but emerged in '06 with 1,082 (4.3). Brandon West, who was the speed back, added 633 (4.8). In 2007, Glenis Thompson led in gm 1, West in gm 2 and Bonds in the next five. West led overall with 848 (4.6) and was also #2 in rec (45, 8.1) while Bonds added 690 rush (4.4). Thompson, a bowling ball-type power back, added 127 (3.5). Last year WM only had to replace Bonds and added true frosh Aaron Winchester (2023 rush, 29 TD in HS '07) who has been compared to the NFL's Brian Westbrook for his combination of power and speed. I projected West would be the next 1,000 yard rusher and he accomplished that finishing with 1,026 (5.0) despite missing some time (DNP vs Toledo, ankle). At times Winchester was brought in to run crucial short yardage plays and he led with 111 (4.0) vs Toledo then again vs Ball St (77, 5.5) finishing with 272 (3.9). After some early season fumbles, Thompson went into the doghouse and had just 47 (3.4). This year they only lose Kirk Elsworth (68, 5.7). Not listed below are Jaron Deshazor (5'8" 190 So, 1 att) and Jamie Simpson (6'1" 237 rFr, PS#143). Cubit was able to RS the powerful Simpson and this group is even deeper than last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2006, WM had some huge losses in WR Greg Jennings and TE Tony Scheffler (both #2DC's). Jamarko Simmons is a big, physical, explosive player but didn't emerge until late. After having 31 rec in the first 10, Simmons had 30 in the final 3. The group returned intact in 2007 and Simmons led with 980 (11.7). WM has produced some great TE's including TE coach Jake Moreland, who was tied with Scheffler for the all-time TE TD record (13). Branden Ledbetter broke that record (14) in just 3 years and had 550 (14.5) as the #2 rec in '07. WR Schneider "Spida" Julien was the talk of the spring but struggled in his first year out of JC with just 120 (9.2). Last year they only replaced one starter (#3 rec). Simmons made acrobatic catches on a weekly basis and set the WM single season record with 1,276 (12.3) while Julien had 712 (12.1). Juan Nunez (2 st, 10 rec '07) added 701 (12.3). Unfortunately, the unit was wiped out by injuries vs Illinois. This year they must replace Julien (11 st), Simmons (13 st, 3rd Tm AA, FA GB), Ledbetter (10 st) and Caleb Clark (2 rec). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Chad Baliko (6'3" 239 Sr), Jeff Zipfel (6'6" 215 rFr, PS#129), James O'Neill (6'5" 235 Jr, PS#101) and WR's Scott Hinds (also FS in spg), Eric Monette (6'5" 180 rFr), Jamelle Murray (5'8" 167 Jr) and this year's true frosh. Jordan White also returns after missing all of '08 with an injury (217, 11.4 in '07). Cubit showed he could find replacements at this position but it is clearly weaker than 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WM only had to replace one starter in 2006 and was #1 in the MAC in sacks allowed (17, 4.2%) but the ypc surprisingly slipped slightly to 3.7. In 2007 they had to replace their top OL (2nd Tm MAC) and one backup but did have six back with starting experience. Cubit said of his frosh OL's, "They're the best looking group I've been around, at any school." Two returning starters missed a combined 11 games and the unit had its lowest ypg rush in three years (3.4, 130 ypg) with 28 sacks allowed (6.1%). Last year WM had to replace a 1st Tm MAC 3 year starter and a 3rd Tm MAC 4 year starter plus 2 OL who combined for 7 starts. WM ran the ball 105 fewer times so the ypg rush dropped to 117 but the ypc improved to 4.2 and the sacks allowed improved to 14 (2.6%). This year they lose T Rob Johnson (11 st) and backup T Steve Ellingsen as well as G's Matt Lochmann and Lee Pethan. Five return from '08 with 7+ starts and I'll call for this very experienced O-line to put up their best rushing numbers of the decade.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year WM had one of the most experienced lines in the country as the entire 2 deep returned (prior to 2008 they had 108 career starts) and as you would expect they improved to 140 ypg rush (3.8). Naturally this year the losses are heavy. Gone are 2nd Tm MAC DE Zach Davidson (12 st, 56 tkl, 9.5 tfl), DT Nick Varcadipane (11 st, 43 tkl), DE Greg Marshall (7 st, 23 tkl), NG Cory Flom (8 st, 26 tkl), Fernand Kashama (1 tkl) and Grant Nemeth (2 tkl). Two of WM's most productive DL's return in DT Cody Cielenski (36 tkl, 4 sk, 6 tfl), who started the last 5 (11 st 2Y) and DE Justin Braska (52 tkl, 6 sk). Cubit continues to look for an edge pass rusher and may have found one in JUCO TJ Lynch. This unit is a lot less experienced but might not drop off as much as you would think.

LINEBACKERS - Last year WM had a veteran LB corps, returning its #1 and #3 tacklers plus Austin Pritchard who had 4 career starts and 92 tackles. This season they have to replace their #3 and #12 tacklers. Three return who had 5+ starts including Mitch Zajac, who started the last 5 at MLB, and Pritchard who was the team's #2 tackler, which is why I list them as having 2 starters returning. I'll call this unit equal to 2008.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005, WM had 3 frosh in Louis Delmas, CJ Wilson and Kennard Banks who helped WM improve to #50 in my pass D rankings. Banks was susp'd in '06 and SS Antwain Allen (#1 tkl'r '05) tore his ACL so they had 2 starters back. Londen Fryar was 1st Tm MAC and WM led the entire NCAA in int (24) rising to my #6 pass D. In 2007 the unit returned intact and perhaps due to a decreased pass rush, dropped to #59. Last year the unit returned intact again with the top 4 having 25 career int's and 3 All-MAC selections combined. Surprisingly WM only climbed to #52. Delmas was the defensive leader in not only tackles (111) but also in attitude. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 1st Tm MAC FS Delmas (13 st, #2DC DET), 2nd Tm MAC CB Fryar (10 st, 42 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu), SS CJ Wilson (#4 tkl'r, 3 int, 6 pbu), HB EJ Biggers (13 st, 62 tkl, 2 int, #7DC TB) and CB Desman Stephen (L/3 st, 29 tkl). They do add Miami, FL transfer Doug Wiggins (PS#35). The unit loses 168 career starts and has 9 career starts returning but may not drop as much as you would think as the last two years' finishes were disappointing.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Cubit inherited a group that finished #63 in my ST rankings in '04 and his first 4 units finished #56, #77, #38 and #68 LY. In '08, KR Brandon West went from avg 25.9 ypr (in '07) to 22.8 while true frosh Aaron Winchester avg 23.5. K John Potter hit 11 of 16 FG's (long 45) going 0-2 from 50+. P Ben Armer avg 40.6 but the team had a net of just 33.0 (#97 FBS). Cubit felt the KR def was some of the best he'd seen in his career and they finished #21 (18.8). Potter was a true frosh and did have a 50 yarder in HS and should improve and Armer was a rFr (PS#61). The only loss is PR Julien (6.2) so I'll call for a move into the Top 40 of my ST rankings.

COACHES - Bill Cubit is an outstanding HC and a fine recruiter who brings a great deal of discipline to the program. Prior to serving at WM, he was a HC at Widener ('92-'96) where he compiled a 34-18-1 record. He's previously been the OC at Stanford, Rutgers, Missouri and here ('97-'99 when his team avg'd 30.4 ppg and was 22-12). In 2007, Cubit took over the OC duties himself. He had to replace his DC in '06 and '07 but returning this year at DC is Steve Morrison (LB & DL coach from '05-'07).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1990, WM has had just 6 losing seasons, and unfortunately four of them came from 2001-2004. Then-HC Gary Darnell established WM as a MAC power from 1997-2000. They finished #27 in the final polls in 2000 (3 shutouts) and led the MAC West for 24 straight weeks until they fell out of first in 2001. In 2004, with just 11 starters back, a new QB and a tough schedule, the season was even worse than expected at 1-10 (-152.1 yds vs MAC, league worst). That 2004 squad was -13 in turnovers (pg 312). They returned 13 starters in '05 and I said they would have the most improved record of any team in the MAC and could actually flirt with a winning season. Only 30 players stayed to workout over the summer of 2004 but 70 were on hand in '05 under new HC Cubit. After opening 0-2 and trailing FCS S Illinois by 11 they ended their 12 game losing streak. QB Cubit was injured early but Hiller came off the bench and earned MAC Frosh of the Year. WM won the Michigan MAC Championship knocking off both EM and CM. In the season finale vs NI with a possible bowl berth on the line, they lost Hiller (inj) and the game. Despite a 7-4 record, they were not invited to a bowl and became the first MAC team to lose 8 conf games one year and win 5 the next. Cubit was named MAC Coach of the Year. They only had 21 upperclassmen and had 35 frosh play in '05 (most in NCAA) setting an FBS record with 17 frosh starting. WM, however, was outgained by 91.3 ypg in conf play. In 2006, they had to replace a 1,000 yard rusher and NFL DC's at WR and TE. QB Hiller also missed the season. WM's offensive production dropped from 32.2 ppg to 23.0. The key was a defense that returned 8 starters and went from allowing 31.1 ppg down to just 19.9 (275 ypg). WM upset Virginia on the road and nearly upset Florida St. They made their 1st bowl since 1988 (8-5) and they outgained MAC foes by a league best 63.8 ypg. In 2007, WM had 16 returning starters but did not catch a lot of breaks. They had to face 4 BCS foes (2 finished Top 6) and were 5-7. Last year I called for their 2nd bowl game since 1988. They had 25 seniors and at times looked like the best team in the MAC. They opened the season 6-1 thanks in part to 22 4Q points vs Buffalo. WM was done in by 3rd & longs vs CM in a 10 point loss but then rattled off 3 straight wins including an upset of Big Ten member Illinois. In that game they lost 2 WR's, a TE, a RB, a CB and Hiller tore his ACL but played the rest of the season. With Hiller less than 100%, WM lost at Ball St then in the bowl game to Rice, but had 9 wins for just the 3rd time in school history. On the negative side, they benefitted from 4 net close wins, have just 10 returning starters including 3 on D, have 7 road games (3 at BCS schools) and suffer some big losses at rec. On the positive side they were -7 in TO's LY and have a veteran senior QB in Hiller. This season shapes up like '06 when they had a veteran QB and O-line. While they won't match '08's 9 win total, I give WM a good shot at being bowl eligible.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

QB 3 TIM HILLER SR. 6-5 228 PS#89. 30 st, 8080 (64%), 76-28 ratio 3Y No spg. **18** Drew Burdi (6'1" 198 Jr) PS#255. 105 (57%), 2-0 ratio, 2Y. **14** Alex Carder (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#148.

RB 2 BRANDON WEST SR. 5-10 188 PS#349. 14 st, 1481 (4.7) 2Y 11 st, 1026 (5.0) LY. **23** Aaron Winchester (5'9" 190 So). 272 (3.9) true. Glenis Thompson (5'8" 210 Sr). 259 (3.5) 3 st 3Y.

WR 81 JUAN NUNEZ JR. 6-0 172 GS '06. 10 rec true. 6 st, 701 (12.3) LY. **89** Seth Patterson (6'3" 185 rFr). Trey Smith is PS#197. **46** Patrick Lefere (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#473.

WR 8 Ansel Ponder Fr. 6-2 187 PS#300. IFS. "Fastest WR we've had." **83** Jordan White (6'0" 206 Jr). 217 (11.4) rFr. Inj LY. **30** Dervon Wallace (6'0" 180 So) 8 gm, 2 rec rFr.

WR 12 Robert Arnheim So. 6-2 195 PS#90. 1 st, 58 (8.3) rFr. Chleb Ravenell is PS#335JC. **4** Jamelle Murray (5'8" 167 Jr). 27 (9.0) rFr. DNP LY. **80** EJ Riley (6'0" 180 rFr).

TE 84 Matt Stevens Sr. 6-4 243 PS#226. 7 st, 5 rec (9.0) 2Y. 5 st, 93 (15.5) LY. Dallas Walker is PS#364JC. Blake Hammond (6'5" 236 rFr) PS#117 **16** Anthony Williams (6'3" 230 Jr).

C 63 PAUL WASIKOWSKI SR. 6-3 291 PS#548. 10 gm rFr. 5 st '07. 8 st (6 C, 2 LG) LY. **60** Nick Mitchell (6'1" 290 Jr). 3 gm rFr. 7 st LY. **LS** Tom Harrington (6'0" 223 Sr). 36 gm 3Y.

RG 61 NICK CLEMENS JR. 6-5 307 PS#206. 11 gms, 95 pl as a rFr. 13 st @ RG LY. **62** Kevin Galeher (6'5" 295 rFr) PS#187. Could also play OT. Greg Peterson is PS#367.

LG 65 PHILLIP SWANSON JR. 6-4 307 PS#234. 12 st LG, 908 pl rFr. 13 st (11 LG, 2 LT), **1st Tm MAC** LY. **64** Sam Jaeger (6'5" 321 rFr) PS#299. Terry Davisson is PS#409.

RT 77 Ben Samson Fr. 6-5 345 PS#295. In for spring. **79** Jonathan Jack (6'6" 340 So). Bkup LG all last yr. **73** Kevin Fretz (6'3" 233 rFr). Walk-on, scout tm last year.

LT 72 ANTHONY PARKER SO. 6-5 305 PS#280. 1 gm but RS '07. 13 st (8 @ LT, 5 @ RT) LY. Marcus Cann is PS#776JC. HM All-Conf at JC LY. Mark Zielinski (6'4" 330 Fr) PS#270.

K 17 JOHN POTTER SO. 6-2 195 PS#41. Hit 11-16 FG, 1-3 from 40+, long 45, 66 KO (62.9), 6 TB true. **26** Caleb Morris (6'0" 210 Jr). 1 gm LY. **47** Brooks Bunbury (5'8" 188 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

DE 97 Freddie Bishop rFr. 6-4 247 PS#438. Cubit "biggest upside of DL". **56** TJ Lynch (6'3" 238 So) PS#416JC. Pass rusher. Paul Hazel PS#527. **42** Jason Polmanteer (6'4" 235 rFr).

DT 92 Drew Nowak So. 6-4 250 PS#330. 1 st, 10 gm, 11 tkl, 2 tfl true. **57** Ryan Byrne (6'0" 275 rFr). David Box (6'2" 288 Fr) is PS#359. **31** Paul Dreher (6'5" 260 rFr).

DT 68 Cody Cielenski Sr. 6-2 280 PS#118. 3 tkl, 8 gm rFr. 6 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 sk '07. L/5 st, 36 tkl, 10 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **95** Chris Pyant (6'3" 269 Jr). 5 tkl, 6 gm LY. James Sandlin PS#339.

DE 48 JUSTIN BRASKA SR. 6-4 234 PS#466. 14 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 19 tkl, 4 tfl '07. 6 st, 52 tkl, 6 sk, 4 tfl, 3 pbu LY. **96** Weston Peiffer (6'4" 245 So) PS#276. 1 st, 8 gm, 1 tkl true. Cory Sueing (6'4" 244 Fr).

SLB 35 AUSTIN PRITCHARD SR. 6-4 233 81 tkl, 9.5 tfl 2Y. Inj '07. 9 st, 86 tkl, 12.5 tfl, **1st Tm MAC** LY. **39** Waymon Ross (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#309. **45** Shaun Vernon (5'11" 220 So).

MLB 47 MITCH ZAJAC SO. 6-1 220 PS#181. 5 st, 12 gm, 29 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. **94** Deauntay Legrier (6'1" 240 rFr) PS#408. **53** Matt Pickens (6'0" 215 Jr). 4 tkl rFr. Joe Smith (5'10" 230 rFr).

WLB 51 Harrison Porter Jr. 6-0 220 PS#182. 9 gm, 22 tkl true. 5 st, 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl '08. **55** Doug Scott (6'3" 210 rFr). Matt Murphy (6'1" 218 Jr). Kyle Lark PS#286. Chris Prom (6'4" 220 rFr).

CB 25 David Lewis So. 5-10 170 PS#437. 1 tkl, 7 gm true. 2 tkl, 2 gm, inj & out yr (RS) LY. **19** Josh Price (6'0" 195 So) 13 gm, 18 tkl, 1 tfl as true. Damond Smith is PS#509.

CB 15 Andy Dorcely Sr. 6-0 194 2 st, 12 tkl, 2 pd 2Y. 4 tkl LY. **5** Deshon Lawrence (6'0" 175 So) PS#426. 2 rec LY, 10 gm. Moved to CB in spg. Lewis Toler is PS#390.

SS 33 Mario Armstrong Jr. 6-0 188 1 st, 20 tkl as true. 6 st, 64 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 int LY. **28** Keith Dixson (6'1" 185 So). 1 tkl, 10 gm rFr. **27** Vernon Stewart (5'11" 190 So). Walk-on.

FS 1 Doug Wiggins Jr. 5-11 197 **PS#35.** 1 st, 4 gm, 2 tkl true **Miami, FL** Sat out LY. **34** Jamail Berry (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#277JC. 10 gm, 11 tkl LY. **86** Scott Hinds (6'3" 190 rFr).

P 37 BEN ARMER SO. 5-10 201 PS#61. 50 punts (40.6), 10 inside the 20, 6 TB, tm net of 33.0 as rFr. **36** Tim Balice (5'11" 195 Jr). Walked on in '06. 1 punt (25.0) last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

RB	Brian Fields 5-9 193 PS#156
WR	Chleb Ravenell 6-0 185 PS#335JC
WR	Trey Smith 6-4 210 PS#197
TE	Dallas Walker 6-5 220 PS#364JC
OL	Mark Zielinski 6-4 330 PS#270
DL	TJ Lynch 6-3 238 PS#416JC
OL	Ben Samson 6-5 345 PS#295
RB	Antoin Scriven 5-11 194 PS#279
TE	Chris Blair 6-4 230 PS#90
QB	Tyler VanTubbergen 6-4 189 PS#175
DL	James Sandlin 6-2 284 PS#339
OL	Greg Peterson 6-5 284 PS#367
LB	Kyle Lark 6-1 222 PS#286
DB	Lewis Toler 5-10 167 PS#390
DL	David Box 6-2 288 PS#359
WR	Ansel Ponder 6-2 187 PS#300
WR	Josh Schaffer 6-2 205 PS#303
OL	Josh Hadel 6-6 295 PS#399
OL	Terry Davisson 6-6 265 PS#409
OL	Marcus Cann 6-4 305 PS#776JC
DB	Darnond Smith 5-11 173 PS#509
TE	Clark Mussman 6-4 222 PS#132
WR	Tronic Williams 6-1 173 PS#426
DL	Paul Hazel 6-6 205 PS#527
DB	Jermaine Vereen 5-10 182 PS#1302
DL	Cory Sueing 6-4 244 PS#1562

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BILL CUBIT (Career 29–20) (Div III 34–18–1)
5th Year at W MICHIGAN Cubit's Bowl Record: 0-2

Cubit's records AT W MICHIGAN

29-20	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
16-5	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
11-13	Away	3-8	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	3-3	Off A Bye
20-11	Vs Conference	10-7	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (19,10,3)
Lost: 18 (5,13,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,683 (#96)

MAC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#114

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 5	at Michigan	A						WMU is 6-26 vs current Big Ten tms & 0-4 vs UM with the last meeting being a 35-12 loss in '02. HC Cubit has pulled upsets against FBS foes Ill, Iowa & Vir the L3Y's.
Sep. 12	at Indiana	A						The Broncos are 0-4 vs IU including a home/home series in '06 & '07. In '07, RB West had a record 364 all-purpose yds but WM couldn't overcome a 5-1 TO deficit.
Sep. 19	Miami, Oh	A						WMU is 6-0 vs conf opponents winning by 16 ppg after facing a BCS team. In their last game ('06) MU fumbled at the WM15 & the Broncos went 84/18pl for the GW FG.
Sep. 26	Hofstra	A						First meeting. WMU is 58-14-3 vs current FCS tms winning 9 straight by an avg of 33 ppg. The Pride play in the CAA & were 4-8 LY including a 35-3 loss at Connecticut.
Oct. 3	at Northern Illinois	A						The L/3 meetings have been decided by an avg of 3 ppg with WMU winning all 3. Last year RB West had a career best 175 yds (7.0) rushing in the 29-26 win.
Oct. 10	at Toledo	A						After having lost 11 of 12 to the Rockets, WMU have taken 3 straight by an avg of 15 ppg. Last time here a 42-28 win snapped a 9 game Glass Bowl losing streak.
Oct. 17	Central Michigan	A						Only conf foe that WMU has a 3 gm losing streak against. Last time here WM was dominating & WR Simmons was ejected (? call) & allowed a late ? TD on a QB sneak.
Oct. 24	Buffalo (HC)	A						WMU is 4-0 vs UB winning by 15 ppg. LY WMU trailed by 14 & scored twice in the last 4:08 as QB Hiller set school records for att's (63) & comp's (42) in the OT win.
Oct. 31	at Kent St	A						First meeting in 4 seasons & only 2nd since 2000. The Broncos have 12 straight series wins & are 11-1 in Kent including 6-0 the L/6 with the avg win by 26 ppg.
Nov. 7	at Michigan St	G						Third B10 road trip this season & coming into '09 WMU has played 4 previously under HC Cubit. They've only been outgained by a TOTAL of 58 yds & are +2 FD's.
Nov. 14	at Eastern Michigan	A						WMU is 10-2 versus EMU but did lose 19-2 their in last trip to Ypsilanti. They were dominated in TOP 40:29-19:31 and held without a TD for 1st time S/'04.
Nov. 24	Ball St (Tues)	A						The Broncos have dropped 4 of 5 to the Cardinals including 4 & 3 pt losses at home. Last time here WMU led 23-20 but allowed a TD w/1:07 left on a 79/9pl drive.
Nov. 28								
Dec. 5								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tim Lester 11,299 '96-'99
2. Brad Tayles 8,717 '89-'92
3. Tim Hiller 8,080 '05, '07-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Robert Sanford 4,219 '97-'00
2. Jerome Persell 4,190 '76-'78
3. Shawn Faulkner 3,341 '80-'83

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Steve Neal 3,599 '97-'00
2. Greg Jennings 3,539 '02-'05
3. Jamarko Simmons 3,019 '05-'08

STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200) (#104)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	5-6	4-8	5-7	1-10	7-4	8-5	5-7	9-4	53-54
Home	5-0	4-1	2-4	3-3	1-4	4-1	5-0	2-4	5-0	31-17
Away	4-3	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	2-3	3-4	3-3	3-3	20-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-2
vs Conf	7-2	4-4	3-5	4-4	0-8	5-3	6-2	3-4	6-2	38-34
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	15-20
ATS	9-2	3-7	4-7	5-6	3-7	5-5	8-5	3-7-1	5-6-1	45-52-2
Home Fav (Darnell 1997)	3-0	2-2	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-2	1-2	1-1	2-2	13-11
Home Dog (Bo Oct. 2003)	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-0	2-0	0-1-1	0-0	3-11-1
Away Favorite (Lloyd 1997)	2-2	0-2	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-1-1	8-11-1
Away Dog	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-2	18-17
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	3-1
vs Conf	7-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	4-4	4-4	2-4-1	3-4-1	32-38-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-1	4-1	1-3	2-2	13-14
Off SU Win	6-2	2-3	0-3	2-3	0-1	3-4	4-4	2-2	4-3-1	23-25-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-4	4-4	2-3	3-6	1-1	4-0	1-4-1	1-2	19-24-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28
88	California	NL	Fresno St	30-35
06	International	+7	Cincinnati	24-27
08	Texas	+3	Rice	14-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
W Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 0–4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	28.6	412	117	4.2	295	64.7	14.4	14	-7	2008	10	24.9	395	140	3.8	255	57.2	15.9	25
8	26.9	398	130	3.4	268	62.9	14.8	28	-5	2007	8	28.9	399	179	4.6	220	51.8	13.8	28
6*	23.0	320	135	3.7	185	61.8	13.9	17	+12	2006	8	19.9	275	76	2.6	199	59.2	13.8	46
8*	32.2	393	146	3.8	247	63.1	12.2	24	+6	2005	5	31.1	450	147	3.7	303	62.1	14.5	31
4	22.5	365	100	3.0	265	60.1	16.2	19	-13	2004	7	39.6	480	215	5.3	265	60.9	12.1	20
5*	27.6	389	81	2.8	308	60.4	14.1	39	-4	2003	3	30.8	425	180	4.0	245	62.5	13.8	26
4	25.3	363	107	3.3	256	52.2	14.4	50	-14	2002	6	27.5	331	151	3.8	180	53.9	12.0	31

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon West	204	1070	44	1026	8	5.0
Aaron Winchester	69	292	20	272	0	3.9
Drew Burdi	10	126	6	120	1	12.0
Kirk Elsworth	12	73	5	68	0	5.7
Glenis Thompson	14	49	2	47	0	3.4
Tim Hiller	38	122	120	2	1	0.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tim Hiller	522	339	64.9	3725	36	10
Drew Burdi	11	6	54.5	87	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jamarko Simmons	104	1276	12.3	7	50	
Schneider Julien	59	712	12.1	6	50	
Juan Nunez	57	701	12.3	7	45	
Branden Ledbetter	45	464	10.3	6	50	
Brandon West	38	280	7.4	3	45	
Aaron Winchester	9	96	10.7	0	56	
Matt Stevens	6	93	15.5	2	32	
Kirk Elsworth	10	61	6.1	3	16	
Robert Arnheim	7	58	8.3	1	14	
Anthony Williams	2	28	14.0	0	19	
Louis Delmas	1	19	19.0	0	19	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ben Armer	50	2032	40.6	2	33.0(t)	0	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
John Potter	41-43	6-8	4-5	1-1	0-2	11-16	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Louis Delmas	111	0	4	3	4
Austin Pritchard	86	2	10.5	3	0
Boston McCornell	72	1	2.5	1	1
CJ Wilson	70	0	1	6	3
Mario Armstrong	64	0	0	3	1
EJ Biggers	62	0	5	4	2
Zach Davidson	56	3.5	6	0	0
Justin Braska	52	6	4	3	0
Nick Varcadipane	43	1.5	4	4	0
Londen Fryar	42	0	0	6	1
Cody Cielenski	36	4	6	1	0
Dustin Duclo	35	0	3	0	0
Mitch Zajac	29	0	1.5	3	0
Desman Stephen	29	0	0	4	0
Cory Flom	26	1	1	0	0
Greg Marshall	23	1.5	2	0	0
Harrison Porter	21	1	1.5	0	1
Josh Price	18	1	0	0	0
Drew Nowak	11	1	1	0	0
Jamail Berry	11	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Schneider Julien	21	130	6.2	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Brandon West	28	637	22.8	0
Aaron Winchester	19	446	23.5	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

WM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
84,485	at Nebraska	19	25-8	0.3	30-49	342	4	24	31-138	4.5	20-36	345	0	0
26,262	N Illinois	19	32-198	6.2	21-30	186	0	23	44-142	3.2	18-33	297	4	0
15,003	at Idaho	23	25-175	7.0	23-31	241	1	27	42-121	2.9	25-39	334	5	0
19,768	Tennessee Tech	30	39-274	7.0	31-38	359	0	13	24-100	4.2	19-33	151	0	-1
17,624	at Temple	18	26-36	1.4	26-42	252	1	10	38-136	3.6	10-22	60	1	-1
20,133	Ohio	22	28-156	5.6	24-38	347	0	18	37-148	4.0	19-37	208	4	0
15,025	at Buffalo	23	17-52	3.1	42-63	345	1	20	38-158	4.2	18-35	164	1	-2
30,302	at C Michigan	28	23-49	2.1	38-53	471	3	22	41-176	4.3	21-29	348	1	+1
19,917	E Michigan	25	35-163	4.7	24-36	339	1	21	37-133	3.6	21-37	272	2	-1
12,865	† Illinois	20	28-64	2.3	28-40	301	2	21	30-115	3.8	20-45	328	2	+1
12,336	Toledo	20	33-146	4.4	22-36	225	0	16	35-145	4.1	18-31	213	1	0
23,861	at Ball St	17	28-137	4.9	17-36	206	1	19	43-179	4.2	17-25	273	1	-2
58,880	† Rice	15	19-61	3.2	20-43	217	0	28	37-135	3.6	31-47	320	3	-2
TOTALS		279	358-1519	4.2	346-535	3831	14	262	477-1826	3.8	257-449	3313	25	-7
AVERAGES		21.5	28-117	4.2	27-41	295	2.6%	20.2	37-140	3.8	20-35	255	5.6%	-0.5

2004 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	UT-Martin	NL	42-0	
–	at Virginia Tech	+25	0-63	
–	at Illinois	+8'	27-30	
–	at Ball St	-3'	14-41	
–	Toledo	+14	33-59	
–	E Michigan	-3'	31-35	
–	N Illinois	+19'	38-59	
–	at C Michigan	+7'	21-24 OT	
–	at Bowling Green	+30'	0-52	
–	Miami, Oh	+20	21-42	
–	at Marshall	+27	21-31	

2005 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Virginia - #25	+34	19-31	
–	at Toledo	+22	23-56	
–	S Illinois	NL	34-28	
–	at Temple	-3'	19-16	
–	Buffalo	-10'	31-21	
–	Ball St	-11'	57-60 SOT	
–	at Bowling Green	+25	45-14	
–	Kent St	-7'	44-14	
–	† E Michigan	-3	44-36	
–	C Michigan	-3	31-24	
–	at N Illinois	+10	7-42	

2006 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Indiana	+6'	20-39	
–	Toledo	+10'	31-10	
–	at Virginia	+10	17-10	
–	Temple	-30	41-7	
–	at Ohio	-4	20-27	
–	N Illinois	+3	16-14	
–	at Ball St	-3'	41-27	
–	E Michigan	-15'	18-15	
–	Miami, Oh	-13'	27-24	
–	at C Michigan	+6	7-31	
–	at Florida St	+17'	20-28	
–	at Akron	+2'	17-0	

2007 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at West Virginia- #3	+24	24-62	
–	Indiana	E	27-37	
–	at Missouri	+20'	24-52	
–	Central Conn St	NL	51-14	
–	at Toledo	+1'	42-28	
–	Akron	-8'	38-39	
–	at N Illinois	-4'	17-13	
–	Ball St	+1	23-27	
–	at E Michigan	-4'	2-19	
–	C Michigan	+3	31-34	
–	at Iowa	+14	28-19	
–	Temple	-11'	16-3	

2008 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Nebraska	+14'	24-47	
–	N Illinois	-6	29-26	
–	at Idaho	-8	51-28	
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	41-7	
–	at Temple	-4	7-3	
–	Ohio	-7	41-20	
–	at Buffalo	+1	34-28 OT	
–	at C Michigan	-1'	28-38	
–	E Michigan	-17'	31-10	
–	† Illinois	+7'	23-17	
–	Toledo	-15'	27-17	
–	at Ball St - #15	+10'	22-45	

TOLEDO ROCKETS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Clint Cochran threw for just 960 (56.8%) with a 6-4 ratio and Aaron Opelt threw for 875 (54.3%) with a 6-5 ratio. Toledo had its lowest passing ypg (171) since 2000 and completed just 55.7%, their lowest since 1999. In 2007 both QB's were supposed to play but Opelt started 9 (miss 2 inj) and threw for 1,756 (57.8%) with a 12-7 ratio. Cochran got in 61 pass att for 408 yards and when both were banged up, true frosh DJ Lenehan filled in throwing for 630 (64.2%) with a 4-4 ratio. Toledo RS Lenehan last year as Opelt started all 12. He threw for 2,176 (59.8%) with a 12-7 ratio and JUCO Alex Pettee had 2 pass att. Cochran served as a student assistant. Opelt returns for his senior season and will be backed up by Lenehan and Pettee. Adding depth are David Pasquale (6'2" 215 rFr, PS#201) and two true frosh. I would expect Opelt to have his best year as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 the Rockets had to replace Trinity Dawson who rushed for 1,294 (5.6) in '05. Jalen Parmele (PS#104) had 1,131 (5.5) in '06 and then 1,511 (5.5) in '07. DaJuane Collins (PS#86) had 261 (5.6) in '06, had 636 (6.4) in '07. Last year they had to replace Parmele. The 211 lb power back Collins got off to a great start rushing for 360 and an outstanding 9.5 ypc (in 3 gm) before he suffered an ankle injury vs Fresno. Collins was not the same back after that as he rushed for just 340 (3.8) in his 7 other games (missed 2). Morgan Williams (PS#32) emerged vs Fresno with 142 (6.2) but had just 12 vs Ball St, 14 vs Michigan, 44 vs CM and 36 vs Akron. He later set a school record with 330 (11.8) vs Miami and had 153 (7.3) vs BG as he set a Toledo frosh rushing record with 1,010 (6.0). True frosh Jake Walker had 67 (4.2) and rFr Adonis Thomas (PS#131) had 40 (4.4). Not listed below are Walker (5'11" 210 So), Johnnie Bush (5'10" 200 Sr) and Casey Meridieth (5'9" 210 So). This looks like one of the MAC's best RB corps as everyone returns.

RECEIVERS - Toledo did not have a player with 1,000 rec yards in a single season in its 83 year history prior to HC Tom Amstutz. Carl Ford became the first Rocket to accomplish that in 2002 and it's been a regular occurrence ever since. Amstutz produced UT's top 2 career receivers in Lance Moore (from '01-'04) and Steve Odom ('03-'06). In 2007 Stephen Williams earned 2nd Tm MAC with 1,169 (16.0) while Nick Moore added 731 (12.2). Those two both returned in 2008 but they did lose their outstanding TE Chris Hopkins (247, 9.1). Moore was limited early (inj) but would lead in rec with 78 (10.0), while Williams had 71 rec, but had 2 more yards (781, 11.0) and led with 8 TD's. TE John Allen had 265 (9.1). Amstutz said true frosh Kenny Stafford (Cris Carter's nephew) could be a special player and he played in 9 (75, 12.5). This year they lose Moore (10 st, #4 career rec, w/182), Allen (11 st) and Shane Hubbard (0 rec). Not listed in the PSL is Jared Strait (6'2" 215 rFr). This group is a little less experienced than the '08 version but Stephen Williams should become the career all-time receiver this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rockets always had a quality O-line under Amstutz. In 2007 they had just 2.5 starters back and a true frosh started 10. UT still improved to 209 ypg rush (5.0) while allowing just 16 sacks (3.9%). Last year they had to replace a pair of four year starters including 1st Tm MAC LT John Greco (#3DC) and 2 backups (7 st). Despite returning 3 starters, it was a young O-line with no senior starters. UT's numbers slipped to 146 ypg rush (4.7) and 4.2% sacks (16). Amstutz has produced many NFL OL's and the next could be 6'7" 315 lbs LT Mike VanDerMeulen. This year new HC Tim Beckman steps into a great situation as they only lose backup LG Patrick Dawson and have 97 starts returning (#13 FBS). Despite learning a new system, this should be one of the MAC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - While Toledo only had to replace one starter in 2007, they lost 2 starters in the first three games resulting in their worst numbers in recent history, allowing 215 ypg rush (5.1) and a UT low 9 sacks, (tied for last in FBS). Last year they had to replace two starters but I listed them as having three back as Sean Williamson (28 car st) returned from injury. The unit improved to allowing 178 ypg (4.4) but once again UT was last in the MAC in sacks with 10. Williamson was susp after 7 starts so Maurice Hill started the last 5 and Alex Johnson (8 st, 51 tkl, 4.5 tfl '07) lost his spot (8 tkl). This year they lose DT Williamson (20 tkl), DE Albertson Alexandre (11 st, 40 tkl, 7 tfl) and DT Alfred Martin (3 tkl, 1 sk). Not listed below is Levone Washington (6'1" 239 So). They have 4 back who have been full-time starters and figure to show continued improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Rockets had to replace 1 starter but did get back Archie Donald (6 st '06) who missed 2007 (acad). They moved '07's #5 tackler Derrick Summers (3 st '07) to DE. Keith Forestal (20 st '06-'07) lost his spot and had just 4 tackles so they basically had 3 of the top 6 back. This year they are in much better shape as Forestal is the only loss. Donald led the team in tackles while Daris Quinn was #4 and ROV Lester Richmond was #5. Expect true frosh Dan Molls to crack the depth chart. Since the Rockets run a 4-2-5 D, I list the ROV here which was Richmond LY and will be Barry Church this season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rockets had 7 of their top 8 back in 2005 and shot up to #28 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters in 2006 but true frosh Barry Church earned 1st Tm MAC and had 2 IR TD's. Amstutz said, "He's what an NFL player looks like as a frosh." The slightly less experienced group dropped to #61. In 2007 they appeared to be in great shape (only 1 starter lost) but then lost two returning starters to injury in the opener. The Rockets dropped to #97 allowing a 31-10 ratio. Returning starting DB Walter Atkins played in just 4 (1 tkl) but they did get the return of Tyrrell Herbert (11 st, 74 tkl in '06). Amstutz brought in 7 CB's in last year's recruiting class. Myshan Veasley-Pettis, who started 11 as a true frosh in 2007 (41 tkl), only had 12 tackles and Desmond Marrow was lost after 7 starts so they were not as experienced as I thought they would be. Toledo finished #96 allowing 203 ypg (65%) with a 24-10 ratio.

ROV Barry Church

This year they lose FS Herbert (12 st, 79 tkl, 4 int) and CB Greg Harris (9 st, 23 tkl) but have 9 back with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are Anthony King (5'10" 178 Jr), Tyler Roby (6'2" 210 Sr), Anthony Washington (6'1" 175 So, PS#456) and Eisen Hardy (5'10" 175 rFr). The Rockets should have the best finish in my pass D rankings in at least 3 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Amstutz, Toledo has had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #37 in '02 and #8 in '03. The last 5 years they have finished just #77, #61, #83, #69 and #104 last year. In 2007 P Brett Kern had a 39.5 net and was a Ray Guy finalist while K Alex Steigerwald hit 13 of 13 FG's (long 44). Jalen Parmele also avg 28.0 on KR. Last year they had to replace Parmele and Kern and did not have a scholarship P on their roster. UT returned LS Jeremy Mack who Amstutz used a scholarship on. Steigerwald set a MAC record with 23 straight FG's. His last miss had been in '06 vs Ball St and it was vs Ball St that the streak ended in 2008. He hit 16 of 21 FG's (long 48). Bill Claus avg 38.8 on punts (36.0 tm net). The return game was average. This year everyone returns except for Mack and PR Moore (6.2) so they should have a good-sized improvement.

COACHES - It was surprising to me that Toledo Tom, who had spent 30 years on the staff here including the last 8 as HC, opted to step aside announcing his plans at midseason. He guided the team to 3 MAC Title games in his first 4 years ('01-'04) but unfortunately his final 3 years were all below .500. He was 58-41 with 4 MAC West & 2 MAC Titles and 4 bowl game appearances. Tim Beckman was the Ohio St CB coach in '05 and '06 and was Okla St's DC the last 2 years. He was a BG asst in '98-'04. His OC is Matt Campbell who was the BG run game coord in '08. Beckman has co-DC's in Mike Ward, who was the BG DC in '07 and '08, and Paul Nichols, who was the Marshall DB coach from 2006-'08.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tom Amstutz inherited a team that was 10-1 in 2000 with 17 returning starters. He made a bold move by completely changing the offense from the run-oriented scheme (36.4 ppg) to the spread offense. In his first year the team went 10-2 and won the MAC Title (#23 AP poll). Toledo would go 9-5, 8-4, 9-4 and 9-3 the next four seasons getting to bowls in 4 of Amstutz's first five years and winning 2 MAC Titles. In 2006 UT had 14 returning starters, its most since 2001, but shockingly after 12 straight winning seasons, fell to 5-7. While UT went 3-5 in conf play they still outgained MAC foes by 8.9 ypg. In 2007 it appeared Toledo would have a much improved record but amazingly they lost 3 defensive starters in the opening game. They did beat a BCS team at home (Iowa St) and were tied with CM 31-31 in the 4Q but lost by 21. At 5-5 they blew a 17-7 lead over Ball St and then lost to BG in the final marking the first time they had B2B losing seasons since 1977-'78. Toledo was among the FBS leaders in starters lost and their 5-2 record at home moved them to 41-6 in the Glass Bowl this decade. Last year they had 14 returning starters and despite their losing 2007 record, they actually outgained MAC foes by 49.9 ypg that year. They did have the 2nd fewest senior starters in the MAC (5) and played a brutal non-conf schedule facing Ariz, Michigan and Fresno while drawing the MAC East's toughest foes. Their scholarships dropped to 79 due to NCAA APR penalties. Arizona had the advantage of a game under their belt and whipped UT 41-16. The Rockets destroyed EM by 24 and then outplayed #25 Fresno St (598-420 yd edge) but with RB Collins missing the 2H, they lost in 2OT's. Toledo dominated the 1Q vs FIU leading 13-0 and had 302-239 yd edge but let up and somehow lost 35-16. While they trailed Ball St just 3-0 at the half, they lost 31-0. A 100 yd IR TD keyed their upset of Michigan but in a letdown spot the next week they were whipped by NI 38-7. They had their chances vs CM leading 23-17 but gave up a late TD and lost. Amstutz resigned prior to Akron (effective the end of the year) and surprisingly the downward spiral continued with a pair of road losses. Toledo blasted Miami at home 42-14 in its first HG since Amstutz announced he was leaving but UT was whipped by BG in the finale. Toledo does have 16 ret starters this year and last year's squad had just 10 seniors which tied CM for the fewest in the FBS. Toledo returns an amazing 89% of their letter-men this year and that makes them not only the MIT in the MAC but one of my MIT's in the country.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 11 AARON OPELT SR. 6-2 225 PS#256. 27 st, 30 gm, 4807 (58%), 30-19 ratio, 670 rush 3Y. **14** Alex Pettee (6'2" 216 Jr) PS#180JC. **12** DJ Lenehan (6'3" 207 So) PS#131.

RB 23 MORGAN WILLIAMS SO. 5-11 195 **PS#32.** 4 st, 12 gm, 1010 (6.0) incl 330 vs MU, 3rd Tm MAC rFr. **22 DaJuane Collins** (5'10" 211 Sr) PS#86. 8 st LY, 3rd Tm MAC. 1597 (5.8) 3Y.

WR 7 Kenny Stafford So. 6-4 185 PS#280. 1 st, 9 gm, 75 (12.5) true. **80** Tim Cortazzo (6'1" 180 So) PS#94. 1 st, 2 gm rFr. Leroy Houston (5'11" 180 Fr) PS#256. GS LY.

WR 85 Robin Bailey Sr. 6-5 220 3 st, 21 gm, 161 (9.5) 3Y. **84** Sam Gaymon (6'3" 200 rFr) PS#165. **24** Adonis Thomas (5'10" 175 So) PS#131. 7 gm, 40 rush yd (4.4) rFr.

WR 88 STEPHEN WILLIAMS SR. 6-5 199 4.39 speed. 28 st, 2037 (13.6), 16 TD 3Y. **2x 2nd Tm MAC. 26** Jimmy Davidson (6'4" 210 rFr) PS#325. **47** Matt Rogers (6'4" 195 rFr).

TE 81 TOM BURZINE SR. 6-4 249 10 st, 88 (11.0) 2Y. **82** Matt Fought (6'4" 242 Jr). 9 gm 2Y. **86** Danny Noble (6'5" 236 So) 7 gm rFr. **94** Jerome Jones (6'7" 234 So) PS#186. 2 gm rFr.

C 50 BUSTER GARRETT SR. 6-3 272 7 st, 9 gms '06. 7 st, 10 gm LY. **73** Matt Rubin (6-1 349 So). **LS 93** Colin McHugh (5'11" 205 So) PS#507. 10 games at LS as true.

RG 69 KEVIN KOWALSKI JR. 6-4 275 PS#299. L/10 st at RG as true. 12 starts LY. **65** Nate Cole (6'2" 305 Jr) PS#178. 7 gm DL rFr. 7 st OL LY. **63** Eric Canale (6'3" 275 rFr).

LG 68 JARED DeWALT SR. 6-4 318 PS#230. L/8 st true. 11 st '07. L/9 st LY. **62** Chris Meenan (6'7" 334 Jr) PS#155. 8 gm rFr. 1 st, 2 gm LY. Phillipkeith Manley (6'5" 295 So) PS#267.

RT 70 JOHN MOROOKIAN SO. 6-5 291 PS#371, Milford '07. Last 11 st, 12 gm as true. **76** Jan Gewont (6'6" 327 So) PS#134. 1 st RT, only 1 gm (inj), Med RS '07. 1 st RT, 12 gm LY.

LT 74 MIKE VanDerMEULEN SO. 6-7 315 12 st rFr. **71** Danny Farr (6'5" 285 rFr) PS#148. Bkup all yr but RS. **60** AJ Lindeman (6'6" 310 rFr) PS#443. **79** Fadi Farha (6'4" 290 rFr).

K 85 ALEX STEIGERWALD SR. 5-11 181 PS#52. 36-42 FG 3Y, MAC rec 23 str FG LY. Brett Brodbeck (5'11" 180 Jr). Ryan Casano (5'10" 175 So) PS#263JC. Andrew Weber (5'9" 140 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 56 DERRICK SUMMERS SR. 6-2 244 PS#239. 14 st, 35 gm, 101 tkl, 6 tfl 3Y. **40** Alex Johnson (6'2" 244 Jr) PS#241. 8 st, 51 tkl, 4.5 tfl rFr. 10 gm, 8 tkl LY. Terrell Willis (6'1" 228 Jr) 14 tkl 2Y.

DT 89 SKYLAAR CONSTANT SR. 6-4 285 22 st, 104 tkl, 6.5 tfl 3Y. **97** Malcolm Riley (6'3" 250 So). 12 gm, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. **99** Joe Underwood (6'2" 256 Jr) PS#194. 1 st, 23 tkl 2Y.

DT 98 Maurice Hill Sr. 6-2 286 PS#218. 13 st, 37 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. 5 st, 12 gm, 15 tkl LY.

52 Johnathan Lamb (6'4" 250 So). 6 gm, 2 tkl true. Johnie Roberts (6'3" 290 Jr). 4.9 speed.

DE 46 Hank Keighley So. 6-4 230 PS#228. 11 gm, 17 tkl true. **58** Douglas Westbrook (6'3" 233 Jr). 4 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl 3Y. **41** Matt Shumaker (6'1" 229 Sr). 9 tkl, 8 gm 3Y. 4.76 spd.

LB 42 ARCHIE DONALD JR. 6-2 235 PS#290. 6 st, 12 gm, 43 tkl, 4 sk, 3 tfl as true. RS in '07. 12 st, 119 tkl, 5 tfl, 2 int, 3rd Tm MAC LY. Defensive leader. **27** Ryan Miller (6'1" 208 rFr).

LB 33 DARIS QUINN SR. 6-1 220 PS#265JC. 12 st, 77 tkl LY. **36** Damien McIntosh (6'3" 215 So) PS#408. 12 gm, 19 tkl, 1 tfl true. **49** Terrell Anderson (6'1" 204 So). 7 gm, 1 tkl LY.

ROV **8 BARRY CHURCH SR.** 6-2 219 PS#196. **3x 1st Tm MAC!** 36 st, 256 tkl, 17.5 tfl, 16 pbu, 8 int 3Y. **48** Beau Brudzinski (6'1" 228 Sr) PS#371. 3 st, 34 gm, 84 tkl, 5.5 tfl 3Y. Tyson Patrick (6'1" 225 So).

CB 19 Joe Bates Sr. 6-1 190 PS#139JC. 3 st, 9 tkl LY. **37** Walter Atkins (6'1" 191 Sr). 15 st, 95 tkl 3Y. **21** Andreas Ashwood (6'1" 190 So) 7 tkl true. Isaiah Ballard (5'11" 190 So).

CB 3 DESMOND MARROW JR. 6-3 202 1 st, 19 tkl true. RS '07. 7 st (inj), 30 tkl LY. **47** Myshan Veasley-Pettis (5'11" 157 Jr) 11 st, 53 tkl, 3 int 2Y. **9** Kenny Veal (6'0" 180 So) 1st, 24 tkl, 4 pd true.

SS 34 LESTER RICHMOND SR. 6-1 197 PS#339. 24 st, 176 tkl, 3 tfl, 8 pd 3Y **44** Drey'Lon Pree (6'2" 198 Jr). 3 st, 24 tkl 2Y. **20** Chris Faison (6'1" 176 Sr). No stats '06 & '07. 10 gm, 8 tkl LY.

FS NA Jermaine Robinson Fr. 6-3 195 PS#151. IFS. **43** Mark Singer (6'1" 195 So) PS#347. 4 st, 12 gm, 21 tkl true. **31** Joe Shuler (6'2" 183 Sr) PS#336. 2 st, 18 gm, 15 tkl 3Y.

P 2 BILL CLAUS SO. 6-0 187 PS#88. 49 punts (38.8), 36.0 tm net rFr. **25** Brett Brodbeck (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#96. KO's LY. **10** David Pasquale (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#201. Also QB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Jermaine Robinson 6-3 195 PS#151
DB	Byron Best 5-9 185 PS#184
P	Ryan Casano 5-10 175 PS#266JC
QB	Austin Dantin 6-2 185 PS#118
QB	Terrance Owens 6-3 165 PS#120
WR	Eric Page 5-10 165 PS#202
DB	Richard Steele 6-0 185 PS#282
LB	Dan Molls 6-1 215 PS#236
WR	Leroy Houston 5-11 180 PS#256RB '08
DL	Christian Smith 6-2 240 PS#374
LB	Robert Bell 6-0 222 PS#309
RB	Darius Reeves 6-1 180 PS#353DB '08
DL	TJ Fatinikun 6-2 230 PS#399
DL	Ben Pike 6-3 245 PS#406
DL	Johnie Roberts 6-3 290 PS#791JC
DB	Troy Smith 5-10 165 PS#562
DB	Daxton Swanson 5-10 165 PS#605
OL	Manny Bell 6-6 275 PS#716
OL	Zac Kerin 6-5 270 PS#731
WR	Julian Bellinger 6-1 175 PS#630
WR	Edward Williams 6-2 188 PS#886
DL	Ben Steele 6-4 260 PS#1562

TOLEDO ROCKETS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#99

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at Purdue	G					
Sep. 11	Colorado (Fri)	A					
Sep. 19	† Ohio St (Cleveland)	G					
Sep. 26	at FIU	A					
Oct. 3	at Ball St	A					
Oct. 10	W Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 17	Northern Illinois	A					
Oct. 24	Temple	A					
Oct. 31	at Miami, Oh	A					
Nov. 7							
Nov. 11	at C Michigan (Wed)	A					
Nov. 20	E Michigan (Fri)	A					
Nov. 27	at Bowling Green (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

Toledo is 0-4 is season openers if they are away (0-3 vs BCS teams). UT is 5-12 vs current Big Ten tms & 2-2 vs Purdue including a 52-24 home loss in '07.

The Rockets are 2-4 vs current Big 12 tms & both wins have come at home beating ISU 36-35 in '07 & beating Kansas on a Friday Night 37-31 in 2006 in 2OT's.

Toledo is hosting this at Cleveland Browns Stadium. New UT HC Tim Beckham was OSU DB coach in '05 & '06. Only meeting vs Ohio St was a 49-0 loss in 1998.

Toledo is 2-1 vs current SBC tms including a 35-16 home loss to FIU last year. Toledo led 13-0 & 16-14 at HT but lost 3 fumbles & were outscored 21-0 in the 2H.

UT has dropped 3 straight to BSU including last year's 31-0 loss. It was only 3-0 at HT but UT was held to 157 yds & shut out for the 1st time in 23 yrs in a MAC game.

The Rockets have dropped 3 in a row in this series by an avg of 15 ppg w/all by 10+ pts. Last time here UT was outgained 490-382 & all 10 scoring drives were 47+ yds.

Toledo is 13-2 vs NIU S/'90 but LY lost 38-7 the week after upsetting Michigan. Last time here in '07, UT set a MAC record w/812 yds of offense in a 70-21 win.

First meeting as MAC foes but UT has won 4 straight. The 42-17 win in '05 was the 1st MAC opponent Temple played after announcing their MAC membership.

Last year Toledo finished with a 516-271 yd edge as RB Morgan Williams rushed for a school record 330 yds (11.8). Toledo has not traveled to Oxford since 2004.

Last time here in '07 Toledo outgained CM 482-462 & it was tied at 31 to start the 4Q. WR Williams finished with a career best 157 yds & had a 74 yd TD called back.

The Rockets are 8-1 vs EMU incl 4-0 in the Glass Bowl winning by 27 ppg. LY RB Collins rushed for a career best 168 yds (8.8) in a steady rain in their 24 pt win.

LY in former HC Amstutz final game UT was held to -6 yds in the 1H & was outgained 534-196. It was the worst loss at home in the "Peace Pipe" series. UT is 1-4 at BG.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bruce Gradkowski 9,225 '02-'05	1. Chester Taylor 4,849 '98-'01	1. Lance Moore 2,776 '01-'04
2. Gene Swick 7,266 '72-'75	2. Wasean Tait 4,338 '93-'98	2. Steve Odom 2,631 '03-'06
3. Ryan Huzjak 6,926 '93-'96	3. Trinity Dawson 3,474 '02-'05	3. Don Fair 2,191 '69-'71

TIM BECKMAN (Career 0–0)

1st Year at Toledo

Beckman's Bowl Record: 0-0

Beckman's records AT TOLEDO

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

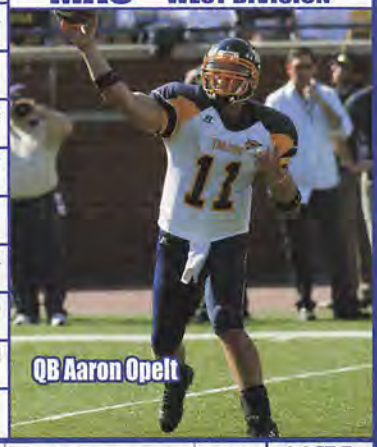
2008 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 57 (21,32,4)
Lost: 7 (2,5,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,008 (#107)

MAC – WEST DIVISION


QB Aaron Opelt

STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248) (#110)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	10-2	9-5	8-4	9-4	9-3	5-7	5-7	3-9	68-42
Home	6-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	4-1	4-2	5-2	1-5	42-11
Away	4-1	3-2	4-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	1-5	0-5	2-4	23-29
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
vs Conf	6-1	7-2	7-2	6-2	8-1	6-2	3-5	3-5	2-6	48-26
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-0	2-3	2-2	1-3	3-1	2-2	2-2	1-3	20-16
ATS	7-2	5-7	8-4-1	7-3-1	7-5-1	4-7	5-6	4-7	6-6	53-47-3
Home Fav (Gary Pinkel 1991)	3-1	2-3	4-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	2-2	3-1	1-1	23-12
Home Dog (Tom Amstutz)	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-2	8-3
Away Favorite (Tim Beckham)	3-1	1-4	2-0	1-1	1-0-1	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	8-11-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	2-2-1	1-1-1	1-3	1-1	2-3	0-5	3-3	11-18-2
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
vs Conf	5-2	3-6	7-1-1	6-1-1	6-2-1	3-5	3-5	3-5	4-4	40-31-3
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	13-16
Off SU Win	5-2	3-6	5-3-1	5-2-1	6-3	2-6	1-2	2-3	1-2	30-29-2
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-1-1	2-1	3-4	2-3	5-3	20-14-1

TOLEDO

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Las Vegas - #25	E	Nevada (OT)	40-37
01	Motor City - #25	-4	Cincinnati	23-16
02	Motor City	+4	Boston College	25-51
04	Motor City	-3'	Connecticut	10-39
05	GMAC	-3	UTEP	45-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Toledo's All-Time Bowl Record 7–3

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	22.4	334	146	4.7	188	60.1	14.9	16	0	2008	8	31.4	381	178	4.4	203	65.4	12.1	10
8*	32.9	448	209	5.0	239	58.9	13.6	16	+1	2007	5	39.2	444	215	5.1	229	57.9	11.3	9
7	23.4	327	156	4.0	171	55.7	14.0	30	-3	2006	7	27.7	333	138	3.9	195	56.6	12.0	22
5*	35.8	447	217	5.3	230	63.8	12.5	13	+5	2005	8	21.8	318	126	3.5	191	55.4	14.6	31
7*	33.2	459	161	4.0	298	68.6	13.8	19	-2	2004	5	31.1	418	142	3.9	275	56.6	13.4	23
4	32.4	463	185	4.9	278	70.4	14.3	9	+11	2003	8	23.8	388	150	3.9	238	63.2	16.3	10
7	35.4	472	214	5.1	258	69.8	13.4	19	+7	2002	4	27.0	364	151	4.2	213	58.2	13.5	23

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Morgan Williams	169	1053	43	1010	6	6.0
DaJuane Collins	127	735	35	700	5	5.5
Jake Walker	16	71	4	67	0	4.2
Adonis Thomas	9	42	2	40	1	4.4
Casey Meridieth	2	4	0	4	0	2.0
Aaron Opelt	42	90	134	-44	5	-1.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Aaron Opelt	376	225	59.8	2176	12	7
Nick Moore	2	2	100.0	55	1	0
Bill Claus	1	1	100.0	12	0	0
Alex Pettee	2	1	50.0	11	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Stephen Williams	71	781	11.0	8	45	
Nick Moore	78	779	10.0	1	39	
John Allen	29	265	9.1	2	23	
Robin Bailey	15	141	9.4	1	24	
Tom Burzine	7	77	11.0	0	18	
Morgan Williams	13	76	5.8	0	37	
Kenny Stafford	6	75	12.5	1	25	
DaJuane Collins	7	37	5.3	0	22	
Barry Church	1	12	12.0	0	12	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Bill Claus	49	1902	38.8	12	36.0(t)	1	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Alex Steigerwald	29-31	7-10	4-4	5-7	0-0	16-21	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Archie Donald	119	0	5	0	2
Barry Church	93	0	5.5	6	1
Tyrrell Herbert	79	1	0	1	4
Daris Quinn	77	0	1	1	0
Lester Richmond	60	0	2	3	1
Skylaar Constant	56	1	1.5	2	0
Albertson Alexandre	40	2	5	0	0
Beau Brudzinski	36	0	2.5	0	0
Derrick Summers	32	1	3	0	0
Desmond Marrow	30	0	0	3	0
Kenny Veal	24	0	0	3	1
Greg Harris	23	0	0	0	0
Mark Singer	21	0	0.5	1	1
Douglas Westbrook	20	1	2.5	0	0
Sean Williamson	20	2	2	0	0
Damien McIntosh	19	0	1	0	0
Hank Keighley	17	1	1	1	0
Maurice Hill	15	0	4	0	0
Malcolm Riley	15	1	1.5	0	0
Myshan Veasley-Pettis	12	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Nick Moore	12	74	6.2	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Greg Harris	33	710	21.5	0
Morgan Williams	16	315	19.7	0

OFFENSE – 2008 STATS BY GAME – DEFENSE

UT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
50,939	at Arizona	12	24-74	3.1	21-31	170	1	28	33-153	4.6	26-34	299	1	+1
16,860	at E Michigan	19	36-233	6.5	8-18	114	0	18	47-134	2.9	13-23	131	1	+2
20,096	Fresno St	28	46-297	6.5	24-43	301	1	24	38-189	5.0	22-28	231	2	0
19,004	FIU	20	31-94	3.0	27-46	208	1	12	45-141	3.1	6-13	98	1	-4
18,009	Ball St	11	19-14	0.7	21-31	143	1	24	44-240	5.5	18-30	242	1	-1
107,267	at Michigan	17	22-70	3.2	33-50	257	1	19	39-170	4.4	15-27	120	1	+2
22,092	at N Illinois	13	22-80	3.6	17-24	149	3	24	45-220	4.9	12-16	173	0	-3
21,422	C Michigan	19	32-149	4.7	16-26	216	2	27	45-146	3.2	27-37	256	1	0
10,134	at Akron	23	25-93	3.7	23-35	277	0	28	44-232	5.3	16-23	226	0	0
12,336	at W Michigan	16	35-145	4.1	18-31	213	1	20	33-146	4.4	22-36	225	0	0
12,251	Miami, Oh	22	46-377	8.2	14-26	139	1	17	23-75	3.3	29-46	196	0	+3
11,264	Bowling Green	13	37-129	3.5	7-20	67	4	30	46-294	6.4	21-34	240	2	0
TOTALS		213	375-1755	4.7	229-381	2254	16	271	482-2140	4.4	227-347	2437	10	0
AVERAGES		17.8	31-146	4.7	19-32	188	4.2%	22.6	40-178	4.4	19-29	203	2.9%	0.0

2004 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Minnesota - #25	+11'	21-63
–	at Kansas	+3	14-63
–	at E Michigan	-10	42-32
–	Temple	-7'	45-17
–	Ball St	-16	52-14
–	at W Michigan	-14	59-33
–	Ohio	-13'	31-13
–	C Michigan	-24	27-22
–	at Miami, Oh	+5'	16-23
–	at N Illinois	+7	31-17
–	Bowling Green	+4	49-41
–	† Miami, Oh	+1'	35-27

2005 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Illinois	NL	62-14
–	W Michigan	-22	56-23
–	at Temple	-28	42-17
–	at Fresno St	+14	14-44
–	E Michigan	-20	30-3
–	at Ball St	-22	34-14
–	Buffalo	-30'	38-15
–	at C Michigan	-7'	17-21
–	at Ohio	-10'	30-21
–	N Illinois	-10	17-35
–	at Bowling Green	+4	44-41 2OT

2006 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa St	+8'	43-45 3OT
–	at W Michigan	-10'	10-31
–	Kansas	-4'	37-31 2OT
–	McNeese St	NL	41-7
–	at Pittsburgh	+16'	3-45
–	C Michigan	-2'	20-42
–	at Kent St	+7'	14-40
–	at E Michigan	+1	13-17
–	Akron	+4'	35-20
–	at N Illinois	+12	17-13
–	Ball St	-4	17-20
–	Bowling Green	-6'	31-21

2007 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Purdue	+6'	24-52
–	at C Michigan	+3	31-52
–	at Kansas	+25'	13-45
–	Iowa St	+3'	36-35
–	W Michigan	-1'	28-42
–	Liberty	NL	35-34
–	at Buffalo	+4'	33-43
–	Ohio	-1'	43-40
–	N Illinois	-3'	70-21
–	E Michigan	-8	52-28
–	at Ball St	+6	20-41
–	at Bowling Green	+7	10-37

2008 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Arizona	+23'	16-41
–	at E Michigan	+2'	41-17
–	Fresno St - #25	+7	54-55 2OT
–	FIU	-19'	16-35
–	Ball St	+7	0-31
–	at Michigan	+16	13-10
–	at N Illinois	+9'	7-38
–	C Michigan	+3'	23-24
–	at Akron	+6'	30-47
–	at W Michigan	+15'	17-27
–	Miami, Oh	-3	42-14
–	Bowling Green	+1	10-38

NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Dan Nicholson backed up Phil Horvath for two seasons ('05-'06) and had 5 starts and 1,479 yards passing. Nicholson was the clear-cut starter in '07 and his backup was walk-on Ryan Morris (6'3" 200 Sr). Nicholson started 9 (inj) and threw for 1,633 (60.9%) with a 9-14 ratio. Morris started 3 throwing for 727 (52.8%) with a 4-5 ratio. Last year they added a pair of rFr in Chandler Harnish (PS#98) and DeMarcus Grady (PS#100), who both have excellent mobility. Nicholson's shoulder was not 100%. Harnish started the opener and threw for 326 vs Minn but was inj'd in the 1H vs WM. Nicholson, who has a rocket arm, threw for 239 off the bench but was limited due to his injury. With Harnish out for the next 3, Nicholson and Grady alternated snaps with Grady used mostly as a runner. Grady started vs Miami but was hurt in the 2Q and this time Harnish hit 4 of 9 despite not being 100%. Harnish was the top rushing QB here since Stacey Robinson (1990). Harnish took back the starting spot and his 116 rush vs BG was the first 100 yd effort by a QB here also since Robinson. Harnish was the team's #1 rusher (539 yds) and threw for 1,528 (55.9%) with an 8-9 ratio. Nicholson played in just 5 (3 st) and Grady played in 6 (1 st) while Morris had 2 att (3 gm). This year Harnish, Grady and Morris return and added to the mix are true frosh AJ Hill (PS#111) and Jordan Lynch (PS#94). This unit should remain healthier and in the 2nd year of their new system should improve.

QB Chandler Harnish

RUNNING BACKS - NI has had 3 players lead IA in rushing in Mark Kellar ('73), LeShon Johnson ('93) and Garrett Wolfe ('06). Heading into 2008, NI had nine straight years with a 1,000 yard rusher as Justin Anderson (PS#54QB) emerged in '07 and rushed for 1,245 (4.5). Anderson had no contact drills in spring due to knee surgery and HC Jerry Kill rotated his RB's. After 8 games, five different players led in rushing and Anderson finished with just 209 (3.9). Kill recruit Me'co Brown (PS#202) was the #1 RB with 510 (4.6) while Chad Spann added 429 (4.9) and led in the bowl with 79 (5.6). Ricky Crider (5'9" 190 Jr, PS#209) added 208 (4.8) and Montell Clanton had 111 (6.2). This year the only loss is Clanton (2 st). Brown's total was the lowest for an NI rushing leader since Vince Smith only managed 448 in 1976 but Brown had a great spring and should put up better numbers this year.

RECEIVERS - Former HC Joe Novak produced 4 NFL WR's and 3 NFL TE's during his 12 years. Britt Davis (PS#85QB) set the school record for rec by a frosh (42) and by a soph (57). In 2007 the top 3 rec returned and while Davis had 391 (11.8), Matt Simon (314, 15.7 in '06) led with 969 (18.6). Last year the top five were back (3 WR, 1 TE, 1 RB) but they did lose one of their two starting TE (14 rec). RFr Nathan Palmer (4.4 spd) had 91 and 52 yd TD rec's in the opener but finished with only 278 yds (248 first 2 weeks). The WR's did not catch a pass vs BG. Davis was #6 with 113 (8.1) while senior Marcus Perez, who had 406 (13.5) in '06 (missed most of '07), led with 480 (14.1). Simon was #2 with 377 (15.7) and TE Reed Cunningham had 252 (11.5). This year they lose Perez (6 st), Davis (3 st), Simon (2 st), Greg Turner (5 st, 113 yd), WR Evans Adonis (2 rec) and TE Brandon Beal (1 st, 4 rec). Not listed below are TE's Dan Edem (6'2" 210 rFr, PS#131), Travis Bond (6'3" 215 rFr) and Jack Marks (6'6" 240 So). The '08 unit's production was way down but this year's unit is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Joe Novak had some outstanding O-lines during his tenure. From 2004 to 2006 NI's avg ypc was 5.1 and they allowed just 6.5% sacks in '06 despite having to replace 3 starters. In 2007 NI had to replace two starters including 1st Tm MAC LT Doug Free (#4DC) and the numbers dropped to 136 ypg (3.8) while allowing 21 sacks (5.6%). Last year they only had to replace a two year starter. As you would expect, the numbers improved to 171 ypg (4.4) while NI allowed just 16 sacks (5.1%). This year they lose their top OL, 3rd Tm MAC RT Jon Brost (13 st, 4Y st'r), as well as RG Dan Keller (13 st) but return 4 with 11+ career starts and are now in the 2nd year of Kill's system. Their 88 career starts returning are #23 in the FBS.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskies had an inexperienced and injury-plagued D-line in 2007 and star DE Larry English was coming off a torn ACL suffered in the '06 bowl. NI slipped to allowing 210 ypg rush and 4.7 ypc, their worst total since 1997. Last year the unit returned intact with English another year removed from injury and Craig Rusch (3 gm '07) back healthy. As you would expect, NI allowed just 137 ypg (4.1). While DE Brandon Bice (11 st '07) only had 1 start, he earned 3rd Tm MAC with 6.5 sacks. This year they lose their highest draft choice in school history in 2x MAC MVP English (13 st, 37 tkl, 8 sk, #1DC SD) along with DT Alex Krutsch (13 st, 22 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Rusch (11 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk). Adding depth are Ron Newcomb (6'3" 235 So, PS#62TE) and Darnell Bolding (6'2" 215 Jr, PS#205). NG Mike Krause and Bice have both been full-time starters but this unit is much less experienced and loses its superstar.

LINEBACKERS - In '07 seven of the top 8 LB's were back. Last year they were an even more veteran group with the top 6 all returning and NI dropped the ppg allowed from 30.8 to 18.0. This year they lose MLB Tim McCarthy (12 st, 61 tkl, 8 tfl), SLB Josh Allen (12 st, 56 tkl, 8 tfl) and TJ Griffin (1 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl). Kill is very high on this year's LB corps even stating that John Tranchitella (9 st '07) is one of their better players but may not start. Despite losing their #3 and #5 tacklers, they return their #4 and #10 and actually have 4 back who have had 50+ tackles in a season. While less experienced, they might not drop as much as you would think.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '05 the Huskies were #34 in my pass D rankings. Six of the top 8 were back in '06 but surprisingly NI dropped to #112 with the DB's not getting an int until game 6. In 2007 they had to replace 2 starters. SS Alex Kube added 24 lbs of muscle and was the #1 tkl'r (111). NI moved up to #91. Last year they only had to replace S Mark Reiter (7 st, 65 tkl) but moved Kube to LB while CB Bradley Pruitt (11 st in '07) managed only 5 starts (inj), so they were less experienced than expected. NI still managed to climb to #80. This year they lose CB Melvin Rice (8 st, 50 tkl, 6 pbu), CB Chase Carter (12 st, 40 tkl) and CB Pruitt (5 st, 25 tkl, 2 int). They do ret both of the team's starting S's, who were the #1 and #2 tkl'r and despite being a little less experienced, could match '08's numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Novak produced four players who earned MAC ST POY in 4 consecutive years and his units finished as high as #8 (2000) in my ST rankings. Generally when a team is injury plagued, it affects the ST unit due to a lack of depth and the Huskies dropped to #107 in 2007. The only loss last year was K Chris Nendick but as you would expect with better health, the group improved to #77. A key reason for the resurgence was the school record 5 blk'd punts by the Huskies and Winona St transfer K Mike Salerno, who had 16 TB's on KO's and hit 18 of 24 FG's tying a school record with a long of 52. NI allowed 21.6 on KR's including a 97 yarder in the bowl that cost them. This year they lose four year P Andy Dittbenner (33.6 net) but could finish just as strong.

COACHES - Joe Novak did a great job with NI and produced 3 MAC West Co-Champs in his last 7 years. Jerry Kill was the S Illinois HC from '01-'07 and was the FCS Coach of the Year in 2007. He brought over both of his coord's in 2008 in OC Matt Limegrover and DC Tracy Claeys who held the same positions at SI from 2001-'07. Overall, Kill brought 8 of his staffers along with him to DeKalb.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The 2002 NI squad came up just :41 short of beating Toledo which would have given them the outright MAC West Title. In 2003, NI was picked to win the MAC for the first time ever! They were 4-0 for the first time since 1965 and became the first MAC team to beat two BCS ranked teams in the same year (#15 MD, #21 Bama). NI opened 7-0 and was the first non-BCS team to crack the Top 10 in the BCS poll (#10). ESPN's College Gameday was on hand when #12 NI battled #23 BG in the first battle of ranked MAC teams since 1973 but BG prevailed. Three weeks later NI suffered a 19 pt loss to Toledo. They still finished 10-2 but shockingly were not picked for a bowl. NI had 12 starters back in 2004 but Toledo ended NI's 11 game home win streak. NI did get to a bowl and knocked off Troy 34-21. BG coach Gregg Brandon said prior to 2004, "The loudest place that we've played in, in three years was N Illinois." He added, "It wasn't Ohio St, it wasn't Purdue." NI put up 411 yards vs Michigan in '05 and came up a 2 pt conv (missed) short of upsetting N'western on the road. They also lost to Akron in OT opening 1-3. NI still ended Toledo's 17 game home win streak and got to their first MAC Title game. NI outgained MAC foes by 82.6 ypg (2nd best). It really shows how far the program has come along when I refer to 2006's 7-6 bowl season as a disappointment (preseason MAC fav) as NI had 15 fifth year seniors (11 starters). Novak went into his last season 15-4 on the road vs MAC foes and his 41 wins over the previous 5 years were the most since 1962-'66 (42). In 2007 they were a very inexperienced team (3 Sr st'r) then suffered an amazing rash of injuries. After having been 1 of just 18 FBS teams to post winning records each season this decade, NI plummeted to 2-10. Jerry Kill stepped into a tremendous situation last year. NI was -17 in TO's in 2007, had 3 net close losses, had poor off and def ypp's and were one of the top teams in the NCAA in starts lost. They also went from being an inexperienced team to one with 20 seniors who have starting experience. Naturally, I made them one of my Most Improved Teams. NI could have achieved more but had 4 of its 7 losses by 4 or less and lost in the bowl by 7. They also went through 3 different starting QB's due to injuries. Minnesota got a TD with :22 left after converting on 4th & 1 and pulled out a 31-27 win. NI came up 3 points short at WM but then dominated Ind St and EM. They had a 12-9 FD edge vs Tenn but lost by 4 on the road. After beating Miami 17-13, NI, which hadn't beaten Toledo at home since '89, did so 38-7. NI got a 30 yd FG with :12 left to get past BG but then was whipped by Ball St. NI trailed CM 30-6 but rallied to force OT but lost it there. They dominated Kent St in the snow and wind but then suffered their first shutout since 1999 (115 gms) as they had only 5 days to prep for Navy's option and lost 16-0. In the bowl NI had 339-236 yd and 17-12 FD edges but lost. NI did have 2 net close losses (pg 299) but goes from having 21 returning starters to just 11. Even though their bowl put them at a losing season at 6-7, I'll call for NI to be bowl eligible a 2nd straight year.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 12 CHANDLER HARNISH SO. 6-2 210 PS#98. 9 st, 10 gm (inj), 1528 (56%), 8-9 ratio, 539 rush rFr. **3** DeMarcus Grady (6'1" 200 So) PS#100. 1 st, 6 gm, 138 (58%), 188 rush rFr.

RB 8 ME'CO BROWN SO. 5-7 180 PS#202. 6 st, 510 (4.6) true. **28** Chad Spann (5'9" 195 Jr). 2 st, 490 (4.9) 2Y. **21 Justin Anderson** (6'0" 225 Sr) PS#54. 12 st, 1571 (4.5) 3Y.

WR 81 NATHAN PALMER SO. 5-11 185 PS#215.3st,278(23.2)rFr.**FB 47 CONNOR FLAHIVE** (6'0" 240 Jr) PS#391. 4 st LY. **34** Kyle Skarb (6'2" 220 Jr) PS#325. 5 st LY. **45** Mike Lepper (6'1" 230 Jr).

WR 11 Marcus Lewis Sr. 6-3 210 PS#165. 1 st, 117 (10.6) 3Y. **10** Willie Clark (6'1" 190 So) PS#190. 2 st, 13 gm 79 (13.2) rFr. **82** Preston Williams (5'11" 180 Sr). 7 gm 3Y.

WR 80 Landon Cox Jr. 6-3 215 10 gm, 2 rec true. 8 st, 126 (7.9) LY. **1** Ron Walker (6'1" 175 rFr) PS#368. Tyler Clasey (6'1" 190 Jr). 12 gm LY. Matt Ng (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#381.

TE 87 JASON SCHEPLER SO. 6-3 255 3 st, 2 rec LY. **83 Reed Cunningham** (6'5" 245 Sr) 7 gm rFr. 4 st, 166 (9.2) '07. 11 st, 252 (11.5) LY. Bryan Beckner (6'4" 260 Jr) PS#101. 7 st 2Y.

C 50 EDDIE ADAMSKI SR. 6-3 280 12 st, 43 kd rFr. 12 st '07. 13 st, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **71** Scott Wedige (6'4" 285 So) PS#240. 4 gm rFr. **LS 55** Nolan Owen (5'10" 210 Jr). 25 gm 2Y.

RG 72 Joe Pawlak So. 6-5 285 11 gm bckup LT rFr. Bckup LG '08. Inj (hamstring) spg. **68** Keith Otis (6'4" 295 So) PS#353. No gm action LY as rFr. Jared Volk is PS#211.

LG 65 JASON ONYEBUAGU SR. 6-2 305 **PS#55.** 5 st, 13 gm true. 12 st '07. 10 st, 13 gm, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **70** Logan Pegram (6'3" 310 rFr) PS#168. **75** Jerry Rigo (6'5" 305 rFr).

RT 59 Kevin Skatrud Sr. 6-7 315 8 gm as rFr. Last 8 st at LG, 11 gm '07. First 3 st at LG, 1 gm LY. **74** Adam Kiel (6'5" 290 So) PS#218. 1 gm rFr. +17 lbs in spring.

LT 62 TREVOR OLSON SO. 6-6 290 PS#477. 13 st LT rFr. **61** Panan Tense (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#173. DNL rFr. 3 gm, impressive bowl prac LY. Matt Krempel (6'4" 290 Fr) PS#405.

K 16 MIKE SALERNO SR. 5-11 165 JUCO. No gm action '07. 18-24 FG, L/52, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **41** Steve Ivanisevic (5'11" 195 Jr). RS, walk-on in fall LY. Ryan Salerno is PS#133.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 54 Jake Coffman Jr. 6-5 245 9 tkl '07. 1 st, 22 tkl LY. Kyle Jenkins is PS#167JC. IFS. **48** Mike Kritikos (6'3" 220 Sr). 11 tkl 3Y. Jason Cruikshank (6'3" 220 Jr) PS#316. 14 gm 2Y.

DT 98 DJ Pirkle Jr. 6-0 270 PS#313. 3 sts, 13 tkl, 4 tfl as true. 17 tkl, 6 tfl in '08. **93** Adam Coleman (6'3" 245 So) PS#164. 7 tkl true. **94** John Hopkins (6'4" 240 So) PS#238.

NG 58 MIKE KRAUSE JR. 6-4 270 PS#470. 4 st, 13 tkl as rFr. 13 st, 20 tkl last year. **92** Brian Lawson (6'3" 260 rFr) PS#255. **90** Ed Jackson (6'3" 285 Jr). 2 st, 7 tkl '07. 1 gm LY.

DE 56 Brandon Bice Sr. 6-4 250 PS#345. 3 gm, 4 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 11 st, 38 tkl, 5 pd '07. 1 st, 13 gm, 22 tkl, 12 tfl, **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **95** Sean Progar-Jackson (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#346.

SLB 26 Cory Hanson Sr. 6-2 225 PS#479. 127 tkl 2Y. 7 st, 37 tkl LY. **27** Spencer Williamson (6'4" 205 Sr). 16 tkl rFr. 1 st, 39 tkl 2Y. Phil Brown (6'0" 220 Sr) PS#156. 91 tkl 3Y.

MLB 29 Pat Schiller So. 6-2 225 PS#324. 24 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. **40** Victor Jacques (6'1" 210 rFr). **57** Zach Larsen (6'2" 225 Sr) PS#175. 65 tkl 3Y. David Pratt (6'1" 205 Sr). 1 tkl 2Y.

WLB 37 ALEX KUBE JR. 6-0 220 PS#177. 9 st, 111 tkl rFr. 5 st, 59 tkl LY. **42** John Tranchitella (6'1" 230 Sr) PS#241. 11 st, 78 tkl 3Y. **63** Kevin Sabock (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#160.

CB 33 Patrick George Jr. 5-11 190 PS#230. 7 tkl, 12 gm true. 1 st, 20 tkl LY. **8** Tommy Davis (5'11" 190 rFr) PS#391. **30** James Jefferies (5'9" 180 Jr) PS#153. No gm action L2Y.

CB 23 Kiaree Daniels Jr. 5-10 190 9 tkl, 13 gm LY. **5** Chris Smith (5'10" 181 Jr). PS#207JC. IFS. Rashaan Melvin (6'2" 170 rFr). **31** Tyler Knight (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#76. 7 gm 2Y.

SS 25 TRACY WILSON SO. 6-2 200 PS#286. 1 st, 43 tkl rFr. **38 Mike Sobol** (6'0" 195 Jr) PS#237. **12 st.** 67 tkl LY. Donald Smith (5'9" 160 Jr). **38** John Kremer (5'10" 180 Jr).

FS 4 DAVID BRYANT SR. 5-10 205 1 st, 10 tkl rFr. RB in '07. 13 st@FS, 83 tkl LY. **6** Jody Van Laanen (6'0" 190 rFr). **16** Boone Thorgesen (6'0" 185 So) PS#142. DNP LY.

P 16 Mike Salerno Sr. 5-11 165 JUCO. No gm action '07. 6 punts (31.0), tm net 33.6 LY. Josh Wilber PS#166JC. Avg 43.6 at JC. **6** Ryan Neir (6'3" 205 rFr). Walk-on in spg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

K	Josh Wilber 5-11 215 PS#166JC
DL	Kyle Jenkins 6-4 256 PS#167JC
DL	Anthony Wells 6-3 229 PS#157
DB	Chris Smith 5-10 181 PS#207JC
QB	Jordan Lynch 6-1 195 PS#94
WR	Perez Ashford 5-10 180 PS#152
OL	Jared Volk 6-3 287 PS#211
DL	Zach Anderson 6-2 285 PS#206
QB	AJ Hill 6-2 205 PS#111
TE	Nick Groeniger 6-5 250 PS#426JC
RB	Antione Kirkland 5-11 190 PS#280
OL	Matt Krempel 6-4 290 PS#405
WR	Anthony Johnson 6-3 170 PS#331
LB	Jordan Delegal 6-1 200 PS#674JC
WR	Daniel Rodriguez 5-11 187 PS#361
LB	Tyrone Clark 5-11 205 PS#372
DL	Alan Baxter 6-0 231 PS#439
LB	Devon Butler 5-11 215 PS#403
DB	Dominique Ware 6-0 175 PS#534
DL	Nabal Jefferson 5-11 260 PS#481
WR	Martel Moore 6-2 182 PS#468
DB	Sean Evans 5-11 170 PS#610
DL	Stephen O'Neal 6-4 215 PS#700
K	Ryan Salerno 5-8 155 PS#133
DL	Jon Phillips 6-3 260 PS#1562

N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

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JERRY KILL (Career 6-7) (FCS 55-32) (Div II 49-25)
2nd Year at N Illinois Kill's Bowl Record: 0-1

Kill's records AT N ILLINOIS

6-7	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-2	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
2-4	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
5-3	Vs Conference	3-3	Off A Loss

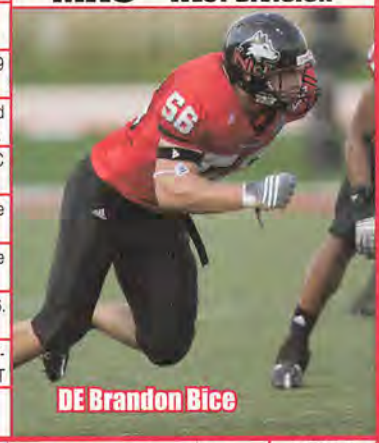
2008 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (23,20,2)
Lost: 24 (11,12,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,185 (#104)

MAC - WEST DIVISION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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25 2009 Schedule Difficulty-#112		TURF	LINE	Final Score NIU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Date	Opponent						
Sep. 5	at Wisconsin	A					
Sep. 12	W Illinois	A					
Sep. 19	at Purdue	G					
Sep. 26	Idaho	A					
Oct. 3	W Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 10							
Oct. 17	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 24	at Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 31	Akron	A					
Nov. 5	E Michigan (Thur)	A					
Nov. 12	Ball St (Thur)	A					
Nov. 21	at Ohio	A					
Nov. 27	at C Michigan (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. George Bork 6,782 '60-'63
2. Chris Finlen 6,551 '97, '99-'01
3. Josh Haldi 6,015 '01-'04

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Garrett Wolfe 5,164 '04-'06
2. Michael Turner 4,941 '00-'03
3. Mark Kellar 3,745 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Justin McCareins 2,991 '97-'00
2. Sam Hurd 2,322 '02-'05
3. Hugh Rohrschneider 2,224 '60-'63

N Illinois has lost 5 straight season openers. That includes 4 straight to Big Ten opponents by 14 ppg. In 2007 a short-handed NIU was outgained 431-99 by Wisky.

The Huskies are 20-17-1 vs W Illinois but have lost 3 straight with the last game in '02. The Leathernecks were 6-5 LY & led Arkansas 24-21 mid 4Q in a 4 pt loss.

First meeting. Coming into '09, NIU is 1-32-1 all-time vs the Big Ten. LY they were only outgained by 31 ypg in a pair of 4 pt losses to BCS tms Minnesota & Tennessee.

NIU is 3-2 vs Idaho with the only recent meeting a 42-35 road win in '07. The Huskies led 35-7 with 3 non-offensive TD's then held off a UI comback as they got to the NI18 on the final play.

Three straight losses in this series for NIU by a total of 9 pts. Last time here NIU led 13-10 at HT. WM Scored in the 3Q & both teams were scoreless the final 28:10.

Huskies are just 2-13 vs Toledo S/'90 but dominated LY in a 38-7 win holding UT to 13 FD's & 229 yds. Last time here NIU allowed a MAC record 812 yds of offense & was mauled 70-21.

Four straight Huskie wins in this series with the last 2 by 4 & 3 pts. Last yr N Illinios held the Redhawks without an offensive TD (63 yd PR) & had no TO's & only 3 penalties.

They last met in '05 (twice) as NIU lost the regular ssn game 48-42 & then lost the MAC Championship 31-30 as Akron completed a 36 yd TD pass w/:10 left for the win.

While NIU has won 7 of 8 by an avg of 23 ppg they lost the last time here. In that game the Huskies led 13-0 & then had a 50 yd FG blocked on the game's final play.

NIU has dropped 3 of 4 to Ball St including B2B games at home by 6 & 14 pts. The last time here was former HC Novaks' final game. LY was the inaugural "Bronze Stalk" game.

This is only the 2nd meeting in 6 years with the Huskies losing 35-23 at home in '06. In that game the teams combined for 971 yds with all 5 Ohio TD drives 67+ yds.

The Huskies had beaten the Chippewas 9 straight prior to B2B losses. LY Northern Illinois scored 24 unanswered pts in 20:17 & recovered two 2H onside kicks to force OT

STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (24,000) (#115)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	8-4	10-2	9-3	7-5	7-6	2-10	6-7	61-47
Home	4-1	5-1	4-2	7-0	4-1	4-1	4-2	1-4	4-2	37-14
Away	2-4	1-4	4-2	3-2	4-2	3-3	3-3	1-5	2-4	23-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-4
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	7-1	6-2	7-1	6-3	5-3	1-6	5-3	45-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	1-3	4-0	2-2	1-2	2-3	1-4	1-4	16-22
ATS	6-4	4-6	9-2	6-5	7-4	7-4	4-8	5-6	6-6	54-45
Home Fav (Jim Novak 1766)	3-0	0-3	2-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	0-4	0-1	1-4	13-18
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	0-0	9-2
Away Favorite (Jerry Kill)	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	0-1	2-0	15-10
Away Dog	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	2-3	3-1	16-11
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-4
vs Conf	4-3	2-5	7-1	3-5	5-3	5-4	3-5	3-4	4-4	36-34
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-0	1-3	2-2	2-2	18-11
Off SU Win	3-2	3-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-4	3-3	1-1	3-3	30-26
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	2-0	3-0	1-4	4-4	2-3	19-15

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chandler Harnish	118	608	69	539	4	4.6
Me'co Brown	110	528	18	510	2	4.6
Chad Spann	88	438	9	429	8	4.9
Justin Anderson	53	224	15	209	2	3.9
Ricky Crider	43	211	3	208	1	4.8
DeMarcus Grady	39	196	8	188	3	4.8
Montell Clanton	18	113	2	111	1	6.2
Dan Nicholson	16	49	28	21	0	1.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chandler Harnish	211	118	55.9	1528	8	9
Dan Nicholson	69	42	60.9	447	3	3
DeMarcus Grady	26	15	57.7	138	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus Perez	34	480	14.1	2	45
Matt Simon	24	377	15.7	2	45
Nathan Palmer	12	278	23.2	2	91
Reed Cunningham	22	252	11.5	3	28
Landon Cox	16	126	7.9	1	24
Greg Turner	11	113	10.3	1	25
Britt Davis	14	113	8.1	0	18
Willie Clark	6	79	13.2	0	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Dittbenner	41	1605	39.1	15	33.6(t)	0	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Salerno	34-34	7-7	8-10	2-6	1-1	18-24	52

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
David Bryant	83	0	2	3	0
Mike Sobol	67	0	3	2	0
Tim McCarthy	61	0	8	1	1
Alex Kube	59	1	6	0	0
Josh Allen	56	1	7	3	0
Melvin Rice	50	0	1	6	0
Tracy Wilson	43	0	1	1	0
Chase Carter	40	0	0	1	0
Larry English	37	8	8	1	0
Cory Hanson	37	1	5	2	1
Bradley Pruitt	25	0	4	2	2
Pat Schiller	24	0.5	2.5	0	1
Brandon Bice	22	6.5	5.5	3	0
Jake Coffman	22	2	1	2	0
Alex Krutsch	22	0.5	2.5	0	0
Craig Rusch	20	2	4	1	0
Patrick George	20	0	2	2	1
Mike Krause	20	0	3	1	0
DJ Pirkle	17	1	5	0	0
TJ Griffin	16	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Me'co Brown	9	71	7.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Me'co Brown	23	492	21.4	0
Ricky Crider	14	375	26.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
83	California	NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13
04	Silicon Valley	+3	Troy	34-21
06	Poinsettia	+12	TCU - #25	7-37
08	Independence	+1'	Louisiana Tech	10-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
N Illinios' All-Time Bowl Record 2-2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
10*	24.2	335	171	4.4	164	56.4	13.9	16	+2	2008	11	18.0	298	137	4.1	161	61.5	16.6	25
6	19.1	338	136	3.8	202	58.2	17.7	21	-17	2007	6	30.8	434	210	4.7	224	59.6	14.1	23
6*	25.5	363	165	4.8	198	56.2	14.3	25	+2	2006	7	21.2	365	122	3.6	243	64.5	17.2	29
6	32.4	444	207	5.2	237	68.0	13.7	26	-1	2005	5	22.8	370	148	3.9	222	57.2	16.2	19
7*	35.1	439	238	5.2	201	55.1	12.5	16	+8	2004	5	25.3	376	153	3.9	223	59.3	14.8	30
7*	32.2	379	160	3.8	219	59.1	11.8	30	+14	2003	6	21.5	372	141	3.6	231	55.9	17.3	27
6	31.3	376	201	4.5	175	50.9	12.0	29	+8	2002	8	24.8	387	132	3.5	255	56.8	15.6	47

2008 STATS BY GAME

NIU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
44,029	at Minnesota	15	31-72	2.3	17-30	326	2	18	31-127	4.1	24-37	298	2	0
26,262	at W Michigan	23	44-142	3.2	18-33	297	4	19	32-198	6.2	21-30	186	0	0
20,936	Indiana St	15	37-285	7.7	8-13	78	0	11	26-31	1.2	19-35	123	2	+1
17,159	at E Michigan	21	43-235	5.5	13-17	104	1	19	33-119	3.6	21-39	140	2	+2
99,539	at Tennessee	12	34-72	2.1	14-26	118	4	9	32-69	2.2	10-18	156	3	+1
17,444	Miami, Oh	16	37-215	5.8	11-21	111	0	16	30-145	4.8	19-35	149	1	0
22,092	Toledo	24	45-220	4.9	12-16	173	0	13	22-80	3.6	17-24	149	3	+3
17,163	Bowling Green	19	57-233	4.1	5-12	45	0	10	22-76	3.5	15-21	92	1	-1
14,373	at Ball St	12	29-160	5.5	14-22	115	2	25	40-219	5.5	19-23	310	1	-2
13,543	C Michigan	19	35-80	2.3	18-38	288	3	28	49-241	4.9	19-26	189	3	-1
2,267	at Kent St	19	45-224	5.0	12-19	173	0	16	34-127	3.7	11-21	126	4	+3
17,932	Navy	18	33-135	4.1	14-24	116	0	19	55-262	4.8	1-2	32	0	-2
41,567	† Louisiana Tech	17	31-153	4.9	20-41	186	0	12	31-92	3.0	12-27	144	3	-2
TOTALS		230	501-2226	4.4	176-312	2130	16	215	437-1786	4.1	208-338	2094	25	+2
AVERAGES		17.7	39-171	4.4	14-24	164	5.1%	16.5	34-137	4.1	16-26	161	7.4%	0.2

2004 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Maryland - #22	+14'	20-23	
–	S Illinois	NL	23-22	
–	at Iowa St	+3'	41-48	
–	Bowling Green	+1	34-17	
–	Akron	-17'	49-19	
–	at UCF	-18	30-28	
–	C Michigan	-19'	42-10	
–	at W Michigan	-19'	59-38	
–	at Ball St	-20	38-31	OT
–	Toledo	-7	17-31	
–	at E Michigan	-17'	34-16	

2005 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Michigan - #4	+18'	17-33	
–	at Northwestern	+2'	37-38	
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	42-3	
–	at Akron	-7	42-48	OT
–	Miami, Oh	-3	38-27	
–	E Michigan	-21	24-8	
–	at Kent St	-10'	34-3	
–	Ball St	-29	17-31	
–	at C Michigan	-2	31-28	
–	at Toledo	+10	35-17	
–	W Michigan	-10	42-7	
–	† Akron	-13	30-31	

2006 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Ohio St - #1	+17	12-35	
–	Ohio	-16'	23-35	
–	Buffalo	-24	31-13	
–	Indiana St	NL	48-14	
–	at Ball St	-6'	40-28	
–	at Miami, Oh	-13'	28-25	
–	at W Michigan	-3	14-16	
–	Temple	-32	43-21	
–	at Iowa	+16'	14-24	
–	Toledo	-12	13-17	
–	C Michigan	+4	31-10	
–	at E Michigan	-8'	27-0	

2007 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	† Iowa	+12	3-16	
–	S Illinois	NL	31-34	
–	E Michigan	-13	19-21	
–	at Idaho	+3	42-35	
–	at C Michigan	+3	10-35	
–	at Temple	-3'	15-16	
–	W Michigan	+4'	13-17	
–	at Wisconsin	+23'	3-44	
–	at Toledo	+3'	21-70	
–	Kent St	+3'	27-20	
–	at Navy	+16'	24-35	
–	Ball St	+8	21-27	

2008 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Minnesota	+8'	27-31	
–	at W Michigan	+6	26-29	
–	Indiana St	NL	48-3	
–	at E Michigan	-5'	37-0	
–	at Tennessee	+16'	9-13	
–	Miami, Oh	-11	17-13	
–	Toledo	-9'	38-7	
–	Bowling Green	-7'	16-13	
–	at Ball St - #16	+9'	14-45	
–	C Michigan	-3'	30-33	OT
–	at Kent St	-3	42-14	
–	Navy	-3	0-16	

BALL ST CARDINALS

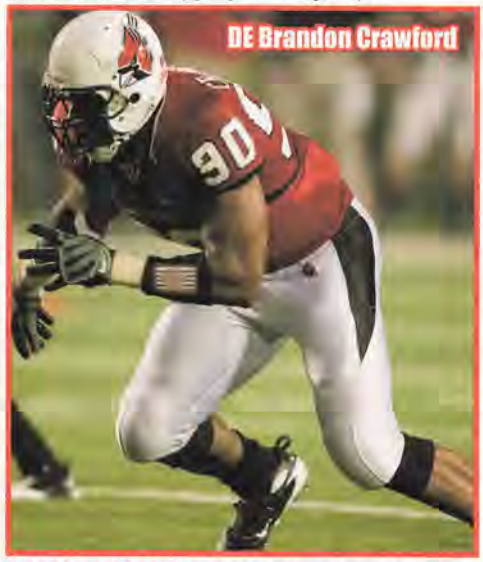
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Joey Lynch set a school record with 18 TD passes. In 2006 Lynch led the MAC in pass eff after 4 games but the switch was made to frosh phenom Nate Davis (PS#35), who has a cannon for an arm. Davis threw for 1,975 (61.2%) with an 18-8 ratio. In 2007 Davis set Ball St single season records for passing att's, comp, TD's and yards, throwing for 3,667 (56.5%) with an outstanding 30-6 ratio. His brother, Jose, holds Kent St's career record for TD passes (57). Davis did not like to run but still had 378 gross yards. Backup Tanner Justice had just 4 att. Last year I said it would be tough for Davis to top his 2007 numbers. The yards were close with 3,591 (64.3%) with a 26-8 ratio (410 gross rush yd). Justice played in 11 (2 att) and Perci Garner (6'1" 222 Jr, PS#66) played in 2 (1 att). Davis, the MAC Off POY, opted to leave early for the NFL Draft (#5DC SF) but new HC Parrish is high on rFr Kelly Page (PS#82) and said, "I think we're going to be a lot better at that position than anybody thinks. He's (Page) had an entire fall and bowl practice and he understands the system." I agree, but while Page will put up good numbers this year, there is a large drop off in experience and talent with the unit having just six career pass att with Davis now playing in the NFL.

RUNNING BACKS - Ball St had an inexperienced RB corps in 2006 and diminutive (5'6") MiQuale Lewis was leading with 280 (5.8) when he dislocated his shoulder in game 6 at the end of a 54 yard run. Larry Bostic took over and led with 545 (3.7). In 2007, Lewis started the first 4 and rushed for 447 (4.9) but had an ACL inj vs Neb. True frosh Frank Edmonds (PS#74) led with 531 (3.8). Hoke bemoaned the lack of a short yardage back and thought Lewis could provide that in 2008. Lewis finally stayed healthy and broke Marcus Merriweather's school record (1,618 yds '02) with 1,736 (5.4). He also broke Mark Bornholdt's 1979 school record of 19 rushing TD's with 22. Lewis was also #3 in rec. Surprisingly, Edmonds played in just 3 (27 yd, 3.0) while rFr Cory Sykes (5'7" 157) had 428 (5.5). This year everyone returns and not listed in the PSL below are Ray Winkler (5'9" 175 Jr PS#168), Brent Bostic (5'8" 171 rFr), Michael Hunt (5'6" 167 Jr) and this year's true frosh. It will be very tough for Lewis to top last year's numbers, but he could have his best season as long as he remains healthy.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, Ball St had to replace its career leading receiver, Dante Ridgeway, who left early for the NFL (#6DC). HS QB turned WR Dante Love was not only a dangerous returnman but also lined up at QB and RB and had 19 rec (9.7). Their top WR was Terry Moss (420, 11.7). Everyone returned in '06 but Love and TE Darius Hill emerged. Hill led in the first 6 but was double teamed often in the 2H of the year. He still finished #1 in yards with 741 (17.6) and 10 TD's. Love had 735 (14.1). In 2007, Love led the MAC with 1,398 (14.0) which was only one yard shy of tying the school's single-season record while Hill had 926 (14.2) with 11 TD's. Love set the MAC record for all-purp yds in a season (2,690). Love was perhaps the top NFL prospect in the MAC last year and he was leading the FBS in rec ypg (144.3) after 3. Unfortunately, he suffered a career ending injury in Wk 4. True frosh Briggs Orsbon took his place and led with 813 (12.0) while Hill added 670 (16.8). Love finished #4. This year they must replace Love (4 st, 2nd Tm MAC), Louis Johnson (12 st, 516, 19.8), Hill (13 st, 1st Tm MAC) and Wade Overton (0 rec). While they already played most of LY without Love and do return their top WR, the loss of 3 of the top 4 makes this unit weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In HC Brady Hoke's first year (2003) the O-line was small (268 lb avg). Two years later they were plagued by susp and inj, allowing a MAC high 43 sacks (2.9 ypc). Three soph and 1 frosh played in '06 and they avg just 92 ypg rush (3.0) but did trim the sack total to 28 (7.5%). In 2007 they only had to replace one starter and I called the unit the best of the Hoke era. The unit allowed just 10 sacks in the first 8 (16 L/5). Ball St paved the way for a then Hoke-era best 149 ypg rush (4.1). Last year they had to replace two players (comb 9 st) and improved to 185 ypg rush (5.0) while allowing just 14 sacks (3.5%). This year they must replace three 1st Tm MAC players in RT Robert Brewster (14 st, 4Y st'r, #3DC DAL), LT Andre Ramsey (14 st, 4Y st'r) and C Dan Gerberry (14 st, 4Y st'r) as well as RG Kyle Cornwell (10 st, 2Y st'r) and backup LT Adam Cole (2 gm). They lose 166 career starts and have just 31 starts ret (tied #108 FBS) giving them a huge dropoff.



DEFENSIVE LINE - Rush D has been a problem area for the Cardinals as they have not allowed less than 4.6 ypc rush since 2001. They only had to replace two starters in 2007 but still yielded 204 ypg (5.0). Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 26 starts but did have 5 back with starting experience. They improved to 163 ypg (4.6). This year the Cards could have their best rush D of the decade as the unit returns almost intact. The only loss is DT Gonzalo Barinaga (3 st, 9 tkl) and Jason Jankowski (1 tkl). Six return with starting experience including 2nd Tm MAC DE Brandon Crawford.

LINEBACKERS - Injuries to top players hurt this unit in 2006 and '07. Last year they had to replace their #2 tackler but had two '07 starters back including their #1 tackler in Bryant Haines (125 in '07) and Wendell Brown who was a 3 year starter and was the #2 tackler in '06 (miss '07, inj). Surprisingly, Brown started just 1 game (8 tkl). Haines missed the 2H vs WM plus one full game (inj) and his tackles dropped to 86. This year they lose WLB Haines (13 st), SLB Kenny Meeks (14 st, 48 tkl, 6 sk), Brown and Antonio Beasley (2 tkl). Parrish is extremely high on true frosh Travis Freeman calling him the "Nate Davis" (big impact) of this year's frosh and Sam Woodworth did have 53 tackles (#8) despite just 1 start. Overall this unit is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Between '02 and '06, Ball St finished #106, #102, #119 (dead last), #109 and #104, respectively. In '07 they only had to replace one starter and moved up to #95. Last year they had to replace one starter and 2 backups (comb 6 st). BJ Hill who had started 2 years at TB started 12 at CB in '07 after joining Trey Lewis (34 car st) and Trey Buice (16 car st) in the secondary. I called for the Cards to have their highest Hoke-era finish in my pass D rankings and they did, moving up to #40. This year they lose 1st Tm MAC Hill (14 st, 77 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu), 3rd Tm MAC CB Buice (14 st, 64 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu) and CB Lewis (4 st, 60 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu). They do return the MAC Fr of the Year in SS Sean Baker (#2 tkl'r, 6 int, 10 pbu) and the QB of the defense in FS Alex Knipp (#1 tkl'r). Not listed below are Reid Scheidt (6'2" 197 Jr), Zac Jordan (5'10" 196 So), Kyle Pettit (6'2" 183 rFr) and Blake Barajas (6'0" 185 rFr). While they probably have one of the best S combo's in the MAC, they figure to drop some in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ball State was a horrible #116 in my ST rankings in '04 but thanks to the emergence of P Chris Miller (42.9 avg), dangerous returnmen PR BJ Hill (11.1) and KR Dante Love (24.8), they moved up to #65 in '05. Everyone ret'd in '06 and they moved up again to #28. In '07 they had to replace their K Brian Jackson (17-19 FG, long 52) but Miller was #3 in the NCAA in punt avg (45.4) with a 36.9 net. Ian McGarvey (PS#50) took over FG duties late and they hit 7-9 (long 47) and the unit finished #50. Everyone ret'd LY and moved up to #16 despite the loss of Love in Gm 4. McGarvey hit 16 of 21 FG's (long 47) and set a school record with his current streak of 73 straight xp's (prev rec 40). Miller avg 43.5 (net 37.7). Torieal Gibson avg 21.5 on KR while Love avg 26.7 and BJ Hill 26.0. Hill also handled PR (12.7). This year they lose Hill, Miller and Love and McGarvey was susp in the spring. Naturally, they will have a drop in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Brady Hoke lettered here from '77 to '80. He had 4 straight losing seasons after taking over as HC in '03 but went 7-6 in '07 then a perfect 12-0 in the reg season LY and moved on to SDSt. Stan Parrish, who is 62 years old, was the QB coach here in '05 and has been the OC here the last 3 years with the team improving its offensive output each year from 21.2 ppg in '05, to 27.2 in '06 (1st yr) to 31.5 in '07 and 34.9 in '08. He was the HC at Marshall ('83-'85) and Kan St ('86-'88), the OC at Mich from '00-'01 and in the NFL '02-'03. Parrish's OC is now Eddie Faulkner who has been with the program S/'02 as a grad asst and then RB coach. The new DC is Doug Graber (34 yrs of exp) who was the HC at Rutgers from '90-'95 and the DC with Tampa Bay from '87-'89. He has been an ESPN and NFL network commentator recently.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Cardinals had won 5 outright MAC Titles since joining the league in 1973 (1976, '78, '89, '93 and '96). The 2002 (6-6) team had its first non-losing season since 1996 with all six losses were to quality foes. They brought Hoke in as HC in 2003. He had 44 returning lettermen to work with and they opened 4-4 including 3-1 in the MAC but then went just 2-13 the next 1.5 seasons. Hoke's first game was played in front of 23,549 under portable lights but the FHG of '04 was in front of just 5,309 (lowest S/'93). In 2005, they suffered some big personnel losses and only had 4 home games but surprisingly Hoke engineered a decent 4-7 season. Just 38 players stayed on campus in the 2003 offseason and he improved that to 78 in 2005. That squad also went through numerous suspensions and was shorthanded in many games. The 2005 team had just 9 seniors so they returned a MAC high 18 starters in '06. They had 5 MAC wins in a season for the first time since 1996 and only lost to 3 Big Ten teams by a combined 19 points. They won at Toledo for the first time since 1991. Their offense set many single season records including most yards passing. In 2007 they renovated Scheumann Stadium and added FieldTurf. Ball St was 5-2 in MAC play (+53.3 ypg). When Miami lost the MAC Title game, the Cards made it to their first bowl in 11 years but were blown out by Rutgers, 52-30. Last year Ball St had 18 returning starters, a much improved defense and its best season ever. Their 12 wins were a school record. The previous best start in school history was 9-0 in 1965. They won the MAC West Title LY. They beat Akron on the road for the first time since 1993 and when they crushed Indiana 42-20, it was their first ever win vs a Big Ten foe. Hoke was named MAC Coach of the Year in '08. After obliterating Tol 31-0, they were ranked for the 1st time ever and moved as high as #12 prior to the MAC Title game vs Buff. Ball St had a 503-301 yd edge but 2 long FR TD's (28 pt swing) saw them come up short vs the Bulls. Without their HC they were crushed by Tulsa in the bowl 45-13. This year they lose QB Davis, 3 of their top 4 rec, 4 starters on the OL and their HC. They will be in a rebuilding mode on offense. While I do expect new QB Page to have a solid year, he does not have the same supporting cast that Davis did and teams will now be gunning for the Cardinals. While they where 12-0 at one point last year and clearly the best team in the MAC, just achieving a winning season this year would be an accomplishment.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 5 Kelly Page rFr. 6-3 206 PS#82. Starting spot is his to lose. **17** Tanner Justice (6'3" 200 Sr). 54 yd (83%) 2Y. Aaron Mershman (6'2" 210 Fr) PS#114. In for spg.

TB 33 MiQUALE LEWIS SR. 5-6 193 PS#194. 727 (5.2) 2Y. 14 st, 1736 (5.4), **1st Tm MAC** LY. **7** Cory Sykes (5'7" 157 So). 428 (5.5) rFr. Frank Edmonds (5'8" 186 So) PS#74. 558 (3.7) 2Y.

WR 87 Myles Trempe Jr. 6-4 200 PS#352. 1 st, 4 rec rFr. 2 st, 231 (16.5) LY. Seth White (5'10" 185 Fr) PS#283. IFS. Connor Ryan PS#175. Keith Langtry is PS#118.

WR 16 BRIGGS ORSBON SO. 6-0 189 PS#158. 9 st, 14 gm, 813 (12.0) as true. **38** Blaine Koger (5'11" 171 Fr) PS#385. **41** Sean Keller (5'10" 187 Jr). RS LY. Otis Brown is PS#214.

WR 4 Daniel Ifft So. 6-3 183 PS#104. 3 st, 9 rec (9.2) as true. 4 st, 14 gm, 259 (17.3) LY. **83** Jeremy Hill (6'2" 174 So) PS#360. 6 gm true. Trent Beane (6'0" 183 rFr).

TE 82 MADARIS GRANT SR. 6-5 221 2 st, 1 rec rFr. 11 st, 119 (9.9) '07. 12 st, 14 gm, 285 (11.0) LY. Ryan Warmoth (6'1" 214 So). Jacob Green is PS#49. Zane Fakes is PS#140.

C 66 Kreg Hunter So. 6-3 300 PS#144. 4 st, at RG, 12 gm rFr LY. **54** Jerrod Gray (6'3" 268 So). 2 tkl, 3 gm 2Y. From DL spg. **LS** Cody Muhlenkamp (5'11" 187 Jr). #2 LS 3Y.

RG 63 Steve Yoder rFr. 6-3 304 PS#457. RS on OL LY. #1 RG in spg. **94** Dan Manick (6'4" 264 rFr). Moved from DL to OL in spg. **57** Ben Jacoby (6'2" 278 So). 3 gm rFr.

LG 74 MICHAEL SWITZER JR. 6-5 278 13 st true. 14 st LY. Jordan Applegate (6'5" 312 Sr) PS#307. 3 gm 3Y. Evan Neff PS#414. **76** Rayondon Kennedy (6'2" 270 So). 2 gm rFr.

RT 67 Travis Arnold Jr. 6-8 299 Bkup RT as rFr. 5 gm as bkup LY. **77** Austin Holtz (6'5" 279 rFr) PS#200. **68** Devin Myers (6'5" 253 rFr). Walk-on LY. Kitt O'Brien is PS#408.

LT 72 Cameron Lowry rFr. 6-6 269 PS#273. #1 LT in spring. **69** Chad Davis (6'3" 280 Sr) PS#389. 2 gms as bkup LY. **78** Kevin Gall (6'5" 261 rFr). Matthew Page is PS#714.

K 26 IAN McGARVEY JR. 5-9 210 PS#50. 23-30, L/47 2Y. Susp spg, ? fall. **29** Jake Hogue (5'9" 195 Jr). 11-19 FG, L/45 rFr. 45 KO, 5 TB LY. Steven Schott (6'1" 156 rFr) PS#27.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 90 BRANDON CRAWFORD SR. 6-3 260 72 tkl, 19 tfl 2Y. 14 st, 31 tkl, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **41** Andrew Puthoff (6'3" 257 So). 1 st, 16 tkl, 5.5 tfl rFr. **61** Brian Hickman (6'4" 194 rFr).

DT 65 DREW DUFFIN SR. 6-3 260 48 tkl, 8 tfl 2Y. 11 st, 28 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **64** Kaylon Woods (6'2" 258 Jr) PS#275. 2 games 2Y. **36** Pete Rolf (6'4" 259 So) PS#137. 2 games LY.

DT 95 RENE PERRY JR. 5-11 270 PS#291. 3 st, 12 tkl as true. 13 st, 20 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **92** Jafe Pitcock (6'2" 264 So) PS#166. 1 tkl, 4 gm rFr. Adam Morris (6'0" 272 So). 1 tkl, 1 gm true.

DE 91 ROBERT EDDINS JR. 6-3 230 PS#278. 1 st, 4 tkl as rFr. 10 st, 45 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. Justin Woodard (6'3" 230 Jr). 1 st, 10 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. Jeff Barker (6'5" 203 So) PS#140. 7 gm, 3 tkl true.

WLB 42 DAVYD JONES JR. 6-1 210 PS#315. 12 gm, 23 tkl true. 13 st, 14 gm, 85 tkl, 12 tfl LY. **32** Lorren Womack (6'0" 219 So). 1 st, 13 gm, 41 tkl rFr. Dane Cook (6'0" 199 Jr). 4 tkl, 4 gm 3Y.

MLB NA Travis Freeman Fr. 6-0 212 PS#234. **48** Spain Cosby (5'11" 225 Sr) PS#351. 51 tkl 3Y. **30** John Buckingham (6'1" 219 Jr). 6 gm 2Y. **50** Bill Huntsinger (6'0" 208 So) 1 gm true.

SLB 55 Sam Woodworth Sr. 6-2 206 14 tkl, 1 tfl '07. 1 st, 53 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **44** Ryan Hartke (6'4" 218 So). 2 tkl, 4 gm true. Tony Martin is PS#216. **21** Dee Lett (5'11" 209 rFr).

CB 19 Koreen Burch So. 5-9 170 3 st@RB, 208 rush (3.8) true. 7 gm CB, 3 tkl LY. Joshua Howard (6'1" 192 So). 11 tkl true. Brandon Carnegie (5'11" 179 So) PS#342. 15 tkl 2Y.

CB 80 Torieal Gibson So. 5-9 164 PS#238. 622 all-purp yds as true. From WR. Jakeem Gregory (5'9" 168 Jr) PS#156. 3 tkl, 3 gm rFr. Andre Dawson (6'0" 183 rFr). RS at WR.

SS 25 SEAN BAKER SO. 6-1 204 PS#202. 13 st, 94 tkl, 4 tfl, 6 int, 10 pbu, **MAC Fr of Yr** rFr. **6** Derrick Henry (6'1" 190 Jr) PS#194. 13 gm true. 61 tkl 2Y. 14 gm, 3 st LY. Tad Kilburn (6'0" 180 Jr).

FS 38 ALEX KNIPP SR. 6-0 196 PS#219. 115 tkl, 12 pd 2Y. 12 st, 96 tkl, 8 pd LY. **23** Kyle Hoke (5'11" 197 So) PS#294. 3 tkl as true. **9** Kyle Kuntz (5'10" 197 Sr). 16 tkl 2Y.

P 18 Scott Kovanda rFr. 6-3 196 PS#51. Avg 41.5 ypp in his HS career. Only P available in spg. Ian McGarvey (5'9" 210 Jr). No punts in career here. Avg'd 35.0 ypp in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Keith Langtry 6-1 180 PS#118
RB	Eric Williams 5-10 200 PS#131
TE	Jacob Green 6-3 238 PS#49
QB	Aaron Mershman 6-2 210 PS#114
WR	Connor Ryan 6-1 185 PS#175
LB	Tony Martin 6-1 205 PS#216
WR	Otis Brown 5-9 165 PS#214
RB	Jelani Alford 5-9 175 PS#225
DB	Armand Dehaney 5-8 177 PS#293
LB	Travis Freeman 6-0 212 PS#234
RB	David Brown 5-10 195 PS#265
WR	Seth White 5-10 185 PS#283
RB	Brandon Kish 5-11 205 PS#320
OL	Kitt O'Brien 6-6 300 PS#408
OL	Evan Neff 6-4 255 PS#414
DL	Ethan Buckles 6-7 220 PS#467
TE	Zane Fakes 6-3 235 PS#140
DB	Jason Pinkston 6-2 180 PS#609
LB	Justin Cruz 5-11 198 PS#519
LB	Theon Dixon Jr. 5-11 190 PS#616
OL	Matthew Page 6-6 300 PS#714
DL	Donovan Jarrett 6-2 300 PS#659

BALL ST CARDINALS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#115

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 3	North Texas (Thur)	A					
Sep. 12	New Hampshire	A					
Sep. 19	at Army	A					
Sep. 26	at Auburn	G					
Oct. 3	Toledo (HC)	A					
Oct. 10	at Temple	G					
Oct. 17	Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 24	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Oct. 31	Ohio	A					
Nov. 7							
Nov. 12	at N Illinois (Thur)	A					
Nov. 18	C Michigan (Wed)	A					
Nov. 24	at W Michigan (Tues)	A					
Dec. 5							

The Cardinals are 4-2 vs current SBC teams (all vs Middle Tenn, none S/'74). Ball St is 4-7 in home openers with 3 of the 4 wins vs FCS opponnets.

First meeting. Ball St is 6-2 vs current CAA football teams. The Wildcats have won 4 straight vs FBS teams & went 10-3 last year including a 28-10 vs Army.

In the only prior meeting, Ball St lost 41-21 at West Point in 1999. The Cardinals are 2-11 since 1996 in road openers with the avg loss by 27 ppg.

Ball St is 0-2 vs Auburn & 0-5 vs the SEC being outscored by an avg of 27 ppg. BSU had their 1st win (1-43) vs a BCS team LY, with a 42-20 win vs Indiana.

BSU has 3 straight wins with an avg score of 31-12. BSU is 4-9 in their MAC home opener but have won 2 of 3. Last yr in a 31-0 win BSU got their 1st shutout S/'00.

First meeting. Ball St has swept their conf road schedule the L2 seasons. They've won 9 straight MAC road games with an avg score of 30-18.

This is Ball St's longest current MAC losing streak with 5 straight losses but they haven't played since '05 a 40-31 loss. BSU is also only 8-19-1 all-time vs the Falcons.

These 2 have met yearly since '73 with Ball St winning the L/4. Last year Ball St only led 10-0 at HT but took control & led 31-7 in the 4Q despite getting outFD'd 22-21.

These 2 have only played once since 2000, a 38-21 loss in Athens in '05. In that game BSU was outgained 465-340 as they allowed OU RB McRae 264 yds rush.

Ball St has B2B wins when visiting DeKalb. In LY's 45-14 win the Cardinals dominated forcing seven 3 & outs and 2 TO's finishing with a 529-275 yd edge.

LY both were 6-0 in MAC play & the game was tied at 24 in the 4Q. BSU went 74/9pl w/ 7:29 & int the final pass at the BSU9. RB Lewis had a career high 177 yds (6.3).

In last year's home finale BSU set a stadium attendance record with 23,861 in their 45-22 win. In their last game here BSU scored the winning TD with 1:07 left.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Nate Davis 9,233 '06-'08
2. Mike Neu 6,271 '90-'93
3. Talmadge Hill 5,884 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Marcus Merriweather 4,002 '99-'02
2. Bernie Parmalee 3,483 '87-'90
3. LeAndre Moore 3,080 '95-'98

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Dante Ridgeway 3,030 '02-'04
2. Dante Love 2,778 '05-'08
3. Darius Hill 2,473 '05-'08

STAN PARRISH (Career 2-31-1) (FCS 13-8-1) (Div III 42-3-1)
1st Year at Ball St Bowls: 0-1 Kansas St '86-'88

Parrish AT BALL ST/OVERALL

0-1 / 2-31-1	SU	0-6	Vs Top 10
2-15-1	Home	0-9	Vs Top 25
0-15	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Tms
0-1 / 0-1	Neutral	1-3	Off A Bye
1-19-1	Vs Conf	1-25-1	Off A Loss

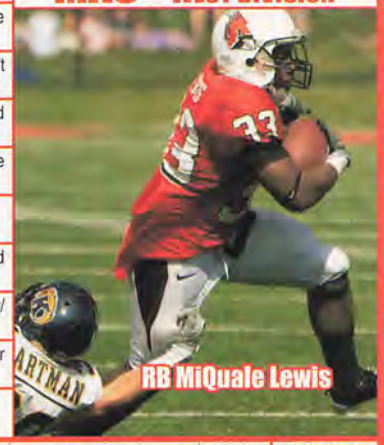
2008 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (13,21,2)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,201 (#99)

MAC – WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: SCHEUMANN STADIUM (22,500) (#118)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	6-6	4-8	2-9	4-7	5-7	7-6	12-2	50-57
Home	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-3	2-3	1-3	2-4	3-2	6-0	25-22
Away	3-3	3-3	2-5	1-5	0-6	3-4	3-3	4-4	6-0	25-33
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	5-3	5-2	8-1	39-31
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	2-2	1-3	0-3	0-3	0-4	2-4	4-1	11-26
ATS	5-5	5-5	7-4	4-7	5-6	6-4-1	8-3	7-5	8-5	55-44-1
Home Fav (Bill Lynch 1995)	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	2-2	3-2	13-7
Home Dog (Brady Hoke)	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-3	3-0	3-1	1-2	0-0	0-0	10-10
Away Favorite (Stan Parrish 1986)	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	4-1	8-6
Away Dog	3-1	3-1	4-3	2-3	1-5	3-3-1	4-1	3-2	1-0	24-19-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-2	5-3	4-3	5-4	39-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	0-2-1	3-0	3-2	3-1	16-13-1
Off SU Win	1-3	1-3	4-2	0-4	1-1	3-1	3-1	4-3	8-4	25-22
Off SU Loss	3-2	4-1	3-1	4-3	3-5	3-2-1	4-2	3-1	0-1	27-18-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
89	California		NL	Fresno St	6-27
93	Las Vegas		NL	Utah St	33-42
96	Las Vegas		+6'	Nevada	15-18
07	International		+10'	Rutgers	30-52
08	GMAC - #23		+2'	Tulsa	13-45

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Ball St's All-Time Bowl Record 0-5

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
11*	34.9	443	185	5.0	258	64.4	12.7	14	+5	2008	7	20.5	368	163	4.6	205	57.3	18.0	25
7*	31.5	434	149	4.1	285	56.5	13.8	26	+17	2007	6	28.3	432	204	5.0	228	63.5	15.3	22
10*	27.2	351	92	3.0	259	62.2	12.9	28	+1	2006	8	25.8	434	176	4.9	258	63.7	16.8	21
5*	21.2	299	110	2.9	189	61.2	14.1	43	+3	2005	8	37.8	459	202	5.0	257	63.3	12.1	16
8	20.5	323	114	3.0	209	57.3	15.8	39	+5	2004	4	36.8	458	197	4.8	261	66.0	12.4	17
5*	21.8	343	115	3.3	228	58.3	15.7	21	-5	2003	7	32.2	388	198	4.6	190	62.6	12.0	19
8*	23.2	338	159	3.8	179	57.2	14.6	23	-5	2002	5	27.8	406	170	4.6	236	63.1	14.6	15

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
MiQuale Lewis	322	1795	59	1736	22	5.4
Cory Sykes	78	456	28	428	3	5.5
Nate Davis	66	410	98	312	5	4.7
Dante Love	14	74	10	64	2	4.6
Ray Winkler	10	37	0	37	0	3.7
Frank Edmonds	9	27	0	27	0	3.0
Briggs Orsbon	3	12	3	9	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Nate Davis	401	258	64.3	3591	26	8
Tanner Justice	2	2	100.0	17	0	0
Briggs Orsbon	1	1	100.0	4	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Briggs Orsbon	68	813	12.0	5	36
Darius Hill	40	670	16.8	7	38
Louis Johnson	26	516	19.8	6	45
Dante Love	28	460	16.4	3	61
MiQuale Lewis	35	325	9.3	0	46
Madaris Grant	26	285	11.0	0	29
Daniel Ifft	15	259	17.3	3	34
Myles Trempe	14	231	16.5	2	45
Chris Clancy	3	23	7.7	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Miller	45	1956	43.5	6	37.7	1	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ian McGarvey	63-63	6-7	4-4	6-9	0-1	16-21	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Alex Knipp	96	1	2.5	6	2
Sean Baker	94	0	4	10	6
Bryant Haines	86	4	3.5	2	0
Davyd Jones	85	2	10	1	0
BJ Hill	77	0	5	5	3
Trey Buice	64	1	2	6	2
Trey Lewis	60	1	7	4	3
Sam Woodworth	53	1	2.5	2	0
Kenny Meeks	48	6	3	1	0
Robert Eddins	45	4	2.5	3	0
Derrick Henry	42	0	1	1	0
Lorren Womack	41	0	0.5	0	0
Brandon Crawford	31	3	5	4	0
Drew Duffin	28	0	2.5	1	0
Spain Cosby	23	0	2.5	0	0
Rene Perry	20	0	5	0	0
Andrew Puthoff	16	1.5	4	1	0
Kyle Kuntz	13	0	0	0	0
Joshua Howard	11	0	0.5	0	0
Gonzalo Barinaga	9	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
BJ Hill	18	229	12.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Torieal Gibson	28	603	21.5	0
Dante Love	10	267	26.7	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

BSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
13,068	Northeastern	26	31-190	6.1	22-26	297	0	21	32-93	2.9	20-37	231	2	0
22,517	Navy	26	29-162	5.6	21-28	326	0	22	59-346	5.9	6-11	67	2	-1
9,013	at Akron	30	44-191	4.3	24-36	300	1	22	28-119	4.3	22-45	299	2	+3
41,349	at Indiana	24	42-224	5.3	16-25	239	1	20	48-256	5.3	11-25	159	2	0
20,437	Kent St	26	37-158	4.3	23-35	265	1	18	35-176	5.0	13-24	177	2	+1
18,009	at Toledo	24	44-240	5.5	18-30	242	1	11	19-14	0.7	21-31	143	1	+1
16,319	at WKU	21	40-200	5.0	14-22	155	2	19	34-183	5.4	19-31	169	1	+2
20,948	E Michigan	21	24-163	6.8	18-32	245	1	22	29-67	2.3	28-50	309	2	+1
14,373	N Illinois	25	40-219	5.5	19-23	310	1	12	29-160	5.5	14-22	115	2	+2
14,758	at Miami, Oh	21	38-195	5.1	17-24	289	0	20	26-76	2.9	25-42	254	0	-1
20,114	at C Michigan	23	39-232	5.9	12-22	175	2	28	40-121	3.0	30-45	345	3	+1
23,861	W Michigan	19	43-179	4.2	17-25	273	1	17	28-137	4.9	17-36	206	1	+2
12,871	† Buffalo	30	41-152	3.7	31-48	351	1	18	26-95	3.7	19-29	206	1	-3
32,816	† Tulsa	9	28-78	2.8	9-29	145	2	30	64-439	6.9	15-26	193	4	-3
TOTALS		325	520-2583	5.0	261-405	3612	14	280	497-2282	4.6	260-454	2873	25	+5
AVERAGES		23.2	37-185	5.0	19-29	258	3.5%	20.0	36-163	4.6	19-32	205	5.5%	0.4

2004 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Boston College	+17	11-19
–	at Purdue - #25	+30'	7-59
–	at Missouri	+25'	0-48
–	W Michigan	+3'	41-14
–	at Toledo	+16	14-52
–	E Michigan	-7	24-31
–	at Bowling Green	+29	13-51
–	at Akron	+10	23-35
–	N Illinois	+20	31-38 OT
–	UCF	-3'	21-17
–	at C Michigan	+3'	40-41

2005 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa - #11	+42	0-56
–	Bowling Green	+28'	31-40
–	at Auburn	+36'	3-63
–	at Boston College - #21	+38	0-38
–	at W Michigan	+11'	60-57 6OT
–	Toledo	+22	14-34
–	at Ohio	+7	21-38
–	at N Illinois	+29	31-17
–	Akron	+3	23-17
–	at E Michigan	+6	26-25
–	C Michigan	+4	24-31 OT

2006 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Michigan	-5	38-20
–	Indiana	+3'	23-24
–	at Purdue	+17	28-38
–	North Dakota St	NL	24-29
–	N Illinois	+6'	28-40
–	at Buffalo	-3'	55-25
–	at C Michigan	+10	7-18
–	W Michigan	+3'	27-41
–	at Miami, Oh	+5	20-17
–	at Michigan - #2	+34	26-34
–	at Toledo	+4	20-17
–	Kent St	-3	30-6

2007 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Miami, Oh	-5	13-14
–	at E Michigan	-3'	38-16
–	at Navy	+7	34-31 OT
–	at Nebraska - #24	+23	40-41
–	Buffalo	-13'	49-14
–	C Michigan	-13	38-58
–	WKU	NL	35-12
–	at W Michigan	-1	27-23
–	at Illinois	+13'	17-28
–	at Indiana	+7	20-38
–	Toledo	-6	41-20
–	at N Illinois	-8	27-21

2008 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northeastern	NL	48-14
–	Navy	-7	35-23
–	at Akron	-7	41-24
–	at Indiana	+3	42-20
–	Kent St	-22	41-20
–	at Toledo	-7	31-0
#25	at WKU	-16'	24-7
#20	E Michigan	-25'	38-16
#16	N Illinois	-9'	45-14
#14	at Miami, Oh	-19	31-16
#14	at C Michigan	-6'	31-24
#15	W Michigan	-10'	45-22
#12	† Buffalo	-15'	24-42

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Tyler Jones (1 st '05) began as the starter but was banged up. Andy Schmitt threw for 1,182 (62%) with a 2-6 ratio missing some time with injuries as well. Schmitt was the only MAC QB to lead his team in rushing in '06 and was the clear-cut starter for '07. Jones moved to WR and true frosh Kyle McMahon (PS#288) became the backup. After Schmitt was injured in game 5, McMahon took off his RS and saw action vs Vandy, Mich and Ohio. He did get the start vs NW and hit 28 of 48 for 282 but also had 3 int. Schmitt had a pair of 4 TD games and finished with 1,613 (64%) with a 14-6 ratio (279 rush). McMahon played in a scaled back offense and threw for 544 (50.5%) with a 3-9 ratio (135 rush) in 7 games. Last year they moved 3rd string QB Ben Thayer to TE. Schmitt was inj in Wk 3 (shoulder) and had his arm in a sling six days a week, rarely practicing. He also battled a knee injury. Schmitt did take most of the snaps vs Toledo. Against Maryland, McMahon hit 25 of 37 for 278 but was then lost for the season. A banged up Schmitt QB'd the rest of the year and Thayer switched his jersey from #81 back to #13 and was the backup. They also ran WR Jones out of the Wildcat formation. Schmitt threw for 309 vs Ball St then 272 vs WM. After a 2 week bye he began to practice during the week and hit 50 of 76 for 484 vs Temple and his 76 pass att's in a game without an int set an NCAA record. The next week Schmitt set numerous records including the NCAA comp mark (58). His 80 att and 516 yards also set team records. For the season, Schmitt threw for 2,644 (62.6%) with a 15-8 ratio (171 rush) and if he can stay healthy, he could be one of the MAC's top QB's.

QB Andy Schmitt

RUNNING BACKS - Former HC Jeff Genyk's spread offense did produce a 2,000 yard rusher when he was at N'western (Damien Anderson) but he did not have a 1,000 yard rusher in his five years here. In 2007, Pierre Walker led with 839 (3.9), true frosh Dwayne Priest had 180 (3.2) and Terrence Blevins (PS#106) added 84 (4.4). Last year they had to replace Walker. Blevins (power back) opened with 176 vs a weak Ind St D. He had just 399 in the final 11 but still led with 575 (4.3) and had a great spring. Priest (more of a speed back) had 474 (4.8). Corey Welch added 154 (6.2). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dominique Sherrer (5'11" 190 rFr, PS#361), Corey Brown (5'11" 180 rFr, PS#366) and Tyler Thomas (5'9" 190 rFr, PS#334). With everyone back they can only improve.

RECEIVERS - In 2003, EM had to replace its all-time career leading receiver in Kevin Walter. Eric Deslauriers (6'5" with 4.45 speed) would end up breaking Walter's record in his 4 years and left after the '06 season. In '07 the leading returning WR's were DeAnthony White (175, 11.7) and Dontayo Gage (169, 6.0). Soph Jacory Stone (99, 7.6 in '06) led with 462 (9.8) in '07. White had 357 (10.8) and Gage, who has breakaway speed, surprisingly only had 104 (9.5). Tyler Jones had 341 (11.8) while also playing QB. As you would expect, the numbers improved in 2008. Stone led with 943 (10.7) and Jones had 760 (10.1) including tying the FBS record for rec in a game with 23 (vs CM). TE Josh LeDuc had 446 (13.9). Surprisingly, White played in just 8 and had 156 (10.4) while Gage had 211 (9.6). This year they lose WR's Jones (8 st) and Reggie Brown (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Sonny Paluch (6'4" 246 Jr), Mike Zupancic (6'4" 250 rFr) and AJ Bradley (5'11" 185 rFr). Seven return with starting experience and even with the loss of their #2 rec, this unit could improve.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06, EM lost its Off MVP (C Romeli) but still had 3 starters back and surprisingly dropped to 106 ypg (3.4), its lowest since 2000 and allowed 26 sacks (7.0%). In '07 they had 8 of the top 10 back. As expected, EM improved to 157 ypg (4.1) with just 17 sacks (4.7%). Last year they had 8 of the top 10 back again. EM was one of the smaller units in the FBS avg of 6'2" 288. The numbers were similar to '07 with 148 ypg (4.3) with 19 sacks (3.8%). The only losses are TJ Lang (12 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC GB) and backups Joe Charles, Darrell Davis-Budanauro and Chris Larkins. EM not only has 4 full-time starters back but also return Dan DeMaster (8 st '07) who was lost after 3 starts in '08. They have 90 career starts (tied #19 FBS) and even while learning a new system, should put up much improved numbers. HC English said this will be the strength of the team.

DEFENSIVE LINE - EM had been making strides since its disastrous 2002 season in which they allowed 294 ypg and 6.1 ypc rush. They had three top-notch DL's in 2006 in 2nd Tm MAC Jason Jones, Colorado transfer Josh Hunt and JUCO Eric Young but underachieved allowing 201 ypg (4.8 ypc) which was their weakest total in four years. In 2007 all 3 of those DL's returned so it was surprising to me that EM allowed 5.2 ypc rush (17 sk). Jones was 1st Tm MAC and led the conf in tfl and departed last year (#2DC) along with the team's def MVP (Young). Genyk noted that most of their DL's were frosh and by the end they were able to rotate 7 or 8 on the DL. The less experienced line allowed 196 ypg (5.2) with 16 sacks. This year they lose DT Hunt (11 st, 33 tkl, 1 sk), DE Corey Riley (2 tkl) and DE Spenser Smith (3 st, 31 tkl, 8 tfl). Five return with starting experience plus they add in a couple of JUCO's and should make solid strides.

LINEBACKERS - EM had to replace its #2 tackler in both '07 and '08. Last year Andre Hatchett missed the spring (acad) and only had 7 starts and went from the #3 tackler in '07 (98) to #5 (51). Daniel Holtzclaw started all 47 games in his career and led in tackles each of the last 3 years. This year they lose 2nd Tm MAC Holtzclaw (12 st) but have 5 of the top 6 back for a 3rd straight year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Neal Howey (6'0" 206 Sr), Chris Bittner (6'1" 215 So), Marty Newman (6'0" 223 rFr) and James Ervin (6'0" 195 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007, EM appeared to have all 4 starters back but lost both starting CB's over the summer. It was surprising that they had their best finish in my pass D rankings this decade at #66. RFr Ryan Downard started the last 10 at FS over the returning starter (Chris May 12 st '06, 89 tkl) and his 6 int helped the team climb from 7 int's in 2006 to 16 in '07. True frosh Arrington Hicks started the last 2 at CB. Last year 8 were back with starting experience. CB Derrick Hunter (10 st '07, 49 tkl) DNP and FS Downard was lost vs Akron (7 st). Still it was surprising that EM dropped to #114 allowing a 27-8 ratio. This year they lose SS Jacob Wyatt (11 st, 88 tkl), FS Dwayne Harrison (7 st, 57 tkl) and CB Lyle Garrison (2 st, 16 tkl). Despite losing 20 starts, I list them as having 3 starters back as Downard, Hicks and Long each started 6+ and they also have 2 others back who have been full-time starters. This season EM should have a much improved pass D.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2007 EM lost K Andrew Wellock (1st Tm MAC) and Trumaine Riley, who left as the MAC's career leader in KR yards. Despite their losses, Genyk did a fine job (#45). P Zack Johnson had a net punting of 38.1 in '06 and improved to 39.2 in '07. Last year they only had to replace their LS so big things were expected. Shockingly, Johnson avg just 36.2 (inj, never 100%) and Patrick Treppa had 23 punts and the team's net plummeted to 29.0. Johnson also lost his FG duties and Joe Carithers hit 10 of 14 (long 43). The team did not record a TB on 60 KO. Dontayo Gage saw his KR avg drop from 23.1 to 17.9. Surprisingly the unit fell all the way to #119. If Johnson returns to his previous form, EM could have one of the most improved ST units in the country.

COACHES - Ron English was Michigan's DC in '06 and '07 and the DC at Louisville last year (see Hardcore). His DC is Eric Lewis who was the DB coach at L'ville last year, an asst with the Green Bay Packers in '06 and '07 and the DB coach at Ball St from 2003-'05. The new OC is Ken Karcher who was the QB coach at Toledo in '08. He was Pitt's OC from 1994-'96 and spent 3 years as the OC of the Rhein Fire (NFL Europe) as well as the HC at Liberty (21-46) from 2000-'05.

PHIL'S FORECAST

EM has not had a winning season since 1995 (6-5) and has not won more than 4 games since then. They are 41-107 in that span ('96-'08). EM has had only six winning seasons since 1974. The 2002 team set MAC and NCAA records for most points allowed (566) and total yards allowed (6,239). In 2003 EM was outgained by 154.5 ypg in MAC play (3rd worst). They did rally to win 2 of their final 3 under interim HC Al Lavan to finish out of the basement at 2-6. The 2003 defense allowed "only" 30.9 ppg and 393 ypg. In 2004 they won the Michigan MAC Championship (beat WM and CM) for the first time since 1986 (4 OT's vs CM). That put EM at 4-2 and in the hunt for the MAC Title but they dropped their final 2. EM installed FieldTurf in '05 to help cut down on injuries. They finished with an identical 4-7 record in '05 but went 3-5 in the MAC. They had a missed xp with :13 left in their loss to Miami, a failed 2 pt conv vs WM had them trailing by 1 late and they blew a 25-7 lead vs Ball St in what could have been a 7-4 season. EM wound up last in the MAC West (-28.8 ypg, 7th best). That team benefitted from +10 in turnovers. In 2006 they were breaking in a new QB and had most of their winnable games on the road. Because of those factors, I called for a 2nd straight year in the cellar. EM finished just that but had 6 losses by 8 pts or less and could have been 7-5 but finished just 1-11. They were -81 ypg in MAC play (2nd worst). In 2007 they had the 2nd most returning starters (15) in the MAC (fewest lettermen lost) and improved to 4-8 including 3-4 in the MAC (-41.4 ypg). They did win a 2nd Michigan MAC Championship under Genyk when they beat eventual MAC Champ CM 48-45 and were 3-2 in MAC West play with that team having just 11 seniors. Last year EM had what looked like Genyk's best team yet but was playing in the loaded MAC West division. They blew out a weak Ind St 52-0 and then vs their next 3 opp, played well in the 1H but were blown out in the 2H including vs Mich St and MD. They were shutout by NI 37-0 but then stunned BG 24-21. After a close loss to Army, they got "Akroned" as they blk'd a FG to apparently win the game but UA recovered the block, got a FD then the TD to pull out the win. After losing to Ball St and WM, EM had a two week bye which finally allowed Schmitt to get healthy. Schmitt threw 484 yds and the team had 52 pts at Temple but lost by 3. Prior to the finale vs CM, Genyk was let go and in his last game, EM compiled 616 yards in a 56-52 win, getting them the Michigan MAC Title for the 3rd time in Genyk's 5 years. While they were just 3-9 overall, their -25.4 ypg in MAC play was only the 4th worst and only 23.3 ypg behind league champ Buffalo. New HC English said after spring that they did not have the speed he desires at the skill positions or the size on D. EM returns QB Schmidt, their other top 3 rushers and top WR Stone while their 17 ret starters are the most in the league so English steps into a great situation.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 7 ANDY SCHMITT SR. 6-4 238 5439 (63%) 31-20 ratio, 911 rush 3Y. **11** Kyle McMahon (6'3" 208 So) 1118 (55%) 5-13, 273 rush 2Y. Jason Williams (6'3" 191 So) PS#132. 3 att.

RB 3 TERRENCE BLEVINS SR. 6-1 238 PS#106. 2 st, 190 (4.2) 2Y. 8 st, 575 (4.3) LY. **22** Dwayne Priest (5'9" 186 Jr) 5 st, 654 (4.2) 2Y. **26** Corey Welch (5'9" 182 So) 154 (6.2). rFr.

WR 15 JACORY STONE SR. 6-1 201 17 st, 561 (9.4) 2Y. 12 st, 943 (10.7). **1st Tm MAC** LY. Kinsman Thomas is PS#106. **16** David Fox (6'2" 195 So) PS#268. 7 gm rFr.

WR 27 MARVON SANDERS SO. 5-9 160 PS#303. 6 st, 12 gm, 253 (9.0) true. **9** Tyrone Burke (6'0" 197 Jr). 1 st, 184 (18.4) rFr. 4 rec, 9 gm LY. **31** Nate Hardy (5'9" 175 rFr) PS#348.

WR 2 Dontayo Gage Sr. 5-10 184 PS#320. 5 st, 273 (7.0) 2Y. 4 st, 211 (9.6) LY. **18** DeAnthony White (5'8" 170 Sr) 15 st, 688 (10.9) 3Y. **84** Trey Hunter (6'0" 207 So) 9 gm rFr.

TE 89 JOSH LeDUC JR. 6-3 230 49 (9.8) rFr. 5 st, 446 (13.9) LY. **83** John Bonner (6'2" 240 Sr) PS#302. 9 st, 281 (16.5) 3Y. **81** Ben Thayer (6'4" 230 Jr) PS#363. 4 st, 113 (18.8) LY.

C 78 ERIC DAVIS JR. 6-2 280 6 st, 10 gm rFr. 12 st LY. **61** Derek Gotham (6'4" 290 So). 12 gm LY. **LS 59** Tyler Cochran (6'3" 240 So). 11 gm true. Matt Bowman (6'0" 189 rFr).

RG 55 STEPHEN JOHNSON SR. 6-4 280 3 gm as true at DT, 3 tkl. 4 st at RT, 9 gm '07. 9 st at RG, 12 gm LY. **64** Ross Petersen (6'5" 285 Sr). 2 gm '07. 1 gm LY.

LG 60 ANDY FRETZ SR. 6-2 290 RS as DT '05. 36 st at LG L3Y. **70** Drew Serruto (6'4" 275 So) PS#430. 3 tkl, 5 gm on DL as true. Moved from DL in spring.

RT 65 Dan DeMaster Jr. 6-5 290 8 st, 12 gm at RT rFr. 3 st at RG, 6 gm (neck inj) out year LY. **63** Mark VanDenburgh (6'4" 290 rFr) PS#385. **75** Scott McLeod. GS LY.

LT 76 BRIDGER BUCHE JR. 6-3 294 1 st, 6 gm true. 12 st at RT LY. Added 34 lbs L2Y. **68** Korey Neal (6'3" 280 rFr). 3rd string LT LY. **71** Brian Moore (6'6" 290 Jr). Walk-on.

K 38 JOE CARITHERS JR. 6-0 200 10-14 FG, L/43, 38-38 xp LY. **33** Zach Johnson (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#86. 5-7 FG, L/50 '07. No FG LY. **39** Patrick Treppa (5'10" 157 Jr). 1 KO LY.

DE 93 BRAD OHRMAN SO. 6-4 244 PS#148. 10 st, 12 gm, 42 tkl, 11 tfl, **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **90** Javon Reese (6'3" 230 So) PS#184. GS '07. 12 gm, 14 tkl true. Zachary Allen (6'2" 240 rFr).

DT 96 BRANDON SLATER SO. 6-3 273 +33 lbs, 9 st, 12 gm, 11 tkl, 2 tfl as rFr. **99** Tyler Palsrok (6'4" 265 Jr) PS#228. 1 st@DT, 9 gm, 3 tkl as true. 2 st@DE, 7 gm, 4 tkl, 1 tfl LY.

DT NA Ryan Leonard Jr. 6-0 290 PS#215JC. **92** Ryan Kuhlman (6'4" 265 So) PS#464. 2 st, 10 gm, 10 tkl as true. **97** Kalvin Seilis (6'5" 236 rFr). Orlando McCord PS#380.

DE 17 BRANDON DOWNS SR. 6-1 246 PS#468. 1 st@TE rFr. Move to DL, 12 gm, 5 tkl '07. 11 st, 30 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. Delano Johnson (6'4" 275 Jr) PS#194JC. 65 tkl, 10 tfl LY at JUCO.

WLB 25 JERMAINE JENKINS SR. 6-2 207 PS#190. 18 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 64 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **51** Herb Waits (5'10" 184 So). 12 gm, 18 tkl true. **52** Steve Brown (6'0" 220 So). 3 tkl, 4 gm as true.

MLB 42 Marcus English So. 6-1 216 PS#183. 3 tkl, rFr. Darius Moffett **PS#53.** Nate Paopao PS#673JC. **40** L'Shane Bynum (6'2" 210 rFr). Lorenzo Seaberry (5'8" 216 Jr). 7 tkl 3Y.

SLB 20 ANDRE HATCHETT SR. 5-11 221 PS#83. 3 st, 32 tkl true. 12 st, 98 tkl, 7.5 tfl '07. 7 st, 51 tkl LY. **57** Tim Fort (6'0" 214 Jr). 3 st, 26 tkl 2Y. Josh Williams (6'1" 210 So) PS#391. 1 tkl true.

CB 19 ARRINGTON HICKS JR. 5-10 170 2 st, 10 gm, 9 tkl, 2 pd as true. 8 st, 9 gm 17 tkl, 8 pd LY. **28** Nate Wilson (5'11" 180 So). 4 st, 26 tkl rFr. Mark Mitchell (5'11" 179 Jr). 8 tkl 2Y.

CB 8 Derrick Hunter Jr. 5-11 182 PS#335. 10 st, 50 tkl, 4 pd 2Y. RS LY. **46** Corey Manns (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#373. **36** Jon Pryor (5'9" 175 rFr) PS#320. **30** Joe Boeteng (5'10" 174 rFr).

SS 4 KEVIN LONG JR. 6-1 196 4 st, 21 tkl, true. 10 st, 25 tkl, 4 pd LY. **23** Chris May (5'10" 200 Sr). 14 st, 124 tkl, 4 pd 2Y. 1 st, 25 tkl LY. Martavius Cardwell (5'10" 198 So).

FS 10 RYAN DOWNARD JR. 6-1 201 10 st, 43 tkl, 7 pd rFr. 7 st, 28 tkl, 4 pd LY. Jonte Lewis (6-0 210 Jr). **14** Brandon Pratt (6'2" 197 Jr). 5 tkl LY. **43** Alex Bellfy (6'0" 190 rFr).

P 33 ZACH JOHNSON SR. 6-0 195 PS#86. 65 punts (40.0), 38.1 net rFr. 56 (42.1), 39.2 net '07. 24 (36.2), 29.0 tm net, leg inj LY. **39** Patrick Treppa. 23 (33.7) LY. **38** Joe Carithers. 7 (37.1) LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Darius Moffett 6-3 220 PS#53
QB	Devontae Payne 6-6 238 PS#65
WR	Kinsman Thomas 6-3 202 PS#106
DE	Delano Johnson 6-4 275 PS#194JC
DT	Ryan Leonard 6-0 290 PS#215JC
DB	Willie Hickman 5-9 160 PS#339
WR	Nick Olds 6-3 190 PS#278
QB	Alex Gillett 6-1 185 PS#195
DL	Orlando McCord 6-4 260 PS#380
DL	Devon Davis 6-2 235 PS#394
LB	Nate Paopao 6-1 220 PS#673JC
OL	Scott McLeod 6-8 297 PS#360 '08
DB	Garrett Gronowski 6-3 202 PS#498
DB	Jonte Lewis 6-0 210 PS#786JC
DB	Kelip Goodwin 6-2 190 PS#569
TE	Garrett Hoskins 6-3 235 PS#163
LB	Matt Boyd 6-1 225 PS#607
OL	Andrew Sorgatz 6-5 252 PS#970
TE	Aaron Tanguma 6-4 265 PS#262
LB	Stephan Sewell 6-3 230 PS#1044
DL	Bronly Kashama 6-4 245 PS#1562
RB	Joe Fleming 5-11 219 PS#1607
LB	Andy Mulumba 6-3 235 PS#1667
DB	Jaron Gillespie 6-0 180 PS#1875

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

Ypsilanti, Michigan
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#95

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score EM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Army	A					
Sep. 12	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 19	at Michigan	A					
Sep. 26							
Oct. 3	Temple	A					
Oct. 10	at Central Michigan	A					
Oct. 17	Kent St	A					
Oct. 24	Ball St	A					
Oct. 31	at Arkansas	A					
Nov. 5	at N Illinois (Thur)	A					
Nov. 14	Western Michigan	A					
Nov. 20	at Toledo (Fri)	A					
Nov. 27	at Akron (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

EM is 7-24 vs non-conf opp's since 2001 with 6 of the wins against FCS schools. E Michigan is 0-2 vs Army including a 17-13 loss LY in which they had a 13-10 4Q lead.

Eagles have lost 10 straight & are 2-17 in road openers losing by an avg 26 ppg. EM is 0-2 vs Northwestern & 0-24 vs the Big Ten losing by an avg of 35-6.

The Eagles are 0-8 all-time vs Michigan getting shutout 6 times (avg score 31-5). In their last meeting ('07), they only trailed 16-14 mid 3Q in their 33-22 loss.

EM is 0-4 vs Temple with 4 single digit losses. LY QB Schmitt set their records (50 of 76, 484 yds) in a 55-52 loss as the teams combined for 49 pts in the 4Q.

EM has captured B2B Michigan MAC Trophy's with last year's 56-52 win. QB Schmitt set an NCAA record with 58 comp's as part of a 516 yd, 5 TD pass performance.

The home team has won the last 3 all by a TD+. In the last meeting ('06), then EM rFr QB Schmitt threw 2 int's, was injured & lost for remainder of season in a 14-6 loss.

EM has dropped 4 straight to Ball St including B2B gms by an avg score of 38-16. LY QB Schmitt had his 1st 300+ yd passing gm but the Eagles trailed 31-7 in the 4Q.

First meeting vs Arkansas & only the 4th vs an SEC opponent (0-3). The Eagles are 0-39 vs BCS tms including 0-6 the L2Y's losing by an avg of 22 ppg.

EM is 1-7 vs NIU with that lone win in their last visit here. In that game, EM trailed 13-0 & went ahead with 5:29 left before blocking a NIU 50 yd FG on the final play.

The Eagles had lost 7 straight in Rynearson Stadium to WM prior to their 19-2 win in '07. The game was 3-2 at HT & the Eagles finished with a 392-199 yd edge.

EM is just 1-8 vs Toledo S/'01 with an avg loss of 28 ppg. LY in a driving rain storm the teams combined for 8 TO's as Toledo had 5 scoring drives of 3 plays or less.

An amazing finish LY as the Eagles took the lead w/3:49 left & blocked a 26 yd FG with :30 left. UA's holder caught it & ran for a FD & they got a TD run 2 plays later (:14 left).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Walter Church 9,142 '96-'00	1. Gary Patton 3,497 '84-'87	1. Eric Deslauriers 3,250 '03-'06
2. Charlie Batch 7,592 '94-'97	2. Mike Strickland 3,234 '72-'74	2. Kevin Walter 2,838 '99-'02
3. Andy Schmitt 5,439 '06-Present	3. Anthony Sherrell 2,888 '02-'05	3. Jermaine Sheffield 2,043 '97-'99

RON ENGLISH (Career 0-0)

1st Year at E Michigan — English's Bowl Record: 0-0

English's records AT E MICHIGAN

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

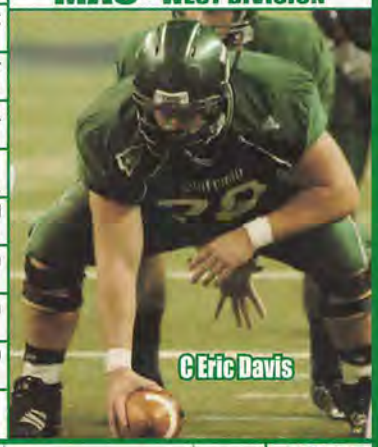
2008 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,19,4)
Lost: 13 (5,7,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,951 (#102)

MAC - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: RYNEARSON STADIUM (30,200) (#103)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	3-9	3-9	4-7	4-7	1-11	4-8	3-9	27-77
Home	3-3	2-3	3-3	3-4	1-4	2-2	1-3	2-2	2-3	19-27
Away	0-5	0-6	0-6	0-5	2-3	2-4	0-7	2-5	1-6	7-47
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	2-5	1-6	1-7	2-6	4-4	3-5	1-7	3-4	2-6	19-50
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	2-2	1-3	0-3	1-2	0-4	1-4	1-3	8-27
ATS	3-8	6-3	2-8	6-4	4-5-1	7-4	6-6	4-7	4-7	42-52-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	5-5
Home Dog	1-3	1-1	1-3	4-1	0-1-1	1-0	1-2	1-2	1-2	11-15-1
Away Favorite	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	1-4	4-1	1-5	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-3	3-4	3-4	24-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	2-5	6-1	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	5-3	5-3	3-4	4-4	36-32-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	0-3	6-20
Off SU Win	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-2	9-13
Off SU Loss	2-5	5-2	1-5	4-4	2-2-1	5-2	5-5	4-4	4-5	32-34-1

Jeff Woodruff 2000 | Jeff Woodruff (gms 1-6/All Jones (gms 7-12) | Jim Gibbons | Ben Snyder | Ben Snyder

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
87	California		NL	San Jose St	30-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 1-0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	25.8	418	148	4.3	269	61.7	16.2	19	+1	2008	7	35.6	409	196	5.2	212	59.7	11.5	16
7*	24.2	338	157	4.1	181	59.6	14.0	17	+8	2007	8	31.2	424	196	5.2	228	60.5	13.6	17
6	13.9	276	106	3.4	171	58.6	19.9	26	-6	2006	7	26.8	388	201	4.8	187	63.6	14.5	17
8*	21.8	346	123	3.8	223	62.1	15.9	17	+10	2005	5	26.8	409	199	4.7	210	62.6	15.2	21
7	29.8	428	166	4.3	262	51.5	14.4	14	-9	2004	9	41.6	470	192	4.4	278	64.5	11.3	19
7	17.1	271	117	3.1	154	54.2	15.8	38	-6	2003	10	30.9	393	191	4.5	202	61.1	12.7	18
5*	23.8	360	113	3.5	247	56.2	15.1	25	-22	2002	6	47.2	520	294	6.1	226	63.7	11.0	10

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terrence Blevins	133	606	31	575	12	4.3
Dwyane Priest	99	490	16	474	5	4.8
Andy Schmitt	57	251	80	171	5	3.0
Corey Welch	25	159	5	154	0	6.2
Tyler Jones	34	146	1	145	0	4.3
Kyle McMahon	32	167	29	138	0	4.3
Marvon Sanders	10	98	18	80	0	8.0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andy Schmitt	417	261	62.6	2644	15	8
Kyle McMahon	73	45	61.6	574	2	4
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Jacory Stone	88	943	10.7	3	42	
Tyler Jones	75	760	10.1	6	53	
Josh LeDuc	32	446	13.9	4	63	
Marvon Sanders	28	253	9.0	1	45	
Dontayo Gage	22	211	9.6	1	26	
DeAnthony White	15	156	10.4	1	42	
Dwayne Preist	14	125	8.9	1	34	
Ben Thayer	6	113	18.8	0	27	
John Bonner	7	109	15.6	0	23	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK
Zach Johnson	24	868	36.2	7	29.0(t)	0
Patrick Treppa	23	774	33.7	3	-	1
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL
Joe Carithers	38-38	5-7	4-4	1-3	0-0	10-14

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Daniel Holtzclaw	107	1	3.5	1	1
Jacob Wyatt	88	0	2	1	0
Jermaine Jenkins	64	2	5	4	2
Dwayne Harrison	57	0	1	1	1
Andre Hatchett	51	0	2.5	0	0
Brad Ohrman	42	6	5	1	0
Josh Hunt	33	1	4	0	0
Spenser Smith	31	2	6	3	0
Brandon Downs	30	0	2.5	1	0
Ryan Downard	28	0	0	2	2
Nate Wilson	26	0	0	1	0
Kevin Long	25	0	1	3	1
Chris May	25	1	2	0	0
Tim Fort	22	1	0.5	1	0
Herb Waits	18	0	0	0	0
Arrington Hicks	17	0	0	7	1
Lyle Garrison	16	0	1	1	0
Javon Reese	14	1	0.5	0	0
Brandon Slater	11	0	2	0	0
Ryan Kuhlman	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Marvon Sanders	4	37	9.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Corey Welch	26	562	21.6	0	
Dontayo Gage	30	538	17.9	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

EM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
17,494	Indiana St	30	53-413	7.8	21-29	224	1	7	31-75	2.4	7-23	57	4	+2
71,789	at Michigan St	11	28-127	4.5	14-31	215	2	21	52-238	4.6	11-16	180	1	+1
16,860	Toledo	18	47-134	2.9	13-23	131	1	19	36-233	6.5	8-18	114	0	-2
48,023	at Maryland	25	39-171	4.4	26-40	282	3	20	34-231	6.8	16-25	255	1	-1
17,159	N Illinois	19	33-119	3.6	21-39	140	2	21	42-235	5.6	13-17	104	1	-2
16,217	at Bowling Green	23	38-147	3.9	22-30	263	0	18	29-94	3.2	27-34	297	2	0
27,096	at Army	16	29-117	4.0	12-30	138	2	17	59-341	5.8	0-3	0	0	+2
17,055	Akron	21	41-182	4.4	22-34	258	1	22	42-339	8.1	11-19	208	2	-1
20,948	at Ball St	22	29-67	2.3	28-50	309	2	21	24-163	6.8	18-32	245	1	-1
19,917	at W Michigan	21	37-133	3.6	21-37	272	2	25	35-163	4.7	24-36	339	1	+1
13,033	at Temple	32	19-68	3.6	50-76	484	1	21	34-67	2.0	21-37	370	1	+1
26,188	C Michigan	38	25-100	4.0	58-80	516	2	25	31-177	5.7	22-38	378	2	+1
TOTALS		276	418-1778	4.3	308-499	3232	19	237	450-2356	5.2	178-298	2547	16	+1
AVERAGES		23.0	35-148	4.3	26-42	269	3.8%	19.8	38-196	5.2	15-25	212	5.4%	0.1

2004 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Buffalo	-7	37-34
-	at Florida - #11	+37	10-49
-	Toledo	+10	32-42
-	E Illinois	NL	28-31
-	Idaho	-7	41-45
-	at Ball St	+7	31-24
-	at W Michigan	+3'	35-31
-	at Bowling Green	+30	20-41
-	† C Michigan	+1	61-58 4OT
-	at Kent St	+12'	17-69
-	N Illinois	+17'	16-34

2005 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Cincinnati	+10	26-28
-	Louisiana	-7	31-10
-	at Michigan - #14	+29	0-55
-	at C Michigan	+5'	23-20 OT
-	Kent St	-3'	27-20
-	at Toledo	+20	3-30
-	at N Illinois	+21	8-24
-	Miami, Oh	+10'	23-24
-	† W Michigan	+3	36-44
-	Ball St	-6	25-26
-	at Buffalo	-6	38-14

2006 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Ball St	+5	20-38
-	at Michigan St	+25'	20-52
-	at Northwestern	+17	6-14
-	C Michigan	+4'	17-24 OT
-	at Louisiana	+8	14-33
-	at Bowling Green	+10'	21-24
-	Toledo	-1	17-13
-	at W Michigan	+15'	15-18
-	Ohio	+6'	10-16
-	† Navy	+15	21-49
-	at Kent St	+11'	6-14
-	N Illinois	+8'	0-27

2007 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Pittsburgh	+20	3-27
-	Ball St	+3'	16-38
-	at N Illinois	+13	21-19
-	Howard	NL	38-15
-	at Vanderbilt	+22	7-30
-	at Michigan	+29'	22-33
-	at Ohio	+4	42-48
-	† Northwestern	+10	14-26
-	W Michigan	+4'	19-2
-	at Toledo	+8	28-52
-	Bowling Green	+3'	32-39
-	at C Michigan	+14	48-45

2008 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Indiana St	NL	52-0
-	at Michigan St	+21	10-42
-	Toledo	-2'	17-41
-	at Maryland	+21	24-51
-	N Illinois	+5'	0-37
-	at Bowling Green	+20'	24-21
-	at Army	+1	13-17
-	Akron	+5	35-42
-	at Ball St - #20	+25'	16-38
-	at W Michigan	+17'	10-31
-	at Temple	+12'	52-55
-	C Michigan	+10'	56-52

OHIO BOBCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In HC Frank Solich's first 2 years ('05-'06) the team avg just 118 (45.5%) and 129 (54.4%) ypg passing. In '07, Illinois transfer Brad Bower (PS#30) started early but after struggling some at midseason JC transfer Theo Scott started 3 and threw for 743 (57.8%) with a 5-3 ratio and was the #2 rusher (120, 3.0). Bower threw for 1,766 (54.7%) with an 11-10 ratio and the Bobcats improved to 214 ypg (55.9%). Last year Scott battled another JC transfer in Boo Jackson. Jackson took his snaps out of the shotgun at JC and struggled in the spring. He outperformed Scott in the spring game but Scott started the opener hitting 26- 35 for 224 but he was inj and lost OFY vs Ohio St. Jackson QB'd the rest of the year and struggled at times with TO's. He fumbled into the EZ for a TB vs CM but had a school record 413 total yards. Brandon Jones played in 6 as a true frosh in '05 and became the backup. Jackson was benched at the end of the 3Q vs BG after his 2nd costly int and Jones hit 7-14 for 92 (193, 43.8% on year). Jackson reacted well and in the final 2 hit 35 of 48 for 412 with an 8-1 ratio including a single-season OU rec 5 TD's vs Akron. He finished with a school rec 19 TD's (12 int) and threw for 2,355 (60.5%). Ohio improved its passing stats again in '08 to 233 ypg (59.1%). Not listed below are Brian Sweeney (6'2" 200 So, PS#257) and Miles Schlichter (6'1" 222 Jr). Ohio now has the luxury of having 2 experienced, solid QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Kalvin McRae had a tremendous career here as he led with 559 (3.9) in '04 and 1,153 (5.5) in '05. McCrae had 1,252 (4.9) in '06 and in the final six of '07 he avg 154 ypg and finished with 1,434 (4.9) and left as the school's all-time leading rusher. True frosh Donte Harden (PS#193) looked good early in '07 but was lost to injury. WR Chris Garrett was #3 with 99 (5.8) and moved to RB (#1 ret RB Rusher) LY. It was a 4 man battle in the spring between Harden, Garrett, Vince Davidson (5'11" 186 Jr) and LJ Flintall (5'10" 191 Sr). Garrett started the first four but Harden took over and rushed for 142 (7.1) vs VMI. Harden led the next 2 weeks including 115 (5.0) at Kent St but was lost to injury. Garrett started the final five and was playing with broken ribs after the Buffalo game. Davidson led with 66 (4.1) vs BG while Garrett was the top RB with just 23 vs Akron. In the finale, Garrett exploded for 222 (9.7) and he led with 529 (4.5). Harden added 454 (5.2) while Davidson had 170 (3.9). This year the only loss is FB Jayson White (PS#160, 3 st) and added to the mix are Davidson (1st), Flintall (14 yd, 3.5), Devin Favors (5'11" 211 Jr, PS#299), Joey Inks (6'0" 209 Jr) and Brian Albrecht (6'3" 193 Jr). This unit is vastly more experienced.

RECEIVERS - In 2007, OU had to replace 3 starters and NMSt transfer TE Andrew Mooney led with 498 (14.6) while Taylor Price, the team's deep threat, had 464 (14.1). Last year 3 of the top 4 returned. Mooney missed 3 but was #3 in rec's with 27 (10.6). Price had a school record 14 rec vs WY and led with 694 (13.6) while LaVon Brazill (201, 12.6 in '07) was #2 with 384 (11.3). This year they lose Mooney (8 st), TE David Carter (10 st, 14 rec), WR Brandon Peterson (16 rec) and Tyler Huffman (4 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jahan Olyaie (6'3" 221 So), Kody Carr (6'6" 199 Jr), Brendton Williams (6'1" 203 rFr, Paul Hershey (6'3" 189 So) and TE Darnell Harris (6'5" 238 Jr). Most of the rec were underclassmen LY and while this unit returns its top 2 like LY, it is actually more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Only 2 OL started all 12 in '07 and they both departed last year including 1st Tm MAC RG Matt Miller (4Y st'r). While OU had 3 starters back in '08, injuries hit the unit again, as they had nine different starters. OL coach Keven Lightner said the one OL they could not afford to lose was C David White who missed 2. Their numbers dropped to 129 ypg rush (3.9) with 23 sacks (6.0%). This year they lose 2nd Tm LT Josh Leuck (12 st, 2Y st'r), LG Mike Eynon (10 st, 3Y st'r), C Tommy Stuck (7 st), Gary Schussler (1 st) and backup Shawn Fosnaugh. Five return with starting experience and despite only having 40 career starts back (#101 FBS), they could have improved numbers provided they stay healthy.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007, OU had to replace 2 starters and one backup and slipped to allowing 186 ypg rush (4.5), its worst total since '01. Last year they not only had 2 starters back, but got the return of Ernie Hodge (11 st '06, miss '07). Inj's hit this unit (7 diff st'rs) but they improved to 158 ypg (4.1). This year they lose 2nd Tm MAC DT Jameson Hartke (12 st, 52 tkl, 4 sk) and NG Jacob Williamson (11 tkl, 1 sk). They do return 4 players who started 6+ (2 others comb 5 st). The reason for that amount of players is LY's attrition as they were almost forced to pull the RS off of Tremayne Scott. This is a veteran group and should be one of the MAC's top D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - In '06 the Bobcats' D in '06 allowed 18.1 ppg and that could be partly attributed to having a veteran LB corps with all 3 starters back including the #1 tackler in the MAC. In 2007 they lost their #1, #2 and #4 tacklers and the group returned a paltry 5 career starts. The team's ppg allowed increased to 29.9. Last year OU only had to replace 1 starter (#4 tkl'r). While the team only improved to 27.3 ppg, the total defense decreased by 59 ypg (-12 TO). One of last year's returning starters, Michael Brown, missed the start of the year and went from 12 starts in '07 to 2 and from 85 tackles to 54. This year they lose MLB Brown and SLB Chris Hall (10 st, 49 tkl) but return their top 2 tacklers and JUCO Errik Ejike who was impressive last August but injuries have limited him. Adding depth are JB Strahler (6'1" 218 Jr) and Erik Benjamin (5'11" 210 Jr). This is one of the MAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bobcats returned 7 of the top 8 in 2006 and climbed to #36 in my pass D rankings. In 2007 they had to replace 1st Tm MAC CB TJ Wright, who set a single season school record with 18 pbu, and three others (comb 10 st). OU slipped to #75. Last year they had to replace their #1 tackler but did have 3 starters back and good overall speed. Returning starting Julian Posey (9 st '07) missed 6 and was not 100% (0 st). OU rose to #67. This year they lose CB Mark Parson (12 st, 46 tkl, 2 int), SS Michael Mitchell (11 st, 62 tkl, 3 int, #2DC OAK) and S Neil Jereb (2 st, 25 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Billy Gonzales-Santos (5'11" 180 So PS#265), Issa Braithwaite (5'10" 195 So, PS#470), Ian Elmore (6'1" 197 Jr, PS#492), John DiBattista (5'10" 183 Sr) and Chad White (5'11" 183 So). While they do have 2 starters back, this group is less experienced.

FS Steven Jackson

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bobcats have generally been good in this area this decade as they were #4 in my ST rankings in 2000 and #21 in 2002. In Solich's first year, they were just #116 but made it to #5 in '06 and #12 in '07! Wash transfer K Michael Braunstein had a great year in '07 and in '08 Solich brought in another transfer at K in Barrett Way who was the most accurate K in VMI history (29 of 37). Way struggled at the start of the year. Versus NW, LS Robbins was susp'd and Ohio missed a 42 yd FG and had 2 blocked in the 2H. Solich was tempted to take the RS off of true frosh Matt Weller (PS#49) but resisted. Way hit just 5 of his first 11 but hit his final 8 including a school record 4 vs Kent St. Versus Buffalo, when holder Josh Febus was out, they dropped 2 snaps and they did not even get the FG att off. P Matt Schulte improved his average to 38.2 but the net dropped to 30.8. Garrett avg 26.9 on KR and Flintall 28.3 while Brazill avg 16.5 on PR. Overall they finished #52 and if Schulte can improve his net punting, this should once again be one of the MAC's top ST units.

COACHES - Frank Solich is from Cleveland so a return to his home state was a solid move. He spent 6 years as HC at Neb compiling a record of 58-19. He was Big 12 Coach of the Year in '99 and '01 and produced at least 9 wins in 5 of his first 6 seasons. Solich was MAC Coach of the Year in '06 in his 2nd season. The coordinators both enter their 5th year. His OC is Tim Albin, who was the OC at NDSt in '04 and the passing game coord at Neb in '03. The DC is Jimmy Burrow who was the DC at NDSt and a Neb asst in '01 and '02.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a 4-7 season in '04 Bobcat fans were energized when they hired Frank Solich who returned them to a more run-oriented offense. Ohio was picked 3rd in the MAC East in the '05 preseason poll. In their first national TV game since 1969, OU upset Pitt in OT 16-10 in front of a record home crowd. They opened the season 4-4 and had a Friday night national TV game vs Toledo. OU trailed just 27-21 in the 4Q but lost. Ohio dropped its final two, finishing 4-7 again. They had 18 returning starters in '06 (most MAC). In Solich's first season OU averaged just 17.5 ppg (lowest S/'95). In 2006, they incorporated their new offensive system but with 9 offensive starters back only improved to 19.7 ppg. The key to Ohio's outstanding season was the D. With 9 starters back they went from allowing 453 ypg in '05 to just 303! They trimmed the ppg allowed from 30.5 to 18.1! OU finished the reg ssn 9-3 including a road upset of Big Ten member Illinois. It was just their 3rd winning season since 1982 and included a 7 game win streak (longest S/'68, 10). Their 5 road wins were also the most since 1968. The Bobcats lost the MAC Title game by 21 and in only their 3rd bowl since 1962, lost to S Miss by 21. That 2006 squad had 19 seniors. In 2007 OU had just 10 returning starters (fewest MAC) and while Bobcat fans were disappointed, I thought Solich did a good job getting them bowl eligible at 6-6. Last year in a season where almost every MAC team was loaded with returning starters, OU was at the bottom with just 13. In 2007 they had just 8 starts lost to injury. I summed up the Bobcats by saying if Solich pulled out a winning record, I'd give him my vote for MAC Coach of the Year. If not for some bad breaks, Solich would have earned that vote. Ohio outplayed WY in the opener and led 20-14 in the 4Q but was int'd at the WY9 at the end and lost. Taking on #3 Ohio St, OU led 14-12 with 14:00 left but came up short. Versus CM trailing 31-28, they were at the CM8 but fumbled into the EZ for a TB. Two blocked FG's and 2 fumbles cost the Bobcats in an 8 point loss to NW. They could easily have opened the season 4-0 but stood 0-4 despite having the MAC's #1 D at 313 ypg allowed. After whipping VMI, they were crushed by WM on the road. Two games later OU dominated Temple leading 10-0 in the 4Q, and despite a 267-143 yd edge, costly TO's hurt them. Four TO's and 2 botched FG's cost them vs Buff and BG routed them 28-3. That put OU at 2-8 but they beat Akron in their FHG and then crushed Miami in finale for a 4-8 record. OU was 3-5 in the MAC (+8.1 ypg), good enough for a tie for 4th in the div but also a tie for 2nd to last. OU was -12 in TO's last year which means they should be primed for a Turnovers=Turnaround season and also had 2 net close losses. Ohio was much better than its final '08 record and this season will fly under the radar as I call them one of my Most Improved Teams and they are my pick to win the MAC East.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 3 THEO SCOTT SR. 6-2 209 PS#309JC. 5 st, 990 (60%) 2Y. **8 Boo Jackson** (6'1" 199 Sr) **PS#63JC.** 10 st, 2355 (61%) 19-12 ratio, 519 rush LY. Brandon Jones (6'2" 196 Sr) PS#77.

RB 28 DONTE HARDEN SO. 5-11 174 PS#193. 3 st, 480 (4.7) 2Y. **2 Chris Garrett** (5'8" 190 Sr) PS#253. 8 st, 153 (7.1) 2Y. 8 st, 11 gm, 529 (4.5), 24 rec (12.1), 3rd Tm MAC KR LY.

WR 15 Riley Dunlop So. 6-2 184 PS#308. 3 st, 278 (12.6) rFr. Serggio Judkins (6'4" 211 rFr0 PS#360. **FB 39** Mitch Morsillo (6'1" 247 Sr) PS#355. 8 st, 97 (3.2) 2Y. RS LY.

WR 23 TAYLOR PRICE SR. 6-1 209 PS#465. 24 st, 1235 (13.3) 3Y. **11** Terrence McCrae (6'4" 199 Jr) PS#111. 1 st, 147 (9.8) 2Y. **87** Steven Goulet (6'2" 190 Jr) PS#166. **Vandy trans.**

WR 7 LaVON BRAZILL JR. 5-11 185 14 st, 585 (11.7) 2Y. **17** Bakari Bussey (6'2" 199 rFr) PS#140. **81** Tyler Futrell (6'0" 174 rFr). **80** Robert Mercer (6'5" 196 Jr) PS#215TE.

TE 88 Jordan Thompson rFr. 6-4 249 PS#101. **38** Adam Olsheski (6'2" 245 Jr). 0 rec 3Y. **83** Zac Clark (6'3" 273 So) PS#163. Knee inj, OFY rFr. **45** Nathan Caldwell (6'5" 248 So) 0 rec 2Y.

C 58 DAVID WHITE SR. 6-1 294 PS#252. 1 st rFr. 8 st '07. 10 st (5C, 5G) 362 snap LY. **51** Matthew Britain (6'3" 287 rFr) PS#411. **LS** Kyle Robbins (6'2" 211 Sr) PS#445. 15 gm 2Y.

RG 61 MICHAEL PHILIBIN SR. 6-4 300 PS#567. Practice squad rFr. 7 gm '07. 8 st LY. **79** AJ Strum (6'5" 283 So) PS#301. 3 snap rFr. **53** John Flowers (6'3" 275 So). 3 snap rFr, +13 lb.

LG 77 Eric Herman rFr. 6-4 290 PS#305. **50** Dustin Laudermilch (6'3" 325 So) PS#485. **64** Vince Carlotta (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#481. **71** JD Bales (6'5" 305 So) Walk-on.

RT 60 COLE BUNNER JR. 6-5 321 PS#227. 9 gm rFr. 6 st LY. **78** Joe Flading (6'4" 291 So) PS#379. 1 st rFr. James Davis (6'3" 305 Fr) PS#242. George Batsakes (6'6" 297 So).

LT 57 Chris Rodgers Sr. 6-5 285 2 gm, 3 snap rFr. 1 st, 10 gm '07. 5 st LY. Jonathan Lechner (6'6" 300 Fr) **PS#69.** Could play as a true. Skyler Allen (6'3" 290 Fr) Hargrave LY.

K 49 Matt Weller rFr. 6-0 202 PS#49. Hit 5 of 7 FG, L/45 HS Sr. **36** Jordan Beighle (5'8" 160 So) PS#72. **12** Chris Kamerer (5'10" 160 So). **14** Danny Miller (5'9" 160 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 99 CURTIS MEYERS JR. 6-2 252 5 tkl true. 9 st, 29 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **51** Dak Notestine (6'3" 250 Jr) 1 st, 7 tkl 2Y. **90** Tremayne Scott (6'4" 236 rFr). **94** Corey Hasting. Walk-on spg.

DT 67 AJ Oxley Jr. 6-4 300 6 st, 43 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. **62** Marcellis Williamson (6'1" 342 Jr) 3 tkl 2Y. **98** Jeff King (6'1" 272 So). 3 tkl rFr. **91** Corey Moncrief (6'2" 308 Sr) PS#338JC.

NG 95 ERNIE HODGE JR. 6-2 292 PS#391. 11 st, 38 tkl, 7.5 tfl true. Susp '07. 7 st, 18 tkl LY. **93** Neal Huynh (6'3" 268 rFr). **36** Stafford Gatling (6'4" 225 Jr). 8 tkl 2Y. Inj'd elbow '08.

DE 54 KRIS LUCHSINGER SR. 6-4 258 7 st, 35 tkl, 10.5 tfl 2Y. 9 st, 21 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **92** Conor Reilly (6'3" 234 Sr) 9 st, 48 tkl, 7 tfl 3Y. **95** Keenan Chapman (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#202.

SLB 27 Errik Ejike Sr. 6-1 216 PS#465JC. 9 tkl here, 4 gm (inj) and RS '07. 13 tkl LY. **46** Alphonso Lewis (6'1" 206 rFr) PS#161. **35** Ben Boerner (6'3" 211 So). Walk-on spg.

MLB 47 NOAH KELLER JR. 6-1 236 PS#127. 37 tkl true. 10 st, 104 tkl, 5 tfl, **2ndTm MAC** LY. **56** Brandon Weaver (6'2" 210 So) PS#368. 21 tkl true. **55** Melvin Payne (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#290.

WLB 32 LEE RENFRO SR. 5-10 210 PS#178. 22 tkl rFr, 7 st, 56 tkl, 6 tfl '07. 12 st, 83 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. **14** Jay Edwards (6'0" 214 So) PS#228. 10 tkl rFr. **44** Chad Clemens (5'11" 212 Jr). 12 tkl 2Y.

CB 12 THAD TURNER SR. 6-0 169 9 gm rFr. 8 tkl '07. 10 st, 37 tkl, 7 pd LY. **4** Idris Lawrence (5'8" 174 Sr) PS#523. 4 st, 49 tkl 3Y. **31** Kenny Jackson (5'9" 156 So). 1 tkl, 9 gm rFr.

CB 18 Travis Carrie So. 6-0 201 1 st, 11 gm, 35 tkl true. **9** Julian Posey (5'11" 188 Jr) PS#277. 9 st, 54 tkl, 8 pd rFr. 6 gm (inj), 14 tkl LY. **22** Shannon Ballard (5'11" 186 Jr). 9 tkl 2Y.

SS 20 Patrick Tafua Sr. 6-0 197 PS#167JC. 17 tkl, 12 gm here LY. **6** Hilton Dawson (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#121JC. RS here LY. **17** Kevin Culver (5'9" 182 Jr) PS#422. 2 tkl 2Y.

FS 42 STEVEN JACKSON SR. 6-2 192 PS#510. 2 st, 48 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 71 tkl, 6 pd, **3rdTm MAC** LY. **29** Donovan Fletcher (6'0" 192 Jr). 8 tkl LY. **13** Gerald Moore (6'1" 196 rFr) PS#321.

P 43 MATT SCHULTE JR. 6-0 227 PS#47. 62 punts (37.6) rFr. 44 (38.2), 30.8 net LY. **49** Matt Weller (6'0" 202 rFr) PS#49. **13** Paul Hershey (6'3" 189 So) Snaps at WR in spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Jonathan Lechner 6-6 300 PS#69
QB	Tyler Tettleton 6-1 190 PS#109
QB	Phillip Bates 6-2 223 PS#30 '07
DB	Xavier Hughes 6-1 170 PS#242
OL	James Davis 6-3 305 PS#242
DL	John Taylor 6-5 275 PS#250
RB	Tim Edmond 6-0 240 PS#204
DB	Jeremy Green 6-0 180 PS#348
DB	Gary Fortune 6-0 155 PS#418
DB	Jamil Shaw 6-0 183 PS#460
RB	Mario Dovell 6-0 185 PS#389
RB	Nico Price 5-11 235 PS#390
LB	Dylan Reda 6-3 225 PS#383
OL	Skyler Allen 6-3 290 PS#567
LB	Carl Jones 6-0 250 PS#604
TE	Troy Hill 6-5 210 PS#175
LB	Jelani Woseley 6-2 205 PS#748
RB	Greg Davison 6-1 230 PS#782
RB	Ryan Boykin 6-2 205 PS#1005
OL	Sam Johnson 6-3 305 PS#1171
OL	Kadre Pinder 6-2 325 PS#1805JC
TE	Jeffrey Hutchison 6-3 240 PS#431
DL	Corey Hasting 6-0 234 PS#1562

OHIO BOBCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#119

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Connecticut	A					
Sep. 12	at North Texas	A					
Sep. 19	Cal Poly	A					
Sep. 26	at Tennessee	G					
Oct. 3	at Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 10	at Akron	A					
Oct. 17	Miami, Oh (HC)	A					
Oct. 24	Kent St	A					
Oct. 31	at Ball St	A					
Nov. 10	at Buffalo (Tues)	A					
Nov. 14							
Nov. 21	Northern Illinois	A					
Nov. 27	Temple (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

Bobcats have gone 5-1 L6Y in home openers, including '05's upset of BE member Pitt. This will mark the 1st time S/'97 that OU will open up the ssn vs a FBS opponent at home.

Ohio is 4-16 S/'89 in road openers, but 2 wins have come in the L3Y (1 pt loss at WY LY). First meeting. This will mark just the 2nd vs a current SBC school (beat Louisiana in '07).

Mustangs finished 8-3 last year including a 36-35 OT loss at Wisconsin. First meeting. Ohio is 47-24-1 all-time vs current FCS tms including 5 straight wins.

First meeting. Could Apply, Ohio is 0-15 vs ranked opponents since 1990. The Bobcats are 2-15 visiting current BCS teams including 1-7 under Solich.

Bobcats are just 5-20-1 vs the Falcons S/'82, but upset BG their last visit to Perry Stadium. Last year OU was held to 228 yds & without a TD for the first time in 36 games.

The visitor is just 2-9 L11Y & the Bobcats haven't beat the Zips in B2B yrs S/'97-'98. Last year QB Jackson had a school record 5 TD's includng a game winning TD w/:32 left.

OU was 2-14-1 from '89-'05 vs MU but has won each of the L3Y (avg win by 11 ppg.) LY RB Garrett had a career high 222 yds (9.7) & a OU all-purpose yd record 321.

Last year the Bobcats had 14pl, 13pl & 11pl scoring drives & led wire to wire. The home team is just 2-7 & 3 of the L/4 gms have been decided by single digits.

OU is 7-13 vs BSU but did win the L/2 gms in 1999 & '05. Former OU RB McRae had a career high 264 yds (9.1) vs BSU in '05 (just 3rd OU back to top 200+ rush).

Including the '06 MAC Title gm, Ohio is 8-19 in November the last 8 years. Ohio has dropped B2B gms vs Buffalo for the 1st time in series history (9-6 edge).

In their last game in '06, OU amassed 509 yds outscoring NI 21-6 in the 2H. Ohio is 8-9 in this series but has won 5 of the L/7 meetings including 3-0 in Athens.

This will be just the 3rd meeting (HT is 2-0) as the Bobcats have held the Owls to 209 yds in '07 & 143 LY (both ssn low for opp's). Ohio is 6-14 in home finales S/'89.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Sammy Shon 5,412 '78-'81	1. Kalvin McRae 4,398 '04-'07	1. Todd Snyder 2,241 '67-'69
2. Anthony Thornton 5,199 '87-'90	2. Steveland Hookfin 3,972 '95-'98	2. Scott Mayle 1,847 '02-'06
3. Donny Harrison 3,856 '79-'83	3. Kareen Wilson 3,597 '95-'98	3. Eddie Washington 1,761 '80-'83

FRANK SOLICH (Career 81–45)

5th Year at Ohio — Bowls: 2-4 Nebraska '98-'03

Solich AT OHIO/OVERALL

23-26 / 81-45	SU	0-2 / 4-7	Vs Top 10
13-8 / 51-12	Home	0-3 / 12-15	Vs Top 25
10-16 / 26-28	Away	2-7 / 13-11	Vs BCS Tms
0-2 / 4-5	Neutral	3-3 / 13-10	Off A Bye
17-16 / 51-31	Vs Conf	10-14 / 22-18	Off A Loss

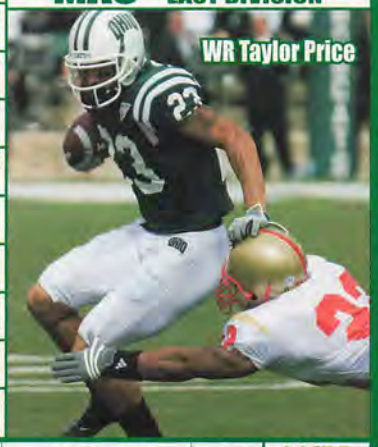
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (21,24,2)
Lost: 24 (11,11,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,276 (#116)

MAC – EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (24,000) (#116)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	1-10	4-8	2-10	4-7	4-7	9-5	6-6	4-8	41-65
Home	4-1	0-4	3-2	2-4	2-3	3-2	4-1	4-2	2-3	24-22
Away	3-3	1-6	1-6	0-6	2-4	1-5	5-2	2-4	2-5	17-41
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	4-4	1-7	2-6	3-5	7-2	4-4	3-5	30-43
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	0-4	1-3	2-1	1-2	2-3	2-2	1-3	11-22
ATS	5-5	4-7	7-4	4-7	3-7	4-7	7-6	6-4-1	7-4	47-51-1
Home Fav	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-1	11-10
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-1	10-7
Away Favorite	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-2	2-0	7-9
Away Dog	2-1	2-1	4-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	3-2	1-1-1	3-2	18-22-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	6-3	4-4	4-4	34-39
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-3	2-0-1	3-0	13-12-1
Off SU Win	3-2	0-1	2-2	0-2	2-2	2-2	6-3	2-2-1	1-2	18-18-1
Off SU Loss	1-3	4-5	4-2	4-5	1-5	2-4	1-3	4-2	5-2	26-31

Jeff Grdon 1985 — Brian Kost — Heath Sotch

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Garrett	117	554	25	529	5	4.5
Donte Harden	87	469	15	454	2	5.2
Boo Jackson	100	519	186	333	2	3.3
Vince Davidson	44	186	16	170	0	3.9
LaVon Brazill	9	76	1	75	0	8.3
Theo Scott	9	28	20	8	0	0.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Boo Jackson	306	185	60.5	2355	19	12
Theo Scott	44	29	65.9	247	1	2
Brandon Jones	32	14	43.8	193	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Taylor Price	51	694	13.6	5	51	
LaVon Brazill	34	384	11.3	1	41	
Chris Garrett	24	290	12.1	2	77	
Andrew Mooney	27	287	10.6	3	27	
Riley Dunlop	22	278	12.6	1	25	
Brandon Peterson	16	245	15.3	1	59	
Steven Goulet	10	189	18.9	1	37	
Donte Harden	8	146	18.2	2	43	
Terrence McCrae	14	125	8.9	1	21	
David Carter	14	115	8.2	3	23	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Schulte	44	1682	38.2	9	30.8	1	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Barrett Way	32-35	8-9	3-4	2-6	0	13-19	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Noah Keller	104	1	4	2	1
Lee Renfro	83	2	4.5	1	0
Steven Jackson	71	0	2	4	2
Michael Mitchell	62	0.5	4	5	3
Michael Brown	54	1.5	2.5	1	0
Jameson Hartke	52	4	4	2	1
Chris Hall	49	1	1.5	2	0
Mark Parson	46	0	1	5	2
AJ Oxley	41	1	1.5	0	0
Thad Turner	37	0	1.5	6	1
Travis Carrie	35	0	0	1	1
Curtis Meyers	29	2	2	0	0
Neil Jereb	25	0	0	2	1
Kris Luchsinger	21	3.5	2	0	0
Conor Reilly	21	0.5	2.5	0	0
Brandon Weaver	21	1.5	0	0	0
Ernie Hodge	18	0.5	2	1	0
Patrick Tafua	17	0	0.5	1	0
Julian Posey	14	0	1	2	0
Idris Lawrence	13	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
LaVon Brazill	11	181	16.5	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chris Garrett	23	618	26.9	1
LJ Flintall	13	368	28.3	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
62	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	14-15
68	Tangerine - #15	NL	Richmond	42-49
06	GMAC	+6	Southern Miss	7-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6	24.1	361	129	3.9	233	59.1	15.0	23	-12	2008	7	27.3	349	158	4.1	191	59.6	12.8	21
5	30.5	365	151	3.8	214	55.9	12.0	26	+2	2007	5	29.9	408	186	4.5	221	56.7	13.6	26
9*	19.7	277	148	3.9	129	54.4	14.0	20	-4	2006	9	18.1	303	131	4.0	172	52.3	16.8	23
6	17.5	293	174	4.5	118	45.5	16.8	19	+4	2005	8	30.5	453	169	4.3	283	62.7	14.8	17
9*	20.1	308	108	2.9	200	50.6	15.3	52	+1	2004	8	24.6	320	124	3.3	195	58.8	13.0	26
4*	21.9	338	183	3.6	154	50.4	15.4	26	-1	2003	7	31.0	370	151	3.7	220	50.9	11.9	32
6*	24.9	327	240	4.4	87	52.5	13.1	11	0	2002	3	31.2	379	154	4.1	224	58.1	12.1	18

2008 STATS BY GAME

OU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
20,430	at Wyoming	18	21-39	1.9	29-41	248	1	19	40-160	4.0	14-22	111	0	0
105,002	at Ohio St	15	31-145	4.7	12-34	109	1	17	40-162	4.1	16-28	110	3	-4
18,268	C Michigan	20	35-148	4.2	17-33	365	2	21	33-70	2.1	28-42	361	1	-2
22,069	at Northwestern	12	28-4	0.1	27-44	228	5	17	37-147	4.0	18-36	133	1	+1
19,938	VMI	25	46-251	5.5	17-24	324	1	21	56-339	6.1	3-10	97	1	+1
20,133	at W Michigan	18	37-148	4.0	19-37	208	4	22	28-156	5.6	24-38	347	0	0
16,825	at Kent St	23	46-176	3.8	16-26	203	1	23	37-192	5.2	15-25	200	2	+1
18,824	at Temple	19	29-47	1.6	23-40	220	2	12	37-64	1.7	9-22	79	5	-2
10,042	Buffalo	17	29-127	4.4	20-29	290	1	21	46-277	6.0	14-23	116	1	-3
15,018	Bowling Green	14	28-40	1.4	13-30	188	4	17	34-93	2.7	23-30	229	3	-2
13,114	Akron	16	23-91	4.0	20-28	222	0	23	47-139	3.0	21-37	235	3	-2
13,867	at Miami, Oh	23	39-326	8.4	15-20	190	1	23	28-92	3.3	27-43	274	1	0
TOTALS		220	392-1542	3.9	228-386	2795	23	236	463-1891	4.1	212-356	2292	21	-12
AVERAGES		18.3	33-129	3.9	19-32	233	6.0%	19.7	39-158	4.1	18-30	191	5.9%	-1.0

2004 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	VMI	NL	42-14
–	at Pittsburgh	+17'	3-24
–	at Miami, Oh	+19	20-40
–	Buffalo	-13	34-0
–	at Kentucky	+13'	28-16
–	Marshall	+8'	13-16
–	at Toledo	+13'	13-31
–	Bowling Green	+14	16-41
–	at Kent St	+2	16-42
–	at UCF	-3	17-16 OT
–	Akron	-1'	19-31

2005 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Northwestern	+14'	14-38
–	Pittsburgh	+14	16-10 OT
–	at Virginia Tech - #4	+33	0-45
–	Kent St	-4	35-32
–	at Bowling Green	+21	14-38
–	at C Michigan	+6'	10-37
–	Ball St	-7	38-21
–	at Buffalo	-5'	34-20
–	Toledo	+10'	21-30
–	at Akron	+3	3-27
–	Miami, Oh	+10	7-38

2006 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UT-Martin	NL	29-3
–	at N Illinois	+16'	35-23
–	at Rutgers	+16'	7-24
–	at Missouri	+22	6-31
–	Bowling Green	-6	9-21
–	W Michigan	+4	27-20
–	at Illinois	+6	20-17
–	Buffalo	-17	42-7
–	at Kent St	+6'	17-7
–	at E Michigan	-6'	16-10
–	Akron	-4	17-7
–	at Miami, Oh	-3	34-24
–	† C Michigan	+3	10-31

2007 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Gardner-Webb	NL	36-14
–	at Louisiana	-1'	31-23
–	at Virginia Tech - #18	+21	7-28
–	Wyoming	+4	33-34
–	Kent St	+3	25-33
–	at Buffalo	-4	10-31
–	E Michigan	-4	48-42
–	at Toledo	+1'	40-43
–	at Bowling Green	+7	38-27
–	Temple	-9	23-7
–	at Akron	-3	37-48
–	Miami, Oh	E	38-29

2008 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wyoming	+12'	20-21
–	at Ohio St - #3	+33'	14-26
–	C Michigan	+3'	28-31
–	at Northwestern	+11'	8-16
–	VMI	-30	51-31
–	at W Michigan	+7	20-41
–	at Kent St	-1	26-19
–	at Temple	+3	10-14
–	Buffalo	-2	19-32
–	Bowling Green	+2'	3-28
–	Akron	+2'	49-42
–	at Miami, Oh	-1'	41-26

AKRON ZIPS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001, Akron had to replace its career passing leader, Butchie Washington. The starting QB was inj'd in the opener and the Charlie Frye era began. Frye left in '04 (#3DC) as the school's all-time career leading passer (54 schl records) and was the MAC MVP. Luke Getsy (PS#58), who was at Pitt with HC JD Brookhart, won the starting job in '05 and became just the 2nd player in Zips history to top 3,000 (3455, 53%, 23-12 ratio). In '06 Akron lost 80% of the skill position yds surrounding Getsy and his numbers dropped to 2,662 (52.4%) with an 18-11 ratio. Mobile lefty Carlton Jackson (PS#144) played in 4 in '06 while pocket passer Chris Jacquemain DNP. The two had a combined one career pass att entering '07. WR Jabari Arthur actually had more att (7). True frosh Matt Rodgers was getting equal snaps at QB in Aug '07. Jacquemain and Jackson both stepped to the forefront at times with Jacquemain throwing for 1,623 (56%) with an 11-10 ratio and Jackson 583 (49.5%) with a 4-4 ratio (207 rush). Jackson trans LY and Jacquemain played with much more confidence. He was the MAC OPW vs Syr and had a good year despite a lot of dropped passes. Three of his int vs BSt were tipped by his own rec. Jacquemain still threw for 2,748 (57.9%) with a 20-14 ratio taking almost every snap. Adding depth this year are Jordan Miller (PS#160), Jared Wackerly (6'2" 195 rFr) and true frosh Patrick Nicely (PS#80). Jacquemain should have his best year as a 3rd year starter while Rodgers was pushing him in the spring.

RUNNING BACKS - Akron joined IA ball in 1987 and did not have a 1,000 yard rusher until 2000. They have now produced 4 this decade. Dennis Kennedy (orig signed Ohio St) narrowly missed with 914 (4.0) in '06. He returned in '07 and they got back Alex Allen from an ACL and brought in Bryan Williams (PS#74DB), who originally signed at Pitt. Kennedy led with 72 in the opener but dropped to 3rd string and had just 156 (3.4). Williams led with 728 (4.8) and Allen added 420 (4.1). VHT Miami, Fl transfer Andrew Johnson (PS#6) was added last year so they moved Williams to SS. Johnson and Allen were expected to be the top two but both were injured early. Johnson did play in 10 and rushed for 278 (5.0). Allen had 152 (4.8) in just 3. After six games Kennedy had just 291 but exploded for 182 (6.3) vs BG, 277 (11.1) vs EM, 153 (5.1) vs Tol, 142 (5.7) vs Buff, 123 (3.6) vs Ohio and 153 (6.1) vs Tem. He had the 3rd most productive season for an Akron RB with 1,321 (5.5) and his 277 yd performance was #2 to James Black who rushed for 295 vs Austin Peay in 1983. This year they lose Kennedy (9 st) and Johnson (1 st). Contending for time will be Gary Pride (5'8" 180 So, PS#201), Joe Tuzze (5'11" 220 Sr, PS#214), Nathan Cope (5'10" 185 So), Thomas Miller (5'10" 160 rFr), Nate Burney (5'6" 160 Jr) and LeVon Morefield (5'9" 230 Jr). Last year's unit was hit hard by injuries and while it will be tough to top Kennedy's production, I like the top 3 RB's in Allen (ret from inj), L'ville trans Dale Martin (PS#22) and Ohio St transfer DeVoe Torrence (PS#15). If they are healthy, it could be one of the MAC's top RB corps.

RECEIVERS - Akron's WR record for rec in a season has been broken 5 times in the last 7 years. In 2007 Jabari Arthur reset the record with 86 and 1,171 yd (13.6) with the next closest WR, Alphonso Owen, having 159 (11.4). Last year Akron had to replace Arthur (all-time leading rec) but added Deryn Bowser (PS#34JC). Bowser missed most of fall camp but still was dominant early and had a remarkable catch vs Kent St where he reached over the DB on 4th & 11 with 1:35 left in the EZ and barely got his feet down for the go-ahead TD. He led with 785 (12.3) but did have about a dozen drops. Andre Jones (PS#65QB) had 678 (14.4). Jeremy Bruce (PS#82) had 345 (11.9) and Dashan Miller (PS#99) added 187 (11.7). This year they lose Owen (15 rec, 5 st), Brandon Williams (4 rec) and TE Merce Poindexter (12 rec, 2 st). Bowser was impressive in his first spring here. Adding depth are Troy Eison (6'1" 185 Jr) and Shawn Roberts (6'0" 165 So). Not only is this group more experienced, but they have perhaps the MAC's best collection of HT's at this position.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06, the Zips had 9 of the top 10 OL's back but for the 2nd time in 3 years, a veteran O-line underperformed as they paved the way for just 84 ypg rush (2.8), their worst since 1960 (83). In 2007, they had to replace 4 starters (incl #3DC). I pointed out that a normal analysis of the O-line with 4 starters lost would call for weaker production, but it did have a good amount of HT's and could improve. Akron did just that, moving up to 128 ypg (3.5) with 25 sacks (6.7%). Last year they only lost one player (2Y st'r). The previous 2 times they had 4 returning starting OL's the team got weaker but this time the unit performed to standards with 165 ypg and 4.6 ypc (best ypc since 2000) with just 17 sacks (4.2%). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC LT Chris Kemme (12 st, 4Y st'r) but again have 4 returning starters. Their 85 career starts returning rank #26 in FBS and despite the loss of their best player, I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Akron plays a 3-3-5. In 2006, with Rutgers transfer Nate Robinson and DE Jermaine Reid (#2DC CFL) along with 2nd Tm MAC NT Kiki Gonzalez, the Zips allowed just 136 ypg while their 3.4 ypc was their best since 1992. In 2007 they had to replace Reid, Gonzalez and NT Robinson started just 6. The Zips slipped to 184 ypg (4.5). Last year they had to replace one starter and expected Iowa transfer Ryan Bain (PS#14) to make an impact but Bain missed the season. Akron had 5 DL's injured in the first 3 and had a 4th stringer start at NG. The 235 lb Shawn Lemon, who this year is playing at ROV, started 6 at DT. The Zips allowed 187 ypg (4.5) and the team's sack total dropped to 11 (21 in '07). This year they only lose DT Eric Lively (8 st, 20 tkl). I do expect Bain, who missed spring with a back injury, to have a major impact. Virginia transfer Almondo Sewell enters his 3rd year as a starter and this should be a much improved front.

LINEBACKERS - Although the Zips play a 3-3-5 I list them as a 4 LB corps counting the ROV and the BAN both as LB's. In '07 they returned their #1, #2 and #3 tkl'rs from this unit. Last year they had to replace the school's career leading tfl leader and 1 other starter (#1, #8 tkl'rs) so they had 2 starters back (#3, #9). This year they lose 3rd Tm MAC LB Kevin Grant (12 st, #1 tkl'r), BAN Doug Williams (12 st, 69 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and Ray Siler (20 tkl). ROV Wayne Cobham moves to FS so they have just 1 starter returning in Mike Thomas (#2 tkl'r, 8.5 tfl). This looks like a decent group but is a little less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 Akron had 7 of the top 8 back (6 w/st exp) but surprisingly, slipped to #85 in my pass D rankings. Reggie Corner led the MAC with 7 int's and Davanzo Tate had 17 pbu. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including 1st Tm MAC CB Corner (#4DC) and the lone returning starter, Andre Jones, was moved to WR. They did move RB Brian Williams to SS and he had 64 tackles and 7 tfl (3rd Tm MAC). As you would expect, the inexperienced group dropped to #112. This year they lose CB Brandon Anderson (11 st, 42 tkl, 10 pbu) and SS Williams (11 st, #5 tkl'r). Not listed below are Doug Richardson (6'0" 170 Jr) and Jared Province (6'1" 195 rFr). They moved ROV Cobham to FS so they basically have 3 starters returning and figure to make a good-sized jump in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Brookhart's first 3 years UA finished #72, #96 and #115 in my ST rankings. In '07, Brookhart coached the ST himself and the unit rose to #48 as KR's Brian Williams (31.9) and Andre Jones (32.8), who also had 14.5 PR, were remarkable. P John Stec had a 33.3 net but K Igor Iveljic hit 15 of 18 FG's (long 51). Last year, despite teams kicking away from him, KR Williams avg 29.0 and Dashan Miller was #2 (24.3). Jones' PR avg dropped to a mediocre 6.6. Iveljic hit 18-28 (long 49) and Branko Rogovic had 4 TB on 57 KO Stec avg 37.1 (32.8 net) and vs OU (worst gm), they allowed 296 ret yd. UA surprisingly dropped to #91. This year they must replace Williams but could move up.

COACHES - In '04, JD Brookhart became the 3rd HC here since UA started IA ball in '87. Brookhart, who was a 3Y starting WR at Colo St from '85-'87, began his coaching career as a Denver Broncos asst ('95-'96) and went to Pitt in '97 (OC 4Y). Jim Fleming is in his 6th year as DC. He was the DB coach at UNC in 2002-'03 and the HC at Sacred Heart (FCS) where he was 21-1. His previous DC stints were at Villanova, Brown and Boise St. Akron made a pair of great hires bringing in former Miami, OH head man Shane Montgomery as OC/TE coach and former Pitt and Stanford HC Walt Harris as passing game coor/QB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Akron recorded back-to-back winning years in 1999 and 2000 under then-HC Lee Owens, breaking a streak of six straight losing seasons. They lost some close games in both 2001 and 2002 and in Owens' final season (2003), finished a solid 7-5 (+55 ypg MAC play) but he was let go. Brookhart inherited QB Frye and 12 starters in 2004. Akron won 5 of their last 6 and was the only bowl eligible team in the NCAA that was not on suspension that did not go to a bowl. Brookhart's first Zips team went 6-2 in MAC play but was -48.9 ypg. In 2005, the Zips had 9 true frosh on the 2 deep. They had the best schedule of the MAC East schools but the season appeared lost after they blew a pair of 17-7 leads vs both CM and Miami. Akron then lost to Ball St on the road and was just 4-5. They not only won their final 3, but also had some of the right teams lose their final games. UA went 5-3 and won the tie-breakers and shared the MAC East Title. They got a TD pass with :10 left to upset NI in the MAC Title game and amazingly became MAC Champs, their first EVER conference title! The 2005 squad became just the 31st team in NCAA history to have a 1,000 yard rusher, 1,000 yard rec and 3,000 yard passer on the same team but two of those players had to be replaced. In 2006, the Zips drew the toughest schedule of the MAC East teams and while they were pretty much the consensus pick to win the MAC East, I actually pegged them 3rd. They upset NCSt on the road but fell to 5-7 and finished 3rd in the East (+4.5 ypg). In 2007, Akron was 3-5 in the MAC but was a league worst -74.5 ypg. Akron had only 12 returning starters in 2008 and was picked for last in the MAC East by the MAC media. After being blown out by Wisc, they upset Syr. Two weeks later they won another non-conf road game vs Army. UA recorded 4 road wins for the first time since they moved to IA (1987). A new term "Akroned" was born meaning a team controlled the game vs the Zips but suffered a tough loss at the end. That happened when they beat Kent St 30-27 which included a 4th & 11 pass that was ruled incomplete but then replays called it a TD and they pulled out the win in 2OT. Two weeks later vs EM, UA had its game winning FG blk'd but EM got "Akroned" when the Zips caught the blk'd FG, advanced it for a FD and then got a TD 2 plays later. After beating Toledo 47-30, the Zips were 5-4 and in first place but they lost their last 3 included a 4OT effort vs Buffalo and in the season finale, Temple got 3 TD's in the final 7:59 to win by 21. This year the Zips have 15 returning starters including their QB and had 2 net close losses last year. They are also very excited for the opening of their brand-new on campus stadium. I really like the addition of Montgomery and Harris as off asst. While the Zips have had 3 straight losing years in which they benefitted from some miracle wins, this is Brookhart's best team yet and they won't need any luck. I give them a good shot at an 8 win season which would be their most since 1985 (8-4).

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 11 CHRIS JACQUEMAIN SR. 6-2 215 PS#346. 1623 (56%), 11-10 ratio '07. 12 st, 2748 (58%), 20-14 LY. **5** Matt Rodgers (6'2" 205 So) PS#168. 2 gm. Jordan Miller (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#160.

RB 4 DeVoe Torrence rFr. 6-1 215 **PS#15. 10** Alex Allen (6'0" 205 Sr) PS#282. 420 (4.1) '07. 2 st (inj), 152 (4.8) LY. Dale Martin (6'0" 195 So) **PS#22. L'ville trans.** Tore Achilles spg '09.

WR 1 DERYN BOWSER SR. 6-1 210 **PS#34JC**. 11 st, 785 (12.3), **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **88** Dashan Miller (6'1" 200 Sr) PS#99 '06, orig at UTEP, JUCO. 8 st, 187 (11.7) here LY.

WR 12 JEREMY BRUCE SR. 5-9 195 PS#82. 2 st, 98 (12.3) 2Y at **W Virg.** Trans '07. 12 st, 345 (11.9) here LY. Jeremy LaFrance is PS#236JC. Richard Sandilands (6'0" 180 Jr).

WR 21 ANDRE JONES SR. 5-11 180 PS#65. 22 st@FS, 156 tkl 2Y. 10 st@WR, 678 (14.4), **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **80** Nadir Brown (6'5" 200 rFr) PS#227. **6** Curtis Brown (5'11" 205 So).

TE 84 RHYNE LADRACH rFR. 6-6 240 PS#122. **90** Andrew Colosimo (6'5" 275 rFr) PS#144. **98** Nick Legger (6'1" 265 Sr). Jon Root is PS#139. **94** Mike Polinski (6'0" 220 Jr).

C 51 ELLIOTT BATES SR. 6-3 295 PS#157.2 st, 5 gm '07. 12 st LY. **53** Dan Ronsman (6'4" 290 So) PS#485. 1 gm rFr. Also #1 LS. Adam Steiner is PS#568. Signed as LS.

RG 78 ZACK ANDERSON SR. 6-4 310 **PS#65**. 2 gm rFr. 11 st '07. 12 st LY. **70** Paul Simkovich (6'3" 295 So) PS#140. 1 gm rFr. **61** Mitch Straight (6'6" 320 rFr) PS#481. +30 lbs.

LG 71 MIKE WARD JR. 6-3 310 PS#160. 12 st rFr. 12 st LY. **72** Zac Kasparek (6'5" 315 So) PS#302. 1 gm rFr. Sean McCarthy (6'3" 280 rFr) PS#460. Joe Petrides PS#342.

RT 73 Jake Anderson So. 6-5 305 PS#380. 12 gm rFr. **79** Jason Sekinger (6'9" 335 Jr) PS#344. 10 gm rFr. 11 gm LY. Adam Bice (6'5" 275 rFr) PS#390. Joe Vidovic is PS#539.

LT 75 COREY WOODS JR. 6-5 305 12 st rFr. 12 st LY. Added 55 lbs S/enroll. **69** Casey Estrada (6'4" 295 Sr) PS#132JC. Backup LT LY. Joe Pachuta (6'7" 280 Fr) PS#400 GS LY.

K 45 IGOR IVELJIC JR. 6-0 190 PS#50. Med RS '06. 15 of 18 FG, long of 51 '07, 18 of 28 FG, long of 49 LY. **37** Branko Rogovic (5'8" 170 Jr). 57 KO, 4 TB in 2008.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 56 ALMONDO SEWELL JR. 6-1 280 PS#72. Orig w/**Virginia.** 11 st, 65 tkl, 14 tfl, 2nd Tm MAC true. 12 st, 62 tkl, **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **52** Marquinn Davis (6'6" 290 So). Deni Odofin (6'3" 230 Jr).

NT 92 RYAN BAIN SR. 6-2 290 **PS#14.** 21 tkl true. 4 st, 35 tkl '06. Trans from **Iowa** '07. DNP LY. **60** Dan Marcoux (6'3" 275 So) PS#365. 4 st, 11 tkl rFr. Cowles Stewart (6'1" 295 So). 3 tkl.

DT NA Phil Tonga Jr. 6-4 275 PS#423JC. **45** Joe Rash (6'2" 275 So) PS#93. 3 st, 12 tkl rFr. Hasan Hazime (6'5" 255 So) PS#464. 3 tkl true. James Harvey (6'4" 290 So) PS#421. 1 st LY.

BAN 20 MIKE THOMAS JR. 5-10 215 PS#382. UMass trans. 9 st, 81 tkl, 8.5 tfl here LY. **49** Matt Little (6'2" 230 So) PS#404. 1 tkl rFr. Blake Fraley is PS#636. Marcus Lemon (5'10" 225 Sr).

MLB 23 Sean Fobbs Jr. 6-1 240 PS#443. 10 tkl true. 2 st, 10 tkl LY. **47** Al-Teric Balaam (6'0" 245 Sr) PS#233. 10 tkl rFr. DNP '07. 21 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **13** Shane Shead (6'3" 240 So) PS#365.

SLB 25 Aaron Williams So. 6-0 205 PS#225. 10 gm, 47 tkl LY. **34** Brian Wagner (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#258. **28** Amin Kabir (6'1" 205 Sr). 1 st, 25 tkl 3Y. Viktor Rajek (6'3" 235 Jr). 5 gm 2Y.

ROV 94 Shawn Lemon Jr. 6-1 235 PS#299. GS '06. 5 tkl true. 6 st@DT, 34 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **31** Troy Gilmer (6'1" 215 rFr) PS#423. Will Fleming (6'4" 205 Fr) PS#201. Grayshirt LY.

CB 11 MIGUEL GRAHAM SR. 5-9 170 PS#306JC. 6 tkl here '07. 12 st, 70 tkl, 11 pd LY. **46** Marvase Byrd (5'8" 170 rFr) PS#271. **17** Norman Shuford (5'9" 170 rFr) PS#310.

CB NA Diamond Weaver Jr. 5-10 180 PS#201JC. IFS. **6** Manley Waller (5'8" 160 So) PS#332. 1 st, 18 tkl true. Dante Barnes (6'1" 190 So). 1 gm 2Y. Bryant McMillon (5'8" 180 Sr). 8 gm 2Y.

SS 2 JALIL CARTER JR. 6-1 190 PS#406. 6 tkl, 12 gm true. 7 st, 48 tkl, 5 pd LY. **48** Tyler Campbell (5'11" 190 Jr). 11 gm true. 12 gm, 5 st, 63 tkl LY. **22** Da-Von Moore (5'11" 220 So) PS#228.

FS 27 WAYNE COBHAM SR. 6-2 200 PS#444. 5 st, 52 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 63 tkl LY. **26** Kevin Davis (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#550JC. RS here LY. **33** Josh Richmond (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#456.

P 38 JOHN STEC SR. 5-8 190 60 punts (38.6), 32.1 net as true. 75 punts (37.5), 33.3 net '07. 48 punts (37.1), 32.8 net LY. **8** Zach Campbell (6'2" 190 So). No gm action LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB	Diamond Weaver 5-10 180 PS#201JC
QB	Patrick Nicely 6-4 220 PS#80
WR	Jeremy LaFrance 6-1 200 PS#236JC
OL	Jake Brandt 6-6 255 PS#190
DL	Chris Henderson 6-2 325 PS#193
DB	Will Fleming 6-4 205 PS#201 '08
DL	Phil Tonga 6-4 275 PS#423JC
WR	Randy Greenwood 5-11 180 PS#243RB
OL	Joe Petrides 6-6 255 PS#342
DB	Bill Alexander 5-10 165 PS#387
WR	Nolan Procter 5-9 170 PS#304
DB	Jordan Houser 5-11 180 PS#437
WR	Dee Friesen 5-9 165 PS#362
OL	Joe Pachuta 6-7 280 PS#400 '08
DB	Jake Delmonico 5-11 175 PS#508
WR	Jerrod Dillard 6-5 190 PS#433
DL	Abdullah Homayed 6-4 235 PS#492
TE	Grant Williams 6-5 220 PS#136
OL	Joe Vidovic 6-6 265 PS#539
TE	Jon Root 6-6 225 PS#139
OL	Adam Steiner 6-2 215 PS#568
LB	David Anderson 6-2 220 PS#602
WR	Anthony Meriwether 6-2 190 PS#589
LB	Blake Fraley 6-1 225 PS#636
K	Josh Couch 6-3 220 PS#163
RB	Broderick Alexander 6-2 215 PS#1607
LB	Larry Dawson 6-0 200 PS#1667

AKRON ZIPS

Akron, Ohio
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#113

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at Penn St	G					UA is 1-18 vs B10 tms & this will be the 3rd time in 6 yrs opening up at Beaver Stadium. Akron has dropped 10 straight "true" road openers with the avg loss by 26 ppg.
Sep. 12	Morgan St	A					This will mark the Grand Opening of the new on-campus facility, InfoCision Stadium/Summa Field. The Bears were 6-6 in '08 & their QB Carlton Jackson played w/the Zips in '06 & '07.
Sep. 19	Indiana	A					Zips will make history vs the Hoosiers as it will mark the 1st time they have hosted a Big Ten opp. Coming into '09, UA has just 5 wins (51 gms) vs current BCS tms, but 2 have come in the L3Y.
Sep. 26	at Central Michigan	A					Zips are 1-6 their L/7 gms S/'98 vs the Chippewas, the lone win was at Mt Pleasant in '03. UA is 3-9 on the MAC road the L3Y w/the avg win by 4 ppg & avg loss by 14 ppg.
Oct. 3							Bonus: UA will be playing its 1st gm on campus since Sept 21, 1940 (hosted Detroit Tech @Buchtel Field).
Oct. 10	Ohio (HC)	A					The HT in this series is 17-7-1 & UA has won 7 of the L/10. UA is 7-3 after a bye S/'98. Zips are 50-33-2 all-time on Homecoming as this is the 1st "true" HC gm S/'39.
Oct. 17	at Buffalo	A					UA has had at least 3 sks in 7 of the L/8 vs UB & during that span have outsk'd them 28-14. Akron is 8-2 vs UB, but has dropped the L/2. LY's gm went to 4OT (UA tied gm w/:23 left).
Oct. 24	at Syracuse	A					UA is 3-12 all-time vs current BE schools, but they did beat SU LY in the Carrier Dome. Tied 28-28 w/12:56 left, Zips went 78/10pl & 54/5pl & had 2 SOD vs the Orange.
Oct. 31	at Northern Illinois	A					The last meeting was the '05 MAC Title gm which UA won on a 36 yd TD pass w/:10 left. Series is tied at 5-5 (UA has won 4 of L/6). UA is 0-3 in their 3rd staight AG S/'04.
Nov. 7	Kent St	A					This will be the 52nd meeting & the 38th Wagon Wheel gm (UA leads 29-20-2 & has won 10 of 12). LY Akron was outFD'd 25-15, outgained 413-301 & had a -1 TO ratio, but won in 2OT vs KSU.
Nov. 13	Temple (Fri)	A					After playing rival KSU, Akron is 0-12 the following week in reg season play S/'93. Last time here the Zips allowed 21 4Q pts including a 19 yd TD pass with :27 left.
Nov. 20	at Bowling Green (Fri)	A					After winning 4 of 5 gms from 1999-'06, UA has dropped 2 straight including LY when they blew a 27-14 4Q lead giving up 23 pts in the 4Q. UA has lost 5 straight Nov AG's.
Nov. 27	E Michigan (Fri)	A					In 2001, UA scored 65 pts vs EM which is tied for a school rec (127 combined pts is a UA record). The HT is 7-1 the L/8 meetings. UA has lost 3 straight home finales.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Charlie Frye 11,049 '01-'04
2. James Washington 6,699 '97-'00
3. Luke Getsy 6,117 '05-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Clark 4,257 '84-'86
2. James Black 3,054 '80-'83
3. Jack Beidleman 3,032 '67-'70

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jabari Arthur 2,653 '04-'07
2. Lavel Bailey 2,577 '97-'00
3. Dan Ruff 2,531 '67-'70

JD BROOKHART (Career 27-33)
6th Year at Akron
Brookhart Bowl Record: 0-1

Brookhart's records AT AKRON

27-33	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
13-11	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
12-21	Away	2-10	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	4-2	Off A Bye
21-20	Vs Conference	17-11	Off A Loss

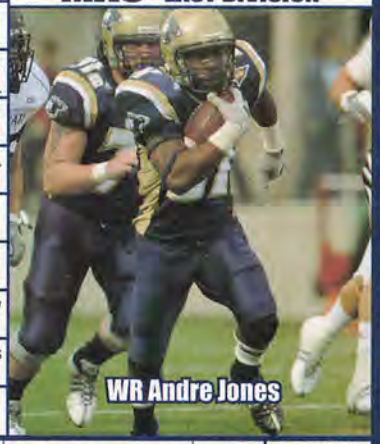
2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (21,21,3)
Lost: 22 (10,10,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,342 (#118)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


WR Andre Jones

STADIUM: INFOCISION STADIUM (30,000) (#105)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (ProGrass)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-7	4-8	7-5	6-5	7-6	5-7	4-8	5-7	48-58
Home	3-3	3-1	3-2	5-1	3-2	3-2	4-1	2-2	1-4	27-18
Away	3-2	1-6	1-6	2-4	3-3	3-3	1-6	1-6	4-3	19-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-2	6-3	3-5	3-5	3-5	38-35
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-3	2-2	0-3	1-3	2-2	1-3	2-2	10-23
ATS	7-4	4-6-1	4-7	5-5	6-5	7-6	4-8	6-5-1	6-6	49-52-2
Home Fav (Last Game 1995)	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	2-2	2-3	0-1	1-1	9-15
Home Dog (Last Game 2006)	3-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	3-0	1-1	11-6
Away Favorite	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	0-0	2-2	7-10
Away Dog	2-0	2-3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	3-1	2-2	2-4-1	2-1	20-19-2
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	5-4	1-7	4-3-1	2-6	32-39-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-3	2-2	3-1	2-2	4-0	17-13
Off SU Win	3-2	1-2	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-4	0-5	1-2-1	2-3	19-23-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-4-1	2-5	2-2	2-2	3-2	4-2	4-3	3-3	25-25-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dennis Kennedy	239	1363	42	1321	17	5.5
Andrew Johnson	56	288	10	278	2	5.0
Alex Allen	32	164	12	152	3	4.8
Joe Tuzze	14	68	1	67	0	4.8
Jeremy Bruce	18	68	15	53	0	2.9
Andre Jones	4	51	0	51	0	12.8
Chris Jacquemain	55	176	130	46	1	0.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chris Jacquemain	399	231	57.9	2748	20	14
Dennis Kennedy	3	1	33.3	30	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Deryn Bowser	64	785	12.3	4	60	
Andre Jones	47	678	14.4	7	49	
Jeremy Bruce	29	345	11.9	1	27	
Dennis Kennedy	31	314	10.1	1	57	
Dashan Miller	16	187	11.7	2	37	
Alphonso Owen	15	173	11.5	1	34	
Merce Poindexter	12	145	12.1	4	22	
Andrew Johnson	11	64	5.8	0	20	
Brandon Williams	4	57	14.2	0	22	
Alex Allen	2	22	11.0	0	12	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
John Stec	48	1782	37.1	20	32.8	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Igor Iveljic	38-40	10-14	5-6	3-7	0-1	18-28	49

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Grant	85	4	4.5	3	0
Mike Thomas	81	2.5	6	1	0
Miguel Graham	70	0	2	8	3
Doug Williams	69	0	4.5	1	2
Bryan Williams	64	0	7	3	1
Wayne Cobham	63	0	0.5	3	0
Tyler Campbell	63	0	0	1	0
Almondo Sewell	62	2	4	0	0
Jalil Carter	48	0.5	1	4	1
Aaron Williams	47	1	0.5	1	0
Brandon Anderson	42	0	1	10	1
Shawn Lemon	34	0	5	0	0
Al-Teric Balaam	21	0	2	0	0
Eric Lively	20	1	2	1	0
Ray Siler	20	0	0	1	0
Manley Waller	18	0	1	1	1
Joe Rash	12	0	1	0	0
Amin Kabir	12	0	0	0	0
Dan Marcoux	11	0	1	0	0
Evan Laube	10	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Jones	7	46	6.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Bryan Williams	21	609	29.0	0
Dashan Miller	13	316	24.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Motor City	+4	Memphis	31-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Akron's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	30.0	397	165	4.6	232	57.4	13.2	17	+6	2008	5	31.3	398	187	4.5	210	63.5	12.7	11
5	21.2	312	128	3.5	184	53.7	14.7	25	-1	2007	8	29.2	409	184	4.5	225	61.3	14.0	21
8*	19.7	310	84	2.8	227	52.6	15.8	31	+1	2006	8	22.6	322	136	3.4	186	55.4	14.3	17
5	23.6	384	107	3.3	277	52.5	16.3	21	-7	2005	7	24.5	340	159	3.9	181	58.6	13.9	31
6*	24.6	337	97	2.8	240	63.4	13.7	40	+6	2004	6	31.5	426	189	5.0	237	64.9	13.5	29
11*	36.3	470	159	4.0	311	63.9	13.0	32	+7	2003	6	29.4	404	178	4.7	226	57.1	13.7	22
4*	27.1	404	158	3.9	247	65.6	14.9	34	-1	2002	6	31.6	395	167	4.1	227	62.9	12.5	12

2008 STATS BY GAME

UA 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
80,910	at Wisconsin	19	22-70	3.2	22-37	227	2	27	63-404	6.4	7-10	75	0	+2
31,808	at Syracuse	29	46-218	4.7	20-26	260	2	20	43-218	5.1	13-20	135	2	+1
9,013	Ball St	22	28-119	4.3	22-45	299	2	30	44-191	4.3	24-36	300	1	-3
27,040	at Army	18	37-153	4.1	14-25	204	0	15	48-160	3.3	7-13	63	3	+4
16,927	Cincinnati	23	33-104	3.2	26-42	254	3	21	31-104	3.4	24-38	322	0	+1
18,536	at Kent St	15	29-58	2.0	21-39	243	1	25	58-256	4.4	17-31	157	1	-1
17,119	Bowling Green	22	42-206	4.9	19-34	161	1	25	27-175	6.5	27-42	244	0	+1
17,055	at E Michigan	22	42-339	8.1	11-19	208	2	21	41-182	4.4	22-34	258	1	+1
10,134	Toledo	28	44-232	5.3	16-23	226	0	23	25-93	3.7	23-35	277	0	0
18,516	Buffalo	20	34-179	5.3	20-38	295	0	27	57-224	3.9	27-39	252	1	-2
13,114	at Ohio	23	47-139	3.0	21-37	235	3	16	23-91	4.0	20-28	222	0	+2
11,234	at Temple	15	31-165	5.3	20-39	166	1	20	44-148	3.4	15-30	220	2	0
TOTALS		256	435-1982	4.6	232-404	2778	17	270	504-2246	4.5	226-356	2525	11	+6
AVERAGES		21.3	36-165	4.6	19-34	232	4.2%	22.5	42-187	4.5	19-30	210	3.1%	0.5

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Penn St	+15'	10-48
–	Middle Tennessee	-6'	24-31
–	at Virginia - #12	+31'	0-51
–	at Kent St	+7	24-19
–	at N Illinois	+17'	19-49
–	Buffalo	-8'	44-21
–	at UCF	+2'	26-21
–	Ball St	-10	35-23
–	Marshall	+9	31-28
–	at Ohio	+1'	31-19
–	Miami, Oh	+7'	27-37

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Purdue - #13	+34'	24-49
–	at Middle Tennessee	+6	17-7
–	N Illinois	+7	48-42 OT
–	C Michigan	-11	17-31
–	at Buffalo	-10	13-7
–	at Miami, Oh	+13'	23-51
–	Army	-9	0-20
–	at Bowling Green	+14	24-14
–	at Ball St	-3	17-23
–	Ohio	-3	27-3
–	Kent St	-12'	35-3
–	† N Illinois	+13	31-30

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Penn St - #19	+17'	16-34
–	at NC State	+9	20-17
–	at C Michigan	-1	21-24
–	North Texas	-17	33-13
–	at Kent St	-2'	15-37
–	at Cincinnati	+6'	14-20
–	Miami, Oh	-7'	24-13
–	at Toledo	-4'	20-35
–	Bowling Green	-8	35-28
–	Buffalo	-17'	31-16
–	at Ohio	+4	7-17
–	W Michigan	-2'	0-17

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Army	-6	22-14
–	at Ohio St - #12	+29	2-20
–	at Indiana	+13'	24-41
–	Kent St	+2	27-20
–	at Connecticut	+15'	10-44
–	at W Michigan	+8'	39-38
–	Temple	-10'	20-24
–	at Buffalo	+1	10-26
–	at Bowling Green	+7	20-44
–	Ohio	+3	48-37
–	at Miami, Oh	+7	0-7
–	C Michigan	+3'	32-35

2008 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wisconsin -#13	+26'	17-38
–	at Syracuse	+4'	42-28
–	Ball St	+7	24-41
–	at Army	-10	22-3
–	Cincinnati	+11	15-17
–	at Kent St	-3'	30-27 2OT
–	Bowling Green	E	33-37
–	at E Michigan	-5	42-35
–	Toledo	-6'	47-30
–	Buffalo	-3'	40-43 4OT
–	at Ohio	-2'	42-49
–	at Temple	+2'	6-27

TEMPLE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Temple used three QB's and they combined to avg just 164 ypg (48.3%) with a 4-13 ratio. In 2006 true frosh Vaughn Charlton (PS#142) and soph Adam DiMichele, who orig signed at Penn St, battled for the job. The two alternated with DiMichele starting 9 and throwing for 1,518 (61.4%) with a 10-12 ratio and Charlton starting 3 and throwing for 417 (55.3%) with a 2-2 ratio. In 2007 DiMichele started the first 8 with Charlton playing in 2 of the first 7 (4 att). DiMichele threw for 1,595 (61.9%) with a 12-10 ratio (330 rush). He fractured his tibia in the 2Q vs Miami but was still named the Team MVP. Charlton had 3 good games hitting 61 of 95 for 197 ypg with a 2-1 ratio. In the season finale vs WM while under heavy duress he hit just 6 of 25 for 92. Charlton finished with 808 (56.9%) and a 3-1 ratio. Last year DiMichele threw for 1,911 (58%) with an 18-6 ratio (91 rush). DiMichele missed 3 games (inj). He was rusty in his first game back but vs EM, threw for a career high 370 while setting a school record with 6 TD passes. His four 300+ yard career games tied a Temple record (Henry Burris, 1993-'96). DiMichele was #2 in the MAC in pass efficiency. HC Al Golden's gameplan was to RS Charlton so when DiMichele was injured he went to rFr Chester Stewart (PS#134). Stewart started 3 and threw for 524 (50%) but with a 4-7 ratio. This year Charlton and Stewart will battle for the job and adding depth are Mike Gerardi (6'2" 205 So, PS#173) and Chris Coyer (PS#243). While DiMichele did miss part of 2008, it will still be tough to replace his leadership.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2007 Temple had to replace its leading rusher and Jason Harper (PS#161), who started 2 as a true, led with 586 (3.6) and had 226 yds rec. True frosh Daryl Robinson (PS#111) had 347 (4.0). Last year Golden moved Harper to WR and Robinson spent the season at West Hills CC so the top returning RB was Marcellous Grigsby (PS#56JC). VHT WR Marquise Liverpool (PS#26) had a big spring game and opened the year at RB but later moved to slot and rushed for just 126 (3.1). Joe Jones (5'11" 206 So, PS#244) finished #2 with 275 (2.8). Golden moved CB Kee-ayre Griffin to RB vs Miami and in the final 7 he ended up leading with 394 (4.1). Converted WR James Nixon (PS#94) had 110 (5.8). This year the only losses are Grigsby (45 yd, 3.0) and Nixon who goes back to WR. Syracuse transfer Lamar McPherson (PS#63) moved in from LB and was #1 in the spring. Not listed in the PSL below are Ahkeem Smith (6'0" 205 So, PS#237), Zack Collins (5'11" 235 rFr) and Robinson did return but moved to CB. This figures to be a much improved RB corps.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the Owls had to replace 3 of their top 4 rec and former walk-on Bruce Francis led with 484 (15.1). Travis Shelton (4.24 spd) missed the first 6 but finished #2 with 344 (17.2). In 2007 Shelton got into the doghouse and his numbers dropped to 133 (6.7). Francis led again with 731 (15.6) while Dy'Onne Crudup had 376 (9.6) and TE Kevin Armstrong added 277 (9.9). Last year the unit returned intact plus 2007's leading rusher, Jason Harper, moved back to WR. Francis led for a 3rd straight year with 687 (15.3) setting a school record with 4 TD's (vs EM) and 23 career TD's (Gerald Lucear '78-'81). Harper was #2 with 571 (17.3), Shelton added 230 (11.5) and Crudup was #4 with 218 (13.6). VHT Marquise Liverpool (PS#26) had 167 (8.8) after his experiment at RB. This year they lose Francis (12 st), Shelton (4 st), Armstrong (7 st, 87 yd), Phil Bartocci (0 rec) and Liverpool moves to CB. Not listed below are Charles Ferguson (6'0" 178 rFr), Josh Hutchison (5'10" 176 Jr), Nyles Bynum (6'1" 190 Jr) and TE's Lawrence Turner (6'1" 245 rFr), Mike LaBarre (6'2" 250 rFr), Richard Fricke (6'0" 240 rFr), Paul Turkavage (6'2" 238 Jr), Robert Feeley (6'3" 240 Jr) and Anthony Pekarski (6'2" 237 Jr). This group has potential but figures to be down a notch with the loss of a 3 year leader.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Temple's O-line only opened holes for 82 ypg rush (2.4). They had to replace 3 starters in 2006 and Golden made a comment prior to '06 saying the O-line had not had a full year in the weight room and he was going to be pleased with this group in 2007. His first O-line struggled as the Owls avg'd just 54 ypg rush (1.9) while allowing 48 sacks (15.6%). In 2007 they had 3 starters back but true frosh Lloyd Codada started the opener. They shuffled the OL often and just two players had more than 10 starts. With the unit less experienced than expected, they only improved to 93 ypg (2.7) with 45 sacks (12.3%). Last year the unit returned intact including star C Alex Derenthal (Tm MVP '06 & '07). Derenthal set a school record with 47 consecutive starts. Surprisingly, while Temple improved its sack total to 29 (8.6%), the rushing numbers were similar (95 ypg, 2.8). This year they lose Derenthal as well as Andre Douglas (12 st, 2Y st'r, top Hog Award), RT Jabari Ferguson (5 st) and backup Brison Manor. Eight return with starting experience and their 75 career starts rank #36 FBS so even with the loss of their top 2 OL's, they should put up the best numbers of the Golden era (haven't topped 100 ypg rush S/'04).

DEFENSIVE LINE - Temple has actually had 2 Top 20 finishes in the NCAA rankings in rush D this decade but have been far from that recently. In 2006 they had to replace their top 4 players even shifting to a 3-4 due to lack of bodies. TU's D was run over for 244 ypg rush (6.0), their worst since 1993. In 2007 they had 3 starters back and improved greatly to allowing 165 ypg (4.2). Last year the unit returned intact but surprisingly had similar numbers yielding 166 ypg (4.1). LY Miami HC Montgomery said that Temple had the best D-line in the MAC. This year they lose their top DL in 1st Tm MAC DT Terrance Knighton (54 tkl, 7.5 tfl, #3DC JAX) as well as backups Leyon Azubuike (3Y st'r but only 2 gm LY) and Chris Tremel (1 tkl). DE Junior Galette missed 4 LY (incl L/3) and also missed spring. Not listed below is Cameron Wise (6'3" 240 rFr) and Grigory Frenk (6'1" 280 Jr). Despite losing their top guy, Temple should have their best rush D since 2002.

LINEBACKERS - After having 4 career starts heading into 2007, Temple was a more veteran unit last year with 5 of the top 6 back including all 3 starters who were the #3, #4 and #5 tacklers. One of the returning starters, Omar McDonnaugh-Hales lost his starting spot and played in just 6. This year they lose McDonnaugh-Hales (1 st, 12 tkl) and Tommie Weatherspoon (12 tkl, 1 sk). They add in L'ville transfer Keith Baker (PS#162) who may be elig this year and Zach Kane, who originally signed at Miami, FI (PS#135). Not listed below are LaVesta Bryant (5'11" 205 So) and Jerrod Bowling (6'1" 230 Jr). This is the MAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Owls had inexperienced secondaries from 2003-2006 and finished #101, #109, #117 and #101 in my pass D rankings. Temple moved up to #76 in 2007 and had 9 back with starting experience last year. CB Anthony Ferla (12 st '07) DNP so they had 3 starters back. They had their best finish in my pass D rankings since 1996 at #69. This year they lose CB Evan Cooper (11 st, 44 tkl), SS Richard Sheppard (6 tkl), CB Georg Coleman (4 tkl) and CB Tommie Williams (13 tkl). Not only do 3 full-time starters ret (#1, #3 & #6 tkl'rs), they get back Ferla and move in VHT Liverpool (PS#26) from the offense, Daryl Robinson (PS#111) who had 518 total yards in '07 at RB and some top-notch transfers. The Owls should show continued improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the 2 years prior to Golden's arrival, Temple finished #112 and #119 in my ST rankings. In 2006 and 2007 they had freshmen-laden squads and despite the presence of super KR Shelton (28.8), they finished #113 in '06 and #117 in '07. Last year the unit returned intact and I called for a big upswing. They did not let me down finishing #38. Shelton avg 31.3 on KR's and Jamal Schulters avg 29.7. Jake Brownell, who hit 13 of 21 FG's (long 41) in '07, hit 8 of 14 (long 45) last year. Jeff Wathne avg 38.2 (31.9 tm net) as a true frosh and improved to 40.4 (33.5 tm net) last year. Wathne had 1 TB on 56 KO and Temple's KR defense allowed just 18.8 per return. The ST MVP was true frosh Kevin Kroboth. This year they lose Shelton but have everyone else back and could be just as strong.

COACHES - Al Golden was the youngest DC (31) in the NCAA in 2001. He was an asst at Penn St and Virginia's DC from 2001-'05 prior to coming here. Last year Syracuse inquired about Golden for its opening but he told them he was not interested. The new OC last year was Matt Rhule who was the QB coach in 2006-'07. The DC is Mark D'Onofrio. He played for Green Bay (NFL) and coached ILB's in '05 and TE in '04 at Virginia. He was the LB coach at Rutgers the 2 years prior.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Temple is now in its 7th season of play at Lincoln Financial Field and has an unusual home field advantage with its small crowds usually lulling opponents to sleep in such a large venue. The Owls have not had a winning season in 18 straight years but at least last year for the first time since 1990 they topped 4 wins in a season. The Big East booted Temple out after 2004. Playing as an Independent without any chance at winning a conf title and taking on a killer schedule, they went 0-11 in 2005 as 9 of their 11 foes were bowl eligible and TU had 5 proj starters ruled ineligible. The Owls were outscored by an average of 45.3-9.7! Then-coach Bobby Wallace resigned after undergoing tough circumstances as being kicked out of the Big East greatly hurt the recruiting. Golden stepped into a pure rebuilding situation as the Owls had just 6 ret starters and played an NCAA high 21 true frosh. Nine of their 12 opp's were bowl eligible and Temple was 1-11 (avg loss 41.3-10.9. In 2007 TU switched its helmets and uniforms to match the ones from 1972-'88 and officially joined the MAC. Golden remarked that there were very few guys in the 2006 graduating class that would have started for them "right now". TU had just 2 seniors on the roster and opened 0-5 with a late TD being wrongfully nullified vs Conn costing them a win. They did get a 39 yd FG with :09 left to beat NI and then a 19 yd TD pass with :27 left to beat Akron, their first B2B conf wins in 40 years. They won their 3rd in a row for the first time since 1990 with 17 frosh starting when they beat Miami. They finished 4-4 in the MAC (-56.6 ypg). Last year with only 2 lettermen lost they nearly became bowl eligible. **Three times TU lost on the final play of the game and finished 5-7.** After dominating Army, they lost in the rain in OT to Conn. The next week at Buffalo, TU led for all but 1:49 but gave up a 35 yd Hail Mary on the final play. They lost starting QB DiMichele on the first drive vs Penn St and were blown out 45-3. With the backup QB, they only lost to WM 7-3 at home. They destroyed Miami on the road 28-10 and outgained CM 301-297 but were done in by 3 int by backup QB Stewart and lost by 10. They trailed Ohio 10-0 but a late fumble allowed them to win 14-10. They had an excruciating loss to Navy as they led by 20 in the 4Q but Navy got a FR TD to send it into OT. Temple rallied to win its last 2 games. On the positive side they did have 3 net close losses and could have been an 8-4 team and they have 15 returning starters. On the negative side they lose QB DiMichele and last year were -70.7 ypg in MAC play (3rd worst MAC). Temple had 54 scholarship players in '06, 63 in '07, 72 in '08 and are finally up to their full allotment of 85 in '09. Temple has improved each year in the win column under Golden and I'll call for them to make it 4 in a row which means bowl eligibility (Most Improved List).

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 12 Vaughn Charlton Jr. 6-4 235 PS#142. 7 st, 1225 (56%) 5-3 ratio, 219 rush 2Y. RS LY. **7** Chester Stewart (6'3" 225 So) PS#134. 3 st, 11 gm, 524 (50%) 4-7 ratio rFr.

RB 11 LAMAR McPHERSON SR. 5-11 185 PS#63. **Syr trans.** 2Y OLB. RB spg. **20 Kee-ayre Griffin** (5'11" 185 So) PS#105. 3 st, 394 (4.1) true. **26** Joe Jones (5'11" 206 So) PS#244.

WR 18 JASON HARPER SR. 5-9 195 PS#161. 9 st RB, 772 rush (3.7) 2Y. 12 gm, 9 st, 571 (17.3) LY. **15** Dy'Onne Crudup (5'9" 175 Sr) PS#238. 392 (9.6) 2Y. 218 (13.6) LY. **FB 41** Bob DeLucas (5'11" 240 rFr).

WR 23 James Nixon So. 6-1 185 PS#94. Orig Conn. 1 st, 1 rec here LY. **84** Michael Campbell (6'2" 212 Jr) PS#426. 4 st, 11 rec 2Y. **82** Deione Sydnor-Robinson (6'0" 175 So) PS#453.

WR 10 Delano Green Jr. 5-10 170 12 gm LY. Impressed cch's. **87** Vaughn Carraway (6'2" 170 rFr) PS#58. CJ Hammond (6'2" 192 rFr) PS#188. **81** Deven Baker (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#182.

TE 86 STEVE MANERI SR. 6-6 271 PS#157. 3 st, 12 rec 2Y. 9 st, 150 (10.7) LY. **88 Evan Rodriguez** (6'3" 245 So) PS#43. **WV trans.** Matt Balasavage (6'4" 258 So) PS#47. 2 rec '07. RS LY.

C 78 SEAN BOYLE SO. 6-5 310 PS#303. 12 gm LS true. **68** Jeremy Schonbrunner (6'3" 290 So). Travel squad LY. MIP in spg. **LS 59** Jerry Barlow (6'3" 210 Jr). RS after trans LY.

RG 70 Colin Madison Jr. 6-4 310 4 st @ LG as true. 6 gm as bkup LY. **76** Steve Caputo (6'5" 300 So) PS#189. 2 st, 6 gm (inj) true. **62** Steve Ciocci (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#490.

LG 69 WAYNE TRIBUE SO. 6-4 312 PS#262. 9 st @ LG, 12 gm as true. **77 John Palumbo** (6'5" 304 So) PS#517. 5 st @ RG, 9 gm rFr. Sean Pearson PS#310 (late signee).

RT 63 Derek Dennis Jr. 6-5 316 10 st RG true. 6 st LY. **71** Darius Morris (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#215. 10 gm as true. 4 st @ LG, 9 gm '07. RS LY. Cody Bohler PS#200. Matt Paul (6'5" 300 rFr).

LT 79 PAT BOYLE SO. 6-5 308 PS#338. 4 st, 7 gm (inj) true. **73** Devin Tyler (6'7" 301 Sr) PS#451. 21 st 2Y. 5 st, 12 gm LY. **57** Marcus Brown (6'4" 292 Jr) PS#69. 10 st TE, 14 2Y. RS LY.

K 47 JAKE BROWNELL SR. 5-10 185 PS#23. **Navy trans.** 15-24, L/41 2Y here. 8-14 FG, L/45 LY. Brandon McManus PS#45. **49** Jeff Wathne (6'2" 195 Jr) PS#96. KO L2Y. **28** Inigo Abaroa (5'11" 188 rFr).

DE 99 JUNIOR GALETTE SR. 6-2 246 9 st, 52 tkl true. 4 st, 41 tkl, 11.5 tfl '07. **8 st** (inj), 46 tkl, 10 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **95** Morkeith Brown (6'6" 261 So). 8 tkl, 10 gm true. Alex Jackson PS#427.

DT 96 Muhammad Wilkerson So. 6-5 290 Hargrave '07. 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 11 gm true. **91** Elisha Joseph (6'3" 275 Jr) 1 st, 19 tkl true. 3 st, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **65** Dave Nwasike (6'2" 283 Jr).

NT 98 ANDRE NEBLETT SR. 6-2 295 9 st, 18 tkl true. 12 st, 42 tkl, 8.5 tfl '07. 11 st, 36 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **2x 2nd Tm MAC. 52** Brian Sanford (6'2" 279 Sr) 5 st, 47 tkl, 2Y. 12 st, 31 tkl LY.

RE 43 ADRIAN ROBINSON SO. 6-2 248 PS#126. 3 st, 12 gm, 20 tkl true. **45** Morris Blueford (6'4" 255 So) PS#381. Played 1st 2 LY. Scout Tm. **51** James Namude (6'1" 221 Sr) 1 game.

OLB 58 ELIJAH JOSEPH JR. 6-1 235 2 tkl true. 9 st, 54 tkl LY. **46 John Haley** (6'1" 227 Sr) 3 st, 59 tkl, 6.5 tfl 2Y. 3 st, 68 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **31** Tahir Whitehead (6'2" 215 So) PS#456. 7 tkl true.

MLB 38 ALEX JOSEPH SR. 6-2 243 9 st, 85 tkl, 8.5 tfl 2Y. 10 st, 87 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **3rd Tm MAC. 55 Keith Baker** (6'3" 230 So) PS#162. **L'ville trans.** ? '09. **40** Jordan Martin (6'3" 230 Jr). 1 st rFr.

OLB 56 AMARA KAMARA JR. 6-2 232 PS#149. 12 st, 71 tkl as true. 9 st, 67 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **34 Zach Kane** (6'2" 228 Fr) **PS#135 w/Miami FL.** Quinten White (6'3" 210 So) PS#372. 8 tkl true.

CB 29 Daryl Robinson Jr. 5-9 165 PS#111. 3 st RB true. At JC LY. **9** Anthony Ferla (5'10" 190 Sr) PS#111. 12 st, 62 tkl 2Y. DNP LY. **4** Jared Williams (5'9" 180 So) PS#266JC. RS here LY.

CB 27 JAMAL SCHULTERS JR. 5-10 188 PS#447. 10 st, 74 tkl true. 12 st, 71 tkl, 10 pd LY. **3 Marquise Liverpool** (5'11" 190 Jr) **PS#26**. From WR. Kwame Johnson PS#410JC.

SS 21 DOMINIQUE HARRIS SR. 6-3 215 19 st, 140 tkl, 14 pd 2Y. 12 st, 66 tkl, 6 pd LY. **17** Martin Terrell (5'10" 187 So) PS#408. 7 tkl, 12 gm true. **25** Deonte Parker PS#274JC. Ricky Ueberroth (6'3" 195 Sr).

FS 16 JAIQUAWN JARRETT JR. 6-2 195 6 st, 61 tkl true. 12 st, 88 tkl, 4 pd LY. **37** Kevin Kroboth (6'0" 190 So) PS#264. 1 st, 8 tkl true. **1** Wilbert Brinson (6'0" 199 Sr) 7 st, 63 tkl 3Y.

P 49 JEFF WATHNE JR. 6-2 195 PS#96. 68 punt (38.2), 40 KO true. 65 punt (40.4), 56 KO (61.8), **3rd Tm MAC** LY. Ray Guy Watch list '09. **29** Jordan Ottinger (5'10" 180 rFr) PS#90.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Zach Kane 6-2 228 PS#135 '08
OL	Evan Regas 6-4 320 PS#185
OL	Cody Bohler 6-7 305 PS#200
DB	Deonte Parker 5-11 185 PS#274JC
DL	Kadeem Custis 6-4 275 PS#210OL
WR	Deon Miller 6-6 210 PS#164
LB	Geofrey Prather 6-2 210 PS#134 '08
LB	Keith Baker 6-3 230 PS#162 '08
DB	Kwame Johnson 5-11 185 PS#410JC
WR	Andrew Opoku 6-4 210 PS#221
RB	Bernard Pierce 6-0 210 PS#229
OL	Sean Pearson 6-5 295 PS#310
TE	Chris Parthemore 6-4 230 PS#334DL
DL	Levi Brown 6-2 312 PS#335
DB	Maurice Jones 5-10 195 PS#275 '08
K	Brandon McManus 6-3 185 PS#45
LB	Gary Onuekwusi 6-1 215 PS#326
OL	Jeff Whittingham 6-2 300 PS#392DL
DB	Justin Gildea 5-11 180 PS#421
RB	Blaze Caponegro 6-1 205 PS#361
QB	Chris Coyer 6-3 210 PS#243
DL	Alex Jackson 6-4 236 PS#430
DL	Shahid Pauthill 6-3 295 PS#431
OL	Darryl Pringle 6-6 315 PS#500
DB	Byron Parker 5-11 173 PS#550
LB	Marcus Green 6-1 225 PS#610
WR	Matt Brown 5-5 160 PS#779RB

TEMPLE OWLS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#104

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 3	Villanova (Thur)	G					
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	at Penn St	G					
Sep. 26	Buffalo	G					
Oct. 3	at E Michigan	A					
Oct. 10	Ball St	G					
Oct. 17	Army (HC)	G					
Oct. 24	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 31	at Navy	A					
Nov. 5	Miami, Oh (Thur)	G					
Nov. 13	at Akron (Fri)	A					
Nov. 21	Kent St	G					
Nov. 27	at Ohio (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

The Wildcats went 10-3 last year losing to WV (48-21) & in the FCS quarter finals. Temple plays cross-city rival Villanova in the inaugural Mayor's Cup (TU trails series 12-14-2).

Five members of the Temple coaching staff, including HC Golden played under Paterno. Owls are 3-34-1 vs the Nittany Lions as their last win was in 1941 (14-0 shutout).

TU was "welcomed" into MAC play (outgained 414-141, -36 yds rush) in their 1st conf tilt vs UB in '07. Owls are 1-12 all-time vs UB with their only win coming in '70 (final ssn before moving up).

Temple is 4-0 all-time vs EM but have won each gm by 9 pts or less (combined 19 pts). Last year the teams combined for 989 yds & a Temple FBS game record 107 pts.

First meeting. BSU is the only current MAC tm that TU has never faced (2x's+ vs all others). TU enters '09 in the 3rd full yr of MAC status, BE members from '91-'04 (14-80 record).

The L2Y in this series the school that has been outgained has won by 16 or more pts! In LY's HC game, a ssn high 16 Temple freshman saw action, including 13 TRUE.

Coming into '09, TU is 4-22 on art turf S/'03 when Lincoln Financial switched to grass. Last met in '05 (42-17 loss) as Temple has dropped 4 straight by an avg of 23 ppg.

TU has allowed a combined 1,449 (6.2) rush yds L4Y vs Navy. The visitor is 2-6 S/'91. LY Temple blew a 20 pt 4Q lead as Navy scored 3 TD's over a 9:16 span to force OT.

The Owls jumped out to a 14-0 HT lead LY vs the RedHawks holding them to just 94 yds. TU is just 5-19 the L7Y in November reg ssn gms, but have won 3 straight at home.

In LY's season finale it was tied 6-6 in the 4Q before TU scored 21 unanswered pts. The Owls 11 wins over the Zips are the most vs any current MAC member.

WR Harper had a career high 10 rec (20.9) LY vs KSU (2nd most rec yds in TU history). Owls are 4-14 their last 18 home finales but are riding a 2 game win streak.

Down 10-0 after 3Q's LY vs OU, TU rallied in the 4Q with 14 pts & 100 yds (70% of ttl) to win. Just the schools 3rd all-time meeting as the visitor has lost each of the L2Y.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Henry Burris 7,495 '93-'96	1. Paul Palmer 4,895 '83-'86	1. Willie Marshall 2,272 '83-'86
2. Mike McGann 5,967 '01-'05	2. Tanardo Sharps 3,260 '99-'02	2. Bruce Francis 2,035 '05-'08
3. Lee Saltz 5,371 '83-'86	3. Anthony Anderson 2,610 '75-'78	3. Gerald Lucear 1,882 '78-'81

AL GOLDEN (Career 10–26)

4th Year at Temple — Golden's Bowl Record: 0-0

Golden's records AT TEMPLE

10-26	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
7-8	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
3-17	Away	0-9	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
8-8	Vs Conference	6-18	Off A Loss

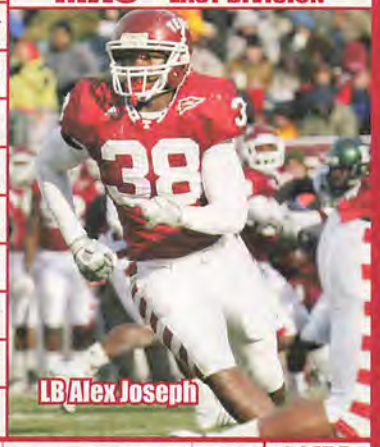
2008 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,25,2)
Lost: 16 (9,7,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,582 (#113)

MAC – EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD (68,532) (#30)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	4-8	1-11	2-9	0-11	1-11	4-8	5-7	25-79
Home	2-4	3-3	2-5	0-5	2-4	0-5	1-3	3-3	3-2	16-34
Away	2-3	1-4	2-3	1-6	0-5	0-6	0-7	1-5	2-5	9-44
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	1-6	2-5	2-5	0-7	1-5	0-0	0-0	4-4	4-4	14-36
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	1-4	0-11	1-11	0-4	1-3	11-43
ATS	7-4	5-6	5-6	7-4	6-4	5-6	5-6-1	7-5	7-4-1	54-45-2
Home Fav	1-1	3-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	6-5
Home Dog	2-2	0-2	2-4	2-1	2-3	3-2	3-1	3-1	1-0-1	18-16-1
Away Favorite	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-3
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	2-1	5-2	4-1	2-4	2-4-1	3-3	3-2	26-20-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	4-3	3-4	5-1	0-0	0-0	5-3	4-3-1	28-21-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	1-3	4-0	1-3	5-6	5-6-1	2-2	3-1	26-24-1
Off SU Win	2-2	1-2	2-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	11-12
Off SU Loss	4-2	3-4	3-4	6-3	6-1	5-5	4-6	4-3	3-3-1	38-31-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kee-ayre Griffin	96	429	35	394	5	4.1
Joe Jones	100	302	27	275	1	2.8
Marquise Liverpool	41	131	5	126	1	3.1
James Nixon	19	142	32	110	0	5.8
Adam DiMichele	61	243	152	91	3	1.5
Chester Stewart	51	162	84	78	0	1.5
Marcellous Grigsby	15	48	3	45	2	3.0
Ahkeem Smith	11	27	1	26	0	2.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Adam DiMichele	231	134	58.0	1911	18	6
Chester Stewart	106	53	50.0	524	4	7
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bruce Francis	45	687	15.3	13	49	
Jason Harper	33	571	17.3	3	58	
Travis Shelton	20	230	11.5	0	27	
Dy'Onne Crudup	16	218	13.6	1	29	
Marquise Liverpool	19	167	8.8	0	30	
Steve Maneri	14	150	10.7	4	44	
Kee-ayre Griffin	8	128	16.0	0	38	
Kevin Armstrong	13	87	6.7	0	11	
Joe Jones	12	80	6.7	1	34	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeff Wathne	65	2623	40.4	8	33.5(t)	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jake Brownell	28-31	3-4	2-5	3-5	0-0	8-14	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jaiquawn Jarrett	88	0	1.5	4	3
Alex Joseph	87	0	3.5	4	0
Jamal Schulters	71	0	0.5	7	3
John Haley	68	3	1	2	1
Amara Kamara	67	2	2	1	0
Dominique Harris	66	0	0	3	3
Elijah Joseph	54	0	2.5	2	0
Terrance Knighton	54	1	6.5	5	0
Junior Galette	46	7.5	2.5	3	0
Evan Cooper	44	0	2.5	3	0
Andre Neblett	36	1	6.5	0	0
Brian Sanford	31	2	2.5	0	0
Wibert Brinson	28	0	1	1	0
Elisha Joseph	20	0	3.5	0	0
Adrian Robinson	20	0.5	1	0	0
Tommie Williams	13	0	1	0	0
Muhammad Wilkerson	13	1	1.5	4	0
Omar McDonnaugh-Hales	12	0	1	0	0
Tommie Weatherspoon	12	0	1	0	0
Jordan Martin	11	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Delano Green	20	219	10.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Travis Shelton	23	720	31.3	1
Jamal Schulters	12	356	29.7	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20
79	Garden St - #20	+1	California	28-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Temple's All-Time Bowl Record 1–1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
11*	23.4	298	95	2.8	203	55.2	12.7	29	0	2008	10	23.1	388	166	4.1	222	60.2	16.8	18
7*	16.4	301	93	2.7	208	59.6	18.3	45	0	2007	6	26.3	364	165	4.2	199	59.1	13.8	20
4	10.9	216	54	1.9	162	59.7	19.8	48	-9	2006	2	41.3	452	244	6.0	209	59.0	10.9	15
4	9.7	247	82	2.4	165	47.7	25.4	28	-8	2005	5	45.3	461	202	4.7	259	66.2	10.2	17
7*	21.6	394	173	4.2	221	56.3	18.2	29	+2	2004	7	36.3	439	194	5.0	245	65.5	12.1	13
5*	19.6	345	120	3.5	225	52.7	17.6	35	+5	2003	3	32.8	429	202	4.6	227	63.2	13.1	21
10*	20.2	318	137	3.5	181	48.9	15.8	18	-14	2002	7	29.2	316	108	2.8	207	59.0	10.8	27

2008 STATS BY GAME

TU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
21,822	at Army	16	30-84	2.8	16-23	166	0	17	58-210	3.6	6-15	74	0	+1
17,194	Connecticut	10	34-128	3.8	11-28	170	2	21	55-293	5.3	10-22	86	1	0
18,333	at Buffalo	19	27-104	3.9	24-33	285	1	24	31-101	3.3	29-42	348	1	+1
105,106	at Penn St	10	28-16	0.6	17-32	122	7	27	45-303	6.7	18-31	238	2	-1
17,624	W Michigan	10	38-136	3.6	10-22	60	1	18	26-36	1.4	26-42	252	1	+1
17,295	at Miami, Oh	11	40-116	2.9	11-23	178	1	20	39-91	2.3	22-40	212	4	+2
22,114	at C Michigan	14	34-138	4.1	15-32	163	4	14	40-55	1.4	17-25	242	4	-3
18,824	Ohio	12	37-64	1.7	9-22	79	5	19	29-47	1.6	23-40	220	2	+2
34,775	at Navy	21	37-69	1.9	21-28	340	2	23	57-293	5.1	8-12	106	0	-1
6,886	at Kent St	16	30-72	2.4	17-29	282	3	27	59-329	5.6	18-26	232	1	-1
13,033	E Michigan	21	34-67	2.0	21-37	370	1	32	19-68	3.6	50-76	484	1	-1
11,234	Akron	20	44-148	3.4	15-30	220	2	15	31-165	5.3	20-39	166	1	0
TOTALS		180	413-1142	2.8	187-339	2435	29	257	489-1991	4.1	247-410	2665	18	0
AVERAGES		15.0	34-95	2.8	16-28	203	8.6%	21.4	41-166	4.1	21-34	222	4.4%	0.0

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Virginia - #16	+16	14-44
–	at Maryland - #23	+26'	22-45
–	Florida A&M	NL	38-7
–	at Toledo	+7'	17-45
–	Bowling Green	+7	16-70
–	Pittsburgh	+12	22-27
–	at Rutgers	+13	6-16
–	at Connecticut	+18'	31-45
–	at West Virginia - #15	+28	21-42
–	Syracuse	+8	34-24
–	Boston College - #19	+14	17-34

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arizona St - #20	+31'	16-63
–	at Wisconsin	+32'	0-65
–	Toledo	+28	17-42
–	W Michigan	+3'	16-19
–	at Bowling Green	+29	7-70
–	Maryland	+28	7-38
–	Miami, FI - #7	+41'	3-34
–	at Clemson	+36'	7-37
–	Miami, Oh	+22'	14-41
–	at Virginia	+34	3-51
–	at Navy	+27	17-38

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Buffalo	+6	3-9 OT
–	Louisville - #13	+40'	0-62
–	at Minnesota	+41'	0-62
–	at W Michigan	+30	7-41
–	at Vanderbilt	+34	14-43
–	Kent St	+23'	17-28
–	† Clemson - #12	+44'	9-63
–	at N Illinois	+32	21-43
–	Bowling Green	+16	28-14
–	C Michigan	+20	26-42
–	at Penn St	+36	0-47
–	at Navy	+31'	6-42

2007 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Navy	+21	19-30
–	Buffalo	-3'	7-42
–	at Connecticut	+30	17-22
–	at Bowling Green	+21'	35-48
–	at Army	+6'	21-37
–	N Illinois	+3'	16-15
–	at Akron	+10'	24-20
–	Miami, Oh	+6	24-17
–	at Ohio	+9	7-23
–	Penn St	+25	0-31
–	Kent St	E	24-14
–	at W Michigan	+11'	3-16

2008 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Army	-7	35-7
–	Connecticut	+6'	9-12 OT
–	at Buffalo	+6'	28-30
–	at Penn St - #16	+28'	3-45
–	W Michigan	+4	3-7
–	at Miami, Oh	+7	28-10
–	at C Michigan	+7'	14-24
–	Ohio	-3	14-10
–	at Navy	+7	27-33 OT
–	at Kent St	-1	38-41
–	E Michigan	-12'	55-52
–	Akron	-2'	27-6

BUFFALO BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, starting QB Stewart Campsel was injured in Wk 3 and true frosh Drew Willy (PS#61) took control throwing for 1,481 (60.6%) with a 6-12 ratio (234 rush). Willy's 60.6% in '05 was a school record as was his 9.9 yds per completion. With HC Turner Gill's Nebraska background, a mobile QB is the best fit for the offense and Willy was the clear-cut starter in Gill's first year ('06). Willy threw for 1,391 (59.7%) with a 6-6 ratio (167 gross rush) in 8 starts (inj). In 2007 Willy set school records for completions with 258 (Chad Salisbury 218 in '97). He also avg 9.97 yds per comp, breaking his own record. Willy threw for 2,572 (68%) with a 15-6 ratio (152 gross rush). Last year I called for him to have his best season yet and that he did throwing for 3,304 (65.0%) with an excellent 25-6 ratio. His backups were a pair of true frosh in Zach Maynard (PS#253) and Jerry Davis (PS#106). Willy became the career passing leader while setting a school record with 284 passes without an int. He was 1 of just 7 fourth year FBS starting QB's last year. Maynard and Davis will battle for the starting job. Naturally going from a 4 year starter who had the best season of his career, to a unit with 3 career attempts, there will be a large drop off here.

RB James Starks

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006, James Starks began Aug as a backup QB but at 6'2" 211, he moved to TB to get on the field. He started 7, rushing for 704 (4.0) with 34 rec (6.6) and was 2nd Tm MAC. Starks had a slow start to 2007 and backup RB Mario Henry (5'9" 213 Sr, PS#112) had 125 vs Temple. Starks did not have his first 100 yard effort until gm 6 (183 vs Ohio) but then powered his way to 231 vs Toledo, 148 vs Miami and 137 vs BG. He became Buffalo's first 1,000 yard rusher (1103, 4.4) in FBS ball and the first here since Anthony Swan ('96). Former Ball St HC Brady Hoke said that Starks is big, has power and possesses sprinter speed. Henry missed 2 with injury and had 345 (4.5) and is more of a power back. Brandon Thermilus (PS#397) added 85 (3.7). Despite missing 3 gms last yr, Starks again led with 1,333 (4.9) and 16 TD's (#2 rec with 52). Thermilus added 454 (4.5) while Henry missed half the season and had 130 (4.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Da'Von McCune (5'10" 195 Sr), Aaron Simon (6'1" 225 rFr) and Ike Nduka (5'11" 223 Jr, PS#157). The only loss is FB Chris Scharon (4 st, 23 ttl yd). Starks should have his best season as a 5th year senior.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 true frosh Naaman Roosevelt was the backup QB but moved to WR and despite only starting 7, was #2 with 429 (13.8). Terrance Breaux was #1 with 444 (13.9) but was injured early in '07 (2 rec) and Roosevelt took charge with 766 (12.2) while Ernest Jackson (162 in '06) emerged with 645 (12.2). Brett Hamlin, who led in '05 (371, 9.8) and missed most of '06, had 415 (10.9). Last year Roosevelt led with 1,402 (13.5) and was 1st Tm MAC. Jackson added 507 (11.3) and also had a KR TD while Hamlin had 459 (12.1). TE Jesse Rack (PS#220) had 205 (9.8). Not listed in the PSL is TE Michael Marr (6'3" 236 Jr, PS#180). This year the only losses are Jackson (13 st), Gary Rice (2 st, 117, 9.8) and TE Bryan Kisabeth (2 rec). While Jackson (6'2" 215 with 4.45 speed) will be missed, Roosevelt set the school record (missed MAC record by 1 catch) for rec & yds which was held by Drew Haddad ('99) and is one of the MAC's top WR's while Rack is one of the top TE's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Buffalo's 90 ypg rush (2.8) in '06 was its lowest since joining IA. In 2007 I called them one of the most improved OL's as they had 4 starters back, were in the 2nd year of Gill's offense and had good size avg 6'5" 301. As I expected, they improved to 130 ypg rush (3.7) while the sacks dropped from 39 (11%) to 27 (7.1%). Last year they only had to replace one starter and their 93 career starts returning were #13 in FBS. One returning starter, Jordan Jerrold, missed the year so they had 3 starters back. Buffalo put up similar numbers with 133 ypg rush (3.8) and 30 sacks (6.4%). This year they lose 2nd Tm MAC RG Jeff Niedermier (14 st, 44 straight), 3 year starting LT Ray Norell (14 st) and C Chris Lauzze (14 st). With Jerrold's return they basically have three starters back, but with the unit losing 96 career starts they figure to be down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite having a veteran D-line in 2005, Buffalo allowed 190 ypg (4.8). They had to replace all 4 starters in 2006 but actually improved to 185 ypg (4.7). The top 8 all returned in 2007 and they improved their ypc allowed to 4.3 (lowest since '01). Last year they had to replace DE Trevor Scott (10 sk, 2nd Tm MAC). UB saw its sack total drop from 23 to 14 and the ypc climbed to 4.9. DT Dane Robinson (10 st '07) broke his thumb and started just 6 while Chris Callahan (12 st '07) was injured and had just 6 tackles. This year they do lose DT Ronald Hilaire (8 st, 20 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Andrae Smith (14 st, 28 tkl, 3 sk), DE Mike Thompson (13 st, 38 tkl, 10.5 tfl) and Callahan. They add in JUCO Kenny Scott (PS#185 in '06) and despite the loss of 3 starters, they do have 2 players back who have been full-time starters and if they stay healthier, could show improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Buffalo had a small, inexperienced LB corps having to replace their #2 and #3 tacklers with the leading returnee having just 33 tackles in '07. They had 3 underclassmen starters and emphasized tackling the football. That helped UB recover 25 fumbles and finish +19 in TO's but it also hurt their rush D. After Conn mauled them for 358 rush (7.3), their new DC said the emphasis from the LB's this year will be tackling the players. This year the only losses are Adekunle Akingba (1 st, 36 tkl) and David Hubbard (2 tkl). This vastly more experienced unit will spearhead an improved rush D.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Buffalo finished #1 in the MAC in pass D in 2005 led by CB Gemara Williams who set UB's record for career pass deflections (39). They had their best finish ever in my pass D rankings at #54. In 2006 they only had two starters back with 8 different players earning starts and they dropped to #116. In 2007 the entire 2 deep returned and while three true frosh had a combined 25 starts, the unit moved up to #82. True frosh FS Davonte Shannon, became UB's first ever 1st Tm MAC player and led all FBS frosh with 123 tackles. In 2008 everyone returned but surprisingly Buffalo dropped to #98. Shannon (#2 tkl'r) was 1st Tm MAC again while FS Mike Newton (#3 tkl'r) was 2nd Tm MAC. This year everyone returns again and not listed below is CB Jonathan Ramos (5'9" 170 rFr). Not only do I expect significant improvement in the pass D numbers, but this could be the MAC's top secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coming into 2006 the Bulls' ST units had only finished #111, #109, #98, #117, #119 and #118. The Bulls managed to climb to #94 in '06 thanks to the infusion of Naaman Roosevelt who led in both KR (25.9) and PR (13.1). In 2007 P Ben Woods had a 37.3 net and true frosh walk-on AJ Principe hit 15 of 20 FG's (long 47) and UB was #71. Last year they only had to replace Woods. WR Alex Pierre, who blk'd 2 punts in '07, led the unit with 19 tkl in '08 with a PR and a recovered onside kick. P Peter Fardon avg 39.1 (33.2 net) while Ernest Jackson avg 25.4 on KR. Principe hit 12 of 17 FG's but was just 1 of 5 from 40+ (long 40). Buffalo dropped to #109. This year they only lose Jackson and return all other returnmen incl KR Roosevelt and the experienced unit should have a good-sized improvement.

COACHES - Turner Gill was a Heisman finalist in 1983 when he played QB at Nebraska and was regarded as one of the top recruiters at NU from 1992-2004. He enters his 4th year here and has been a hot commodity whenever a HC opening came up over the last two years. Gill was one of the finalists for the Nebraska ('07) and Auburn ('08) jobs. He was the MAC Coach of the Year in 2008 and got a 2 year extension. Gill took over the OC duties himself in 2007. He named Danny Barrett as OC for 2009 and Barrett will call the plays. This year Gill promoted Fred Reed to DC who was the DB coach here the last two years and also spent two years with the Detroit Lions.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Buffalo joined IA ball in 1999 and went from 0 to 2 to 3 wins in its first 3 years but in the next five totalled just 7 victories. In HC Jim Hofher's final season of 2005 they escaped the basement finishing 1-7 in the MAC East (-41.6 ypg only 4th worst). UB also achieved its first MAC road win. Gill inherited 12 starters and played a lot of young players. In 2006 I gave Buffalo no shot at a winning season and the Bulls went 2-10 including 1-7 in MAC play. They came into 2007 just 8-56 in 8 years of MAC play but only had to replace 5 starters. While I called them a MUCH improved team, I still called for their 11th straight losing year. Buffalo came close but finished 5-7. In the season finale vs Kent St (playing with a backup QB) they trailed 23-16 but got a late TD to force OT and won a share of the MAC East Title at 5-3!! Buffalo's 5-3 MAC record was just 3 fewer wins than they had in their first 7 years combined. The Bulls also outgained MAC foes by +70.1 ypg (3rd best). They had 16 starters back in '08. A lot of things broke in their favor last year and Buffalo actually won the MAC Championship. After blowing out UTEP 42-17 and losing to Pitt, they got a 35 yd Hail Mary on the final play to get past Temple, a game they led for just 1:49. After an expected loss to Missouri, Buffalo could have beaten CM but had a 46 yd FG bounce off the upright a few plays after they had recovered an onside kick. UB led WM 28-14 with under 5:00 left but lost in OT. The next week Army led 24-10 and Buffalo fortunately forced OT and won it by 3. After beating Ohio and Miami, UB led Akron early but needed 4OT's to pull out the "W." They trailed BG 27-7 but got a miraculous 2OT win there. Playing a meaningless game (MAC Title game on deck) vs Kent St, UB lost at home by 3. They were very fortunate vs Ball St as they were outgained 503-301 but got two long FR TD's (28 pt swing) and won the MAC Title. In the bowl vs Conn they were outgained 407-237. Despite winning the MAC Title, Buffalo was -2.1 ypg (8th best). UB also benefitted from +19 in TO's (pg 312). This is a solid Buff team once again, led by RB Starks and WR Roosevelt and they also have their top 8 tacklers back. I expect them to be one of the favorites in the MAC but I do not see them matching LY's 8 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 6 Zach Maynard So. 6-3 185 PS#253. 1-3, 7 yd, 56 rush (7.0) rFr. **14** Jerry Davis (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#106. Dual-threat. **11** Cory Jorgensen (6-2 205 So). Alex Dennison PS#301.

RB 19 JAMES STARKS SR. 6-2 211 PS#283. 180-7 (4.2), 19 st 2Y. 12 st (inj), 1333 (4.9), **1st Tm MAC** LY. **27** Brandon Thermilus (5'11" 224 Jr) 2 st, 539 (4.4) 2Y. Mario Henry. 475 (4.5) 2Y.

WR 5 Terrell Jackson So. 5-11 177 PS#194. 1 st, 1 rec true. RS LY. **84** Skyler Hagg (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#302. 15 KR (16.9) 2Y. **FB 29** Lawrence Rolle (5'10" 248 Sr). 2 st, 8 gm LY.

WR 88 BRETT HAMLIN SR. 6-1 190 6 st, 371 (9.8) true. RS '06. 415 (10.9) '07. 6 st, 459 (12.1) LY. **2** Marcus Rivers (6'4" 204 So) PS#245. 2 rec rFr. **23** Alex Pierre (6'1" 180 Sr) 3 rec 3Y.

WR 18 NAAMAN ROOSEVELT SR. 6-0 187 PS#192. 1195 (12.7) 2Y. 13 st, 1402 (13.5), **1st Tm MAC** LY. **17** Ed Young (5'11" 184 So). 11 gm on ST. **80** Saron Hood (6'2" 180 rFr) PS#326.

TE 82 JESSE RACK SR. 6-3 236 13 st, 206 (12.1) 2Y. 12 st, 205 (9.8) LY. **86** Kyle Brey (6'1" 247 Jr) PS#108. 4 st, 37 (5.3) 2Y. **87** Aaron Connacher (6'3" 250 So) PS#133. 3 st true. RS LY.

C 62 David Skrip rFr. 6-3 285 PS#441. **55** Graham Whinery (6'3" 260 rFr) PS#490. Bkup C early in yr LY but RS. **69** Josh Violanti (6'2" 264 So). 1 gm, bkup C all yr rFr.

RG 76 Matt Bacoulis Sr. 6-3 316 PS#289. 6 gm 2Y. No gm action LY. **66** Robert Colpoys (6'3" 300 Jr). JUCO. In mix in spg but inj. **61** Tyler Durinka (6'3" 290 rFr) PS#491.

LG 73 PETER BITTNER JR. 6-4 301 P#373. 12 st rFr. 14 st LY. Leader on OL. Jeremy Johnson (6'5" 310 Fr) PS#307. **65** Ted Carlson (6'4" 288 So) PS#443. Scout tm as rFr.

RT 72 ANDREW WEST SR. 6-6 314 2 st, 10 gm '07. 14 st LY. **68** Brian Kelly (6'6" 312 Jr) PS#394. **Starting LS.** 7 gm LY. **67** Gokhan Ozkan (6'7" 300 rFr) PS#325.

LT 77 Jordan Jerrold Jr. 6-8 307 19 st 2Y. RS (inj) LY. **78** Matt Ostrowski (6'7" 296 So) PS#369. 8 gm rFr. Jose Cortes (6'5" 285 rFr) PS#481. **50** Joe Mostafa (6'7" 265 rFr) PS#490.

K 39 AJ PRINCIPE JR. 5-8 154 PS#83. 15-20 FG, L/47, 32-34 xp true. 12-17 FG, L/40, 48-52 xp, 24 KO (56.3) LY. UB record for K pts. **85** John Rachuna 7-13 FG L/50 at JC.

DE 40 Steven Means rFr. 6-3 220 PS#269. Bruno Lapointe (6'5" 247 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y. Gordon DuBois (6'1" 248 So) 2 tkl rFr. Terry Peden (6'1" 240 rFr). Solomon Richberg (6'4" 296 So) PS#480.

DT 92 Dane Robinson Sr. 6-2 267 PS#236. 4 st, 13 tkl rFr, 10 st, 18 tkl '07. 6 st, 11 gm (inj), 14 tkl LY. Kenny Scott PS#435JC. IFS. **63** Kevin Johnson (6'4" 304 Sr) PS#216. 13 tkl LY.

DT 74 ANEL MONTANEZ JR. 5-11 290 1 st, 9 tkl as true. RS '07. 14 st, 28 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. **54** Richie Smith (6'2" 298 So) PS#300. 1 st, 17 tkl true. **94** Derrick Brown (6'2" 264 So) PS#288.

DE 53 Jerry Housey Jr. 6-0 244 7 tkl true. 1 st, 14 gm, 13 tkl LY. **91** Willie Moseley (6'4" 225 rFr) PS#464. Jaleel Verser (6'6" 225 rFr) PS#464. **98** Matt Brennan (6'4" 243 So) PS#404.

OLB 51 RAPHAEL AKOBUNDU JR. 5-11 223 JUCO. 13 st, 71 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **24** Dalonte Wallace (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#275. **47** Imani Chatman (6'3" 215 So) PS#464. 10 tkl, 12 gm true. Also LS.

ILB 1 DARIUS WILLIS FR. 6-3 220 PS#72. **52** Tom Drewes (6'1" 249 Jr) PS#359. 5 st, 30 tkl 2Y. John Syty (6'2" 200 So) 17 tkl, 2 int rFr. **35** Mark Richardson (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#408.

OLB 34 JUSTIN WINTERS JR. 5-11 202 4 tkl true. 13 st, 125 tkl, 7.5 tfl, **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **33** Scott Pettigrew (6'2" 210 So) PS#332. 9 st, 42 tkl true. Ray Anthony Long (6'1" 195 So) PS#408. 10 tkl.

CB 25 DOMONIC COOK JR. 5-8 187 9 st (inj), 58 tkl as true. 14 st, 76 tkl, 10 pd in '08. **22** Sherrod Lott (5'9" 176 Jr) 6 st, 33 tkl rFr. 3 st, 53 tkl, 1 pd LY. **37** Ryan Cotton (5'8" 186 rFr).

CB 12 KENDRIC HAWKINS SR. 5-10 184 19 st, 105 tkl, 14 pd, 2Y. 4 st, 7 gm (inj), 36 tkl, 3 pd LY. **15** Josh Thomas (5'10" 180 Jr) 7 st, 45 tkl true. 8 st, 57 tkl, 6 pd LY. **41** Joe Petit (6'1" 195 So) 1 tkl.

SS 7 DAVONTE SHANNON JR. 6-0 193 9 st, 123 tkl, true, 14 st, 121 tkl, 5 pd LY. **2x 1st Tm MAC.** Issac Baugh (6'1" 180 rFr) PS#259. **9** Alan Hayes (5'10" 193 So). 2 gm.

FS 30 MIKE NEWTON SR. 5-11 200 PS#406. 21 st, 146 tkl 2Y. 14 st, 112 tkl, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **43** Chris Storr (5'11" 195 Sr). 27 tkl 3Y. Josh Copeland (6'0" 204 So) PS#350. 2 st, 33 tkl true. RS LY.

P 13 PETER FARDON SO. 6-1 180 Australian FB out of HS. 65 punts (39.1), 23 inside the 20 as 26 year old "true" LY. **85** John Rachuna (6'6" 210 Jr) PS#425JC. Avg 37.6 at JC.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Darius Willis 6-3 220 PS#72QB '08
LB	Matt Jones 6-3 240 PS#173
DB	Carlos Lammons 5-9 185 PS#225
RB	Nick Sizemore 6-2 235 PS#220
RB	Branden Oliver 5-8 185 PS#241
OL	Jeremy Johnson 6-5 310 PS#307
DL	Kenny Scott 6-0 295 PS#435JC
TE	Jake Reeder 6-4 250 PS#87
RB	Jeffvon Gill 5-11 195 PS#311
DL	Albert Sparks 6-3 310 PS#363
OL	Pat Wilson 6-5 270 PS#412
DL	Matt Hornbuckle 6-1 270 PS#405
WR	Fred Lee 6-1 200 PS#350
LB	Khalil Mack 6-3 220 PS#430
QB	Alex Dennison 6-2 210 PS#301
DB	Delano Fabor 6-0 190 PS#593
RB	Peter Gagliardi 6-3 235 PS#492
DB	Bunduka Kargbo 6-1 205 PS#645
OL	Rick Perez 6-2 275 PS#834
WR	Alex Neutz 6-3 190 PS#728
DL	Jibrille Fewell 6-1 270 PS#918
DB	Jevin Colbert 6-1 170 PS#1217
TE	Jimmy Gordon 6-4 250 PS#303

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#110

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UB	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at UTEP	A					Bulls are 1-11 in road openers w/6 straight losses. LY UB had it's 1st winning ssn S/'96. UB is 3-13 all-time vs current CUSA members, but 1-0 vs UTEP with a win LY (+218 yd edge).
Sep. 12	Pittsburgh	A					The Bulls are 3-10 hosting non-conference opp's in Buffalo. UB allowed Pitt to convert 8-13 on 3D (5-7 in the 2H) in LY's loss. UB is just 9-24-1 all-time vs current BE members.
Sep. 19	at UCF	G					Buffalo is 1-5 vs former MAC member UCF, but did win the last meeting in '04. In that gm UB gained 440 yds on just 52 plays (8.5 ypp) & the 48 pts is an FBS high.
Sep. 26	at Temple	G					UB beat TU on a 35-yd "Hail Mary" pass LY, the most miraculous play in UB history. Buffalo is 12-1 all-time vs Temple (only loss in '70), including 3-0 in MAC meetings.
Oct. 3	Central Michigan	A					Last year UB scored with 1:37 left & got an onside kick but missed the 46 yd FG. Buffalo is 3-21 vs MAC West Division teams since joining the MAC in 1999.
Oct. 10	Garder Webb (HC)	A					First meeting. The Runnin' Bulldogs went 5-6 LY but almost upset GT (lost 10-7). Since their move to FBS status, UB has dropped all 4 gms vs FCS tms (avg L by 16 ppg).
Oct. 17	Akron	A					LY's 4OT win over UA, not only made UB bowl eligible but it was their longest gm in school history. Bulls are 2-8 vs the Zips as these schools have played every yr since '99.
Oct. 24	at W Michigan	A					Last visit to Kalamazoo ('05), UB gained 179 of their 360 yds in the 4Q after trailing 24-0. UB had a 28-14 lead w/5:00 in reg LY only to see WM score a TD w/:05 to force OT.
Nov. 3	Bowling Green (Tues)	A					Bulls clinched their 1st ever MAC East Division Title (in any sport) in the 2OT win LY at BG. In the 1st meeting ('00), not only was BG UB's 1st MAC win, but their 1st as a FBS program.
Nov. 10	Ohio (Tues)	A					Bulls are 10-22 (2-14 L16Y) in home finales since restarting football back in 1977. Turner Gill served as Frank Solich's asst coach while at Nebraska from 1998-'03.
Nov. 14							Bonus: The Bulls went 5-1 in regular season weekday games last year. Bonus: The Bulls are 1-9 after a bye since 2000.
Nov. 18	at Miami, Oh (Wed)	A					Prior to LY, the Bulls had dropped all 10 meetings vs MU (avg loss by 26 ppg). UB is 5-15 S'97 in November road games (2-0 LY) but only lost by 3 their last trip here.
Nov. 27	at Kent St (Fri)	A					UB saw a potential gm-winning drive end w/1:46 left LY vs KSU as they fumbled into the EZ. Visitor is 5-2 & this will mark the 18th mtg, most vs any MAC school for UB.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Drew Willy 8,748 '05-'08
2. Cliff Scott 7,578 '91-'94
3. Marty Barrett 6,945 '80-'83

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. James Starks 3,140 '06-Present
2. Anthony Swan 3,103 '94-'97
3. Alan Bell 3,022 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Drew Haddad 3,409 '96-'99
2. Naaman Roosevelt 2,597 '06-Present
3. Chris D'Amico 2,331 '80-'84

TURNER GILL (Career 15-23)
4th Year at Buffalo — Gill's Bowl Record: 0-1

Gill's records AT BUFFALO

15-23	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
9-7	Home	1-6	Vs Top 25
5-15	Away	0-10	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	1-4	Off A Bye
12-13	Vs Conference	7-14	Off A Loss

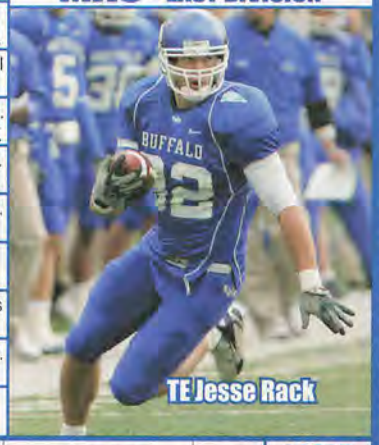
2008 RECORD: (8-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (25,25,3)
Lost: 18 (10,8,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,924 (#109)

MAC - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: UB STADIUM (29,013) (#109)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe Momentum)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	1-11	1-11	2-9	1-10	2-10	5-7	8-6	25-81
Home	2-3	1-4	0-6	1-5	2-3	0-5	2-3	3-2	4-2	15-33
Away	0-6	2-4	1-5	0-6	0-6	1-5	0-7	2-5	3-3	9-47
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
vs Conf	2-6	1-7	0-8	1-7	2-6	1-7	1-7	5-3	6-3	19-54
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	1-3	0-4	0-3	0-3	1-3	0-4	2-3	6-27
ATS	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	4-7	6-5	7-4-1	7-5	9-5	54-49-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	2-0	2-4	4-4-1
Home Dog	5-0	2-3	1-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-2	1-1	0-0	19-17
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	2-4	3-3	4-2	2-4	1-5	3-3	5-2	3-3	6-0	29-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-3	6-2	6-3	42-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-3	0-3	1-2	2-1-1	1-3	3-2	12-18-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	3-1	6-2	13-11
Off SU Loss	6-2	4-3	5-5	4-5	3-5	6-3	5-4	4-3	2-3	39-33

Coach Colors 1956 — Jim Hofher — Coach 1957

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
08	International	+7	Connecticut	20-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Buffalo's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9*	30.3	370	133	3.8	238	64.8	12.2	30	+19	2008	7	28.2	408	173	4.9	235	65.8	14.5	14
8*	24.3	348	130	3.7	218	68.6	14.3	27	+3	2007	9	27.6	406	175	4.3	231	59.9	14.7	23
7*	18.3	268	90	2.8	178	56.5	14.6	39	-4	2006	5	35.9	390	185	4.7	206	66.9	10.9	25
5	10.0	280	109	2.9	171	57.7	28.0	43	-15	2005	8	29.7	363	190	4.8	174	55.1	12.2	18
9*	17.9	270	148	3.7	121	45.4	15.1	19	+1	2004	6	31.9	402	188	4.4	214	60.6	12.6	26
7*	14.8	291	169	3.8	122	51.0	19.7	24	-2	2003	8	37.1	476	223	5.3	253	59.8	12.8	16
7	17.8	276	98	3.1	178	48.4	15.5	35	+6	2002	4	34.7	434	207	4.5	228	57.8	12.5	27

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Starks	272	1384	51	1333	16	4.9
Brandon Thermilus	100	464	10	454	7	4.5
Mario Henry	29	136	6	130	0	4.5
Zach Maynard	8	58	2	56	0	7.0
Brett Hamlin	1	13	0	13	0	13.0
Naaman Roosevelt	3	13	4	9	0	3.0
Ernest Jackson	1	4	0	4	0	4.0
Drew Willy	65	104	219	-115	4	-1.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Willy	468	304	65.0	3304	25	6
Peter Fardon	1	1	100.0	15	0	0
Zach Maynard	3	1	33.3	7	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Naaman Roosevelt	104	1402	13.5	13	68
Ernest Jackson	45	507	11.3	4	32
Brett Hamlin	38	459	12.1	5	39
James Starks	52	361	6.9	1	65
Jesse Rack	21	205	9.8	0	26
Brandon Thermilus	16	117	7.3	0	21
Gary Rice	12	117	9.8	1	34
Mario Henry	5	59	11.8	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Peter Fardon	65	2540	39.1	13	33.2	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
AJ Principe	48-52	6-7	5-5	1-5	0-0	12-17	40

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin Winters	125	2	5.5	4	1
Davonte Shannon	121	0	6	4	1
Mike Newton	112	0	5.5	7	1
Domonic Cook	76	0	1.5	7	3
Raphael Akobundu	71	0	3.5	1	0
Josh Thomas	57	0	2	6	0
Sherrod Lott	53	1	2.5	1	0
Scott Pettigrew	42	0	2	0	0
Mike Thompson	38	3	7.5	1	0
Adekunle Akingba	36	0	4	0	0
Kendric Hawkins	36	0	0	3	0
Andrae Smith	28	3	2.5	2	0
Anel Montanez	28	1	5.5	0	0
Ronald Hilaire	20	0.5	1.5	0	0
Tom Drewes	19	1	1	0	0
Alex Pierre	19	0	1	0	0
John Syty	17	0	1	0	2
Richie Smith	17	1	0.5	0	0
Dane Robinson	14	1.5	0	0	0
Kevin Johnson	13	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brett Hamlin	4	57	14.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ernest Jackson	13	330	25.4	1
Mario Henry	8	196	24.5	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

UB 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
16,656	UTEP	23	50-263	5.3	10-16	221	2	16	26-67	2.6	20-37	199	2	+1
42,494	at Pittsburgh	22	32-125	3.9	21-34	223	3	22	31-111	3.6	22-34	241	2	0
18,333	Temple	24	31-101	3.3	29-42	348	1	19	27-104	3.9	24-33	285	1	-1
65,566	at Missouri	18	35-49	1.4	22-40	237	4	29	29-151	5.2	36-45	439	0	+1
21,032	at C Michigan	18	30-66	2.2	23-33	270	3	21	39-208	5.3	21-26	152	0	+1
15,025	W Michigan	20	38-158	4.2	18-35	164	1	23	17-52	3.1	42-63	345	1	+2
21,719	Army	15	30-41	1.4	25-35	279	5	17	54-320	5.9	4-6	52	0	+1
10,042	at Ohio	21	46-277	6.0	14-23	116	1	17	29-127	4.4	20-29	290	1	+3
16,058	Miami, Oh	20	34-216	6.4	19-31	260	1	23	29-142	4.9	25-44	241	1	+2
18,516	at Akron	27	57-224	3.9	27-39	252	1	20	34-179	5.3	20-38	295	0	+2
13,284	at Bowling Green	23	25-74	3.0	29-41	297	3	22	47-139	3.0	24-33	240	3	+1
13,754	Kent St	20	33-145	4.4	21-31	240	2	25	44-312	7.1	13-23	114	0	-1
12,871	† Ball St	18	26-95	3.7	19-29	206	1	30	41-152	3.7	31-48	351	1	+3
40,184	† Connecticut	10	19-24	1.3	29-43	213	2	19	49-358	7.3	4-6	49	2	+4
TOTALS		279	486-1858	3.8	306-472	3326	30	303	496-2422	4.9	306-465	3293	14	+19
AVERAGES		19.9	35-133	3.8	22-34	238	6.4%	21.6	35-173	4.9	22-33	235	3.0%	1.4

2004 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at E Michigan	+7	34-37
–	Syracuse	+15'	17-37
–	at Nevada	+16	13-38
–	at Ohio	+13	0-34
–	UCF	+7'	48-20
–	at Akron	+8'	21-44
–	Miami, Oh	+20	7-25
–	at Marshall	+25	14-48
–	Kent St	+8'	7-33
–	C Michigan	+5	36-6
–	at Connecticut	+25'	0-29

2005 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Connecticut	+18	0-38
–	at Syracuse	+24	0-31
–	Rutgers	+21	3-17
–	at W Michigan	+10'	21-31
–	Akron	+10	7-13
–	Bowling Green	+23'	7-27
–	at Toledo	+30'	15-38
–	Ohio	+5'	20-34
–	at Miami, Oh	+27'	13-54
–	at Kent St	+7	10-6
–	E Michigan	+6	14-38

2006 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Temple	-6	9-3 OT
–	at Bowling Green	+23'	40-48 3OT
–	at N Illinois	+24	13-31
–	at Auburn - #2	+41	7-38
–	Ball St	+3'	25-55
–	Miami, Oh	+7'	31-38
–	at Ohio	+17	7-42
–	at Boston College - #18	+34	0-41
–	Kent St	+16	41-14
–	at Akron	+17'	16-31
–	at Wisconsin - #12	+38	3-35
–	C Michigan	+14'	28-55

2007 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Rutgers - #16	+32	3-38
–	at Temple	+3'	42-7
–	at Penn St - #12	+33'	24-45
–	Baylor	+3	21-34
–	at Ball St	+13'	14-49
–	Ohio	+4	31-10
–	Toledo	-4'	43-33
–	at Syracuse	+3'	12-20
–	Akron	-1	26-10
–	at Miami, Oh	+6'	28-31
–	Bowling Green	E	17-31
–	at Kent St	E	30-23 OT

2008 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UTEP	-3	42-17
–	at Pittsburgh	+13	16-27
–	Temple	-6'	30-28
–	at Missouri - #5	+32'	21-42
–	at C Michigan	+6'	25-27
–	W Michigan	-1	28-34 OT
–	Army	-11	27-24 OT
–	at Ohio	+2	32-19
–	Miami, Oh	-9	37-17
–	at Akron	+3'	43-40 4OT
–	at Bowling Green	+4	40-34 2OT
–	Kent St	-9'	21-24
–	† Ball St - #12	+15'	42-24

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Josh Cribbs was the only QB in school history to have over 1,000 yards rushing and passing in the same season and did it twice. He finished as the school's all-time career leading passer and has had a fine career so far with the Cleveland Browns. In 2006, mobile Julian Edelman, who had 1,253 rush and 1,312 passing at JC in '05, won the starting job. He threw for 1,859 (55.4%) with a 10-11 ratio (658 rush). Edelman was on his way to fine year in '07 throwing for 1,318 (52%) with a 7-9 ratio despite playing with a knee injury. He was lost with a broken arm vs BG (gm 8) and Kent St would go through no less than 5 QB's which was the main reason for its 0-5 finish. They even took the RS off of Giorgio Morgan and he hit 23 of 36 for 274 with 3 TD's but was also lost with an injury. Last year Edelman managed to play all 12 and became the 2nd QB to top 1,000 (pass & rush) with 1,820 passing (55.6%, 13-11 ratio) and 1,370 rushing (6.4). Anthony Magazu, who had 27 pass att and 1 start in '07 was the backup last year (23 att) while they managed to RS Morgan. Jon Brown (5'10" 195 Sr, PS#168), who had 2 career starts, DNP. This year Edelman (#7DC NE) with his incredible escapablity is gone, making the unit far less experienced.

RB Eugene Jarvis

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005, HC Martin said the RB would be true frosh Eugene Jarvis and it was not even close between him and the #2 man. Unfortunately, he was ruled ineligible and Jerry Flowers led with just 304 (3.2) in the "TT" spread offense. Jarvis missed one game in '06 but led with 798 (4.3). He is only 5'5" and hid behind Kent St's 6'4" 302 lb avg O-line and is not only fast, but also quick and elusive. In 2007 Jarvis tied a school record with 5 straight 100 yard games (old record Don Fitzgerald in '66). He went on to break Eric Wilkerson's 1988 school record of 1,325 in a season with 1,669 (6.0!) while also leading Kent St in receiving yards (306, 13.3). Jarvis was the first Kent St RB to lead the MAC in rushing since 1988. Last year he was the leading returning FBS rusher and missed 3.5 games with injury (missed just one prior) but he still rushed for 801 (4.9) and was the #2 rec with 273 (10.9). Andre Flowers had 319 (4.0) and true frosh Jacquise Terry (PS#309) added 170 (5.0). This year everyone returns and not listed below are Norman Wolfe (5'8" 150 So) and Terry (6'0" 180 So). Jarvis should remain healthier and could double his 2008 rushing total.

RECEIVERS - The Flashes returned their top 2 WR's from 2007 but Phil Garner only had 284 (10.5) and Derek McBryde 254 (15.9) in '07. Shawn Bayes was their best WR, and would have led the team but missed 7 starts in '07 and had 234 (16.7). Bayes led last year (642) with over triple the yards of the next closest WR and an outstanding 16.5 ypc. Garner had 192 (11.3) and McBryde had 142 (12.9). KSU surprisingly moved starting LB Jameson Konz to TE but he was injured and RS in '08. This year they lose Bayes (12 st) and Coleman Lynn (2 st, 4 rec), Not listed in the PSL are Mark Woodson (5'11" 183 Sr, PS#155), Chris Gordon (5'10" 164 rFr), Leneric Muldrow (5'7" 178 Jr), Arthur Beck (5'10" 171 Sr) and TE's Kyle Sonagere (6'0" 224 So) and Nick Masters (6'4" 238 Jr). Despite being slightly more experienced, with the loss of their top guy, I'll call this unit down a few notches. HC Martin did call this unit a weakness last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One of the reasons I projected Kent St to have the most improved rush offense in the NCAA in 2006 was THIS unit as well as the shift in offense. At one point in '05 (vs Navy), KSU had 5 backup OL's in the game and avg'd just 46 ypg rush (1.8) while allowing 33 sacks (7.1%) for the year. Kent St did indeed have the NCAA's most improved rush offense in '06, increasing to 158 ypg (3.9) although they did allow 32 sacks (12.0%). That 2006 group had just 2 starters returning after losing two players unexpectedly but benefitted from having a mobile QB (Edelman, 868 gross rush). In 2007 KSU had 9 of the top 10 back plus an '05 starter who missed 2006. Kent St improved again to 200 ypg (4.4) but allowed 38 sacks (12.1%) because of untested QB's. Last year KSU had to replace two starters and prior to the year C Josh Perry quit so their returning career starts dropped from 70 to 48. Also, two year starter Travis McGraw lost his job so they basically had just one returning starter. Since Edelmen was back (1370 yd rush, 6.4), Kent St's rushing totals improved to 231 (5.3) while the sacks dropped to 21 (7.0%). This year they lose 2nd Tm MAC LT Augustus Parrish (12 st, 3Y st'r) and backups McGraw (23 car sts) and Damian Matuschek. This year the OL is much stronger with 4 returning starters but they may not match last year's numbers with the loss of Edelman.

DEFENSIVE LINE - I list Kent St in a 4-3 using the BUCK position (DE/LB) as a DE. Last year, for the 4th straight year, they lost a 1st Tm MAC DL and had to replace 2 starters from the front. Kent St slipped to allowing 179 ypg and their 4.5 ypc was the highest in 5 years. This year they lose DE's David Filippi (11 st, 10 tkl) and Darrius Carter (9 tkl) but this time 1st Tm MAC DT Sam Frist returns. BUCK Kevin Hogan is #3 all-time in career sacks here needing 8 to reach #1.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Kent St returned its top 3 LB tacklers and added in VHT Cobrani Mixon (PS#25, Mich trans). Surprisingly, Kent's D slipped to allowing 31.7 ppg, its highest in 5 years. This year they lose WLB Derek Burrell (11 st, #1 tkl'r, 4.5 sk), SLB Cedrick Maxwell (8 st, 38 tkl) and MLB Stevon Moss (3 st, 39 tkl). Four return with starting experience and while the overall defense should be improved, this unit looks to be down a notch or two with just one starter back although Mixon should be one of the MAC's top LB's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2006 the entire 2 deep returned including exceptional top cover CB Jack Williams. Kent St moved up to #25 (#62 in '05) allowing just 52.5% with an 8-16 ratio. In 2007 they had to replace two starters and two backups including a #3DC but did return Williams. Williams was banged up and SS Fritz Jacques was lost after 7 starts and Kent St plummeted to #110. Last year they had to replace both Williams (#4DC) and Jacques but did have six back with starting experience. Kent St moved up to #95. This year they lose CB Rico Murray (12 st, 72 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu) but have 7 of the top 8 back (8 w/st exp). I look for a good-sized improvement from the Kent St pass D.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006, the difference between a 6-6 Kent St team and a MAC Title team was the Flashes' ST unit. It was atrocious in all phases as they hit 2 of 10 FG's and had a net punting avg of 29.9. It was a familiar theme under Martin as in 2004 the 6 losses were mostly the ST's fault (#109). They only improved to #107 in '05 and in '06 finished #117. In 2007 Nate Reed (PS#31) made a massive difference hitting 18 of 24 FG's including a school record 52 yarder vs CM (Paul Marchese, 51 yds '77). Last year the unit returned intact and added in true frosh Matt Rinehart at punter. It looked like they would definitely improve upon their #82 finish of '07 but the unit struggled again. Reed regressed (8-13, long 48) and ST cost them the Ohio game (2 miss FG, 2 miss xp). Rinehart avg 40.0 (tm net 33.7). Edelman was even tried on PR's (4.2) but the team avg 4.1 on PR's and 18.1 on KR's. Reed had 1 TB on 55 KO. Rinehart had some of his confidence broken early when he had 2 blocked punts vs Iowa St due to poor protection. Reed did hit a 26 yard FG that beat Temple but Kent St finished #117. This year they return almost everyone and while I was wrong last year, I will once again call for Kent St's ST to improve.

COACHES - Doug Martin took over as the HC in 2004 after being the OC here in '03 and at EC for 7 years. He handled the OC duties himself but promoted AJ Pratt to that spot last year. The DC is Pete Rekstis, who enters his 6th year in that role. Rekstis was the DC at Youngstown St the previous 3 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kent St had THREE alumni selected for the 2008 NFL Pro Bowl in Joshua Cribbs, Antonio Gates and James Harrison! KSU has had just two winning seasons since 1977 and one of them came in QB Cribbs' first year as a starter in 2001. It was very surprising that it was his only one in 4 years. In 2004, Kent St had 3 close losses to start 1-6 but became the hottest team in the MAC and in Cribbs' final 4, had 4 blowout wins and outgained league foes by 123.7 ypg (2nd best). In 2005, KSU had to replace Cribbs and switched to the TTech offense and avg'd just 46 ypg (1.8) rushing with the offense dropping from 30.5 ppg to 16.4. They also suffered a cluster of injuries and dropped to 1-10. In 2006 I pointed out Kent St was -11 in turnovers (pg 312), had 4 net close losses (pg 299) and they were more experienced than their 15 returning starters due to the '05 injuries. I called KSU one of the surprise teams in the country saying the MAC East Title game would come down to the Ohio/Kent St matchup (2 teams combined for 3 MAC wins in '05). Kent St opened the year 5-2 beating all of the teams that tied for the MAC East Title in 2005 and controlled their MAC East destiny. It was the first time they'd opened 4-0 in the MAC in school history (joined 1951). It was also the first time they had 5 straight wins since 1976. KSU had a tough loss to OU. Edelman was not 100% in the L/4 but they were still bowl eligible at 6-6. In 2007, not much went right for Kent St. They opened beating Big 12 member Iowa St on the road 23-14 and at Kentucky (#8 AP at one point) had a 16-6 FD edge at the half but lost. Kent St lost Edelman to injury and went through 5 different QB's in the 2H of the season and finished 1-7 in the MAC (-44 ypg). Improvement was expected in '08 as they were -11 in TO's in '07 and had 3 net close losses plus had 15 returning starters. After losing to BC in the opener, they gave up 2 blocked punts and lost 4 fumbles and lost to Iowa St in a game they had a 410-374 yard edge in. After whipping Delaware St, they were without RB Jarvis vs UL and Ball St and dropped to 1-4. Again without Jarvis, KSU led Akron 21-10 at the half and had a 413-301 yd edge but missed a 27 yd FG in the 4Q and gave up a 4th & 11 TD pass and lost in 2OT on a 23 yd missed FG. They had 1 missed FG, 2 missed xp's and were SOD at the OU18 in a 7 point loss. After destroying Miami 54-21, they lost to BG 45-30, a game they trailed 28-0 at the half. They had a 561-354 yd edge in their win over Temple. In the FHG for 13 seniors, they played in the snow and cold and were whipped by NI. Buffalo had the MAC Title game on deck and Kent St upset the eventual MAC champs 24-21 to finish 4-8. A big positive in Kent St's favor is despite their 3-5 record in MAC play last year, they outgained MAC foes by +40.6 ypg which was the best in the East and 2nd best in the MAC overall (next to Ball St). Kent St has 15 returning starters including star RB Jarvis. They have underachieved the last 2 years and despite losing QB Edelman, 3 of my 9 sets of power ratings say they will be bowl eligible.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 14 Giorgio Morgan So. 6-4 207 PS#308. 2 st (inj), 274 (64%) true. RS LY. **7** Anthony Magazu (6'3" 199 Sr) PS#382. 395 (48%), 3-1 2Y. **2** Sal Battles (5'11" 215 So) PS#167. 8 gm true.

RB 6 EUGENE JARVIS SR. 5-5 170 PS#83. 2467 (5.3) 2Y. 801 (4.9), **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **25** Andre Flowers (5'11" 211 Jr). 598 (4.2) 2Y. **32** Alan Vanderink (5'10" 188 Jr). 262 (11.9) 2Y.

HB 26 JAMESON KONZ SR. 6-3 227 21 st @ LB 3Y. 1 st (inj) LY. **85 Aaron Robinson** (5'10" 175 Jr) 1 st, 156 (13.0) true. 5 st, 63 (12.6) LY. Derek McBryde (5'11" 186 Sr). 29 rec 3Y.

SE NA Anthony Bowman Jr. 5-10 168 PS#77. **Iowa** '07. JUCO. **5** Tyshon Goode PS#277. IFS. **8** Matthew Hurdle (6'3" 181 rFr) PS#149. Sam Kirkland (6'1" 188 So). 1 st, 92 (13.1) rFr.

FL 15 KENDRICK PRESSLEY SO. 5-10 175 PS#248. Orig signed with **Virg Tech**. 1 st, 2 gm (inj), 9 rec here LY. **9 Phil Garner** (5'11" 182 Sr). 13 st, 349 (10.6) 2Y. **9 st**, 192 (11.3) LY.

TE 24 JONATHAN SIMPSON JR. 6-5 237 10 gm, 2 rec true. 11 st, 104 (13.0) LY. **81** Justin Thompson (6'1" 220 So) PS#129. 1 st (inj), 2 rec true. Lester Troutman (6'2" 216 Sr) 14 gm 3Y.

C 55 CHRIS ANZEVINO SO. 6-2 308 12 st, Rookie of Yr rFr. **50** Matt Conroy (6'2" 275 Sr). 4 gm LY. **LS** Ryan Hidalgo (6'1" 206 So). 12 gm true. Alex Thomasson (6'0" 191 So) 12 gm.

RG 76 MIKE RODER SR. 6-4 302 PS#182 JC. 11 st, 12 gm here LY. **75** Dante Campbell (6'1" 284 Sr). 7 gm rFr. 1 st, 7 gm '07. 1 st, 9 gm LY. **73** Aaron Cooper (6'4" 275 Jr) PS#290.

LG 69 MICHAEL FAY SO. 6-4 294 12 st rFr. **71** Charles Laster (6'7" 326 So). 1 gm, ltt'd as rFr. Brian Winters is PS#423. Trip Ison (6'1" 244 rFr). Vinny Matarazzo (5'9" 210 Jr).

RT 78 PAT REEDY JR. 6-4 270 1 st, 10 gms rFr. 12 st, Team Off MIP Award LY. **64** Seamus Garvey (6'6" 277 rFr) PS#481. Max Plunkett is PS#388. Tyler Arend PS#449.

LT 65 Kent Cleveland rFr. 6-4 294 PS#389. **61** Josh Kline (6'3" 289 rFr) PS#434. 1 gm as true (vs BC) still RS LY. **72** Michael Page (6'4" 307 So). No action as rFr. +22 lbs.

K 98 NATE REED SR. 5-8 191 PS#31. 1-4 FG, L/30 true. 18-24 FG, L/52 (KSU record) '07. 8-13 FG, L/48. 55 KO (53.8) LY. **41** Will Kandray (5'9" 170 Jr). 0-1 FG LY.

DE 97 Zach Williams Jr. 6-3 255 PS#281 JC. Orig signed w/Buff. 3 tkl, 11 gm here LY. **91** Ryan Jude (6'2" 255 rFr) PS#164. **77** Lee Stalker (6'2" 252 So). 2 gm, Scout Tm D POY rFr.

NT 74 SAM FRIST SR. 6-4 281 PS#390. 9 st, 13 tkl 2Y. 11 st, 38 tkl, 10.5 tfl, **1st Tm MAC** LY. **20** Quinton Rainey (5'11" 235 Jr) PS#328. 13 tkl 2Y. Dana Brown is PS#287.

DT 67 AARON HULL SR. 6-0 291 PS#273. 4 st, 28 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 34 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Ishmaa'ily Kitchen (6'3" 301 So) PS#282. 17 tkl rFr. Chris Favazzo (6'5" 286 So) PS#451. From OL.

BUCK 94 KEVIN HOGAN SR. 6-3 228 16 st, 78 tkl, 21 tfl 2Y. 11 st, 43 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **3rd Tm MAC** LY. **49** Monte Simmons (6'3" 223 Jr) PS#381. 4 st, 53 tkl 2Y. Joshua Stover (6'4" 257 rFr) PS#368.

SLB 51 Anthony Mirando Sr. 6-2 235 PS#295. 11 tkl true. 22 tkl '07. 3 st, 27 tkl LY. **3** Will Johnson (6'0" 198 Jr) PS#198. 4 st, 27 tkl true. 1 st, 5 tkl LY. **53** Kyle Reese (6'0" 214 So) PS#436.

MLB 11 COBRANI MIXON JR. 6-1 230 **PS#25. Mich trans.** 8 st (inj), 73 tkl, 5 tfl here LY. **56** Howard Bowens (6'0" 210 Jr) PS#364. 13 tkl 2Y. Joe Tymoszczuk (6'1" 233 Jr) PS#416. 1 tkl rFr.

WLB 35 Dorian Wood Jr. 6-1 232 PS#252. 9 gm (inj), 13 tkl true. 2 st, 20 tkl LY. Kent Walker PS#312. **44** Byron Tyson (5'11" 207 So) 5 tkl rFr. Ryan Hidalgo (6'1" 206 So). 2 tkl true.

CB 21 DANNY SADLER SR. 5-10 190 PS#427. 9 tkl true. RS '06. 2 st, 31 tkl '07. 6 st, 43 tkl LY. **29** BG Walters (5'7" 175 Sr) JUCO. 1 st, 11 tkl LY. **25** Brian Hummer (5'10" 198 So) PS#309.

HB 37 Kirk Belgrave Sr. 6-1 197 PS#211. 2 st, 27 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 40 tkl LY. **2** Josh Pleasant (5'10" 178 So) PS#278. 2 st, 22 tkl true. Chris Gilbert (6'0" 198 So) PS#230. From WR.

SS 38 DAN HARTMAN JR. 6-2 205 3 st, 35 tkl rFr, 7 st, 42 tkl LY. **8** Adam Richey (5'11" 191 Sr). 12 tkl 2Y at **Kentucky**. Trans '07. 4 st, 38 tkl here LY. **27** Greg Keys (6'1" 215 Sr) PS#183.

FS 31 BRIAN LAINHART JR. 6-1 207 8 st, 63 tkl rFr. 12 st, 106 tkl, 11 pd, **1st Tm MAC** LY. **20** Leon Green (5'11" 209 rFr) PS#312. IFS. **33** Calvin Taylor (6'0" 190 Jr). 4 gm LY.

P 46 MATT RINEHART SO. 5-9 160 PS#30. 45 punts (40.0), 18 I/20, tm net 33.7, 12 gm las true. **47** Jake Kilroy (5'11" 215 Sr). 53 punts (33.0) true. 57 punts (36.6) '07. No gm action LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Jeff Walker 6-5 200 PS#135
WR	Anthony Bowman 5-10 168 PS#77 '06
DL	Dana Brown 6-1 265 PS#287
QB	Spencer Keith 6-2 190 PS#153
TE	Bryan Wagner 6-5 290 PS#83
WR	Tyshon Goode 6-1 178 PS#277
DB	Fabrice Pratt 6-2 180 PS#362
OL	Max Plunkett 6-8 305 PS#388
LB	Danny Gress 6-1 220 PS#296
LB	Kent Walker 6-2 235 PS#312
OL	Brian Winters 6-5 320 PS#423
DB	Darius Polk 6-0 181 PS#438
OL	Tyler Arend 6-5 295 PS#449
WR	Ed Cazenave 6-2 180 PS#378
DB	Mike Daniels 6-0 195 PS#488
DB	Garrick Piggott 6-1 200 PS#512
LB	Luke Batton 6-0 200 PS#410
DL	DeVonte' Helms 6-3 260 PS#460
LB	CJ Steward 6-1 215 PS#606
K	Freddy Cortez 6-0 200 PS#145
LB	Jake Dooley 6-2 215 PS#955
RB	Dri Archer 5-7 155 PS#925
DB	Zack Gonosz 5-10 185 PS#1294
DL	Andrew Christopher 6-3 240 PS#1562

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

Kent, Ohio
Weather (216) 265-2370

Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#120

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 3	Coastal Carolina (Thur)	A					
Sep. 12	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 19	Iowa St	A					
Sep. 26	Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 3	at Baylor	A					
Oct. 10	Bowling Green (HC)	A					
Oct. 17	at E Michigan	A					
Oct. 24	at Ohio	A					
Oct. 31	Western Michigan	A					
Nov. 7	at Akron	A					
Nov. 14							
Nov. 21	at Temple	G					
Nov. 27	Buffalo (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

KSU is 7-1 in home openers. All wins vs FCS opp's (loss vs Minn 44-0, '06). Chanticleers started their FB program in '03 & went 6-6 LY including a 66-10 loss to Penn St.

KSU is 3-28-1 S/'77 in their road openers. Kent St is 11-33 after a win S/'89 (0-6 L2Y). Golden Flashes DN cross the Eagles' 45 until mid-4Q LY, 3rd shutout in L3Y vs a BCS tm.

LY KSU had a 20-14 FD & 410-374 yd edge, but couldn't overcome 4 fmbl & 2 blk'd punts. This will be just the 5th time a current BCS school will visit Dix Stadium S/'76 (0-4).

KSU shattered their series record for pts LY vs MU w/54 (old mark of 30 in 2003). Golden Flashes haven't beat the RedHawks in B2B yrs S/'87-'88 (played every yr S/'55).

First meeting. Coming into '09, KSU has lost 5 straight non-conf RG's (avg loss 28 ppg). Coming into '09, the Golden Flashes are 2-7 all-time vs current Big 12 teams.

Kent St is 4-18 since 1987 on HC & 1-7 vs BG including back-to-back losses. Due to 2 int's (in BG territory) KSU was down to instate rival BG 28-0 at HT LY.

Kent St is 15-65-1 (19%) in MAC road games since 1989, but did go 2-2 last yr. The visitor has dropped the L/3 gms & in '04 KSU scored 69 pts (most ever in a gm).

The winner has won by DD's in 8 of the L/12 gms. KSU is 4-9 since 1996 vs OU. Kent St is 7-41-1 since 1989 when they travel within the state for a road game.

Golden Flashes are riding a 12 gm losing streak vs WM & have lost by at least 23 pts in each of the L/6 contests. KSU was held to just 1 yd rush (28 att) the last gm in '05.

These instate schools are just 14 miles apart & have played every yr since 1992. LY KSU had a dominating 21-10 HT lead & had a 413-301 edge but lost in 2OT.

After gaining a ssn low 124 yds in '07, KSU gained a ssn high 561 yds vs Temple LY. KSU is 2-1 vs TU (L3Y) & their 2 most convincing wins of '08 came after a bye wk.

LY KSU caught UB looking ahead to the MAC Title gm, snapping a 3 gm series losing streak. Last year Kent St led 24-21 & Buffalo had a 1&gl at the 6 w/under 2:00 left, after a rec to the 1, KSU pounded it out & recovered the fumble.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joshua Cribbs 7,169 '01-'04
2. Jose Davis 6,722 '97-'99
3. Greg Kokal 5,587 '72-'75

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Astron Whatley 3,989 '94-'97
2. Eric Wilkerson 3,830 '85-'88
3. Joshua Cribbs 3,670 '01-'04

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Eugene Baker 3,513 '95-'98
2. Najah Pruden 2,131 '03-'06
3. Darrell Dowery Jr 1,931 '01-'04

DOUG MARTIN (Career 19-39)
6th Year at Kent St
Martin's Bowl Record: 0-0

Martin's records AT KENT ST

19-39	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
10-15	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
9-23	Away	1-9	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	3-4	Off A Bye
13-27	Vs Conference	11-25	Off A Loss

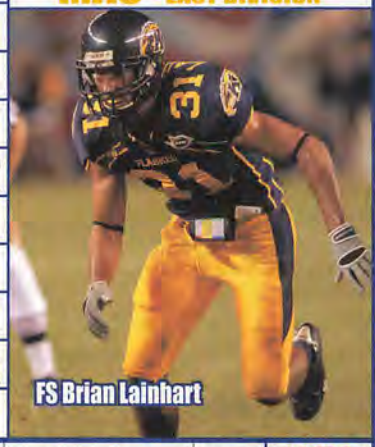
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 59 (26,27,6)
Lost: 13 (6,7,0)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,609 (#120)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


FS Brian Lainhart

STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (25,000) (#112)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	6-5	3-9	5-7	5-6	1-10	6-6	3-9	4-8	34-70
Home	0-5	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-2	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-3	19-28
Away	1-5	2-4	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-4	2-5	2-4	15-41
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	1-7	5-3	1-7	4-4	4-4	0-8	5-3	1-7	3-5	24-48
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-3	2-2	1-3	10-22
ATS	3-7	7-2-1	1-9	8-3	6-4	3-7	6-6	2-9	5-6	41-53-1
Home Fav (Dan Pats 1998)	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	0-0	4-10
Home Dog (Dan Marino)	0-3	2-1	0-3	3-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	0-1	2-2	10-13
Away Favorite	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-0	3-7
Away Dog	3-2	4-1-1	1-4	5-1	1-2	2-4	4-1	1-2	3-3	24-20-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	1-7	6-1-1	1-7	6-2	5-3	2-6	4-4	1-7	5-3	31-40-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-3	10-13
Off SU Win	0-1	4-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	0-1	3-3	0-3	0-3	14-16
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-0-1	0-7	5-1	2-3	3-5	3-2	1-6	5-2	24-32-1

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Julian Edelman	215	1551	181	1370	13	6.4
Eugene Jarvis	165	880	79	801	9	4.9
Andre Flowers	80	345	26	319	1	4.0
Jacquise Terry	34	174	4	170	1	5.0
Shawn Bayes	7	48	10	38	0	5.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Julian Edelman	275	153	55.6	1820	13	11
Anthony Magazu	23	11	47.8	205	1	0
Sal Battles	2	1	50.0	11	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Shawn Bayes	39	642	16.5	5	82	
Eugene Jarvis	25	273	10.9	1	35	
Phil Garner	17	192	11.3	0	36	
Alan Vanderink	9	164	18.2	1	81	
Derek McBryde	11	142	12.9	0	39	
Leneric Muldrow	10	128	12.8	2	31	
Jonathan Simpson	8	104	13.0	2	29	
Sam Kirkland	7	92	13.1	2	20	
Aaron Robinson	5	63	12.6	0	31	
Andre Flowers	11	63	5.7	0	14	
Kendrick Pressley	9	57	6.3	0	19	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Rinehart	45	1799	40.0	8	33.7(t)	2	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nate Reed	33-36	2-4	3-3	3-6	0-0	8-13	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Derek Burrell	119	4.5	2.5	2	0
Brian Lainhart	106	0	4	5	6
Cobrani Mixon	73	2	3	2	0
Rico Murray	72	0	4.5	7	1
Kevin Hogan	43	5	3.5	3	0
Danny Sadler	43	0	1.5	2	0
Dan Hartman	42	0	1.5	1	0
Kirk Belgrave	40	0	1	3	1
Stevon Moss	39	0	3	0	0
Sam Frist	38	0.5	10	0	0
Adam Richey	38	0	2	2	1
Cedrick Maxwell	38	0	1	0	0
Monte Simmons	34	4.5	2.5	0	0
Aaron Hull	34	1.5	2.5	1	0
Anthony Mirando	27	0	1.5	0	0
Josh Pleasant	22	0	1	0	1
Dorian Wood	20	0	1	0	0
Ishmaa'ily Kitchen	17	0	1	0	0
BG Walters	11	0	0	0	0
David Filippi	10	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Phil Garner	8	35	4.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Shawn Bayes	31	668	21.5	0	
Derek McBryde	14	289	20.6	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
72	Tangerine	NL	Tampa	18-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Kent St's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	25.7	400	231	5.3	170	55.0	15.6	21	-3	2008	8	31.7	395	179	4.5	217	63.2	12.5	18
8*	21.6	367	200	4.4	166	51.6	17.0	38	-11	2007	8	29.2	386	157	3.8	228	66.1	13.2	23
7*	17.8	322	158	3.9	163	53.6	18.0	32	+3	2006	8	20.1	298	139	3.7	159	52.5	14.8	30
6	16.4	283	46	1.8	237	56.1	17.3	33	-11	2005	7	30.1	393	203	4.2	191	60.7	13.1	21
7*	30.5	379	154	4.1	225	62.8	12.4	27	-1	2004	10	24.0	311	111	2.9	200	54.8	13.0	34
5*	26.8	376	156	3.7	220	48.2	14.0	28	+7	2003	4	33.0	462	201	4.7	261	63.4	14.0	13
7*	16.8	335	215	5.3	120	49.3	19.9	18	-16	2002	7	35.3	406	204	4.7	202	60.8	11.5	14

2008 STATS BY GAME

KSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
10,788	† Boston College	12	36-126	3.5	13-21	134	3	17	47-230	4.9	12-18	106	0	-3
49,805	at Iowa St	20	43-243	5.7	11-24	167	2	14	45-160	3.6	15-21	214	2	-3
8,529	Delaware St	21	44-215	4.9	13-25	178	0	17	30-99	3.3	24-39	247	4	-2
18,241	at Louisiana	19	41-227	5.5	13-28	169	3	22	52-414	8.0	15-22	253	0	+1
20,437	at Ball St	18	35-176	5.0	13-24	177	2	26	37-158	4.3	23-35	265	1	-1
18,536	Akron	25	58-256	4.4	17-31	157	1	15	29-58	2.0	21-39	243	2	+1
16,825	Ohio	23	37-192	5.2	15-25	200	2	23	46-176	3.8	16-26	203	1	-1
14,480	at Miami, Oh	24	54-305	5.6	12-20	163	1	18	33-147	4.5	18-31	171	3	+6
10,411	at Bowling Green	25	42-259	6.2	16-32	219	2	23	46-261	5.7	17-24	201	0	0
6,886	Temple	27	59-329	5.6	18-26	232	1	16	30-72	2.4	17-29	282	3	+1
2,267	N Illinois	16	34-127	3.7	11-21	126	4	19	45-224	5.0	12-19	173	0	-3
13,754	at Buffalo	25	44-312	7.1	13-23	114	0	20	33-145	4.4	21-31	240	2	+1
TOTALS		255	527-2767	5.3	165-300	2036	21	230	473-2144	4.5	211-334	2598	18	-3
AVERAGES		21.3	44-231	5.3	14-25	170	7.0%	19.2	39-179	4.5	18-28	217	5.4%	-0.3

2004 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa - #19	+30'	7-39
–	Liberty	NL	38-10
–	at Rutgers	+12'	21-29
–	Akron	-7	19-24
–	at C Michigan	-1	21-24
–	at Miami, Oh	+19'	27-47
–	Marshall	+13'	17-27
–	Ohio	-2	42-16
–	at Buffalo	-8'	33-7
–	E Michigan	-12'	69-17
–	at UCF	-8'	41-24

2005 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Michigan St	+21	14-49
–	SE Missouri St	NL	33-12
–	Miami, Oh	+6'	10-27
–	at Ohio	+4	32-35
–	at E Michigan	+3'	20-27
–	at Navy	+12'	31-34
–	N Illinois	+10'	3-34
–	at W Michigan	+7'	14-44
–	Bowling Green	+10'	14-24
–	Buffalo	-7	6-10
–	at Akron	+12'	3-35

2006 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Minnesota	+15	0-44
–	at Army	+6	14-17 OT
–	at Miami, Oh	+14	16-14
–	at Bowling Green	+7	38-3
–	Akron	+2'	37-15
–	at Temple	-23'	28-17
–	Toledo	-7'	40-14
–	Ohio	-6'	7-17
–	at Buffalo	-16	14-41
–	at Virginia Tech - #20	+30'	0-23
–	E Michigan	-11'	14-6
–	at Ball St	+3	6-30

2007 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa St	+3'	23-14
–	at Kentucky	+13	20-56
–	Delaware St	NL	38-7
–	at Akron	-2	20-27
–	at Ohio	-3	33-25
–	Miami, Oh	-9	13-20
–	at Ohio St - #3	+31	3-48
–	Bowling Green	-5	20-31
–	C Michigan	+3	32-41
–	at N Illinois	-3'	20-27
–	at Temple	E	14-24
–	Buffalo	E	23-30 OT

2008 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Boston College	+10	0-21
–	at Iowa St	+7	28-48
–	Delaware St	NL	24-3
–	at Louisiana	+2'	27-44
–	at Ball St	+22	20-41
–	Akron	+3'	27-30 OT
–	Ohio	+1	19-26
–	at Miami, Oh	+4'	54-21
–	at Bowling Green	+6	30-45
–	Temple	+1	41-38
–	N Illinois	+3	14-42
–	at Buffalo	+9'	24-21

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - BG has had some top-notch QB's in recent years. Josh Harris (#6DC) played TB most of his frosh year but as a senior ('03) threw for 3,813 (830 rush) and set a then-school record with 27 TD passes. He was 22-6 as a starter. Good-sized Omar Jacobs (6'4" 226) who had 4.59 speed, posted a 41-4 ratio and threw for over 4,000 as a soph in 2004. He missed 2 starts in '05 but still threw for 2,591 (60.7) with a 26-7 ratio (#5DC). Anthony Turner (PS#36) won the starting job in '06 (2 st '05). Turner threw for 1,596 (57.1%) with an 11-5 ratio (480 rush). Tyler Sheehan took off his RS in the 4th game but threw for just 192 with an 0-4 ratio. Sheehan, who has the best arm, won the job in '07. He was MAC East OPW 3 times and became just the 4th QB in BG history to top 3,000 with 3,264 (63.7%) with a 23-11 ratio. Turner played QB some and the two were the only QB tandem in the NCAA to each have a TD passing, rushing and receiving. Sheehan was MAC East OPW twice in '08 but did see his passing yards drop to 2,610 but improved to 66.8% with a 20-9 ratio. The backup QB was Andrew Beam who played in just 6 with 1 pass (108 rush) which was to Sheehan for a 22 yd TD. This year Sheehan and Beam return along with Bart Tanski (6'1" 190 rFr, PS#142), Tony Hunter (6'1" 227 Sr, PS#344), Aaron Pankratz (6'6" 220 rFr, PS#268) and true frosh Matthew Schilz (PS#188, orig committed Kan St) who is the perfect fit for the new offense. I'll call for improved numbers in 2009. Sheehan is taking snaps from behind C this year after operating 100% from the shotgun in '08.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 Chris Bullock started just 5 but led with 769 (4.8) while converted QB Barnes rushed for 405 (4.2). Eric Ransom (PS#147JC) started in '07 but was lost after 2 games and Anthony Turner led with 519 (4.9). Willie Geter, who then-coach Gregg Brandon called "a special guy," had 203 vs Kent St earning MAC East OPW. Geter had 90 vs Ohio in the 1H but was injured and had just 17 att the last 3 (432, 6.1). Bullock, who is more of a between-the-tackles runner and is not the perfect fit for the high flying pass offense, finished with 281 (4.4). Last year everyone returned but the unit was hit hard by injuries. Converted QB Turner started just 4 at TB and was never 100% but led with 400 (4.5). Bullock had 384 (4.2). Geter, who missed 4 rushed for 301 but with a 6.7 ypc. Walk-on Jason Rice was called upon as the top 4 RB's were all injured and had 91 vs Kent St. This year they lose Turner (8 st). Not listed below are Ransom (5'9" 189 Sr, RS LY after torn ACL), Rice (5'11" 186 So, 2 st LY), Carlton Marcin (5'7" 185 rFr), Steve Dunlap (5'8" 168 rFr) and Zack Akenberger (5'8" 184 So). Expect to see the new addition of a FB (Lewis Parks) in the new offense. This year the unit can only remain healthier and despite the loss of Turner, should put up improved numbers with a more balanced offense.

WR Freddie Barnes

RECEIVERS - In 2006 BG had to replace its all-time career leading receiver in Charles Sharon as well as Cole Magner who set the single season record for rec (99 in '03). In 2007 they had to replace their #2 and #3 rec while Corey Partridge (658, 12.0 in '06) was banged up all year and limited to 453 (9.8). Freddie Barnes led with 962 (11.7) and soph Chris Wright had 370 (14.2). Marques Parks added 360 (12.9) and all 4 returned last year. A TE was used more often last year and Jimmy Scheidler had 2 TD vs Pitt and 17 rec (7 TD) on the year. Barnes hurt his knee in the 1H vs Miami and missed 3.5 games and saw his numbers drop to 355 (8.9). Partridge led with 562 (9.7) and Jermiah Kelley was #3 with 295 (15.5). This year they lose Partridge (10 st), Parks (10 st) and Kelley (4 st). Not listed in the PSL are Justus Jones (6'2" 195 So) and this year's newcomers. If Barnes returns to his '07 form, this unit could put up better numbers despite being less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Back in 2003, Brandon called his OL recruits "The Five Blocks of Granite" and three of them were 5th year senior starters in 2007. Despite only losing two starters (same as '06), BG's rushing totals surprisingly dropped to 124 ypg (3.8) while the sack total rose to 32 (6.1%). Last year their 36 career starts lost were #103 in FBS. The less experienced group actually put up better numbers opening holes for 134 ypg rush (4.0) with 21 sacks (5.1%). This year they lose RG Brandon Curtis (12 st, 2Y st'r), RT Jeff Fink (12 st) and backup LT Aaron Kent. New HC Dave Clawson's system is tough to pick up as last year he was the OC at Tenn, where he inherited an O-line with 4 returning starters that had yielded just 4 sacks (4.2 ypc) in '07. They had to learn his new system that had players moving from weak to strong side as opposed to staying on one side of the line. Last year that veteran O-line allowed 25 sacks (8.1%) while their rushing ypc dropped to 3.6. This year BG's O-line is more experienced than 2008 but how much they improve will depend on how quickly they pick up the new system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - BG had an injury-plagued unit in 2007 and allowed its worst ypc rush in over 15 years (4.7) yielding 208 ypg. Last year they lost 4 players (comb for 20 st, 110 tkl). Basically they had 2 starters returning (7 with st exp). The more veteran group trimmed the totals to 163 ypg (4.2). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC DE Diyral Briggs (10 st, 60 tkl, 9.5 sk), DT Nick Davis (11 st, 16 tkl), DE Joe Schaefer (12 st, 25 tkl, 3 sk), NT Michael Ream (11 st, 27 tkl) and Adrian Baker (2 st, 19 tkl). This unit is much less experienced (8 car st) and has to replace its star.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Falcons returned their top 2 tacklers in Erique Dozier (112) and John Haneline (96). They had to replace their #4 and #9 tacklers. They moved Jerett Sanderson into the open spot (19 st at SS 2Y) so it was like having all 3 starters back. This year they lose Haneline (12 st, #2 tkl'r, 3 tfl) and Dozier (10 st, #4 tkl'r, 3.5 sk). Sanderson (#6 tkl'r) is the lone starter returning but Cody Basler had 42 tackles and was MAC East DPW in one of his two starts. There is potential here but the group is clearly weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BG had an inexperienced group in 2006 at one point starting 3 true frosh and a soph and slipped to #92 in my pass D rankings. In 2007 the unit returned intact and surprisingly was #88 allowing a 27-14 ratio. PJ Mahone took over the starting SS job the last 6 due to an injury to Sanderson and his 7 int earned him 2nd Tm MAC. Last year Sanderson moved to LB but they had four back with 6+ starts and Kent St HC Doug Martin said Antonio Smith was the best CB he'd seen in the MAC in '07. I wrote that I expected a significant climb in my pass D rankings and the BG secondary did not disappoint (#26). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC CB Smith (12 st, 73 tkl, 11 pbu) and 2nd Tm MAC CB Kenny Lewis (12 st, 53 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu). Not listed in the PSL is Brenden Divis (5'10" 190 So). They do return both starting S's but figure to drop in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was a Notre Dame ST coach and in his 2 years at BG they finished #22 and #12 in my ST rankings including 7 blocked punts in his final season. BG kept the tradition going for the next 2 years finishing #46 and #34. In 2005 they dropped to #93 and in 2006 the unit was a disaster in a 4-8 season as they finished #119. Brandon brought in a couple of JUCO K's in 2007 and KR Roger Williams (24.5) has 4.4 speed. BG moved up to #89 and returned almost everyone last year. Williams broke a finger vs Minn and missed 3 and saw his avg plummet to 14.3 (on only 9 ret's). CB Kenny Lewis was the top KR (24.4) and Partridge was the PR (9.1). Sinisa Vrvilo who hit 15 of 19 FG's (long 49) in '07 made just 9 of 16 (long 44) LY but did have two 50+ misses. Vrvilo had 6 TB on 64 KO. P Nick Iovinelli improved his avg to 40.4 (net 35.8). This year they lose their K, top PR and top KR and might not even match LY's #82 finish.

COACHES - Gregg Brandon was the OC here for 2 years under Meyer before taking over as HC in 2003. He was 44-30 in his six years here with just one losing season. He was let go last year even though he had earlier signed a contract extension through 2011. Dave Clawson was the HC at Richmond (2004-'07) and the Spiders were 11-3 in 2007 and had a school record 8,817 yards combined in 2005 and 2006. He was also the HC at Fordham for 5 years ('99-'03). He is a 2 time IAA National Coach of Year. Clawson was much maligned as the OC at Tenn last year. His OC is Warren Ruggiero who was the K-St QB coach last year. He has co-DC's in Mike Elko who was the DC at Hofstra ('06-'08) and Shannon Morrison who was the LB/S coach at Marshall from 2005-'08.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 BC outgained MAC foes by 94.9 ypg and ranked as high as #20 in the polls. In Brandon's first year ('03) BG rose as high as #15 beating a ranked team (#16 Purdue) on the road for the first time since 1972 (#18 Purdue) while also knocking off #12 N Illinois. Two losses to Miami, however, knocked them down to #23 in the final polls. In 2003, BG was +144 ypg in MAC play. In 2004, they had to replace their star QB Harris but had 16 starters back and Jacobs had an incredible 41-4 ratio. They finished 9-3 but a 2H collapse vs Toledo (led 27-7) cost them a share of the MAC West Title. Their avg win in 2004 was by 20.8 ppg as they benefitted from +15 in turnovers. BG's 12 returning starters in 2005 were the lowest in the MAC. One Achilles' heel in 2005 was their rush D which allowed 175 ypg (4.1). Another key to the season was an inj to Jacobs in the 1Q vs WM. Without Jacobs they dropped two straight MAC games for the first time since 2000. BG still had a shot at winning the MAC East but lost to Toledo in 2OT. BG was +69.6 ypg (#1 MAC East). In 2006 they had just 9 returning starters and had to replace Jacobs and basically had 8 road games. The group was young with 25 freshmen playing (15 true) by Wk 4. While BG opened 4-3 and were in the thick of the MAC East race, they stunningly lost their last five, including a 28-14 loss to Temple ending the NCAA's longest losing streak. BG was 3-5 in the MAC but was +21.6 ypg (6th best). It was their first losing season in six years. In 2007 BG made my Most Improved list which meant I thought they would go from a losing season to bowl eligibility. They upset Minnesota in OT (led 21-0 at half). Their 8 regular season wins were more than any other team in the MAC but Miami won the tie-breaker and played in the MAC Title game. After a 44 day layoff, BG had the worst loss in bowl history losing by 56 to Tulsa. Despite BG's 6-2 record, they only outgained MAC foes by 1.6 ypg and had 2 net close wins with 5 senior starters. With 16 returning starters, BG was picked to win the MAC East in '08. They had the most favorable schedule of their division pulling the bottom 3 out of the West. When BG played up to their potential, they were very good. They knocked off bowl bound Pitt on the road in the opener and were actually favored vs a Big Ten school but lost to Minn. On the blue turf in Boise they played a great game and only lost 20-7 being outgained by just 33 yards. The next week they destroyed MWC member Wyoming 45-16. The most costly loss of the season came vs EM where they blew a late lead then later missed a 53 yd FG trailing by 3. After beating Akron, the "Miami Whammy" reappeared and they lost at home by 7. NI got a 30 yd FG with :12 left. BG then suffered an incredible loss vs eventual MAC champ Buffalo. BG led 27-7 in the 4Q but gave up 2 TD's in the last 2:29 and lost in 2OT! In Tom Amstutz's FHG at Toledo, BG dominated 38-10. The Falcons did have just 6 starts lost to injury (tied 5th fewest FBS) and have just 10 ret starters (tied fewest in MAC) plus they must break in a new coach. On the positive side, they had 3 net close losses last year and their +38 ypg was 3rd best in the MAC. Even though BG underachieved last year, with the coaching change and the loss of 12 starters, this looks like a rare rebuilding year for the Falcons.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

QB 13 TYLER SHEEHAN SR. 6-4 227 PS#163. 13 st, 3456 (63%), 23-15 ratio 2Y. 12 st, 2610 (67%), 20-9, 237 rush LY. **11** Andrew Beam (6'4" 230 Sr) PS#187JC. 1 att, 108 rush yd LY.

RB 28 WILLIE GETER JR. 5-11 223 PS#309. 432 (6.1) true. 2 st (inj), 301 (6.7) LY. **33** Chris Bullock (5'11" 223 Sr) PS#272. 5 st, 1050 (4.7), 18 rec 2Y. 5 st, 384 (4.2), 19 rec LY. **84** Derek Brighton (6'0" 196 Jr) PS#92. 2 st rFr. 7 gm LY. Calvin Wiley (5'11" 207 Sr). 20 gm 3Y.

WR 12 CHRIS WRIGHT SR. 5-10 181 PS#367. 8 st, 370 (14.2) 2Y. 3 st, 249 (11.3) LY. **84** Derek Brighton (6'0" 196 Jr) PS#92. 2 st rFr. 7 gm LY. Calvin Wiley (5'11" 207 Sr). 20 gm 3Y.

WR 8 Tyrone Pronty Sr. 6-0 184 PS#380. 7 st, 202 (8.4) 2Y. 2 st, 197 (6.8) LY. **81** DeMark Jenkins (6'3" 202 rFr) PS#320. Carson Oostra (6'1" 170 rFr). Chris Scheidt (5'11" 190 So).

WR 7 FREDDIE BARNES SR. 6-0 210 PS#60. 1165 (11.4) 2Y. 9 st (inj), 355 (8.9) LY. **85** Ray Hutson (6'2" 190 So) PS#190. 4 rec rFr. **9** Adrian Hodges (5'11" 183 So) PS#406. 5 rec rFr.

TE 89 Jimmy Scheidler Sr. 6-4 243 PS#154. 1 rec 2Y. 4 st, 17 rec, #1 MAC TE TD's LY. **91** Nick Rieke (6'4" 270 Jr) PS#157. 14 gm 2Y. **FB 36** Lewis Parks (6'1" 232 So). 1 st 2Y.

C 61 BEN BOJICIC SO. 6-5 292 12 st rFr. **63** Marc Stevens (6'5" 300 rFr) PS#268. **LS 57** Neal Dahlman (6'1" 238 Jr) PS#257. 25 gm 2Y. **46** Craig Rutherford (6'0" 212 Sr).

RG 67 Timothy German rFr. 6-5 300 PS#289. **71** Chip Robinson (6'6" 340 rFr) PS#199. **66** Josh Dodge (6'3" 298 So). No action LY. **68** Scott Lewis (6'2" 301 So). Bkup C all yr LY.

LG 75 SHANE STEFFY SR. 6-3 290 PS#246. 10 gm rFr. 12 st (inj) '07. 12 st LY. **64** Scott Albert (6'7" 292 Sr). 12 gm LY. **97** Darius Smith (6'3" 223 Jr) PS#176. 12 tkl 2Y DL. OL in spg.

RT 46 Tyler Donahue Jr. 6-6 292 PS#334. Has added 40 lbs since enrolling. 10 games and ltt'd as a rFr. 12 gm and ltt'd last year. **65** Blaec Walker (6'5" 315 rFr) PS#190.

LT 70 BRADY MINTURN SR. 6-4 290 PS#417. 3 st DT, 22 tkl rFr. 1 st LG, 13 gm OL '07. 12 st LT LY. **60** Casey McHugh (6'5" 279 Jr) PS#461JC. RS LY. Kyle Bryant PS#291.

K 48 Jerry Phillips rFr. 6-1 195 PS#74. Expected to handle both FG's & xp's. **39** Matthew Norsic (6'0" 209 Sr) PS#102. No FG att L3Y. **49** Stephen Stein (6'0" 160 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

DE 94 Carlos Tipton Jr. 6-3 246 4 tkl, 4 gm rFr. 3 gm LY. **43** Brandon Jackson (6'2" 243 Sr) **PS#58**.5 gm, 1 tkl true. 4 gm, 2 tkl L2Y. **58** Winston Etheridge (6'2" 254 rFr).

NT 77 Nick Torresso Jr. 6-2 294 2 st, 16 tkl as true. 1 st, 9 tkl LY. **98** Andrew Johnson (6'3" 257 So). 1 st, 11 gm, 15 tkl, 4 tfl as a rFr. Mickey Wagner (6'2" 245 So).

DT 92 Kevin Alvarado So. 6-2 263 PS#195. 11 gm, 16 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. Chris Jones (6'2" 275 Fr) PS#468. **62** Preston Burrell (6'5" 278 So) 1 gm rFr. Ted Ouellett (6'3" 245 Fr) PS#781.

DE 51 Angelo Magnone Jr. 6-3 241 4 st, 30 tkl, 3.5 tfl rFr. 27 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **97** Darius Smith (6'3" 223 Jr) PS#176. 12 tkl 2Y. **88** Nick Tuminello (6'4" 225 rFr). Ronnie Goble PS#276.

SLB 4 JERETT SANDERSON SR. 6-0 195 12 st, 73 tkl, 5 pd true. 7 st, 34 tkl '07. 12 st, 68 tkl, 10 pd LY. **37** Aaron Davis (6'2" 203 Sr). 13 tkl 3Y. **59** Ryan Crow (6'1" 220 So). Walk on.

MLB 45 Cody Basler Sr. 6-3 236 PS#367. 1 st, 10 tkl true. 1 st, 30 tkl, 3 tfl '07. 2 st, 42 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **42** Eugene Fells (6'1" 233 Jr). 14 gm, 9 tkl 2Y. **16** Jerell Parks (5'9" 176 So) PS#326.

WLB 52 James Schneider Sr. 6-0 221 JUCO. 4 gm, 6 tkl here LY. **53** Anthony Stover (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#361. Dwayne Woods (6'1" 220 Fr) PS#220. 132 tkl as Sr in HS LY.

CB 31 Roger Williams Sr. 5-10 197 10 tkl, 46 KR (23.6) 2Y. 11 gm, 11 tkl, 9 KR (14.3) LY. **38** Adrien Spencer (6'0" 175 So) PS#386. 4 tkl, 3 gm true. **34** Marquese Quiles (6'0" 170 rFr).

CB 34 Robert Lorenzi Sr. 5-8 165 PS#418JC. 1 gm, inj & OFY LY. **15** Lane Robilotto (6'1" 172 rFr) PS#390. Aunre' Davis is PS#333. **25** Jonathan Davis (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#456.

SS 5 PJ MAHONE SR. 5-11 195 PS#217. 8 st, 121 tkl, 13 pd 2Y. 12 st, 95 tkl, 10 pd LY. **32** Keith Morgan (6'0" 195 So) PS#370. 12 tkl true. **27** Giovanni Fillari (5'11" 205 Sr).

FS 24 JAHMAL BROWN SR. 5-10 193 PS#118. 23 st, 142 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 83 tkl, 3 pd LY. **10** Calvin Marshall (5'11" 196 Jr) PS#388. 12 tkl 2Y. **14** Freddie Walker (5'9" 191 Sr).

P 26 NICK IOVINELLI SR. 6-0 184 PS#193JC. 53 punts (38.4), tm net 32.6 '07. 47 (40.4), 35.8 net, 79 ydr vs Pitt 3rd longest BG history LY. **39** Matthew Norisc. 0 punts 3Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Jordan Hopgood 6-0 195 PS#204
RB	John Pettigrew 5-10 185 PS#208
LB	Dwayne Woods 6-1 220 PS#220
DL	Dylan Farrington 6-5 220 PS#261
TE	Alex Bayer 6-4 225 PS#72
OL	Kyle Bryant 6-6 265 PS#291
DL	Ronnie Goble 6-3 236 PS#276
WR	Austin Collier 6-1 195 PS#243
DB	Aunre' Davis 5-10 170 PS#333
LB	Eric Jordan 6-0 220 PS#264
LB	Paul Swan 6-1 210 PS#270
LB	Alex Thomas 6-2 218 PS#278
DL	Jordon Roussos 6-4 256 PS#329
WR	Ali Alaboody 5-9 185 PS#279
QB	Matthew Schilz 6-2 190 PS#188
RB	Erique Geiger 5-9 205 PS#313
DB	Tim Moore 5-11 185 PS#449
RB	Mark Mays 5-10 170 PS#377
DL	Chris Jones 6-2 275 PS#468
DL	Jairus Campbell 6-5 246 PS#469
RB	Vince German 6-2 230 PS#429
DL	Ted Ouellet 6-3 245 PS#781
RB	Aaron Wright 5-9 208 PS#1607
RB	Leon Rodriguez 5-9 208 PS#1607

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#83

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BG	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 3	Troy (Thur)	A					
Sep. 12	at Missouri	A					
Sep. 19	at Marshall	A					
Sep. 26	Boise St	A					
Oct. 3	Ohio (HC)	A					
Oct. 10	at Kent St	A					
Oct. 17	at Ball St	A					
Oct. 24	Central Michigan	A					
Nov. 3	at Buffalo (Tues)	A					
Nov. 7							
Nov. 12	at Miami, Oh (Thur)	A					
Nov. 20	Akron (Fri)	A					
Nov. 27	Toledo (Fri)	A					
Dec. 5							

The Falcons are 8-1 the L8Y at Perry Stadium vs non-MAC tms (avg score 48-17). First meeting. BG is 3-0 vs current SBC tms (L/gm vs FIU in '06). 13-5 L/18 home openers.

BG is 6-7 S/'96 in road openers, but have wins vs Minn, Purdue, KU, Pitt & Mizzou. The Falcons are 4-7 all-time vs current Big 12 schools, but surprisingly 3-1 vs the Tigers.

BG leads the series 20-7, but were just 2-4 vs the Herd as MAC members ('97-'04). Could apply: Bowling Green is 19-8 the last 6 years after a loss (7-3 the L2Y).

In their only 2 gms, BG is 0-2 being outFD'd 50-35, outgained 886-611 & outscored 68-27. Last year vs Boise St, BG trailed 20-0 & was outgained 256-129 at halt time.

The Falcons are 7-1 the L/8 Homecoming games. The Falcons have won 6 of L/7 & last year held OU to 3 pts (1st game for BG since Nov '04 without allowing a TD).

The Falcons have dominated winning 7 of 8 including 4 straight at Dix Stadium. Last year BG Fr RB Rice had 91 (11.4) & a 42 yd pass in his rush debut.

Bowling Green is 19-8-1 all-time vs Ball St, including 5 straight wins by an avg of 23 ppg. The last meeting in '05 featured 1,008 yds & the 3rd most pts (71) in the 28 gm history.

The HT is 15-4 since '83, Bowling Green has won 5 of the L/6 meetings (S/'96). In their last gm in '06, CM jumped out to a 17-0 lead & spoiled BG's come back w/14 4Q pts.

The Falcons are 14-6 their last 20 gms in November including going 7-1 the L2Y. BG led UB 14-0 at HT & 27-7 in the 4Q before allowing UB to tie & win in 2OT LY.

Bonus: Dave Clawson was on the UB coaching staff in 1991 & '92 (DB/RB/QB).
Bonus: The 6 HG's at Doyt Perry Stadium is the most in 1 ssn S/'03 (6-0 in reg ssn play).

BG has fallen victim to the "Miami Whammy" for 3 straight yrs (only 232 yds in L/trip to Oxford). In '05, BG held Miami to -64 yds rushing (school record), but BG is 1-9 vs Miami S/'98.

Last year Bowling Green trailed 27-14 into the 4Q & outscored Akron 23-6 for the win. The Falcons have back-to-back wins over the Zips after last year's comeback win.

These instate & arch rivals are just 26 miles apart. The home team is 9-2 the L11Y & they have avg'd 65 ppg the L9Y. LY's BG win was the largest MOV in the series S/'01.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brian McClure 10,280 '82-'85	1. Dave Preston 3,423 '73-'76	1. Charles Sharon 3,450 '02-'05
2. Josh Harris 7,503 '00-'03	2. Paul Miles 3,239 '71-'73	2. Robert Redd 2,726 '98-'02
3. Omar Jacobs 6,938 '03-'05	3. PJ Pope 3,116 '02-'05	3. Stan Hunter 2,679 '82-'85

DAVE CLAWSON (Career 0-0) (FCS 58-49)

1st Year at Bowling Green — Clawson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Clawson's records AT BOWLING GREEN

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

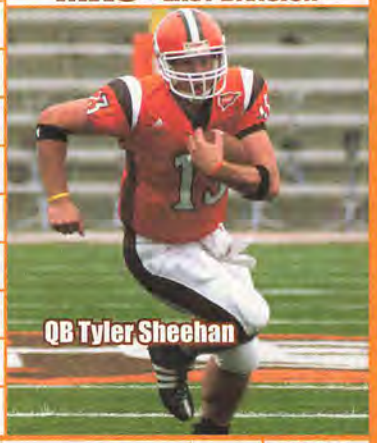
2008 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (16,20,3)
Lost: 18 (9,8,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,701 (#112)

MAC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: PERRY STADIUM (24,000) (#114)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	8-3	9-3	11-3	9-3	6-5	4-8	8-5	6-6	63-45
Home	1-4	4-1	6-0	6-0	5-0	2-3	2-2	4-1	1-4	31-15
Away	1-5	4-2	3-3	4-2	3-3	4-2	2-5	4-3	5-2	30-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-3
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	6-2	7-2	6-2	5-3	3-5	6-2	4-4	44-29
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	3-1	4-1	3-1	1-2	1-3	2-3	2-2	19-16
ATS	5-6	7-3-1	5-6	5-6-1	8-3	3-8	3-9	7-5	8-4	51-50-2
Home Fav (Gary Blackney 1991)	1-0	1-1-1	2-2	1-2-1	3-1	2-3	0-4	2-2	1-4	13-19-2
Home Dog (Urban Meyer)	3-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-1
Away Favorite (Gregg Brandon)	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	0-3	0-2	1-0	3-0	13-11
Away Dog (Dave Clawson)	1-4	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	3-2	3-2	3-0	16-15
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-4
vs Conf	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5-1	5-3	2-6	2-6	5-3	5-3	34-37-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-3	2-2	3-1	17-13
Off SU Win	2-0	4-3	4-5	5-3-1	5-3	2-4	1-3	4-3	1-4	28-28-1
Off SU Loss	3-5	2-0-1	1-1	0-3	2-0	1-3	2-5	2-2	6-0	19-19-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
91	California	+15	Fresno St	28-21
92	Las Vegas	NL	Nevada	35-34
03	Motor City	-7	Northwestern	28-24
04	GMAC	-3	Memphis	52-35
07	GMAC	+5'	Tulsa	7-63

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Bowling Green's All-Time Bowl Record 4-4

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	27.7	360	134	4.0	226	66.7	13.0	21	0	2008	8	23.2	343	163	4.2	181	58.2	14.8	24
7*	30.2	402	124	3.8	279	63.6	13.3	32	0	2007	8	32.1	424	208	4.7	217	60.4	13.2	24
5	19.5	346	177	4.2	169	56.2	17.7	20	+1	2006	4	28.3	319	144	4.1	174	63.9	11.2	26
6*	33.8	428	144	3.8	284	60.6	12.6	22	+8	2005	6	27.6	379	175	4.1	204	58.8	13.7	23
8	44.3	506	168	4.7	338	66.3	11.4	13	+15	2004	8	23.5	392	132	3.6	260	55.5	16.7	23
6*	33.6	497	196	4.7	300	65.3	14.8	21	-6	2003	8	21.7	361	153	4.2	208	54.7	16.6	33
8*	40.8	449	219	5.3	230	57.0	11.0	16	+9	2002	4	25.3	365	154	3.9	211	53.8	14.4	18

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Turner	89	444	44	400	5	4.5
Chris Bullock	**92**	**404**	**20**	**384**	**2**	**4.2**
Willie Geter	**45**	**315**	**14**	**301**	**1**	**6.7**
Tyler Sheehan	**105**	**457**	**220**	**237**	**7**	**2.3**
Andrew Beam	**22**	**113**	**5**	**108**	**3**	**4.9**
Jason Rice	**16**	**127**	**20**	**107**	**1**	**6.7**
Freddie Barnes	**22**	**95**	**9**	**86**	**0**	**3.9**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tyler Sheehan	**400**	**267**	**66.8**	**2610**	**20**	**9**
Freddie Barnes	**4**	**3**	**75.0**	**31**	**2**	**0**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Corey Partridge		58	562	9.7	7	38
Freddie Barnes		**40**	**355**	**8.9**	**0**	**22**
Jermiah Kelley		19	295	15.5	2	48
Chris Wright		**22**	**249**	**11.3**	**1**	**42**
Marques Parks		19	248	13.1	4	34
Anthony Turner		26	237	9.1	0	34
Chris Bullock		**19**	**199**	**10.5**	**0**	**30**
Tyrone Pronty		**29**	**197**	**6.8**	**1**	**32**
Jimmy Scheidler		**17**	**150**	**8.8**	**7**	**22**
Willie Geter		**10**	**96**	**9.6**	**0**	**39**
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Nick Iovinelli	**47**	**1900**	**40.4**	**7**	**35.8**	**2**	**12**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Sinisa Vrvilo	41-43	3-3	3-6	3-5	0-2	9-16	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
PJ Mahone	**95**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**3**
John Haneline	87	1	2	4	1
Jahmal Brown	**83**	**0**	**3.5**	**3**	**0**
Erique Dozier	78	3.5	2.5	4	1
Antonio Smith	73	1	5	11	2
Jerett Sanderson	**68**	**0**	**1.5**	**8**	**2**
Diyral Briggs	60	9.5	4	1	0
Kenny Lewis	53	0	4	6	4
Cody Basler	**42**	**0.5**	**1.5**	**1**	**1**
Michael Ream	27	0	3	2	1
Angelo Magnone	**27**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Joe Schaefer	25	3	0.5	2	0
Adrian Baker	19	1.5	3.5	0	0
Kevin Alvarado	**16**	**0**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Nick Davis	16	0	1	1	0
Andrew Johnson	**15**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Jason Rice	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Keith Morgan	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Roger Williams	**11**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Nick Torresso	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Corey Partridge	19	172	9.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kenny Lewis	23	561	24.4	0	
Tyrone Pronty	**7**	**139**	**19.9**	**0**	

2008 STATS BY GAME

BG 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
45,063	at Pittsburgh	15	28-64	2.3	26-42	190	2	27	35-129	3.7	29-51	264	4	+3
23,184	Minnesota	22	26-128	4.9	29-45	261	1	22	45-164	3.6	21-25	233	1	-5
32,335	at Boise St	22	36-103	2.9	22-36	204	2	16	33-160	4.8	18-23	180	1	-2
17,411	at Wyoming	22	40-101	2.5	22-36	287	3	18	37-192	5.2	16-32	124	0	+4
16,217	E Michigan	18	29-94	3.2	27-34	297	2	23	38-147	3.9	22-30	263	0	0
17,119	at Akron	25	27-175	6.5	27-42	244	0	22	42-206	4.9	19-34	161	1	-1
15,411	Miami, Oh	14	26-80	3.1	21-34	224	3	17	43-218	5.1	11-24	129	2	-1
17,163	at N Illinois	10	22-76	3.5	15-21	92	1	19	57-233	4.1	5-12	45	0	+1
10,411	Kent St	23	46-261	5.7	17-24	201	0	25	42-259	6.2	16-32	219	2	0
15,018	at Ohio	17	34-93	2.7	23-30	229	3	14	28-40	1.4	13-30	188	4	+2
13,284	Buffalo	22	47-139	3.0	24-33	240	3	23	25-74	3.0	29-41	297	3	-1
11,264	at Toledo	30	46-294	6.4	21-34	240	2	13	37-129	3.5	7-20	67	4	0
TOTALS		240	407-1608	4.0	274-411	2709	21	239	462-1951	4.2	206-354	2170	24	0
AVERAGES		20.0	34-134	4.0	23-34	226	5.1%	19.9	39-163	4.2	17-30	181	6.8%	0.0

2004 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Oklahoma - #2	+32	24-40
-	SE Missouri St	NL	49-10
-	at N Illinois	-1	17-34
-	at Temple	-7	70-16
-	at C Michigan	-15	38-14
-	Ball St	-29	51-13
-	at Ohio	-14	41-16
-	E Michigan	-30	41-20
-	W Michigan	-30'	52-0
-	Marshall	-10	56-35
-	at Toledo	-4	41-49

2005 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Wisconsin	+1'	42-56
-	at Ball St	-28'	40-31
-	at Boise St	+7'	20-48
-	Temple	-29	70-7
-	Ohio	-21	38-14
-	at Buffalo	-23'	27-7
-	W Michigan	-25	14-45
-	Akron	-14	14-24
-	at Kent St	-10'	24-14
-	at Miami, Oh	+9	42-14
-	Toledo	-4	41-44 2OT

2006 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	† Wisconsin	+10'	14-35
-	Buffalo	-23'	48-40 3OT
-	at FIU	-5'	33-28
-	Kent St	-7	3-38
-	at Ohio	+6	21-9
-	at Ohio St - #1	+36	7-35
-	E Michigan	-10'	24-21
-	at C Michigan	+7	14-31
-	at Temple	-16	14-28
-	at Akron	+8	28-35
-	Miami, Oh	-4	7-9
-	at Toledo	+6'	21-31

2007 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Minnesota	+14	32-31 OT
-	at Michigan St	+18	17-28
-	Temple	-21'	48-35
-	WKU	NL	41-21
-	at Boston College - #7	+20'	24-55
-	at Miami, Oh	+1	14-47
-	at Kent St	+5	31-20
-	Ohio	-7	27-38
-	Akron	-7	44-20
-	at E Michigan	-3'	39-32
-	at Buffalo	E	31-17
-	Toledo	-7	37-10

2008 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Pittsburgh - #25	+13	27-17
-	Minnesota	-5	17-42
-	at Boise St	+17	7-20
-	at Wyoming	-3	45-16
-	E Michigan	-20'	21-24
-	at Akron	E	37-33
-	Miami, Oh	-9'	20-27
-	at N Illinois	+7'	13-16
-	Kent St	-6	45-30
-	at Ohio	-2'	28-3
-	Buffalo	-4	34-40 2OT
-	at Toledo	-1	38-10

MIAMI REDHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - From 1997 to 2005 Mike Bath, Josh Betts and Ben Roethlisberger threw for a combined 24,382 yards and they comprise the top three career leading passers here. Mike Kokal started in 2006 behind an inexperienced and injury plagued O-line and threw for 2,419 (58.6%) with a 14-8 ratio (526 rush). In 2007, Daniel Raudabaugh, who had the bigger arm but was less mobile, took over for an injured Kokal throwing for 2,431 (54.7%) with a 12-12 ratio. Last year Raudabaugh battled rFr Clay Belton (PS#36). Raudabaugh took most of the snaps in the first 4 and Belton missed a practice prior to Temple and rumors were that he was going to transfer. In the Temple game, Raudabaugh was pulled at half and Belton led 2 scoring drives to open the 3Q hitting 14 of 22 for 147. Surprisingly, Raudabaugh took all of the snaps the next week but Belton became the starter vs BG. Belton hit just 11 of 23 for 129 vs BG but the team pulled the upset. Belton then threw for 171 vs Kent St and 178 vs Buff but he was lost for the year in the 4Q. In the first 8 (DNP Kent St), Raudabaugh threw for 157 ypg (56.5%) but over the final 3, threw for 236 ypg (62%) finishing with 1,960 (58.6%) with an 8-9 ratio. Belton threw for 639 (54.8%) with a 2-3 ratio. This year both QB's return and added to the mix are Mike Scherpenberg (6'3" 205 Jr, PS#304), Zac Dysert (6'4" 216 rFr, PS#85), who has grasped the new offense well, and Austin Boucher, who turned down Ohio St. Keep in mind that new coaches like their own recruits. I look for improved play out of the Miami QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami had a 1,000 yard rusher 8 times in 10 years from 1994-2003 but has had just one since (2005). In 2007, due to injuries, the leading rusher was Cory Jones who had just 483 (4.5). Last year the top 3 had to be replaced with the leading returnee being Thomas Merriweather (PS#48, 143, 3.6). Andre Bratton had 3 starts in 2 years (357, 4.5) but was inj in '07. Merriweather was the bigger back and the clear-cut #1 while Bratton was the speed guy. Last year Merriweather had his first career 100 yard effort with 133 vs Temple. To add a new dimension, they took the RS off true frosh JR Taylor (5'9" 194 So, PS#263) and he rushed for 127 (7.1) vs BG and 113 (5.7) vs Kent St. Merriweather missed 2 and Taylor led with 68 vs Toledo. In the season finale, Bratton rushed for 100 (5.9). For the year, Merriweather led with 547 (3.9), but he only had 23 touches in the last 6. Taylor had 427 (4.9) while Bratton had 366 (4.6). This year all three return and adding depth are Danny Green (5'10" 198 rFr, PS#129) and Geoff Matthews (6'1" 219 rFr). Keep your eye on Wisconsin transfer Quincy Landingham (PS#57) who was impressive with the scout team. After two injury-plagued seasons, this group has more experience and talent.

RECEIVERS - Coming into '07, Miami had a remarkable run as Michael Larkin became the school's all-time career leading receiver in '04 then Martin Nance topped that total in '05 and Ryne Robinson topped it in '06. MU had a very young group of rec in 2007. Dustin Woods was the top returnee with 506 (20.2) in '06 and led with 603 (15.1) in '07. The #2 through #5 rec were all frosh in Eugene Harris (542, 11.8), Armand Robinson (471, 14.3), Chris Givens (430, 17.2) and Jamal Rogers (173, 9.1). Naturally this was a very experienced unit in '08 but still had problems with drops. Then-HC Shane Montgomery called it as deep a group as he'd had and also noted that they were one of the rare teams to have 3 experienced senior TE's. Rogers who was the team's top KR (22.6) in '07 avg just 8.5 ypc LY. The top rec was Givens who led with 513 (14.7). Woods saw his numbers drop to 377 (10.8) and Harris was #4 with 286 (8.7). This year they lose TE's Tom Crabtree (10 rec, 9 st), Jake O'Connell (258, 10.3, 6 st, #7DC KC) and Pat Shepard (2 rec, 2 st). Not listed in the PSL below are Joe Clarke (6'3" 195 rFr), Nate Wilburn-Ogletree (6'3" 183 rFr, PS#233), Fitz Bobo (6'4" 205 rFr), Andrew Cruse (6'4" 214 rFr), Kevin Bresnahan (6'1" 178 rFr) and TE's Danny Day (6'5" 243 rFr, PS#148) and Rhys Newman (6'5" 278 Jr). While they actually have a slightly lower percentage of rec returning, the unit was comprised mostly of underclassmen the last 2 years and is another year older.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, the RedHawks' OL paved the way for 3.6 ypc rush while allowing just 18 sacks (4.0%). They had to replace 3 starters in 2006 who were all 1st or 2nd Tm MAC then lost two returning starters to injury (one after 4, one after 6). Miami allowed 40 sacks over the first 8 but in the final 4, they allowed just 9 (49 sks, 11.7%, #118 NCAA). In 2007 they had 9 of their top 10 back and improved to 131 ypg rush (3.8) while greatly trimming the sack total to 29 (6.0%). Last year Miami had 3 starters returning (st's avg 308 lb) but surprisingly dropped to 107 ypg rush (3.4) although the sacks improved to 19 (4.1%). This year they lose a pair of 3 year starters in LT Dave DiFranco (12 st) and RT Steve Sutter (12 st) as well as 2 year starter C Josh Satterthwait (12 st). Not listed in the PSL is Austin Brown (6'4" 210 rFr). While this group is less experienced and learning a new system, there doesn't figure to be much drop off in the numbers I use to evaluate OL productivity.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, MU had to replace 3 starters including both DT's. Miami allowed 4.8 ypc, which was the highest total dating back to 1949. The D had just 20 sacks (lowest total S/'98). In 2007, they once again had to replace 3 starters but still improved to 4.2 ypc while the D had 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players (comb 16 st, 57 tkl, 3 sk) while DT Sean Redwine missed 6 starts. Even with the unit more experienced the numbers regressed and they yielded new records of 208 ypg rush (5.4) while the D had just 13 sacks. This year they lose DE Travis Craven (9 st, 19 tkl, 2 sk) and DE Joe Coniglio (11 st, 24 tkl, 4 sk). Seven return who have started and while the experience level is about equal to 2008, they can only have improved numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Miami had to replace its top 5 LB's in 2006 and did not have a single LB with starting experience. Joey Hudson earned Tm Def MVP (#1 tkl'r) and Clayton Mullins was #2. They had 5 of their top 6 back in 2007 and the unit spearheaded the MAC's #1 scoring D while Mullins earned MAC Def POY. The unit returned intact last year so it was surprising that they allowed 32.7 ppg, their highest since 32.8 in '88. Caleb Bostic started just 4. This year they lose 1st Tm MAC Hudson (#1 tkl'r, 12 st), 1st Tm MAC Mullins (#2 tkl'r, 12 st), Chris Shula (7 st, #4 tkl'r) and Mickey Mann (8 tkl). Those are some big losses.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2007 MU had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm MAC FS. Miami still finished #62 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter but lost starting FS Jordan Gafford (13 st '07) after two games. Miami had just two starters back and shuffled the lineup in part due to injuries (8 diff st'rs). Miami plummeted to #111 with a 21-6 ratio. This year they lose SS Robbie Wilson (12 st, 77 tkl, 3 int), CB Bryan Roland (2 st, 12 tkl) and SS Brian Palascak (7 tkl). Seven return who started last year and provided they have more continuity, should make a decent climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The RedHawks finished #16 in my ST rankings in '03 and #12 in '04 but surprisingly over the next 3 years dropped to #71, #66 and #72. Last year with everyone returning I called for them to have their best finish since 2004 and they did just that at #28. K Nate Parseghian hit a MAC high 20 FG out of 23 att's (long 44) while Jacob Richardson was #4 in the NCAA in punting with a 45.4 avg (36.4 net). KR Woods avg 25.6 and Eugene Harris had 2 PR TD's (9.1). This year they lose both their P and K and figure to drop some.

COACHES - Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembechler having coached here. Randy Walker moved on to N'western in '99 and Terry Hoeppner left for Indiana in '05. This year the new head man is Mike Haywood, who was the OC at Notre Dame. Charlie Weis had handled the play-calling duties but turned it over to Haywood in '08 and then late in the year retook the duty. The new DC is Carl "Bull" Reese whose last coaching assignment was the DC for Texas from 1998-'03. Reese has also been the DC at LSU ('95-'97), Vandy ('91-'94), Navy ('89-'90) and Missouri ('77-'81, '86-'88). The new OC is Peter Vaas who was Duke's OC in 2007 and spent 11 years in the CFL and NFL Europe incl 8Y as a HC. He was also a ND asst for 4 years and the HC at Holy Cross from '92-'95 and Allegheny College from '86-'89.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into 2003, Miami had not been to a bowl since 1986 and had gone 16 straight years without a MAC title despite nine straight winning seasons. In Roethlisberger's final season ('03) Miami won the East Title and their bowl, going 13-1 (only loss vs Iowa) and finished ranked #10. Shane Montgomery, who was the OC from 2001-'04, took over as the HC in 2005. They were co-champs of the East in '05 nearly missing out on the outright title with 16 senior starters. In 2006 they had just 7 returning starters and were going for their 13th straight winning season (5th longest streak nationally) but I actually pegged MU 5th in the MAC East. Miami opened a stunning 0-6 and finished 2-10. After installing FieldTurf at their stadium in 2003, they were 13-2 at home the first 3 years but went winless (0-5) in 2006! In 2007, MU made my list of Most Improved teams and despite being hit hard by injuries, made it to the MAC Title game. They did however suffer their first shutout loss since 1993 (42-0 vs Colorado). One of the reasons they finished 6-7 was in the game prior to the MAC Title game they looked past Ohio (lost 38-29) then when they lost the MAC Title game, they ended up home for the postseason. Proving my theory of close wins/close losses, they had 7 games decided by 7 points or less in 2006 and went 2-5 in them. In 2007 they had 7 games decided by 7 or less and went 5-2 and that was the difference between finishing 5th in the East and going to the Title game. Last year expectations were high and they were even favored over an SEC squad in the opener but were whipped by Vandy at home 34-13. Trailing Michigan by 3 in the 3Q, Miami missed a wide open TD pass and lost by 10 only being outgained by 29 yards. MU trailed FCS CSU 27-17, but rallied for the win. After an expected lost to rival Cincy, they were shocked at home by Temple 28-10. NI got a TD with 2:32 left to pull out a 17-13 win. As was usually the case under Montgomery they knocked off rival BG getting an int at the 2 with the game tied at 20 and rallied for a 27-20 win. Kent St rolled up 468 yards in a 54-21 blowout and after Buffalo's 37-17 win, Miami clinched its 3rd straight losing year. They played a good game but came up short vs #14 Ball St and later gave up 516 yards to both Toledo and Ohio in blowout losses and Montgomery was let go. Haywood inherits almost all of the skill yards from last year and Miami was also -12 in TO (pg 312). Those factors should have Miami as one of the most improved teams in the MAC but they have a lot of ground to make up as they were outgained by -96.5 ypg (league worst) and do have to learn new schemes on both sides of the ball. They lose their top 4 tacklers from a D that allowed 396 ypg and 32.7 ppg and with a killer non-conf schedule, they will have a tough time topping '08's 2 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 12 DANIEL RAUDABAUGH SR. 6-4 229 PS#265. 18 st, 4682 (56%) 21-24 ratio, 196 rush 3Y. **13** Clayton Belton (6'5" 232 So) **PS#36.** 3 st, 7 gm (inj), 639 (55%) 2-3 ratio, 42 rush rFr.

RB 34 THOMAS MERRIWEATHER JR. 5-10 203 **PS#48.** 143 (3.6) true. 6 st (inj), 547 (3.9) LY. **24** Quincy Landingham (6'0" 229 So) PS#57. Andre Bratton (5'11" 181 Sr) PS#173. 7 st, 723 (4.5) 3Y.

WR 2 EUGENE HARRIS III JR. 5-10 183 PS#373. 542 (11.8), 3rd Tm MAC rFr. 6 st, 286 (8.7) LY. **9** Jamal Rogers (5'11" 168 Jr). 532 (8.7) 2Y. **86** Donovan Potter (6'2" 201 Jr). 142 (7.5) 2Y.

WR 17 CHRIS GIVENS JR. 6-2 205 PS#61. 5 st, 430 (17.2) true. 9 st, 513 (14.7) LY. **20** Juilian Harrell (6'3" 217 rFr) PS#159. Brayden Coombs (6'1" 195 Sr) PS#314. 47 (11.8) 3Y.

WR 1 DUSTIN WOODS SR. 5-11 197 1109 (17.1) 2Y. 10 st, 377 (10.8) LY. **11** Armand Robinson (6'1" 202 Jr) PS#137. 13 st, 700 (14.3) 2Y. **84** Mitchell Anderson (6'3" 184 Jr).

TE 91 Trevor Behmke rFr. 6-5 251 PS#80. Steve Marck is PS#52. **89** Rob Reiland (6'3" 237 So) PS#89. 11 gm as rFr. **82** Kendrick Bruton (6'4" 258 So) PS#115. 8 gm as rFr.

C 50 Nick Kemper rFr. 6-3 274 PS#193. **60** Steve Bray (6'1" 256 So). 1 gm as rFr. **LS 62** Mike Rummler (6'2" 200 Jr). 25 gm 2Y. Chase Collins (6'2" 216 Sr) PS#498.

RG 56 BRANDON BROOKS SO. 6-5 315 PS#104. 12 st rFr. John Anevski (6'3" 280 Fr) PS#178. **66** Matt Kennedy (6'5" 244 rFr) PS#481. **61** Andrew Illig (6'3" 288 rFr) PS#480.

LG 70 Nate Williams Jr. 6-5 307 PS#255. 5 gm as rFr. 4 st, 10 gm LY. **72** Brad Bednar (6'4" 264 Fr) PS#204. GS LY. **77** Kevin Koncelik (6'3" 287 So). **67** Justin Frost (6'4" 280 So).

RT 75 BOB GULLEY JR. 6-4 305 **PS#96.** 3 st, 12 gm rFr. 8 st (2@RT, 6@LG), 8 gms (inj) LY. **63** Ken Staudinger (6'5" 273 So). 10 gm as rFr. Evan Wiley is PS#715.

LT 71 Andrew Phelan rFr. 6-4 314 PS#327. Backup LT all year but RS LY. Added 29 lbs. **74** Lee Zamos (6'5" 285 So) PS#447. Walk-on in '07, RS. No gm action LY.

K 45 Jim Broadway rFr. 6-0 174 PS#23. **19** Trevor Cook (6'2" 189 Jr) PS#48. 10-13 FG, L/49 as true. 5-10 FG, L/36 '07. RS LY. **38** Seth Philip (6'3" 200 Jr). 20 KO (61.3) LY.

DE 21 Jordan Stevens Jr. 6-4 262 PS#172. 1 st, 13 gm, 22 tkl rFr. 1 st, 11 gm, 14 tkl LY. **96** Evan Klepec (6'4" 243 rFr) PS#296. Brian Lane (6'3" 279 So) PS#257. Austin Brown PS#475.

NT 93 MARTIN CHANNELS SR. 6-0 325 PS#200. 2 tkl true. 5 st, 22 tkl '07. 11 st, 20 tkl, 8 tfl LY. Mark Paun (6'3" 277 Sr) PS#133. 4 st, 22 tkl 3Y. Mike Johns (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#221.

DT 90 SEAN REDWINE JR. 6-4 278 2 st, 21 tkl rFr. 6 st, 11 gm (inj), 11 tkl LY. **95** DJ Svabik (6'6" 278 Jr). 5 tkl, 10 gm rFr. 4 st, 13 tkl LY. JoJo Williams PS#216. Andrew Muller PS#658.

DE 85 Morris Council Jr. 6-2 259 PS#335. 10 tkl true. 3 st, 11 gm, 23 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **79** Jordain Brown (6'0" 294 So) PS#278. 12 tkl rFr. **97** Matt Kajmowicz (6'4" 242 So). 1 st, 2 tkl LY.

SLB 44 Caleb Bostic Sr. 6-3 232 11 gm, 11 tkl true. 12 st, 103 tkl, 11 tfl '07. 4 st, 40 tkl LY. **53** Alex Kaufman (6'2" 223 So) PS#195. 4 gm, 4 tkl rFr. Scott Madsen (6'2" 214 So) PS#396.

MLB 51 Austin Moore Fr. 6-0 228 PS#168. In for spring. **5** Ryan Kennedy (6'1" 224 Jr) PS#222. 9 tkl, 1 tfl, 7 gm true. 1 st, 9 gm, 27 tkl LY. **32** Jaytee Swanson (6'2" 217 rFr) PS#262.

WLB 36 Luke Kelly rFr. 6-2 211 PS#139. **43** Jerrell Wedge (5'9" 227 So) PS#381. 6 tkl rFr. Evan Harris PS#284. **14** David Davis (6'1" 223 Jr). 2 tkl 2Y. **47** Chris Rutledge (6'1" 222 So).

CB 25 CORNELIUS WARD SO. 6-1 195 PS#98. 4 st, 10 gm, 23 tkl rFr. **26** Wendell Brunson (5'11" 196 Sr) PS#394. 1 st, 13 tkl rFr. 3 st, 18 tkl '07. 3 st, 18 tkl, 4 pd LY. Pat Hinkel PS#313.

CB 3 JEFF THOMPSON SR. 5-10 196 13 st, 66 tkl 2Y. 9 st, 11 gm, 22 tkl LY. **24** Brandon Stephens (5'10" 200 Jr) PS#249. 6 st, 44 tkl 2Y. **33** Jonathan Wells (5'8" 179 So) PS#373.

SS 27 Peris Edwards Jr. 6-1 200 PS#109. 17 tkl rFr. 3 st, 16 tkl LY. **31** DeAndre Gilmore (6'1" 227 Jr) PS#239. 7 tkl, 10 gm true. 2 tkl LY. **6** DJ Brown (6'1" 170 rFr) PS#247.

FS 22 JORDAN GAFFORD JR. 6-0 206 PS#240. 9 tkl true. 13 st, 89 tkl '07. 2 st, Med RS LY. **23** Ben Bennett (5'11" 195 Jr). 9 tkl rFr. 7 st, 30 tkl LY. Anthony Kokal (6'0" 201 So) PS#347. 2 tkl rFr.

P 45 Jim Broadway rFr. 6-0 174 PS#23. Averaged 41.5 ypp in HS career. Dad was starting punter at Georgia ('80-'82). **92** Chris DiCesare (6'2" 220 Sr) PS#86. No punts L3Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	John Anevski 6-3 280 PS#178
TE	Steve Marck 6-3 234 PS#52
LB	Austin Moore 6-0 228 PS#168
QB	Austin Boucher 6-1 205 PS#99
DL	Joseph "JoJo" Williams 6-2 280 PS#216
TE	Brian Slack 6-5 235 PS#60
RB	Justin Semmes 6-2 229 PS#194
OL	Brad Bednar 6-4 264 PS#204 '08
DB	Pat Hinkel 6-1 195 PS#313
RB	Roman Lawson 6-2 220 PS#287
WR	Luke Swift 6-2 175 PS#281
LB	Evan Harris 6-0 210 PS#284
RB	Erik Finklea 6-1 195 PS#305
LB	CJ Marck 6-1 230 PS#154 '07
LB	Collin Boucher 6-2 223 PS#301
DL	John Steele 6-3 280 PS#387
LB	Chris Wade 6-1 220 PS#350
DB	Ishmael White 6-2 210 PS#444
DL	Wes Williams 6-3 230 PS#416
DL	Austin Brown 6-2 265 PS#475
DB	Justin Bowers 5-10 200 PS#608
DB	Bernard Pinckney 6-2 192 PS#640
OL	Evan Wiley 6-6 285 PS#715
DL	Andrew Muller 6-4 270 PS#658
DL	Anthony Shoemaker 6-4 255 PS#699
DL	Josh Harvey 6-5 325 PS#1080

MIAMI REDHAWKS

Oxford, Ohio
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MIKE HAYWOOD (Career 0–0)
1st Year at Miami, Oh (Haywood's Bowl Record: 0-0)

Haywood's records AT MIAMI, OH

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

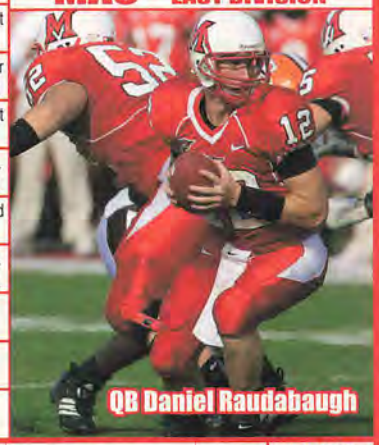
2008 RECORD: (2–10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (19,23,3)
Lost: 19 (6,10,3)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,435 (#114)

MAC – EAST DIVISION


QB Daniel Raudabaugh

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#86

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	† Kentucky (Cincinnati)	A					Miami is 79-37-6 all-time in ssn openers. MU is off 3 straight losing ssns, 1st time S/'87-'89. MU is 11-13-1 all-time vs current SEC teams. They are 4-6-1 vs UK, but L/gm was in '91.
Sep. 12	at Boise St	A					First meeting. The RedHawks are 1-11 the L5Y vs non-conf opp's on the road. MU is 0-2 vs current WAC schools as they lost in '01 at Hawaii & in '86 to SJSt in CA Bowl.
Sep. 19	at W Michigan	A					Miami is 41-19-1 in MAC openers. MU is 37-17-1 vs WM, but just 4-11-1 since '82. Last gm in '06 MU was outFD'd 27-16 (-54 yds), but only lost by 3 on a WM FG w/1:16 left.
Sep. 26	at Kent St	A					Miami has a 44-12 all-time advantage over KSU but LY suffered its worst loss in the series. MU committed 6 TO's LY & the 54 pts allowed were the most in any gm S/'87 (Miami, Fl).
Oct. 3	Cincinnati	A					MU & UC are colliding for the 114th time for the Battle for the Victory Bell (oldest non-conf rivalry West of Allegheny). RedHawks have lost 4 of the L/5 by an avg of 24 ppg & the HT is 5-1 S/'03.
Oct. 10	at Northwestern	G					MU is 13-40-2 vs B10 schools being outscored by 14 ppg. RedHawks are 6-2 vs the Wildcats, but lost the last mtg in '06. The 1st game after NU HC Randy Walker's unexpected passing.
Oct. 17	at Ohio	A					This will be the 86th meeting & MU leads 51-32-2. MU has dropped 3 straight to OU for the 1st time S/'82-'84. HC Haywood was an asst OLB/ST coach at OU from '91-'92.
Oct. 24	N Illinois (HC)	A					MU has dropped 4 straight gms to NI as their last win in Oxford was a 42-0 shutout in '97. LY Miami had a 1&10 at the NIU12 w/1:51 left but was stopped on downs.
Oct. 31	Toledo	A					The HT is 4-1 the L/6 gms in this series ('04 played in the MAC Title gm in Detroit). Miami gave up a ssn high 516 yds to Toledo LY including 377 (8.2) on the ground!
Nov. 5	at Temple (Thur)	G					In their 3 meetings ('05,'07 & LY), Miami has combined to outFD'd Temple 66-33 & outgained them 1,179-787 but trail in the series 2-1. Miami was 0-5 LY in weekday games.
Nov. 12	Bowling Green (Thur)	A					Besides '02 & '04, MU & BG have played every yr S/'50 w/MU up 41-19-5 all-time. RFr QB Clay Belton made his 1st career start LY vs BG going 11-23-48%-129-1-0.
Nov. 18	Buffalo (Wed)	A					Miami is 10-1 vs Buffalo (9-1 in MAC play), but suffered their first loss last year. The RedHawks are 13-6 since 1990 in home finales (1-3 the L4Y).
Nov. 28							
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ben Roethlisberger 10,829 '01-'03	1. Travis Prentice 5,596 '96-'99	1. Ryne Robinson 3,697 '03-'06
2. Josh Betts 7,029 '02-'05	2. Deland McCullough 4,368 '92-'95	2. Martin Nance 3,131 '02-'05
3. Mike Bath 6,524 '97-'00	3. George Swarn 4,172 '83-'86	3. Michael Larkin 2,772 '01-'04

STADIUM: FRED C. YAGER STADIUM (24,286) (#113)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-5	7-5	13-1	8-5	7-4	2-10	6-7	2-10	58-52
Home	3-1	4-1	2-3	5-0	5-0	3-2	0-5	4-1	1-5	27-18
Away	3-4	3-4	5-2	7-1	3-3	4-2	2-5	2-5	1-5	30-31
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	5-3	6-2	5-3	9-0	7-2	5-3	2-6	5-3	1-7	45-29
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-3	2-2	4-1	1-3	2-1	0-4	1-4	1-3	13-23
ATS	6-5	7-5	7-5	10-4	6-6	6-5	4-8	6-6-1	4-7	56-51-1
Home Fav	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-1	4-0	3-2	0-2	1-1-1	0-3	16-15-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	6-5
Away Favorite	1-2	1-1	2-1	4-2	2-2	3-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	13-11
Away Dog	2-2	4-1	3-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	3-3	4-1	3-3	20-16
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	7-2	6-3	4-4	3-5	3-4-1	3-5	38-35-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	3-1	3-2	0-3	2-1	1-3	3-2	1-2	18-16
Off SU Win	2-3	4-3	5-2	9-3	4-4	3-3	0-2	3-2-1	0-2	30-24-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-0	2-2	3-1	4-5	2-4	4-4	22-23

Jeremy Ferguson 1999 — Steve Montgomery 2000 — Michael Haywood 2001

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
74	Tangerine - #15	NL	Georgia	21-10
75	Tangerine - #16	NL	South Carolina	20-7
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37
03	GMAC - #14	-14	Louisville	49-28
04	Independence	-1	Iowa St	13-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Miami's All-Time Bowl Record 6–3

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	18.4	325	107	3.4	218	57.5	17.7	19	-12	2008	8	32.7	396	208	5.4	187	62.3	12.1	13
7*	19.2	367	131	3.8	236	54.8	19.1	29	-3	2007	6	25.6	375	169	4.2	207	60.0	14.7	32
5	18.5	318	87	2.7	232	57.4	17.2	49	0	2006	2	25.3	332	173	4.8	158	59.3	13.1	20
8*	33.7	426	134	3.6	292	57.1	12.6	18	+13	2005	6	23.5	347	140	4.1	208	58.4	14.8	23
5	31.3	400	120	3.4	280	60.2	12.8	26	-10	2004	8	22.9	339	123	3.3	216	57.0	14.8	38
7*	43.0	501	160	4.3	341	67.9	11.6	19	+20	2003	7	19.4	341	112	3.4	230	52.4	17.6	36
6*	32.0	405	128	3.4	278	62.3	12.7	30	+7	2002	7	27.1	413	140	4.3	273	59.2	15.2	24

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Thomas Merriweather	140	565	18	547	4	3.9
Jay "JR" Taylor	87	430	3	427	2	4.9
Andre Bratton	79	374	8	366	1	4.6
Jamal Rogers	9	68	15	53	0	5.9
Chris Rodriguez	6	18	0	18	0	3.0
Daniel Raudabaugh	25	58	80	-22	0	-0.9
Clay Belton	22	42	112	-70	3	-3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Daniel Raudabaugh	343	201	58.6	1960	8	9
Clay Belton	115	63	54.8	639	2	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chris Givens	35	513	14.7	7	53	
Dustin Woods	35	377	10.8	0	49	
Jamal Rogers	42	359	8.5	0	25	
Eugene Harris	33	286	8.7	1	30	
Jake O'Connell	25	258	10.3	0	30	
Andre Bratton	33	246	7.5	0	23	
Armand Robinson	16	229	14.3	2	50	
Thomas Merriweather	9	68	7.6	0	16	
Tom Crabtree	10	64	6.4	0	12	
Donovan Potter	9	61	6.8	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jacob Richardson	52	2360	45.4	6	36.4	0	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nate Parseghian	23-23	6-6	12-13	2-4	0-0	20-23	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Joey Hudson	109	0	8	2	1
Clayton Mullins	105	0	10	1	0
Robbie Wilson	77	0	1.5	3	3
Chris Shula	68	0	1.5	1	0
Caleb Bostic	40	1.5	0.5	1	0
Brandon Stephens	30	0	1	2	0
Ben Bennett	30	0	2.5	0	1
Ryan Kennedy	27	0	0.5	0	0
Joe Coniglio	24	4	1.5	0	1
Morris Council	23	2.5	3	0	0
Cornelius Ward	23	0	0	3	0
Jeff Thompson	22	0	1.5	4	0
Martin Channels	20	0.5	7.5	1	0
Travis Craven	19	2	1	0	0
Wendell Brunson	18	0	0	4	0
Peris Edwards	16	0	0.5	0	0
Jordan Stevens	14	1	1.5	1	0
DJ Svabik	13	0.5	0.5	0	0
Bryan Roland	12	0	1	1	0
Jordain Brown	12	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Eugene Harris	20	183	9.1	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jamal Rogers	28	581	20.8	0	
Dustin Woods	17	436	25.6	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

MU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
18,398	Vanderbilt	17	25-96	3.8	19-42	244	3	17	50-269	5.4	9-16	91	2	-1
106,724	at Michigan	16	32-47	1.5	23-40	205	3	15	35-178	5.1	10-18	103	0	-1
13,833	Charleston Southern	20	38-102	2.7	19-30	305	0	21	29-71	2.4	26-40	257	3	0
31,629	at Cincinnati	22	30-66	2.2	28-44	235	1	20	31-152	4.9	20-24	241	0	+1
17,295	Temple	20	39-91	2.3	22-40	212	4	11	40-116	2.9	11-23	178	1	-2
17,444	at N Illinois	16	30-135	4.5	19-35	149	1	16	37-215	5.8	11-21	111	0	0
15,411	at Bowling Green	17	43-218	5.1	11-24	129	2	14	26-80	3.1	21-34	224	3	+1
14,460	Kent St	18	33-147	4.5	18-31	171	3	24	54-305	5.6	12-20	163	1	-6
16,058	at Buffalo	23	29-142	4.9	25-44	241	1	20	34-216	6.4	19-31	260	1	-2
14,758	Ball St	20	26-76	2.9	25-42	254	0	21	38-195	5.1	17-24	289	0	+1
12,251	at Toledo	17	23-75	3.3	29-46	196	0	22	46-377	8.2	14-26	139	1	-3
13,867	Ohio	23	28-92	3.3	27-43	274	1	23	39-326	8.4	15-20	190	1	0
TOTALS		229	376-1287	3.4	265-461	2615	19	224	459-2500	5.4	185-297	2246	13	-12
AVERAGES		19.1	31-107	3.4	22-38	218	4.1%	18.7	38-208	5.4	15-25	187	4.4%	-1.0

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		Indiana St	NL	49-0	
–	at	Michigan - #8	+13	10-43	
–	at	Cincinnati	-3'	26-45	
–		Ohio	-19	40-20	
–	at	Marshall	+7	25-33	
–		Kent St	-19'	47-27	
–	at	Buffalo	-20	25-7	
–		UCF	-22	43-7	
–		Toledo	-5'	23-16	
–	at	W Michigan	-20	42-21	
–	at	Akron	-7'	37-27	
–	†	Toledo	-1'	27-35	

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at	Ohio St - #6	+15	14-34	
–		C Michigan	-22	37-38	
–	at	Kent St	-6'	27-10	
–		Cincinnati	-10	44-16	
–	at	N Illinois	+3	27-38	
–		Akron	-13'	51-23	
–	at	E Michigan	-10'	24-23	
–	at	Temple	-22'	41-14	
–		Buffalo	-27'	54-13	
–		Bowling Green	-9	14-42	
–	at	Ohio	-10	38-7	

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		Northwestern	+6	3-21	
–	at	Purdue	+17	31-38	OT
–		Kent St	-14	14-16	
–	at	Syracuse	+6'	14-34	
–	at	Cincinnati	+11	10-24	
–		N Illinois	+13'	25-28	
–	at	Buffalo	-7'	38-31	
–	at	Akron	+7'	13-24	
–		Ball St	-5	17-20	
–	at	W Michigan	+13'	24-27	
–	at	Bowling Green	+4	9-7	
–		Ohio	+3	24-34	

2007 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at	Ball St	+5	14-13	
–	at	Minnesota	+8'	35-41	3OT
–		Cincinnati	+7	10-47	
–	at	Colorado	+12'	0-42	
–		Syracuse	+1'	17-14	
–	at	Kent St	+9	20-13	
–		Bowling Green	-1	47-14	
–	at	Temple	-6	17-24	
–	at	Vanderbilt	+13'	13-24	
–		Buffalo	-6'	31-28	
–		Akron	-7	7-0	
–	at	Ohio	E	29-38	
–	†	C Michigan	+3	10-35	

2008 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		Vanderbilt	-3'	13-34	
–	at	Michigan	+14'	6-16	
–		Charleston Southern	-31	38-27	
–	at	Cincinnati	+12	20-45	
–		Temple	-7	10-28	
–	at	N Illinois	+11	13-17	
–	at	Bowling Green	+9'	27-20	
–		Kent St	-4'	21-54	
–	at	Buffalo	+9	17-37	
–		Ball St - #14	+19	16-31	
–	at	Toledo	+3	14-42	
–		Ohio	+1'	26-41	

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 SUN BELT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Rusty Smith, Fla Atl	Corey Leonard, Arkansas St	Riley Dodge, N Texas	Levi Brown, Troy
RB	Reggie Arnold, Arkansas St	Frank Goodin, ULM	Alfred Morris, Fla Atl	Maurice Greer, Troy
RB	DuJuan Harris, Troy	Cam Montgomery, N Texas	Phillip Tanner, MTSt	Desmond Gee, MTSt
WR	Cortez Gent, Fla Atl	Josh Jarboe, Troy	Eldred King, MTSt	Brandon Thompkins, Ark St
WR	Jerrel Jernigan, Troy	Chris Bonner, Fla Atl	Jake Gaebler, WKU	Sam Roberson, N Texas
WR	TY Hilton, FIU	Malcom Beyah, MTSt	Derrius Brooks, WKU	Tyler Stradford, N Texas
TE	Jason Harmon, Fla Atl	Dudley LaPorte, FIU	Jamari Grant, Fla Atl	Ladarius Green, Louisiana
C	Chris Fisher, Louisiana	Danny Franks, Troy	Brad Serini, FIU	Mark Thompson, MTSt
OG	Brad Bustle, Louisiana	David Matlock, Fla Atl	Doug Stroud, ULM	Coleman Feeley, N Texas
OG	Jamal Lewis, MTSt	Tyler Clark, Troy	Dominic Padrta, Arkansas St	Andy Leavine, FIU
OT	Joe Alajajian, FIU	Jonathan Decoster, Louisiana	Mark Fisher, MTSt	Ula Matavao, FIU
OT	Kyle Pirtle, Louisiana	Ryan Dercher, ULM	Esteban Santiago, N Texas	Victor Gill, N Texas
DE	Alex Carrington, Arkansas St	Cameron Sheffield, Troy	Hall Davis, Louisiana	Jermaine Council, Fla Atl
DT	Bryan Hall, Arkansas St	Brandon Perry, MTSt	Josh Savidge, Fla Atl	Kevin Dixon, Troy
DT	Aaron Williams, ULM	Khari Mays, Arkansas St	Dwight Smith, MTSt	LaQuincy Williams, Louisiana
DE	Brandon Lang, Troy	Aaron Morgan, ULM	Eddrick Gilmore, N Texas	Jarrett Crittenton, MTSt
LB	Tobe Nwigwe, N Texas	Scott Bryant, FIU	Daylon McCoy, Louisiana	Winston Fraser, FIU
LB	Cardia Jackson, ULM	Craig Robertson, N Texas	Josh Thomas, ULM	Jeremy Phillips, N Texas
LB	Boris Lee, Troy	Blake Boyd, WKU	Antwyne Zanders, Louisiana	Darius Glover, Arkansas St
LB	Bear Woods, Troy	Danny Carmichael, MTSt	Grant Fleming, Louisiana	Greg Hardy, Arkansas St
CB	Jorrick Calvin, Troy	Tarvoris Hill, Fla Atl	Alex Suber, MTSt	Dwight Bentley, Louisiana
CB	Anthony Gaitor, FIU	Antoine Bush, N Texas	Tavious Polo, Fla Atl	Nate Brown, ULM
SS	Josh Thompson, ULM	Jeremiah Weatherspoon, FIU	MD Jennings, Arkansas St	Troy Giddens, ULM
FS	Greg James, ULM	Jeremy Kellem, MTSt	Evan Van Dolah, Arkansas St	Ashlyn Parker, FIU
K	Sam Glusman, Troy	Josh Arauco, Arkansas St	Alan Gendreau, MTSt	Jeremy Knott, N Texas
P	Scott Love, ULM	Will Goggans, Troy	David DeFatta, MTSt	Spencer Ortego, Louisiana
KR	Bobby Rainey, WKU	Jorrick Calvin, Troy	TY Hilton, FIU	Luther Ambrose, ULM
PR	TY Hilton, FIU	Jorrick Calvin, Troy	Tavious Polo, Fla Atl	Jake Gaebler, WKU

Troy DE Brandon Lang

Florida Atlantic WR Cortez Gent

North Texas LB Tobe Nwigwe

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. TROY - Larry Blakeney is doing a tremendous job here and while his team's usually have among the fewest returning starters in the SBC, they always finish near the top. Last year they were not the preseason favorite but knocked off FAU on the road and took home the conf title as they were +77.6 ypg, the best mark in the league for the 2nd straight year and could have defeated the defending National champ LSU, BCS bowl participant Ohio St and S Miss in non-conf games. While Troy's 12 returning starters are tied for 2nd fewest in the league, their thirteen 1st or 2nd Tm SBC players (14 positions) are by far the most in the Sun Belt. In my unit ranking (next page) I have the Trojans ranked in the Top 3 of the conf in 7 of the 9 categories. This could be Blakeney's best team yet and if not for a road trip to "The Swamp", they could have been a BCS bowl contender.

2. FLORIDA ATLANTIC - The Owls were the preseason favorite last year for the Sun Belt Title but opened 1-5 and needed a huge 2H to get to the Motor City Bowl. QB Smith was injured in the 1H of the year but returned healthy in the 2H and hopefully he will remain that way all season. The biggest question mark for the Owls is on D where they have just 3 returning starters but I consider HC Schnellenberger one of the best in the business and he should mold a respectable unit to go with a potent offense. With their finale in nearby Miami, FAU has only 3 true SBC road games which has them near the top again.

2. ARKANSAS ST - Ark St has just 5 home games this year and did benefit from +9 in turnovers as well as remarkable health last season (only 1 start lost to injury). Normally that would have me calling for a downturn but they also have 77% lettermen returning and last year, despite their 4-3 SBC record, outgained league foes by 55.7 ypg (2nd best). My power poll has them the 2nd most talented team in the league with the #3 offense and #1 defense. They have the talent to overcome the toughest schedule among teams 2 through 6.

4. MIDDLE TENNESSEE - MT losses just 11 lettermen, the fewest in the Sun Belt and despite technically losing their starting QB, Dwight Dasher is back with 8 career starts and will hopefully play like he did in 2007. If MT can stay healthy through their brutal non-conf schedule, they should have a solid season in SBC play. Stockstill's team was hurt by a low number of scholarships but this is his best team in his four years and I rate MT as having the #2 O-line and #4 D-line.

4. ULM - As I mentioned above and below, team's 2 thru 6 in the SBC are very tough to forecast. ULM has my #2 rated O-line and #3 rated D-line in the SBC and most will have them pegged lower due to an inexperienced QB. In games vs their peers (team's 2-6), ULM has just one on the road and 3 at home and with 17 returning starters from a team that led the FBS in starts lost to injury (54), ULM will surprise a lot of folks in 2009.

6. FIU - The Panthers have had 7 losing years in their 7 seasons of existence but 4 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for them to be bowl eligible this year. They are just 7-21 in Sun Belt play but with 16 returning starters including QB McCall and WR Hilton, they could easily have their first non-losing season in SBC play. Teams 2 thru 6 in the Sun Belt are all very close talent-wise and its tough to pick any one of them this low.

7. LOUISIANA - Last year Louisiana finished 5-2 in the SBC and their +34.6 ypg was the 3rd best mark. They do lose star QB Desormeaux, career rush leader Fenroy and their leading receiver but have the 3rd best OL/DL combo in the SBC including the best O-line. Playing 4 Sun Belt games on the road in 5 weeks is one of the main reasons I'm calling for a drop in the standings for the Ragin' Cajuns.

8. NORTH TEXAS - NT could be one of the surprise team's in the NCAA this year. They are the most improved team in the SBC. After yielding 45.1 and 47.6 ppg in Todd Dodge's first 2 seasons, they should have the most improved D in the country. Special teams are a concern but this team is capable of winning any or all of their 6 home games. While 2 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for them to go 6-6, the rest call them lower and I'll probably regret picking a vastly improved Mean Green team, who were -17 in TO's and have 16 starters back this low.

9. WKU - The Hilltoppers had a streak of 12 straight winning years end last season as they faced 10 FBS foes after playing just 6 in '07. In their games vs the SBC they were -93.0 ypg. They have just 60% lettermen returning, the lowest in the league and are breaking in a new QB. This year's edition is improved but it will take a year or two to get catch up to the rest of the league.

SUN BELT NOTES: This is the 34th year for the Sun Belt overall and 9th in football. For the first time in the history of the SBC, an SEC team goes to a Sun Belt site as Mississippi St travels to Murfreesboro to take on MTSt on Oct 17th. ULM FS Greg James needs just 1 int to tie the SBC record for most career int which is currently held by former MTSt's Bradley Robinson, Ark St's Johnathan Burke and ULM's Chris Harris. The Sun Belt was supposed to have backup agreements with 3 bowls (Indep, Papa Johns, St Petersburg) but surprisingly only got two teams into bowls despite having 4 eligible as Lafayette and Ark St sat home. North Texas won the Sun Belt crown the first 4 years of the league with a combined record of 25-1 in SBC play. The bad news for Troy is that the last 4 years the defending champ of the Sun Belt has been the preseason favorite the next year but none of those 4 teams have won the league. In fact two have finished with a losing record. Heading into last year the Sun Belt was 8-7 over two years vs CUSA but went just 1-7 in '08. In 2007 the Sun Belt got upsets over 3 BCS schools including Alabama and Missouri! Last year they were just 5-32 in FBS non conf play with a 2-1 record vs the MAC. Ark St upset Texas A&M and Middle Tenn upended Maryland. Troy actually led defending champ LSU 31-3 in the 3Q and they also outgained Ohio St in the Horseshoe. WKU is welcomed to the league this year in what looks to be a rebuilding year for the Hilltoppers. Of last years Conf POY, Off POY and Def POY only DE Alex Carrington (Ark St) is back. TY Hilton (Fla Intl) was the Frosh of the Year. The Sun Belt just signed a 4 year agreement with ESPN which should result in a 60% increase in nationally televised SBC games.

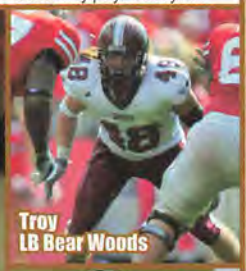
2008 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
30	Louisiana	36.3	1	449.9	1	266.6	1	5.8	1	183.3	8	66.7	1	12.4	6	13	5	14	4
46	Troy	36.0	2	397.3	3	193.4	2	5.1	2	203.9	6	63.7	2	11.0	8	8	1	4	1
68	Florida Atlantic	30.9	3	421.7	2	150.1	5	4.5	5	271.6	1	56.2	6	13.7	4	18	7	10	2
73	Arkansas St	26.0	6	392.0	4	183.3	4	4.5	4	208.7	5	54.9	7	15.1	2	8	1	15	5
95	North Texas	19.1	8	386.1	6	121.1	6	3.6	6	265.0	3	63.5	3	20.2	1	22	8	15	5
96	Middle Tenn	24.3	7	347.3	8	121.1	6	3.4	7	226.1	4	63.1	4	14.3	3	15	6	11	3
97	ULM	30.0	5	388.3	5	185.3	3	4.9	3	203.0	7	59.7	5	12.9	5	9	3	18	8
106	FIU	30.7	4	369.1	7	101.0	8	3.0	8	268.1	2	54.8	8	12.0	7	12	4	15	5
116	WKU*	16.0	-	299.6	-	157.0	-	4.5	-	142.6	-	47.2	-	18.7	-	10	-	13	-

*WKU's numbers are vs the 5 SBC teams they played last year.

2008 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '08 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
35	Troy	16.7	1	319.7	1	118.6	2	3.0	1	201.1	1	57.5	2	19.1	8	18	1	27	1
65	Arkansas St	24.3	2	336.3	2	99.6	1	3.4	2	236.7	6	57.3	1	13.8	4	12	5	14	3
80	Middle Tenn	26.0	3	377.9	3	158.6	4	4.0	5	219.3	3	59.5	5	14.5	6	15	3	17	2
84	FIU	31.7	6	390.1	4	169.3	5	4.0	4	220.9	4	58.8	4	12.3	2	12	7	12	4
91	Florida Atlantic	27.4	4	390.7	5	157.6	3	4.0	3	233.1	5	63.8	7	14.2	5	15	4	6	8
94	WKU*	28.0	-	392.6	-	154.6	-	4.0	-	238.0	-	62.9	-	14.0	-	7	-	8	-
113	Louisiana	32.0	7	415.3	6	199.9	6	5.4	6	215.4	2	58.3	3	13.0	3	13	6	10	5
114	ULM	30.6	5	445.3	7	207.0	7	6.1	8	238.3	7	61.8	6	14.6	7	11	2	7	7
119	North Texas	44.6	8	476.3	8	211.6	8	5.7	7	264.7	8	65.0	8	10.7	1	9	8	9	6



2008 SBC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2008	2007	2006
Troy	6	1	252	117	8	5	426	277	+77.6	+155.7	+28.3
Louisiana	5	2	254	224	6	6	397	404	+34.6	-16.0	+14.4
Florida Atl	4	3	202	164	7	6	326	373	+31.0	+66.3	+11.4
Arkansas St	4	3	154	156	6	6	324	285	+55.7	+9.0	+50.4
FIU	3	4	215	222	5	7	296	340	-21.0	-129.9	-75.0
Middle Tenn	3	4	170	182	5	7	274	299	-30.6	-67.0	+37.0
ULM	3	4	210	214	4	8	284	374	-57.0	+12.3	+29.3
North Texas	0	7	134	312	1	11	240	571	-90.2	-30.4	-95.3
WKU*	0	5	80	150	2	10	210	326	*-93.0*	*+21.0*	-

Coach of the Year: Larry Blakeney, Troy

2007 SBC STANDINGS

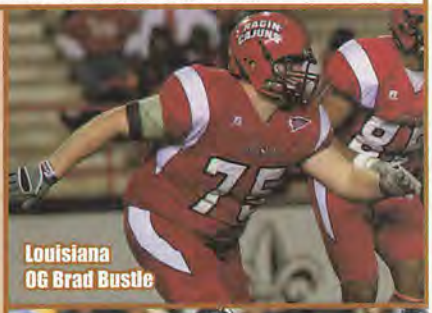
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Florida Atl	6	1	253	185	8	5	405	432
Troy	6	1	255	106	8	4	408	295
ULM	4	3	176	166	6	6	282	332
Middle Tenn	4	3	207	187	5	7	308	339
Arkansas St	3	4	161	187	5	7	291	331
Louisiana	3	4	205	237	3	9	285	430
North Texas	1	6	161	251	2	10	298	541
FIU	1	6	149	248	1	11	181	469

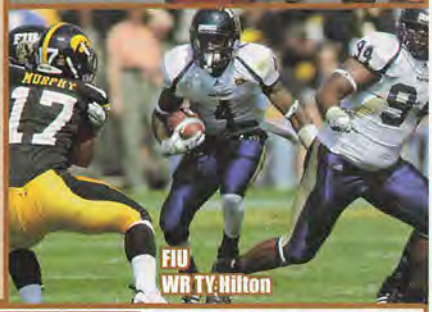
Coach of the Year:
Howard Schnellenberger, FAU

2006 SBC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Troy	6	1	177	136	8	5	296	289
Middle Tenn	6	1	204	92	7	6	296	302
Arkansas St	4	3	126	143	6	6	182	289
Florida Atl	4	3	129	100	5	7	181	299
ULM	3	4	162	113	4	8	262	267
Louisiana	3	4	126	151	6	6	248	296
North Texas	2	5	76	147	3	9	154	304
FIU	0	7	54	172	0	12	115	313

Coach of the Year:
Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee





2008 SUN BELT LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	YDS/PG
Michael Desormeaux, Louisiana	11	144	1035	247	1876	2911	264.6
Rusty Smith, Fla Atlantic	**13**	**37**	**-82**	**435**	**3224**	**3142**	**241.7**
Giovanni Vizza, North Texas	12	95	116	493	2758	2874	239.5
Corey Leonard, Arkansas St	**12**	**157**	**516**	**306**	**2347**	**2863**	**238.6**
Joe Craddock, Middle Tenn	12	83	118	367	2677	2795	232.9
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	12	131	614	313	2040	2654	221.2
Paul McCall, FIU	**12**	**88**	**126**	**317**	**2332**	**2458**	**204.8**
Levi Brown, Troy	**10**	**33**	**17**	**326**	**2030**	**2047**	**204.7**
David Wolke, WKU	11	93	301	232	1278	1579	143.5
Tyrell Fenroy, Louisiana	12	226	1375	0	0	1375	114.6
Reggie Arnold, Arkansas St	**12**	**197**	**1074**	**0**	**0**	**1074**	**89.5**
DuJuan Harris, Troy	**13**	**210**	**1077**	**1**	**5**	**1082**	**83.2**
Charles Pierre, Fla Atlantic	13	161	1014	0	0	1014	78.0

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Joe Craddock, Middle Tenn	367	237	64.6	7	2677	7.3	15	135.5
Michael Desormeaux, Louisiana	247	155	62.8	11	1876	7.6	13	135.0
Corey Leonard, Arkansas St	**306**	**166**	**54.2**	**8**	**2347**	**7.7**	**16**	**130.7**
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	313	186	59.4	7	2040	6.5	18	128.7
Rusty Smith, Fla Atlantic	**435**	**234**	**53.8**	**14**	**3224**	**7.4**	**24**	**127.8**
Levi Brown, Troy	**326**	**201**	**61.7**	**3**	**2030**	**6.2**	**15**	**127.3**
Paul McCall, FIU	**317**	**167**	**52.7**	**9**	**2332**	**7.3**	**15**	**124.4**
Giovanni Vizza, North Texas	493	309	62.7	16	2758	5.6	15	113.2
David Wolke, WKU	232	117	50.4	10	1278	5.5	8	99.5

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/GM	AVG/REC	YDS/GM
Casey Fitzgerald, North Texas	12	113	1119	6	9.4	9.9	93.3
TY Hilton, FIU	**12**	**41**	**1013**	**7**	**3.4**	**24.7**	**84.4**
Jerrel Jernigan, Troy	**12**	**77**	**868**	**5**	**6.4**	**11.3**	**72.3**
Cortez Gent, Fla Atlantic	**13**	**60**	**935**	**9**	**4.6**	**15.6**	**71.9**
Jake Gaebler, WKU	**10**	**54**	**588**	**4**	**5.4**	**10.9**	**58.8**
Jason Chery, Louisiana	12	46	656	7	3.8	14.3	54.7
Darrell McNeal, ULM	**11**	**51**	**558**	**4**	**4.6**	**10.9**	**50.7**
Eldred King, Middle Tenn	**12**	**51**	**598**	**4**	**4.3**	**11.7**	**49.8**
Jamari Grant, Fla Atlantic	**13**	**45**	**642**	**4**	**3.5**	**14.3**	**49.4**
Brock Stickler, North Texas	10	46	490	3	4.6	10.7	49.0
Greg Ellingson, FIU	**12**	**35**	**574**	**3**	**2.9**	**16.4**	**47.8**
Brandon Thompkins, Ark St	**11**	**32**	**511**	**2**	**2.9**	**16.0**	**46.5**
Malcolm Beyah, Middle Tenn	**12**	**33**	**550**	**6**	**2.8**	**16.7**	**45.8**
Patrick Honeycutt, Middle Tenn	**12**	**51**	**513**	**3**	**4.3**	**10.1**	**42.8**
Zeek Zacharie, ULM	12	46	510	4	3.8	11.1	42.5

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	LONG
Josh Arauco, Arkansas St	**11**	**20**	**17**	**85.0**	**44**
Warley Leroy, Fla Atlantic	12	13	10	76.9	37
Alan Gendreau, Middle Tenn	**12**	**14**	**10**	**71.4**	**44**
Jeremy Knott, North Texas	**12**	**17**	**12**	**70.6**	**47**
Drew Edmiston, Louisiana	12	10	7	70.0	45
Sam Glusman, Troy	**13**	**29**	**20**	**69.0**	**48**
Tanner Siewert, WKU	11	16	11	68.8	50
Dustin Rivest, FIU	**12**	**19**	**12**	**63.2**	**43**
Radi Jabour, ULM	**10**	**12**	**6**	**50.0**	**48**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/GM
Tyrell Fenroy, Louisiana	12	226	1375	19	6.1	114.6
Michael Desormeaux, Louisiana	11	144	1035	5	7.2	94.1
Reggie Arnold, Arkansas St	**12**	**197**	**1074**	**7**	**5.5**	**89.5**
DuJuan Harris, Troy	**13**	**210**	**1077**	**11**	**5.1**	**82.8**
Charles Pierre, Fla Atlantic	13	161	1014	8	6.3	78.0
Cam Montgomery, North Texas	**12**	**170**	**928**	**9**	**5.5**	**77.3**
Frank Goodin, ULM	**11**	**182**	**783**	**5**	**4.3**	**71.2**
Phillip Tanner, Middle Tenn	**12**	**188**	**714**	**15**	**3.8**	**59.5**
Derek Lawson, Arkansas St	**12**	**97**	**695**	**4**	**7.2**	**57.9**
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	12	131	614	4	4.7	51.2
Julian Reams, FIU	11	140	481	6	3.4	43.7
Corey Leonard, Arkansas St	**12**	**157**	**516**	**4**	**3.3**	**43.0**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Bobby Rainey, WKU	**19**	**581**	**0**	**30.6**
Jorrick Calvin, Troy	**27**	**693**	**1**	**25.7**
Royce Hill, North Texas	**17**	**436**	**0**	**25.6**
TY Hilton, FIU	**36**	**841**	**1**	**23.4**
Luther Ambrose, ULM	**23**	**522**	**1**	**22.7**
Jason Chery, Louisiana	44	953	1	21.7
Dilvory Edgecomb, Fla Atlantic	30	626	0	20.9
Robert Williams Jr., ULM	**33**	**681**	**0**	**20.6**
Brandon Thompkins, Ark St	**15**	**296**	**0**	**19.7**
DaWaylon Cook, North Texas	**26**	**506**	**0**	**19.5**
Jeff Blanchard, Fla Atlantic	**17**	**331**	**0**	**19.5**
Desmond Gee, Middle Tenn	**28**	**544**	**0**	**19.4**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Frantz Joseph, Fla Atlantic	13	81	73	154	11.8
Bear Woods, Troy	**10**	**69**	**39**	**108**	**10.8**
Cardia Jackson, ULM	**12**	**79**	**48**	**127**	**10.6**
Boris Lee, Troy	**13**	**73**	**53**	**126**	**9.7**
Tobe Nwigwe, North Texas	**12**	**51**	**60**	**111**	**9.3**
Josh Thompson, ULM	**12**	**72**	**36**	**108**	**9.0**
Greg Joseph, Fla Atlantic	13	53	49	102	7.8
Craig Robertson, North Texas	**12**	**43**	**51**	**94**	**7.8**
Scott Bryant, FIU	**12**	**48**	**41**	**89**	**7.4**
Danny Carmichael, Middle Tenn	**12**	**62**	**27**	**89**	**7.4**
Ben Owens, Arkansas St	12	41	46	87	7.3
Sherrod Martin, Troy	13	61	33	94	7.2
Robert Mitchell, FIU	12	50	34	84	7.0
Ivon Hickmon, Middle Tenn	12	56	26	82	6.8
Kylie Hill, North Texas	**12**	**46**	**31**	**77**	**6.4**
Corey Small, Fla Atlantic	13	55	28	83	6.4

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Truman Spencer, North Texas	12	69	2925	42.4
Carlos Munera, FIU	12	70	2876	41.1
David DeFatta, Middle Tenn	**12**	**62**	**2534**	**40.9**
Scott Love, ULM	**12**	**67**	**2650**	**39.6**
Will Goggans, Troy	**13**	**52**	**2037**	**39.2**
Spencer Ortego, Louisiana	**12**	**48**	**1875**	**39.1**
Keegan Peterson, Fla Atlantic	**13**	**62**	**2375**	**38.3**
Brett Shrable, Arkansas St	12	55	2102	38.2
Jeremy Moore, WKU	**12**	**67**	**2472**	**36.9**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
TY Hilton, FIU	**18**	**266**	**1**	**14.8**
Jorrick Calvin, Troy	**15**	**149**	**0**	**9.9**
Tavious Polo, FAU	**21**	**199**	**0**	**9.5**
Orkeys Auriene, Louisiana	13	121	0	9.3
Kevin Jones, Ark St	25	213	0	8.5
Darrell McNeal, ULM	**16**	**102**	**0**	**6.4**

PASSES DEFENDED

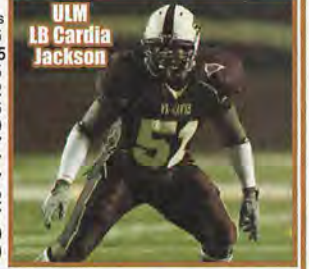
	PBU	INT	TTL
Anthony Gaitor, FIU	**11**	**5**	**16**
Jorrick Calvin, Troy	**9**	**2**	**11**
Sherrod Martin, Troy	7	4	11
Greg Joseph, Fla Atlantic	10	0	10
Terence Moore, Troy	3	6	9
Josh Thompson, ULM	**8**	**0**	**8**
Derik Keyes, Louisiana	6	2	8
MD Jennings, Arkansas St	**5**	**3**	**8**
Blake Boyd, WKU	**7**	**1**	**8**
Orkeys Auriene, Louisiana	**6**	**1**	**7**
Dominique Williams, Arkansas St	5	2	7

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Brandon Lang, Troy	**10.5**	**97**
Alex Carrington, Arkansas St	**10.5**	**59**
Aaron Morgan, ULM	**6**	**30**
Michael Hancock, Fla Atlantic	6	33
Cameron Sheffield, Troy	**5.5**	**44**
Dion Gales, Troy	5.5	29
Bryan Hall, Arkansas St	**5**	**52**
Boris Lee, Troy	**4.5**	**22**
Maurice Coleman, Troy	4.5	23
Cardia Jackson, ULM	**4**	**46**
Quentin Newman, FIU	4	38
Daylon McCoy, Louisiana	**4**	**33**
Lonnie Clemons, Middle Tenn	4	24

TFL

	NO	YDS
Alex Carrington, Arkansas St	**19**	**76**
Brandon Lang, Troy	**17.5**	**115**
Dion Gales, Troy	15.5	45
Aaron Morgan, ULM	**13**	**42**
Ivon Hickmon, Middle Tenn	13	36
Cameron Sheffield, Troy	**12.5**	**69**
Danny Carmichael, Middle Tenn	**11.5**	**37**
Quentin Newman, FIU	11	67
Boris Lee, Troy	**9.5**	**37**
Blake Boyd, WKU	**9.5**	**32**
Frantz Joseph, Fla Atlantic	9	27
Bryan Hall, Arkansas St	**8.5**	**59**
Cardia Jackson, ULM	**8**	**50**



PHIL'S SUN BELT UNIT RANKING

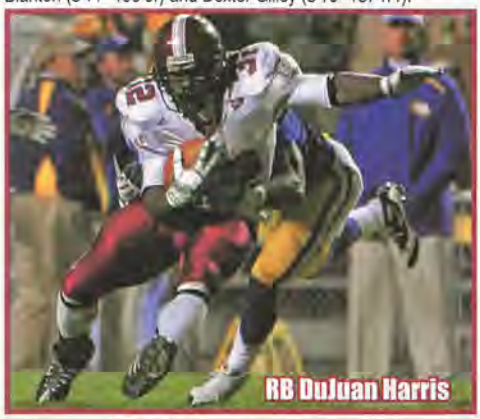
	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Troy	3	2	4	2	1	1	5	1	2
Florida Atlantic	1	7	1	7	8	9	6	8	1
Arkansas St	2	1	5	8	2	6	2	6	3
Middle Tennessee	5	4	3	2	4	8	3	4	4
ULM	7	4	7	2	3	5	1	3	4
FIU	6	8	2	6	6	2	4	2	8
Louisiana	7	9	9	1	5	4	6	7	4
North Texas	3	2	6	2	7	2	8	9	9
WKU	9	4	8	8	9	7	8	5	7

TROY TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Troy had inconsistent QB play in '05 but in '06 brought in new OC Tony Franklin and JUCO QB Omar Haugabook. I projected Haugabook as the starter and he threw for 2,401 (61.3%) with a 21-17 ratio and was named SBC POY. Naturally, Haugabook had an even better '07 throwing for 2,975 (61.3%) with an 18-15 ratio (#2 rusher, 631 net). Last year it was a 4 man battle with 3 soph's who had played in a combined 19 games here and a transfer from Richmond, Levi Brown. Soph Jamie Hampton (PS#111) was the most mobile and fit into new OC Neal Brown's style. The other two were Tanner Jones (6'0" 195 Jr, PS#99) and Jonathan Chandler (PS#92). True frosh Corey Robinson ran the same offense in HS and was Mr. Football in Kentucky setting a national HS record with 91 TD's throwing for 5,872 (73.7%) with just 4 int as a senior but ended up grayshirting. Hampton threw for 1,046 (61.5%) with a 9-8 ratio in 5 but was inj vs FAU. Jones and Brown fought for the starting spot with Brown winning and throwing for 2,030 (61.7%) with a 15-3 ratio, earning SBC Newcomer of the Year. Brown set a school record vs NT with 40 comp while his 391 yds where the most yds under Blakeney (Brock Nutter, 390 in '99). He didn't have an int in his first 104 att. Jones DNP vs FIU then tore his ACL vs NT. Blakeney took the RS off of true frosh Dantavious Parker (5'11" 214, PS#258) who played in 4 hitting 1 of 3. Chandler played in 6 (2 att) while WR Jerrel Jernigan also saw a few snaps. This year everyone returns (Chandler moves to WR) and the unit is vastly more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - In '07, Kenny Cattouse was the leading returning rusher and led with 791 (5.9). Unheralded true frosh DuJuan Harris (PS#506) rushed for 372 (4.5). Last year they had to replace Cattouse. Troy got the big-time addition of Colorado and JC trans Maurice Greer (PS#28). Unfortunately, Greer was diagnosed with cancer and saw his weight drop and rushed for just 194 (6.3). Xavier Moreland was #1 at the start of Aug but broke his collarbone and played in just 9 (226, 6.6). Harris became just the 5th 1,000 yard rusher in school history (1,077, 5.1) and had 234 vs UL, just missing the school record set by Eddie Brundidge (244 in 1984). The only loss this year is Moreland and not listed in the PSL are DJ Taylor (6'0" 228 So), TJ Mitchell (5'7 "174 rFr), Bryant Williams (5'8" 179 rFr), Andrew Martin (6'0" 265 Jr), Chris Blanton (5'11" 190 Jr) and Dexter Gilley (5'10" 187 rFr).


RB DuJuan Harris

RECEIVERS - Last year Troy lost its #1 and #2 rec. Jerrel Jernigan (PS#155QB) who as a true frosh, was #3 with 337 (11.2) was by far the team's top WR. Despite missing 1.5 gm LY he led with 868 (11.3) and finished as the single season record holder with 77 rec (Danny Grant, 72 in 1968). Kennard Burton (4 st, 219, 12.2 in '07) was #2 with 492 (10.5). Mykeal Terry was the #2 rec in '06 with 477 but dropped to 186 (8.9) in '07 and added just 210 (9.1) in '08. This year they must replace Burton (13 st), Terry (13 st), Gerald Tate (2 st, 238, 10.3) and Fred Turner (9 rec). Not listed below are Willie McDowell (6'1" 198 So), Darius Chambers (5'11" 178 rFr) and former QB Chandler (6'0 206 Jr), TE's Matt Stidham (6'3" 233 So) and Luke Rowe (6'3" 246 rFr). With Jernigan back and now a junior along with the addition of Okla transfer Josh Jarboe (PS#23), this is a stronger, more experienced group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07 Troy had to replace 4 starters including 1st & 2nd Tm SBC OL's. In the 2nd year of the spread offense, the numbers actually improved to 183 ypg rush (4.7), an IA best (for Troy) with just 18 sacks (3.5%). That inexperienced '07 group had the benefit of adding 2 JUCO's (in spring) and both started all year. Troy also benefitted from great health as 4 OL's started all 12. Last year the entire 2 deep returned. After 2007's abnormal increase, a more veteran Troy OL actually had its rushing number decrease to 168 ypg (4.9) but allowed just 13 sacks (tied #4 FBS, 2.5%). This year they lose 1st Tm SBC LT Chris Jamison (13 st, 3Y st'r), RT Dion Small (13 st, 2Y st'r), RG Wesley Potter (4 st, 12 st '07) and backups RG Steven Merkel (10 gm), Will Chambliss III (11 gm '08, 7 st '07). Three full-time starters do return. OL coach John Schlarman has done a solid job and despite being a little less experienced, should produce another fine unit as they add 4 JUCO's (3 in for spring).

DEFENSIVE LINE - Troy's D-line produced a #2 NFL DC in Osi Umenyiora after the '02 season and a #1 DC in DeMarcus Ware after '04. After yielding just 2.7 ypc rush in '04, Troy had to replace all 4 starters in '05 and allowed 3.7 ypc rush while the D had just 17 sacks. In '06 they had to replace 3 starters. DE Kenny Mainor was called "the next Ware" and he had 6.5 sacks. Troy yielded 3.7 ypc again but with 36 sacks. In '07 they had 3 starters returning but surprisingly allowed 4.9 ypc rush, their worst in FBS play by over a yard. Last year they lost DE Mainor after 3 starts so basically had 1.5 starters back. Brandon Lang had 17.5 tfl breaking Ware's school record and he and Cameron Sheffield (11 st '07), who had 5.5 sacks, both earned 1st Tm SBC. This year both made the Preseason Lombardi Watch List. Troy improved to 140 ypg (3.5) and increased their sack total to 37. This year they lose HM SBC DT Steve McLendon (13 st, 40 tkl, 3 sk), 1st Tm SBC DT Dion Gales (11 st, 62 tkl, 5.5 sk, 10 tfl), Mainor and DT Maurice Coleman (2 st, 46 tkl, 4.5 sk). They add PS#47JC Kevin Dixon (4 st Neb in '07) and 3 other JC's including Eugene Kinlaw (PS#31). Not listed below are Marlon Quinn (6'3" 295 Jr), Brandon Boudreaux (6'1" 225 So) and Zack Harris (6'5" 300 Jr). Despite the losses, this group could be even stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Troy had to replace one starter (#5 tkl'r) and 1 backup (3 st) but returned its #1 and #2 tacklers. They had 3 solid starters but depth was lacking. The unit was led by the "Killer Bees" of Bear Woods and Boris Lee. Lee was 1st Tm SBC and Woods 2nd Tm. This year those 2 return as does PS#127JC David McDowell (3 st '07, miss '08). Not listed in the PSL are Tony Bennett (5'10" 204 Jr) and Chase Boutwell (6'0" 212 rFr). They lose 1st Tm SBC SLB Terence Moore (13 st, 76 tkl, 6 int) and Trinidy Thomas (14 tkl). With the top 2 back, this is the SBC's best LB corps but depth is still a concern.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '06, Troy had just 1 starter back and finished #83 in my pass D rankings. In '07 they had to replace a 1st Tm SBC SS but had 7 of the top 8 return and added Fla St transfer Trevor Ford (PS#35). Troy clearly had the best CB tandem in the SBC with 1st Tm SBC's Leodis McKelvin and Elbert Mack, who tied for the int lead in the NCAA with 8! Troy moved up to #49. Last year both CB's departed (McKelvin #1DC) but Ford started all 13 and they added JC CB Jorrick Calvin (2nd Tm SBC). Troy moved up to #10 allowing an 18-21 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm SBC FS Sherrod Martin (13 st, 94 tkl, 4 int, #2DC CAR), 2nd Tm SBC SS Tavares Williams (13 st, 75 tkl, 3 int) and CB Ford (13 st, 49 tkl, 6 pbu). They are less experienced and figure to take a good-size drop in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - HC Blakeney always puts an emphasis on ST and they have fared well (#45 finish in my ST rankings '04). Last year they had to replace KR/PR Leodis McKelvin who tied an NCAA rec with 8 career TD's (not incl 5 negated by pen). They also had to replace K/P Greg Whibbs. JUCO Jorrick Calvin avg 25.7 on KR and 9.9 on PR. RFr P Will Goggans avg 39.2 (36.5 net). K Sam Glusman was having a fine year (set schl rec w/17 kick pts vs Alcorn St) hitting 12 straight FG to start but missed 3 xp's and a 48 yd FG vs NT connecting on just 8 of his final 17. One miss was a 56 yarder that bounced off the crossbar (would have won gm vs ULM). Troy blocked a FG for a TD which I added into their TD/Blk category. Overall, Troy rose to #17 (#63 in '07) and have the SBC's top ST unit.

COACHES - In Larry Blakeney's 18 years here he has guided Troy from Div II to IAA and finally to IA ('01). Troy won 3 Southland Conf Titles in the final 5 years of IAA and in '99 beat Cincy, USF and MT finishing #6 in IAA. Last year Neal Brown became the youngest OC in the FBS at 27. He played in the system at Kentucky and was the QB coach here 3 years prior. DC Jeremy Rowell played QB at Troy from '91-'95. Rowell was the co-DC in '06 and took over the duties by himself in '07. Blakeney is 4th among active coaches in NCAA wins at their current school (144).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Troy went from Div II to IAA to IA in 13 years. The Trojans suffered their first losing season in 5 years in '02 as they upgraded their schedule to take on more IA teams. They expanded their stadium to 30,000 and switched to an AstroPlay surface in '03. Despite 8 road games, posting the highest travel mileage total in school history (7,270) and having just 9 starters returning, they managed a 6-6 record. In '04, they had 17 starters returning led by an outstanding DL. I called them the 9th Most Improved team in the country. Troy upset Marshall on the road, then beat #19 Missouri at home on ESPN which led to their first FBS bowl berth. Despite a 7-5 overall record, they were actually -26.8 ypg in '04 benefitting from +11 in TO's. In '05 they were the least experienced team in the SBC (7 ret st'r). Troy was picked 2nd in the preseason SBC poll but I did not make a lot of friends in Troy when I pegged them 6th. As I expected, Troy struggled and finished 4-7 and was -9 in TO's. In '06, they had 10 ret starters (2nd fewest SBC) but benefitted from 4 close wins in SBC play including a miracle vs MT in which they trailed 20-7 with 3:33 left but won on a TD with :14 left. Troy thumped Rice 41-17 in the bowl. In '07, they had 13 returning starters and I called for them to have their best off ppg in the L/7Y and they did, avg 34.0 ppg (best S/'95). Troy had a brutal non-conf schedule including traveling to 3 ranked SEC teams but for the 2nd time ever they hosted a BCS school and for the 2nd time, upset a B12 member, Okla St (led 41-10). As expected, Troy rolled through the SBC and earned its first ever votes in the AP poll, though never officially ranked. They only had to beat FAU at home to wrap up the SBC but were upset and failed to even make a bowl. Troy was +155.7 ypg, almost 100 yards better than FAU, but only claimed a share of the SBC Title. Last year Troy had 14 starters back and had another brutal non-conf schedule. They also had to replace a 1st Rd DC plus their starting QB. Troy beat MT in the opener and had the LSU game postponed. Troy put up a record 736 yards in their romp over Alcorn St. After 3Q's vs Ohio St, they had FD & yd edges but lost 28-10. Okla St wanted revenge after losing the previous year and led 35-10 at half and piled up 612 yds. QB Hampton was lost vs FAU. In Brown's first start he guided them to a 33-23 win over FIU. They blasted NT but ULM got a TD pass w/:34 left to win. After getting past WKU 17-7, Troy led defending National Champ LSU 31-3 early 3Q!! Half of the home crowd left but LSU got its biggest comeback in program history. Troy rallied to beat UL and Ark St to win the SBC but blew a late lead vs SM in the bowl and lost in OT. Troy has just 12 ret starters but could have had a much better record as they had 3 net close losses, were +77.6 ypg (best SBC), and are the most talented team in the SBC. Troy gets a 2nd straight conf title.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL Eugene Kinlaw 6-2 294 PS#31JC
DL Antonio Harper 6-4 230 PS#59
DL Jonathan Massaquoi 6-4 290 PS#150JC
DL Riley Flowers 6-0 273 PS#168JC
DL Emmanuel Dudley 6-0 283 PS#182JC
DL Vinson Bass 6-3 285 PS#155
OL Ray Carter 6-3 290 PS#222JC
QB Corey Robinson 6-0 212 PS#113 '08
DB Bradley Wallace 6-2 195 PS#179
DL Dontavious Pyron 6-2 270 PS#176
WR Jason Bruce 5-8 148 PS#237JC
WR Anthony Williams 6-2 202 PS#153
OL Jeremy Simmons 6-4 343 PS#203
OL Tyler Graves 6-5 284 PS#307JC
DB DeMarcus Robertson 5-11 166 PS#327JC '08
OL Jay Stansberry 6-4 265 PS#245
RB Greg Pratt 5-8 165 PS#199
RB Shawn Southward 5-9 185 PS#216
OL James Brown 6-4 346 PS#401JC
WR Sam Haskins 6-4 200 PS#267
DB Barry Valcin 6-0 190 PS#801JC
DB Caleb Massey 6-1 185 PS#564
OL Jimmie Arnold 6-0 283 PS#307 '08
LB Johnny Thompson 5-11 209 PS#250 '08
WR Felton Payton 6-0 178 PS#320 '08
OL Cody Jenkins 6-5 290 PS#666
DL John Clark 6-4 220 PS#667
DL Aaron Williams 6-5 260 PS#668
DL Daymond Brinson 6-3 230 PS#669
WR Dominique Bonman 6-2 174 PS#629
DL Shermane Teart 6-2 250 PS#701
OL Nathan Newland 6-2 293 PS#912
WR Gavin Ellis 6-6 219 PS#967
WR Jamel Johnson 6-0 180 PS#968
DL Anthony Payne 6-2 285 PS#972
DB Mike Robinson 6-2 205 PS#1208
DB Tony Gray 5-11 180 PS#1212
DB Willard Ross 6-1 185 PS#1805JC
RB Dezman Ivory 5-11 175 PS#1607
DB Sergio Perez 6-0 170 PS#1875

DEFENSE | JERSEY # IN MAROON | 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN MAROON | DEFENSE

QB 12 LEVI BROWN SR. 6-4 219 PS#238. Richmond trans. 8 st, 2030 (62%) 15-3 ratio LY. **7** Jamie Hampton (6'2" 211 Jr) PS#111. 6 st, 1091 (61%) 10-9 ratio, 426 rush 2Y.

FB 32 DuJUAN HARRIS JR. 5-7 183 372 (4.5) true. 11 st, 1077 (5.1), 36 rec, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **27** Maurice Greer (5'11" 213 Sr) **PS#28.** 194 (6.3) LY. Fernandus Edwards (5'7" 202 Sr) 3 rec LY.

WR 3 JERREL JERNIGAN JR. 5-9 173 PS#155. 337 (11.2) true. 9 st, 868 (11.3), **1st Tm SBC** LY. **83** Zack Marcum (5'9" 170 Sr). 2 st, 166 (7.2) 3Y. **HB** Nathan Nolin (6'0" 207 Sr). Josh Milner (5'11" 214 So).

WR 5 Josh Jarboe rFr. 6-2 189 **PS#23. Okla trans.** Justin Bray (5'11" 205 Sr). 172 (6.6) 3Y. Tebiarus Gill (6'1" 198 Jr) PS#216. Garry Williams (6'1" 183 rFr). Daniel Stanley (6'0" 181 rFr).

WR 1 CORNELIUS WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 189 PS#99. 249 (10.0) 2Y. 10 st, 174 (9.7) LY. **21** Austin Silvoy (6'2" 184 Jr) PS#385. 2 st, 266 (12.1) 2Y. Chip Reeves (5'10" 169 So) PS#169. 4 rec true.

WR 4 Andrew Davis Sr. 5-9 177 2 st, 577 (10.7) 3Y. Jason Bruce. In spg. **86** Patrick Cherry (5'11" 205 Sr) PS#205. 122 (11.1) 3Y. **TE 45** Travis Boyd (6'3" 245 Sr). 4 st, 7 rec (7.9) 3Y.

C 75 DANNY FRANKS SR. 6-3 310 PS#560. 1 st@RG rFr. 22 st@C 2Y. **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **67** Jimmie Arnold PS#307. **60** Zach Swindall (6'0" 260 So). 1 gm. **LS** Drew Robinson (5'11" 232 So).

RG 73 STEVEN ADAMS SR. 6-3 315 PS#524. 7 gm '07. 10 st@RG, 3@C LY. **55** Micah Grimes (6'4" 305 So) PS#115. 4 gm. Murray Keasler (6'0" 291 So) PS#363. Lance Gunn (6'2" 300 rFr).

LG 58 TYLER CLARK JR. 6-2 275 5 st true. 13 st, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. Tyrell Curtis (6'3" 307 Sr) PS#422JC. 2 gm LY. Jacob Creech (6'3" 283 rFr) PS#298. LeDerryus Benson (6'1" 343 rFr).

RT 69 Tyler Graves Jr. 6-5 284 PS#307JC. Orig with **Florida St.** In for spring. **65** Ray Carter (6'3" 290 Jr) PS#222JC. In for spg. **77** Kyle Wilborn (6'5" 290 rFr) PS#481.

LT 66 Nic Riley Sr. 6-4 304 PS#177. 1 gm rFr. 3 gm '07. 11 gm as backup LY. **70** James Brown PS#401JC. In spg. Jeremy Simmons PS#203. Leo Dicesaris (6'7" 316 So).

K 38 SAM GLUSMAN SR. 5-10 166 1 gm 2Y. 20-29 FG, 7-11 40+, L/48, 48-52 xp, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **35** Michael Taylor. **36** Anthony Cetrangelo (5'8" 165 rFr). **37** Thomas Starr (6'0" 194 rFr).

DE 91 BRANDON LANG SR. 6-4 256 PS#84. 30 tkl , 8 tfl 2Y. 10 st, 69 tkl, **17.5** tfl, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **99** Mario Addison. Jonathan Massaquoi. **54** Jeremy Hawkins (6'3" 224 Sr) PS#388. 7 tkl 2Y.

DT 59 Kevin Dixon Sr. 6-2 271 **PS#47JC.** 4 st, 19 tkl at **Neb** '07. Trans LY. Eugene Kinlaw **PS#31JC.** Chigozie Nwankwo (6'2" 276 rFr) PS#305. James Searcy (6'3" 282 rFr) PS#222.

DT 92 Emmanuel Dudley Jr. 6-0 283 PS#182JC. Rashad Roussell (6'2" 265 Sr). 33 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. Riley Flowers PS#168JC. Tim Lamb (5'11" 335 rFr) PS#111. Tony Davis (6'2" 229 rFr) PS#473.

DE 90 CAMERON SHEFFIELD SR. 6-2 249 PS#458. 4 tkl true. 11 st, 27 tkl '07. 13 st, 66 tkl, 12.5 tfl, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **55** RJ Roberts (6'3" 241 So) PS#156. John Mark Patrick (6'3" 244 Jr) PS#439.

SLB 50 David McDowell Sr. 6-1 247 PS#127JC. 3 st, 15 tkl LY. **40** Johnny Thompson PS#250. Carvel Jones (5'11" 225 Sr) PS#485. **Miss St trans.** 4 tkl here 2Y. Erik Groat (6'0" 205 So).

MLB 2 BORIS LEE SR. 6-0 245 PS#495. 21 st, 144 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 126 tkl, 9.5 tfl, 6 pd, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **49** Xavier Lamb (5'9" 222 So) PS#303. 27 tkl rFr. Jacoby Thomas (6'0" 227 rFr) PS#117.

WLB 48 BEAR WOODS SR. 6-0 232 26 tkl 3Y. 10 st, 108 tkl, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **33** Donnell Golden (6'0" 237 So) PS#437. 3 st, 31 tkl rFr. Rod Winston (6'3" 222 rFr). Brannon Bryan (6'0" 227 rFr).

CB 15 DeMarcus Robertson Jr. 5-11 166 PS#327JC. DNQ LY. **34** KeJuan Phillips (5'10" 178 So). 3 tkl true. Kedric Manning (5'10" 194 Sr) PS#414JC. 13 tkl LY. Brandon Lucas (5'7" 165 rFr).

CB 14 JORRICK CALVIN SR. 5-11 184 PS#166JC. 12 st, 76 tkl, 4 tfl, 11 pd, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. Bryan Willis (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#317. Sam Sellers (5'9" 188 Jr). 8 tkl 2Y. Dre Harris (5'10" 180 rFr).

SS 18 Courtland Fuller Sr. 5-11 199 PS#130. 17 tkl 2Y. 20 tkl LY. **23** Bryant McKissic (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#481. 18 tkl 2Y. **25** Breylan Boyd (5'11" 212 Jr). DJ McLeary (5'10" 194 rFr).

FS 13 Chris Bowens Sr. 6-0 187 10 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 14 tkl LY. **39** Daniel Sheffield (6'4" 189 Jr) PS#271JC. 22 tkl LY. Barry Valcin is PS#801JC. Caleb Massey is PS#564.

P 47 WILL GOGGANS SO. 6-0 223 PS#53. 52 punts (39.2), net 36.5, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **35** Michael Taylor (5'10" 209 So) PS#18. 89 KO, 9 TB rFr. Rugby-style P. Josh Milner (5'11" 214 So).

TROY TROJANS

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LARRY BLAKENEY (Career 52-44) (FCS 92-29-1)
19th Year at Troy
Blakeney's Bowl Record: 1-2

Blakeney's records AT TROY (FBS)

52-44	Straight Up	0-7	Vs Top 10
33-5	Home	1-15	Vs Top 25
17-37	Away	3-25	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	9-7	Off A Bye
25-9	Vs Conference	22-17	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (27,22,3)
Lost: 22 (12,9,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,231 (#98)

SUN BELT

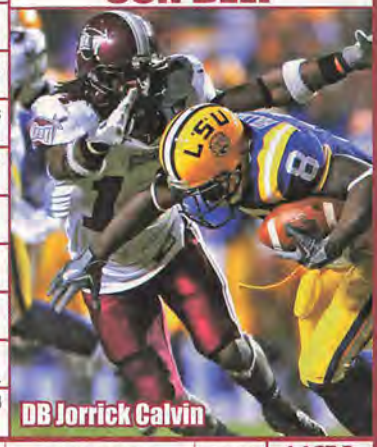
Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#109

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 3	at Bowling Green (Thur)	A					1st meeting. Troy has met just one MAC team, losing to N Illinois 34-21 in the 2004 Silicon Valley Bowl (1st in school history). The Trojans are 2-6 in road openers.
Sep. 12	at Florida	G					Troy is 1-9 vs tms from the SEC. LY Troy led #19 LSU 31-10 in the 4Q but gave up 30 pts in the final period for the 40-31 loss. These 2 first met in '07, a 59-31 Florida win.
Sep. 19	UAB	A					These 2 schools have split their 6 meetings but Troy has dropped the L/2 (27-7, '05; 21-3, '06). The Trojans are 18-0 in home openers under HC Blakeney.
Sep. 26	at Arkansas St	A					Troy is just 3-6 all-time vs the Red Wolves but have won the last 2 by an avg of 27 ppg. The Trojans are 9-1 in conference road games the last 3 years.
Oct. 6	Middle Tenn (Tues)	A					Troy is just 5-11 vs the Blue Raiders but have won 4 of L/5 (including 3 straight). Playing for the Palladium Trophy, this gm is billed as the "World's Largest Toga Party".
Oct. 10							Bonus: Troy is 1-15 vs ranked teams defeating #19 Missouri in 2004 (24-14).
Oct. 17	at FIU	A					Last year vs FIU QB Brown made his first start & WR Jernigan had 220 total yds. The Trojans are 5-0 vs the Golden Panthers winning 4 of the 5 by double digits.
Oct. 24	North Texas	A					LY the Trojans piled up 547 yds (439 pass ssn high) in their 45-17 win. Trojans are 5-1 vs the Mean Green (L2Y have combined to outscore 90-24 & outgain 1,040-543 NT).
Oct. 31	ULM	A					Troy is 7-3-1 vs the Warhawks but lost LY as a last play 56 yd FG hit the crossbar. The home team is 5-0 in this series since 2003 (3 gms decided by 5 pts or less).
Nov. 7	at WKU	A					Troy is 6-0-1 vs the Hilltoppers all-time as WKU is a full SBC member this year. Trojans are 15-7 in their last 22 November/December regular season games.
Nov. 14	at Arkansas	A					Troy is 0-2 vs Arkansas, losing 23-0 in 2002 & 46-26 in 2007. In their 1st meeting they combined for just 19 FD's & 267 yds (42 & 883 in 2nd gm).
Nov. 21	Florida Atlantic	A					The Trojans are 5-1 vs the Owls but the home team is 0-3 the last 3 years. Last time here Troy trailed 35-12 in the 4Q & got to the FAU 30 on the last drive.
Nov. 28	at Louisiana	A					The Trojans have won 5 of the last 6 meetings in this series, but trail all-time 5-7. LY Troy rushed for 391 yds, most ever since joining the FBS in '02 (Harris career high 234 yds).
Dec. 5							Bonus: Troy is 13-5 in regular season home finales under Blakeney & snapped a 3 game losing streak last year beating Arkansas St 35-9.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brock Nutter 7,791 '98-'01
2. Sim Byrd 7,619 '66-'68
3. Omar Haugabook 5,376 '06-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. DeWhitt Betterson 3,441 '01-'04
2. Ted Horstead 2,926 '83-'86
3. Mike Turk 2,533 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Danny Grant 2,907 '66-'69
2. Vince Green 2,281 '67-'70
3. Jason Samples 2,224 '01-'04



STADIUM: MOVIE GALLERY VETERANS STADIUM (30,000) (#106)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	7-4	4-8	6-6	7-5	4-7	8-5	8-4	8-5	61-46
Home	4-0	5-0	3-1	3-0	5-0	3-2	4-1	4-1	5-0	36-5
Away	5-2	2-4	0-7	3-6	2-4	1-5	3-4	4-3	3-4	23-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	3-4	6-1	6-1	6-1	25-9
vs Non-Conf	9-2	7-4	4-8	6-6	3-3	1-3	2-4	2-3	2-4	36-37
ATS	0-0	4-3	5-3	4-6	8-4	2-7-1	7-5	8-3	7-5	45-36-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	4-0	1-1	0-3	3-1	2-2	10-10
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-0	4-2
Away Favorite	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-1	2-0	2-1	3-1	8-6
Away Dog	0-0	3-2	5-2	3-5	3-0	1-3-1	3-2	2-1	2-1	22-16-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	2-4-1	4-3	5-2	5-2	19-14-1
vs Non-Conf	0-0	4-3	5-3	4-6	5-1	0-3	3-2	3-1	2-3	26-22
Off SU Win	0-0	1-2	2-2	1-3	3-4	0-3-1	5-2	6-2	4-3	22-21-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-0	2-4	2-3	1-1	2-2	17-15

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YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Silicon Valley	-3	Northern Illinois	21-34
06	New Orleans	+5	Rice	41-17
08	New Orleans	-4'	Southern Miss (OT)	27-30

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Troy's All-Time Bowl Record 1-2

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	32.8	414	168	4.9	247	61.0	12.6	13	+6	2008	7	21.3	327	140	3.5	188	54.8	15.4	37
5*	34.0	453	183	4.7	270	60.7	13.3	18	-1	2007	8	24.6	378	195	4.9	183	56.6	15.4	27
7*	22.8	320	129	3.8	191	61.8	14.1	29	-5	2006	3	22.2	345	130	3.7	215	58.0	15.5	36
3	15.9	285	118	3.0	167	50.3	17.9	38	-9	2005	4	23.2	327	143	3.7	184	58.5	14.1	17
8*	23.8	284	167	3.9	117	42.7	11.9	31	+11	2004	9	16.7	311	101	2.7	210	53.4	18.7	40
5*	15.4	294	155	3.6	139	42.4	19.1	34	+4	2003	4	22.7	350	126	3.4	224	59.0	15.4	17
8	18.2	303	176	3.9	127	43.3	16.7	19	-10	2002	8	21.0	277	105	2.8	172	52.1	13.2	30

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DuJuan Harris	210	1128	51	1077	11	5.1
Jerrel Jernigan	33	261	7	254	1	7.7
Jamie Hampton	52	257	21	236	4	4.5
Xavier Moreland	34	227	1	226	0	6.6
Maurice Greer	31	199	5	194	2	6.3
Kennard Burton	13	98	3	95	2	7.3
Levi Brown	33	95	78	17	0	0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Levi Brown	326	201	61.7	2030	15	3
Jamie Hampton	174	107	61.5	1046	9	8
Tanner Jones	15	7	46.7	64	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jerrel Jernigan	77	868	11.3	5	86
Kennard Burton	47	492	10.5	1	31
Andrew Davis	20	286	14.3	2	58
Gerald Tate	23	238	10.3	1	33
DuJuan Harris	36	216	6.0	3	29
Mykeal Terry	23	210	9.1	4	38
Cornelius Williams	18	174	9.7	3	24
Austin Silvoy	12	155	12.9	3	35
Zack Marcum	14	135	9.6	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Will Goggans	52	2037	39.2	7	36.5	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sam Glusman	48-52	8-9	5-9	7-9	0-2	20-29	48

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Boris Lee	126	4.5	5	4	2
Bear Woods	108	2	5	2	0
Sherrod Martin	94	0	0	7	4
Jorrick Calvin	76	0	4	9	2
Terence Moore	76	0.5	4.5	3	6
Tavares Williams	75	0	3.5	4	3
Brandon Lang	69	10.5	7	4	0
Cameron Sheffield	66	5.5	7	3	0
Dion Gales	62	5.5	10	0	0
Trevor Ford	49	0	2	6	0
Maurice Coleman	46	4.5	3.5	1	0
Steve McLendon	40	3	4	0	0
Rashad Roussell	33	3	1.5	0	0
Donnell Golden	31	0	1	0	2
Xavier Lamb	27	0.5	0	2	1
Daniel Sheffield	22	0	0	0	0
Courtland Fuller	20	2	1	1	0
Kenny Mainor	14	0	3	0	0
Chris Bowens	14	0	0	1	0
Trinidy Thomas	14	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jorrick Calvin	15	149	9.9	0
Cornelius Williams	4	65	16.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jorrick Calvin	27	693	25.7	1

OFFENSE / DEFENSE — 2008 STATS BY GAME

TU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
22,307	at Middle Tenn	16	36-164	4.6	17-28	136	2	20	50-84	1.7	20-34	200	5	-2
22,105	Alcorn St	36	50-315	6.3	37-57	421	1	9	24-72	3.0	12-37	48	0	+3
102,989	at Ohio St	15	23-97	4.2	30-43	218	2	17	42-170	4.0	10-17	139	1	-1
52,463	at Oklahoma St	25	23-144	6.3	27-49	272	0	35	62-358	5.8	16-21	254	0	-3
17,191	at Florida Atlantic	20	51-233	4.6	11-24	127	0	20	31-75	2.4	21-41	283	4	+2
19,316	FIU	20	40-137	3.4	19-29	255	1	15	36-83	2.3	22-34	266	7	+3
18,345	at North Texas	29	28-108	3.9	41-51	439	0	22	33-92	2.8	31-52	246	3	+4
10,112	at ULM	22	28-165	5.9	23-36	221	0	21	47-161	3.4	20-32	169	2	-1
19,066	WKU	24	33-131	4.0	30-46	298	1	15	35-121	3.5	15-33	95	4	-1
92,103	at LSU	20	17-64	3.8	34-72	316	1	16	39-119	3.1	21-41	221	1	-2
19,443	Louisiana	26	55-391	7.1	9-20	68	1	12	36-175	5.0	7-15	72	4	+1
16,227	Arkansas St	17	30-156	5.2	15-24	181	0	19	45-160	3.6	17-32	172	2	+3
30,197	† Southern Miss	21	35-73	2.1	26-44	255	4	20	37-146	3.9	20-34	276	4	0
TOTALS		291	449-2178	4.9	319-523	3207	13	241	517-1816	3.5	232-423	2441	37	+6
AVERAGES		22.4	35-168	4.9	25-40	247	2.5%	18.5	40-140	3.5	18-33	188	8.7%	0.5

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Marshall	+14'	17-15
–	Missouri - #19	+11'	24-14
–	at New Mexico St	-10	18-22
–	at South Carolina	+14	7-17
–	Utah St	-14	49-21
–	at Arkansas St	-13	9-13
–	at LSU - #18	+24	20-24
–	Idaho	-24'	47-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-13	24-6
–	at Louisiana	-13	13-10
–	Middle Tenn	-14	37-17

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Cal Poly	NL	27-10
–	UAB	+9'	7-27
–	at Missouri	+20	21-52
–	at South Carolina	+20	20-45
–	at North Texas	+2	13-10
–	at ULM	-1'	3-27
–	FIU	-9'	18-13
–	at Louisiana	+3	28-31 OT
–	Florida Atlantic	-3'	28-14
–	at Arkansas St	+3	3-9
–	Middle Tenn	+6'	7-17

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Alabama St	NL	38-0
–	at Florida St - #9	+29'	17-24
–	at Georgia Tech	+17'	20-35
–	at Nebraska - #23	+23'	0-56
–	at UAB	+5'	3-21
–	ULM	-9	24-19
–	North Texas	-10'	14-6
–	Louisiana	+1	42-28
–	at Florida Atlantic	-4	24-17
–	Arkansas St	-8	26-33
–	at Middle Tenn	+7	21-20
–	at FIU	-10'	26-13

2007 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Arkansas - #21	+23'	26-46
–	at Florida - #4	+26'	31-59
–	Oklahoma St	+10'	41-23
–	at Louisiana	-9	48-31
–	ULM	-13	24-7
–	at FIU	-18'	34-16
–	North Texas	-21'	45-7
–	at Arkansas St	-5	27-0
–	at Georgia - #10	+15	34-44
–	at WKU	NL	21-17
–	Middle Tenn	-12	45-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-16	32-38

2008 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Middle Tenn	-6	31-17
–	Alcorn St	NL	65-0
–	at Ohio St - #13	+20'	10-28
–	at Oklahoma St	+17	24-55
–	at Florida Atlantic	-3'	30-17
–	FIU	-10'	33-23
–	at North Texas	-24	45-17
–	at ULM	-10	30-31
–	WKU	-17	17-7
–	at LSU - #19	+16	31-40
–	Louisiana	-10	48-3
–	Arkansas St	-12	35-9

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Michigan St transfer Sean Clayton started the first 8 in 2006 throwing for 926 (50.6) with a 5-6 ratio. RFr Rusty Smith took over and threw for 1,285 (55.7%) with a 6-8 ratio. Smith won the starting job in 2007 and HC Schnellenberger compared him to Bernie Kosar at the start of the year. Smith threw for 463 and 5 TD's vs Minn. For the season Smith set the SBC record throwing for 3,688 (58.7%) with an outstanding 32-9 ratio (5 TD in bowl). Clayton played in 6 (16 att) while Jeff VanCamp played in 3 (5 att). Last year Smith was thought of as a potential high DC but had a miserable season for a couple of reasons. In the opener vs Texas, he separated his left shoulder. Many long TD passes were also dropped during the year and the unexpected loss of TE Jason Harmon did not help. Smith had a stronger 2H once healthier including 306 in the bowl (MVP) as he threw for 3,224 (53.8%) with a 24-14 ratio. VanCamp played in 4 hitting 8 of 20 for 55. I expect Smith to return to his outstanding 2007 form. Adding depth are 2 rFr in David Kooi (PS#128) and Graham Wilbert (6'6" 225, PS#140).

RUNNING BACKS - In '05, FAU had to replace its "all-time career leading rusher" and rFr Charles Pierre led with 517 (3.6) while #2 was Dilvory Edgecomb (295, 3.3). Edgecomb missed '06 (acad) and Pierre led again with 756 (3.7). In 2007, Pierre led for a 3rd straight year with 782 (4.6) but he did not have a 100 yard effort (3 in '06). The #2 rusher was FB Willie Rose who had 333 (5.3). Edgecomb had 190 (3.4) but was the team's top KR (1155 yds). Last year Pierre's 77 in the bowl gave him 1,014 with a super 6.3 ypc. He had 268 in the first 4 then just 49 in the next 2 (turftoe) but exploded with 194 vs WKU. Edgecomb started 4 and rushed for 469 (5.0) and Rose added 308 (4.9). JUCO Jeff Blanchard had just 57 (2.8). This year they lose Pierre (6 st & career leader), Edgecomb (4 st) and Blanchard tore his ACL in spring and will likely RS. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Mike Barasch (5'9" 200 rFr). With the loss of their top 2, this group is less experienced. Alfred Morris had 344 yds in 3 spring scrimmages and is now the front runner.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 FAU unexpectedly had to replace its #1 and #3 rec and the top 2 returnees combined for just 456 yards in 2006. I was greatly impressed with the Owls receiving corps in '07. They had good size and speed and caught almost every ball that was near them turning many into big TD's as they were a big part of Smith's SBC record 3,688 yards. Last year this figured to be one of the most underrated receiving corps in the country. Unfortunately, they lost TE Jason Harmon (#2 in '07, 63 rec) prior to the year and then the group suffered numerous dropped passes including 14 in the first 6. Most of the drops came on wide open passes that would have been long TD's, probably costing the team at least 500 yards. Cortez "Snoop" Gent's numbers went from 1,082 (16.9) in '07 to 935 (15.6) in '08. Chris Bonner was #3 in 2007 with 420 (16.8) and #4 last year with 422 (19.2). This year the unit returns intact plus they get Harmon back. Smith also said the group did not spend a lot of time together after last summer but they did this year. Not listed in the PSL below are Grant Glover (5'9" 170 Jr), Brandon Zeeb (6'1" 184 Sr), Alex Pecorella (5'11" 189 Sr), TE's Paul Muse (6'2" 250 Sr, PS#53) and Alex Fick (6'3" 200 So). This year's receiving corps should more resemble the 2007 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Schnellenberger favors smaller and more mobile OL's and in 2003 they avg'd just 255 lbs. In 2007 FAU had by far its best O-line in school history as the group opened holes for a school best 3.5 ypc rush while allowing just 16 sacks (3.2%) despite not having a mobile QB (Smith -116 net rush). Last year they had to replace a 2nd Tm SBC LG and a backup but had 101 career starts (8th most FBS). FAU did lose 2nd Tm SBC RT John Rizzo after 8 starts and 2nd Tm SBC C Nick Paris for 5 but managed to improve to another "school record" with 139 ypg (4.3) and 16 sacks (3.5%). This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC LT Brandon Jackson (12 st, 2Y st'r), RT Rizzo (3Y st'r), C Paris (8 st, 4Y st'r) and RT Vinnie Henderson (3 st). FAU has 3 back who had 8 or more starts last year (52 career st) and it will be interesting to see if the Owls' O-line can forge a third straight year of improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In both 2005 and 2006, FAU yielded 4.9 ypc rush. In 2007 the unit returned intact including a pair of All-SBC DL's in Josh Pinnick (1st Tm) and Jervonte Jackson (2nd Tm). They lost 2 of their top DL's in Pinnick and Josh Savidge to injuries and FAU allowed 4.7 ypc rush with the D having just 16 sacks. Last year FAU had to replace 3 players who combined for 13 starts as John Mertilus was lost prior to the year (acad). Then DE Jermaine Council (L/9 st '07) was injured in the opener (missed 9) and Robert St Clair (13 st '07) had just 2 starts (inj). They basically had 1 returning starter in DT Jackson who earned 1st Tm SBC. This year they lose Jackson (12 st, 41 tkl), DE Julian Myers (12 st, 27 tkl), DE Michael Hancock (11 st, 36 tkl, 6 sk), DE St Clair (11 tkl) and Derrek Skop (8 tkl). FAU trimmed its ypc allowed to 4.4 last year and despite losing 3 starters, they have 2 back who have been full-time starters which is one more than they had for most of 2008.

LINEBACKERS - This unit is my biggest concern on this year's squad. Last year they lost their #2 tackler but returned their #1, #5 and #12 tacklers including Frantz Joseph. Joseph became the school's all-time leading tackler and last year earned 1st Tm SBC honors with 154 tackles and 9 tfl. Unfortunately, this year Joseph departs (13 st) as does SLB George Allen (13 st, 73 tkl), WLB Andre Clark (11 st, 71 tkl, 5 tfl) and Ted Czepiga (19 tkl). Their top returnee was only the #9 tackler last year as they lose their #1, #4 and #5.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '05 the Owls' had a pair of solid cover CB's and finished #51 in my pass D rankings allowing a 10-14 ratio. In 2006 they had to replace both CB's but only dropped to #53 with a 16-18 ratio. In 2007 they only had to replace one starter and CB Tavious Polo had 6 int in the first 4, making my midseason 1st Tm AA list. He also ended André Woodson's NCAA record streak of passes without an int. While CB Corey Small did not get the publicity, he had an outstanding season (5 int, 10 pbu). The Owls surprisingly dropped to #80 allowing a 27-19 ratio perhaps due to the injuries on the D-line. Last year they had to replace two starters but did get back Greg Joseph (9 st '05) so it was like having 3 starters back. Polo lost his starting spot to Tarvoris Hill and FAU slipped to #87. This year they lose 1st Tm SBC SS Joseph (13 st, #2 tkl'r, 10 pbu), 1st Tm SBC CB Small (13 st, 83 tkl, 4 int) and FS Carldayle Brantley (2 st, 44 tkl, 3 int). Polo steps into the open CB spot so they have 3 who have been full-time starters. I look for improvement in my pass D rankings despite the loss of two 1st Tm SBC players.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Owls were #33 in my ST rankings in '04 but plummeted to #117, #104 and #105 the next 3. In '07 their top ST player was KR Edgecomb who had 1,155 KR yards (24.1). P's Keegan Peterson and true frosh Mickey Groody combined for just a 31.6 net. K Warley Leroy hit 19-27 FG (long 46) and PR Polo avg just 2.8. Last year the unit ret'd intact and Polo improved to 9.5 but Edgecomb's KR's dropped to 626 (20.9). The net punting was 31.8. Leroy hit 10 of 13 FG's (long 37). Overall FAU finished #108 and this year they must replace Leroy and Edgecomb and figure to stay in the bottom half for a 5th straight year.

COACHES - Howard Schnellenberger enters his 11th year with the program and 9th on the football field. He, of course, owns a IA National Title ('83) from his years at Miami, Fl when he took a struggling team and built them into a perennial National Title contender. Schellenberger was the HC at Miami from 1979-1983 and at L'ville from 1985-'94, helping that program become an annual bowl contender. OC Gary Nord moved on to Purdue and the new OC is Daryl Jackson (WR cch L2Y). They also add QB coach Jeff Brohm who was Louisville's OC LY. The DC is Kirk Hoza (9th year). Schnellenberger is a perfect 6-0 as a HC in bowl games.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Florida Atlantic did not play its first true football game until 2001. Schnellenberger did a remarkable job in 2003 guiding the team to an 11-3 (9-2 reg ssn) finish, beating a pair of ranked IAA teams and SBC member MT all on the road. They were the youngest startup program to make the IAA playoffs falling one game short of the title game and finishing #4. In 2004 FAU moved to IA and had 19 starters back. They started with five consecutive road wins, including 3 upsets (Hawaii, NT and MT) with 2 of those squads going on to bowl games, and finished 9-3. The 2005 season was the first year they had to replace a senior class (just 6 ret st). I pegged FAU 7th in the SBC and they finished 2-9 (T-7th). In 2006 FAU had 15 starters back but had a brutal opening schedule with 4 road games vs BCS teams. They lost all 4 by a combined 192-20. Schnellenberger said the schedule toughened the team up for SBC play and he was proven correct as the Owls won 5 of their last 8. In 2007 the Owls were surprisingly picked for 6th in the SBC by the coaches but I pegged them 2nd. They had 16 players back who had started at least 20 career games. FAU upset Troy and amazingly in their 4th year IA ball, won a conf title then spanked Memphis 44-27 in the bowl. The 2008 squad had just 15 seniors while they had 27 juniors, 22 soph and 53 frosh. They were the clear preseason SBC favorite in '08. I pegged them there myself but I was troubled by the fact that they had benefitted from +18 in TO's and 3 net close wins in '07. Prior to last season, Schnellenberger surprisingly rattled Texas' cage and a fired up UT squad whipped them 52-10 in the opener. Smith was injured early and did not look 100% until late in the year and a receiving corps that caught practically every pass in '07 developed a case of the dropsies. FAU led UAB 21-3 but needed a late 73 yd TD run to clinch it. They lost to Mich St 17-0 in the rain but then in the dome were done in by 4 int's vs Minny. FAU had the MT game wrapped up (led 10-0 late 4Q) but had fmbl'd at the MT2. MT scored 2 TD's in 5:22 including a 32 yd Hail Mary on the final play. After losing to Troy, FAU was 1-5 and their season looked doomed as they trailed WKU 17-7 but the Owls rallied for the win. FAU got a 22 yd TD pass in the final seconds to make a big comeback vs ULM (trailed 21-0). After walloping NT, they faced UL whose starting QB was not 100% and FAU led 40-7 in an easy win. After losing to Ark St on the road, they made TWO 14 pt comebacks in the 4Q and beat FIU in OT. That allowed them to get to the Motor City Bowl where they upset CM 24-21. For this season, FAU has just 11 ret starters and benefitted from 2 net close wins. On the positive side, they were -9 in TO's and were tied for #4 in the FBS in starts lost to injury. The Owls will be explosive on offense led by a healthier QB Smith but the big question mark is on D where they have just 3 ret starters and lose their top 6 tacklers. I'll call for Schnellenberger to get them to a 3rd consecutive bowl this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 11 RUSTY SMITH SR. 6-5 212 PS#382.17 st, 4973 (58%) 38-17 ratio 2Y. 3224 (54%), 24-14, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **12** Jeff VanCamp (6'5" 210 Jr). 74 yd 2Y. **15** David Kooi (6'7" 200 rFr) PS#128.

RB 32 Alfred Morris So. 5-11 222 PS#148. 23 (3.3) rFr. **8** Xavier Stinson (5'9" 228 rFr) **PS#46. 28** Willie Floyd (5'9" 165 Jr). 206 (4.0) 3Y. **2** Avionne Rolle (5'9" 180 So).

FB 46 WILLIE ROSE SR. 6-1 227 33 (3.0) 2Y. 26 st, 641 (5.1), 61 rec 2Y. **36** David Muniz (5'10" 211 Jr) PS#480. 56 (4.0) 2Y. **33** Kyle Watkins (6'2" 210 Sr). 14 gm '06-'07. DNP '08.

WR 7 CHRIS BONNER SR. 6-3 195 598 (15.3) 2Y. 12 st, 422 (19.2), **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **4** Conshario Johnson (6'1" 186 Sr) PS#324. 13 st, 404 (10.6) 3Y. Amos Wood Jr (6'0" 170 rFr).

WR 16 CORTEZ GENT SR. 6-2 170 PS#162. 16 st, 1148 (16.4) 2Y. 13 st, 935 (15.6), **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **3** Lester Jean (6'3" 195 Jr). 503 (11.4) 2Y. Avery Holley (6'0" 150 Jr). 325 (12.0) 3Y.

TE 88 JASON HARMON SR. 6-3 210 1096 (12.2) 3Y. RS LY. **87 JAMARI GRANT** (6'5" 210 Sr). 262 (9.4) 2Y. 13 st, 642 (14.3), **2nd Tm SBC** LY. Rob Housler (6'5" 210 Sr). 8 st, 599 (15.4) 3Y.

C 76 Ryan Wischnefski Jr. 6-2 317 PS#159. 3 gm rFr. 2 st RG, 10 gm LY. **79** Jordan Sessa (6'5" 270 rFr). **LS 69** Morgan Barnett (6'3" 230 Sr). 24 gm 2Y. Chris Athans (6'0" 225 Jr).

RG 73 KEVIN MILLER SR. 6-3 304 PS#358. 9 gm as rFr, 3 st, 12 gm in '07. 11 st, 12 gm LY. **59** Ed Wertepny (6'5" 235 Jr). 3 gm rFr. 10 gm LY. **62** Chris White (6'4" 280 So).

LG 72 DAVID MATLOCK SR. 6-2 285 4 st, 12 gm rFr. 11 st, 12 gm '07. 13 st, 3rd Tm SBC LY. **53** Samuel McRoy (6'4" 275 So). DNP LY. **52** Chris Newbold (6'4" 250 So) PS#373. 1 gm rFr.

RT 74 Carl Spitale Sr. 6-8 340 PS#556. Temple trans. 4 gms as bkup here LY. **51** Erik Hansen (6'5" 240 rFr) PS#154 TE. Carlton Falconer (6'5" 255 Fr) PS#711.

LT 70 LAVORIS WILLIAMS JR. 6-3 270 11 gm as rFr. 12 gms '07. 8 st (2@RT, 6@LT) LY. **78** Troy Niblack (6'6" 280 rFr) PS#434. **64** Max Karrick (6'6" 280 So). 2 gm as bkup OT rFr.

K 20 Ross Gornall Sr. 5-11 190 Hit 36 yd FG (only attempt) and handled KO's 2H of year LY. Matthew McLaughlin (5'10" 190 Fr) PS#143. Hit 11-18 FG as Sr in HS.

DE 98 Jamere Johnson So. 6-4 220 PS#365. 10 gm, 11 tkl rFr. **91** Andy Czuprynski (6'5" 255 rFr) PS#440. Cory Henry PS#373. **79** Ryan Klopfer (6'3" 226 rFr). Chris Lena (6'2" 230 Jr).

DT 93 Jarvis Givens So. 6-3 300 PS#166.7 tkl, 6 gm as rFr. **92** Kevin Cyrille (6'4" 275 So) PS#365. 2 tkl as true at W Mich. Trans LY. **77** Josh McClover (6'5" 225 Sr). 7 gm, 1 tkl 3Y.

DT 95 JOSH SAVIDGE SR. 6-2 280 PS#389. 7 st, 31 tkl 2Y. Med RS '07. 13 st, 28 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **58** Dino Cox (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#312. 1 st, 13 tkl 2Y. Mauricio Riquer (6'4" 275 Jr). 9 gm, 2 tkl 2Y.

DE 94 Jermaine Council Sr. 6-5 275 9 st, 34 tkl, 5 tfl '07. 1 st, 4 gm (inj) 4 tkl LY. **99** Daniel Joseph (6'0" 244 Jr). 1 tkl true. 34 tkl LY. **89** Nick Osborne (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#464. 2 gm but RS LY.

SLB 39 Malik Eugene Jr. 6-3 235 6 tkl rFr. 6 tkl, 11 gm LY. **48** Yourhighness Morgan (6'3" 225 rFr) PS#190. **41** Tony Walding (6'1" 210 rFr) PS#408. **60** Patrick Gwynn (5'10" 210 Jr). 2 gm 2Y.

MLB 45 Michael Lockley Jr. 6-2 220 6 tkl, 12 gm rFr. 11 tkl, 12 gm LY. **42** Alex Pattee (6'2" 240 rFr) PS#212. **59** Brandon Hando (6'3" 220 rFr) PS#465. **62** Chris Eterno (6'1" 192 rFr).

WLB 47 Edward Bradwell Sr. 6-1 200 PS#433. 2 tkl true. Inj '06. 16 tkl, 11 gm '07. 1 st, 12 gm, 41 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **44** Mark Soto (5'8" 220 So) PS#409. Toney Moore PS#196.

CB 9 TARVORIS HILL JR. 6-0 170 23 tkl, 13 gm rFr. 13 st, 41 tkl, 4 pd LY. **21** Erick McIntosh (6'0" 180 Sr). 13 gm, 22 tkl 3Y. **27** Marcus Bartels (5'9" 161 So). **24** Brantley Harstad (6'0" 190 rFr).

CB 5 Tavious Polo Jr. 5-11 175 13 st, 53 tkl, 9 pd, Frosh AA rFr. 1 st, 35 tkl, **2nd Tm SBC as PR** LY. **6** Darian Thomas (5'10" 170 So). 3 tkl rFr. Curtis Cross (5'10" 170 So). 1 tkl rFr.

SS 37 Austin Jensen Jr. 6-1 190 PS#249. 8 tkl, 11 gm as true. 24 tkl, 13 gm LY. **10** Rod Huggins (6'1" 185 Jr). 17 tkl 2Y. **23** Jason Haynes (5'11" 200 Jr). **42** Zeyeb Metwally.

FS 38 ED ALEXANDER JR. 6-1 172 4 tkl, 7 gm as rFr. 11 st, 13 gm, 42 tkl, 5 pd LY. **18** Antonio Rodriguez (5'11" 209 rFr). **29** Demetrius Williamson (6'0" 180 rFr) PS#303.

P 22 KEEGAN PETERSON SR. 6-0 185 4 punts (41.5) rFr. 40 punts (40.2) '07. 62 punts (38.3), 31.8 tm net LY. **17** Mickey Groody (5'11" 170 So) PS#15. 27 punts (35.5) as true. RS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB	Toney Moore 6-2 210 PS#196
DB	Keith Reiser 5-10 165 PS#372
WR	DeAndre Richardson 6-2 180 PS#305
DL	Cory Henry 6-3 230 PS#373
WR	Jamal Davis 6-2 185 PS#403
DB	Wintred Strickland 6-0 170 PS#565
RB	Chris Jackson 6-0 230 PS#540
RB	Travis Jones 5-10 175 PS#547
LB	Rockenson Angrand 6-2 225 PS#595
LB	Randell Johnson 6-3 210 PS#596
LB	David Hinds 6-2 215 PS#597
RB	Tyrie Allen 5-9 185 PS#607
DB	Treon Howard 5-10 150 PS#730
OL	Carlton Falconer 6-5 255 PS#711
OL	DeAndre Williams 6-5 265 PS#728
RB	Damian Fortner 5-10 171 PS#633
TE	Nexon Dorvilus 6-4 225 PS#184
DB	Brian Sirmans 6-1 160 PS#814
K	Matthew McLaughlin 5-10 190 PS#143
OL	Mike Nweze 6-4 283 PS#1000
DL	Jarred Williams 6-3 215 PS#909
DL	Andrew Stryffler 6-5 235 PS#910
OL	Christopher Chappell 6-8 298 PS#1096
DL	Karl James 6-1 258 PS#980
TE	James Oboh 6-4 210 PS#431
OL	Jimmie Colley 6-3 260 PS#1788
DB	Terrell Bradley 5-10 185 PS#1875

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#116

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FAU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5	at Nebraska	A				
Sep. 12						
Sep. 19	at South Carolina	G				
Sep. 26	ULM	G				
Oct. 3	Wyoming	G				
Oct. 10						
Oct. 17	at North Texas	A				
Oct. 24	at Louisiana	A				
Oct. 31	Middle Tennessee	G				
Nov. 7	at UAB	A				
Nov. 14	Arkansas St	G				
Nov. 21	at Troy	A				
Nov. 28	WKU	G				
Dec. 5	at FIU	A				

1st meeting. FAU is 0-6 vs the Big 12 including last year's 52-10 loss to Texas. The Owls are 1-15 vs BCS teams, their only win was in 2007 vs Minny, 42-39.

These two have met just 1 time before in 2006, a 45-6 Gamecock win. The Owls have dropped all 3 meetings vs SEC teams with an avg loss by 35 ppg.

After losing the 1st 2, FAU has won 2 of 3. The winner has won all 5 meetings by a TD or less. Last year FAU went 72/8pl with a 22 yd TD pass to Gent with :20 left.

This will mark the schools first meeting & FAU's first vs a current MWC member. The Owls are 2-2 hosting non-SBC teams since '05 but 2-0 vs non-BCS schools.

FAU is 5-0 vs 4-time SBC Champ North Texas including last year's 46-13 win. LY QB Smith threw for 4 TD's in the rout but has just a 5-1 ratio vs NT the L3Y.

In their only 4 meetings the visitor has gone 3-1. FAU leads the series 3-1. Last year FAU led 40-7 in the 4Q & allowed 22 garbage pts in the final quarter.

Middle Tenn was FAU's 1st win over an FBS tm in school history 20-19 in 2003. LY FAU led 10-0 late 4Q but MT rallied & got a 32 yd Hail Mary TD on 4th & 8 as time expired.

Last year the Owls got a 73 yd TD run with :40 left after holding UAB on downs. Coming into '09, the Owls have dropped 13 straight reg ssn RG's vs NC opp's S/'06.

The HT has won all 4 meetings in this series. This series is tied at 2 apiece. In LY's loss they were tied at 14-14 at HT, but FAU managed only 33 yds & 3 FD in 2H.

FAU has lost 5 of the 6 meetings with only win here in 2007, 38-32. In that game FAU scored 28 2H pts in 12:00 to punch their first ever bowl ticket.

FAU is 7-1 in Lockhart Stadium finales. WKU is eligible for the SBC Title TY. LY FAU rolled up 399 yds including 225 yds on the ground. The tms combined for 35 2Q pts.

This will be FAU's 8th meeting with rival FIU as the Owls are 6-1. Last year this game was tied 22-22 after 3Q's as they combined for 56 4Q pts!

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Rusty Smith 8,197 '06-Present
2. Jared Allen 8,100 '01-'04
3. Danny Embick 2,569 '03-'05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Charles Pierre 3,058 '05-'08
2. Doug Parker 1,981 '01, '03, '05
3. Anthony Jackson 1,349 '01-'04

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Cortez Gent 2,083 '06-Present
2. Anthony Crissinger-Hill 2,071 '01, '03-'04
3. Thomas Parker 1,550 '01-'02, '04-'05

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER (Career 131-107-3)
9th Year at Fla Atlantic (FCS 17-18) Bowls: 6-0
Miami, Fl '79-'83, Louisville '85-'94, Oklahoma '95
Schnellenberger AT FLA ATLANTIC (FBS)/OVERALL

31-30 / 131-107-3	SU	0-1 / 2-13 Vs Top 10
10-10 / 72-36	Home	0-6 / 12-33-1 Vs Top 25
15-20 / 50-68-2	Away	1-15 / 41-61-1 Vs BCS Tms
6-0 / 9-3-1	Neutral	8-2 / 17-13 Off A Bye
16-12 / 18-17-1	Vs Conf	14-15 / 47-52-1 Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (18,24,4)
Lost: 22 (9,12,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,126 (#111)

SUN BELT

TE Jason Harmon

STADIUM: LOCKHART STADIUM (20,500) (#119)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	4-6	2-9	9-2	9-3	2-9	5-7	8-5	7-6	46-47
Home	–	3-4	2-2	6-1	2-2	1-3	2-2	2-2	3-1	21-17
Away	–	1-2	0-7	2-1	6-1	1-6	2-5	4-3	2-5	18-30
Neutral	–	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	7-0
vs Conf	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-5	4-3	6-1	4-3	16-12
vs Non-Conf	–	4-6	2-9	9-2	9-3	0-4	1-4	2-4	3-3	30-35
ATS	–	–	–	–	3-4	3-8	5-6	8-5	7-5-1	26-28-1
Home Fav	–			–	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-2	2-0	3-6
Home Dog	–			–	0-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-1	4-4
Away Favorite	–			–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-1	4-1
Away Dog	–			–	3-1	3-4	2-5	1-3	1-3-1	10-16-1
Neutral	–			–	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	5-1
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	0-0	2-5	5-2	5-2	4-3	16-12
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	–	3-4	1-3	0-4	3-3	3-2-1	10-16-1
Off SU Win	–	–	–	–	2-3	0-2	2-1	3-4	3-2-1	10-12-1
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	–	0-1	2-6	3-4	4-1	4-2	13-14

Started football in 2001. They were a FCS Independent from '01-'05

Head Schnellenberger

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
07	New Orleans		-3	Memphis	44-27
08	Motor City		+7	Central Michigan	24-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Florida Atlantic's All-Time Bowl Record 2-0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9*	25.1	394	139	4.3	255	53.2	15.7	16	-9	2008	5	28.7	400	179	4.4	222	64.0	14.0	13
7*	31.2	417	126	3.5	291	58.0	13.4	16	+18	2007	9	33.2	416	175	4.7	241	64.0	12.5	16
7	15.1	297	109	2.9	188	53.7	19.7	25	+1	2006	8	24.9	334	164	4.9	171	53.4	13.4	19
2	13.5	292	114	3.0	178	52.5	21.7	34	-7	2005	4	30.8	395	218	4.9	177	51.8	12.8	6
9*	24.9	394	127	3.2	268	59.1	15.8	30	0	2004	10	17.3	345	107	3.2	238	55.5	20.0	27
11*	28.9	372	128	3.2	244	64.7	12.9	46	+7	2003	10	21.9	370	145	3.9	225	56.9	16.9	26
11*	16.0	225	69	1.8	156	48.0	14.1	45	-7	2002	10	30.8	365	190	4.2	175	57.0	11.8	24

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Charles Pierre	161	1040	26	1014	8	6.3
Dilvory Edgecomb	93	498	29	469	4	5.0
Willie Rose	63	319	11	308	1	4.9
Jeff Blanchard	20	59	2	57	1	2.8
Willie Floyd	11	42	4	38	0	3.5
Jeff VanCamp	3	10	0	10	0	3.3
Rusty Smith	37	72	154	-82	2	-2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rusty Smith	435	234	53.8	3224	24	14
Jeff VanCamp	20	8	40.0	55	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cortez Gent	60	935	15.6	9	44
Jamari Grant	45	642	14.3	4	62
Rob Housler	32	519	16.2	4	71
Chris Bonner	22	422	19.2	3	52
Lester Jean	25	257	10.3	2	30
Willie Rose	23	168	7.3	2	29
Avery Holley	9	102	11.3	0	20
Dilvory Edgecomb	10	98	9.8	1	57
Chad Wilkes	7	85	12.1	0	23
Consharlo Johnson	6	46	7.7	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Keegan Peterson	62	2375	38.3	14	31.8	2	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Warley Leroy	34-37	4-5	6-8	0-0	0-0	10-13	37

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Frantz Joseph	154	0.5	8.5	3	0
Greg Joseph	102	0	3	10	0
Corey Small	83	0	5	1	4
George Allen	73	0	3.5	1	0
Andre Clark	71	1	4	0	1
Carldayle Brantley	44	0	1	2	3
Ed Alexander	42	0	1	2	3
Jervonte Jackson	41	1.5	1	4	0
Edward Bradwell	41	1	2	0	0
Tarvoris Hill	41	0	0	3	1
Michael Hancock	36	6	1.5	0	0
Tavious Polo	35	0	1.5	2	1
Daniel Joseph	34	2	0.5	1	0
Josh Savidge	28	0.5	4.5	0	0
Julian Myers	27	1	2.5	0	0
Austin Jensen	24	0	0	0	0
Ted Czepiga	19	0	0	0	0
Robert St Clair	11	0.5	0	0	0
Erick McIntosh	11	0	0	2	0
Michael Lockley	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tavious Polo	21	199	9.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dilvory Edgecomb	30	626	20.9	0
Jeff Blanchard	17	331	19.5	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

FAU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
98,053	at Texas	13	23-37	1.6	17-39	255	0	31	46-232	5.0	28-35	271	0	-2
15,143	UAB	25	25-196	7.8	22-35	358	0	27	35-156	4.5	26-48	326	5	-1
70,321	at Michigan St	9	27-82	3.0	8-34	143	0	18	58-259	4.5	5-15	88	0	0
41,003	at Minnesota	18	25-101	4.0	20-39	175	1	24	40-206	5.2	19-24	235	0	-3
25,766	at Middle Tenn	18	42-155	3.7	16-27	208	3	13	29-55	1.9	24-36	268	1	-3
17,191	Troy	20	31-75	2.4	21-41	283	4	20	50-234	4.7	11-25	126	0	-2
14,171	at WKU	22	44-225	5.1	15-23	174	1	16	41-240	5.9	9-17	77	1	0
9,922	at ULM	23	30-151	5.0	28-39	267	0	23	36-155	4.3	22-29	216	1	-1
17,175	North Texas	24	41-256	6.2	17-28	251	0	15	36-116	3.2	15-25	139	1	+1
14,338	Louisiana	24	33-216	6.5	18-28	307	1	26	47-228	4.9	24-33	204	1	+3
10,845	at Arkansas St	15	23-63	2.7	16-38	196	1	22	42-203	4.8	20-28	279	0	-1
16,781	† FIU	28	36-135	3.8	25-50	389	1	25	37-112	3.0	27-48	400	2	0
41,399	† C Michigan	27	36-112	3.1	20-36	306	4	20	31-127	4.1	28-40	253	1	0
TOTALS		266	416-1804	4.3	243-457	3312	16	280	528-2323	4.4	258-403	2882	13	-9
AVERAGES		20.5	32-139	4.3	19-35	255	3.5%	21.5	41-179	4.4	20-31	222	3.2%	-0.7

2004 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Hawaii	+21	35-28 OT
–	at North Texas	+7'	20-13
–	at Middle Tennessee	+2'	27-20
–	at Texas St	NL	20-13
–	at Northern Colorado	NL	39-24
–	ULM	-14	13-17
–	at Florida A&M	NL	38-8
–	at Troy	+13	6-24
–	New Mexico St	-7	7-35
–	Illinois St	NL	28-0
–	Edward Waters	NL	49-15
–	† FIU	-13'	17-10

2005 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas	+24	19-30
–	Oklahoma St	+13'	3-23
–	at Minnesota	+30'	7-46
–	ULM	-7'	21-28
–	at Louisville - #24	+39	10-61
–	at Louisiana	+5'	28-10
–	Middle Tennessee	+3'	14-35
–	at Arkansas St	+7'	0-3 OT
–	at Troy	+3'	14-28
–	North Texas	-4	26-23
–	at FIU	+1	6-52

2006 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Clemson - #18	+31	6-54
–	at Kansas St	+20'	0-45
–	at Oklahoma St	+30	8-48
–	at South Carolina	+28'	6-45
–	at ULM	+14	21-19
–	Southern Utah	NL	32-7
–	Louisiana	+9	0-6
–	Arkansas St	+6'	29-0
–	at Middle Tennessee	+11'	14-35
–	Troy	+4	17-24
–	at North Texas	+4	17-16
–	† FIU	-4'	31-0

2007 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Middle Tennessee	-2'	27-14
–	at Oklahoma St	+23'	6-42
–	† Minnesota	+7	42-39
–	at North Texas	-6'	30-20
–	at Kentucky - #14	+24'	17-45
–	USF - #6	+17	23-35
–	at Louisiana	-6'	39-32 OT
–	ULM	-6	30-33 3OT
–	Arkansas St	-6'	34-31
–	at Florida - #14	+34'	20-59
–	at FIU	-10'	55-23
–	at Troy	+16	38-32

2008 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #11	+24	10-52
–	UAB	-13	49-34
–	at Michigan St	+17	0-17
–	at Minnesota	+7	3-37
–	at Middle Tennessee	+2'	13-14
–	Troy	+3'	17-30
–	at WKU	-2'	24-20
–	at ULM	-2'	29-28
–	North Texas	-22'	46-13
–	Louisiana	+2	40-29
–	at Arkansas St	+4	14-28
–	† FIU	-4	57-50 OT

ARKANSAS ST RED WOLVES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '06 rFr Corey Leonard (PS#90) battled soph Travis Hewitt (PS#148) for the starting spot. Hewitt had played in 6 games in '05 and had the best grasp of the offense with an accurate arm. Leonard possessed more speed, an outstanding arm and was dangerous in the open field. Leonard missed 4 practices late August and Hewitt started the first 4 but Leonard took every snap in 5 of the last 7. Leonard threw for 1,321 (49.1%) with an 8-8 ratio with 331 rush. Hewitt threw for 414 (45.5%) with a poor 0-7 ratio. Leonard was the clear-cut starter in '07 and threw for 2,235 (52.1%) with a 16-15 ratio and was the #2 rusher (547, 3.2). Hewitt had 1 start and threw for 211 (60.5%) with an 0-1 ratio. Leonard sat out the '08 spring so Hewitt got a lot of reps with the #1's. Leonard started all 12 and improved his stats to 2,347 yards (54.2%) with a 16-8 ratio and was the #3 rusher (516, 3.3). Hewitt played in 3 games (1 att). This year Leonard returns for his senior season and adding depth are Ryan Aplin (6'1" 213 rFr, PS#285), Andre Smith (PS#253, 6'4" 213 rFr, also worked at WR), Neely Sullivent (6'0" 193 So, PS#324), Brice Beck and true frosh Phillip Butterfield (PS#50). As long as Leonard stays healthy, he should have his best season yet but the depth is less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - This was a very inexperienced unit in 2006 and rFr Reggie Arnold (PS#161, 440 bench) emerged with 1,076 (5.1). He combined with Cedric Wilkerson (362, 4.2) and they were called a "Thunder and Lightning" combo. Arnold avg 118 ypg in the first 3 of '07 but then suffered a leg injury which lingered. He did have 225 vs UL and topped 1,000 for the 2nd straight year (1060, 6.5). Preston Brown (PS#91) rushed for 298 (5.5) and Wilkerson surprisingly had only 143 (4.1). Last year Brown and Wilkerson both were lost and the #2 RB became rFr Derek Lawson (PS#446). Lawson got a lot of work in the spring with Arnold sitting out (inj) and rushed for 209 vs TX Southern. Arnold had 100 yards rushing in each of the first 2 but did not have another 100 yard effort until Wk 9. After 6 games, Lawson led in rushing with 551 while Arnold was #2 with 490. Arnold took over in the 2H topping 100 in 3 of the last 4 and became the first ASU player to top 1,000 yards rushing in 3 different seasons. He finished with 1,074 (5.5) while Lawson had 695 (7.2). The only other RB with carries was FB Jeff Blake (40, 8.0). All 3 return and not listed below are Najel Byrd (5'11" 215 Jr, 1 gm), Tim Dunn (5'10" 190 rFr), Gavilan Bland (5'10" 192 rFr) and FB Jermaine Robertson (5'11" 230 So).

RECEIVERS - Last year the Red Wolves had to replace their top WR who had 701 (11.5) and the top returnee was Brandon Thompkins who was #2 with 503 (12.3). HC Steve Roberts was concerned with the height of his receivers entering fall and added two 6'4" true frosh but neither played. JUCO Jahbari McLennan was probably the hardest working and most intense player on the team and in his first year finished #2 with 451 (14.1) while Thompkins led with 511 (16.0). TE David Johnson, who Roberts said can run like a WR and block like an OL, added 356 (16.2) and WR Kevin Jones (PS#276) had 217 (12.8). TE Trevor Gillott had 228 (15.2). This year they lose Johnson (9 st, #7DC PIT), Jones (9 st), WR Kansas Garrett (6 gm) and TE Vernon Catlin (3 gm). Not listed below are WR's Bryant Miller (5'10" 173 So), Jackie Hawkins (5'5" 156 rFr), TJ Burk (6'2" 189 So), Shederick Austin (5'9" 163 rFr), Donte Jones (6'1" 191 Jr), Joseph Barker (5'9" 166 rFr) and TE Justin Schoemehl (6'3" 230 rFr, PS#154). Roberts said he had more depth returning at TE last year than he had in any of his previous 7 years so he needs a few to step up to the forefront. With the top 2 back, this unit could be improved and those 6'4" frosh should have an impact.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '07 ASU had to replace 3.5 starters but got back '06 starter Kyle Koets so they actually had more starting experience than in '06 and it included two-time 2nd Tm SBC LT Matt Mandich. The starting lineup featured 4 seniors and a junior and the starters played almost every snap. As expected, ASU's numbers rose to 176 ypg rush (4.6) but they allowed 39 sacks (10.1%). Last year they had to replace 4 starters and the backups had played very little in 2007. They did have their star LT Mandich returning and he once again was 1st Tm SBC. In 2005 the team only had 1 starter returning yet put up the best stats of the decade at 193 ypg (4.8). Roberts turned the trick again last year as the inexperienced O-line, with 4 new starters, paved the way for 203 ypg rush (5.0) while trimming the sack total to 29 (9.4%). This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC RT Mark Clemons (12 st), Mandich (48 career st), C Brandon Ciaramitaro (12 st), RG Sean Marshall (3 st), RG Anthony Jackson (2 st) and LT Zach Eichenberger (11 gm). While this year's group has two returning starters as opposed to one last year, their 19 career starts are tied for fewest in the NCAA (Army) and I can't imagine them matching last year's outstanding numbers.

DE Alex Carrington

DEFENSIVE LINE - ASU has been true to form as with veteran D-lines their rush D and sack totals improved and when they have an inexperienced DL, the numbers go down. In 2007 they had 20 starts returning from '06 and improved the rush ypc allowed to 4.1. (4.5 in '06). Last year they had an experienced front for the 3rd straight season with 30 starts returning and as you would expect, the ypg was trimmed to 125 (3.7) which was their best number since 1994 (118). SBC foes should be worried as the Wolves only lose DE Brian Flagg (12 st, 28 tkl, 2 sk), DE Anthony Harris (2 tkl) and DT Page Gill (2 gm). They not only return 7 of their top 8 but one of the returnees is SBC Def POY Alex Carrington who led the conf with 19 tfl.

LINEBACKERS - Last year ASU had two starters (5 of top 6) back but did have to replace leading tackler Koby McKinnon (2nd Tm SBC). This year they once again lose their leading tackler in 2nd Tm SBC Ben Owens (12 st, 87 tkl, 2 sk) and 3rd string Matt Taylor (7 tkl). They are dead even with 2008 in terms of experience with 5 of the top 6 back but last year returned their #3 and #7 tacklers and this year the returnees were just #5, #11 and #13.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU had its highest finish in my pass D rankings under Roberts in 2006 (#68) and in 2007 returned 4 senior starters. ASU moved up to #60 with SS Tyrell Johnson becoming the 1st ASU player to win top conf honors (SBC Def POY) since 1978 when Wesley Williams did so in the Southland Conf. Last year they had to replace all four starters including a #2DC SS and a 1st Tm SBC FS. Former Co-DC Jack Curtis did an amazing job as ASU's secondary allowed just 211 ypg (54.7%) with a 14-15 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's (#45) and actually finished #14. This year they only lose HM SBC CB Dominique Williams (12 st, 49 tkl) and have 7 of the top 8 back. Not listed below are CB's Michael Reed (5'9" 185 Jr), Greg Smith (5'8" 178 Jr), S's Graham Bates (6'0" 183 So, PS#208RB, 5 tkl true), Thaddaeus Haney (5'11" 193 rFr), Isaiah Shepard (5'11" 214 Jr), Jonathan Victorian (6'0" 176 So) and Don Jones (5'10" 197 rFr). As unexpected as last year's finish was, it would not surprise me to see this much more experienced unit actually regress in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Roberts coaches this unit himself and in his first 6 years they finished #85, #105, #50, #64, #103 and #64. Last year they had all of their top players back and finished #78. P Brett Shrable saw his avg drop from 41.7 to 38.2 (net 33.6 to 32.7). K Josh Arauco was a key to their finishing as high as they did as he hit his first 15 FG's but surprisingly missed 3 of his final 5. For the season he was 17 of 20 (long 44) and was 1 of 3 Groza finalists. He had a streak of 73 consec xp's snapped vs NT. Ryan Wilbourn had just 1 TB on 67 KO and the return game was average. This year the only major loss is Shrable so they should move up.

COACHES - Roberts enters his 8th year here after being the HC at Northwestern St (LA) in 2000-'01 where he was 14-9. Previously he was the HC at Southern Arkansas from '94-'99, going 26-5 over his final 3 years. Roberts has the 5th most victories among ASU's 26 all-time HC's with 37 (Larry Lacewell #1 has 69 from '79-'89). They switched to a no-huddle offense in 2007. Roberts has a contract which runs through 2010 and was named SBC Coach of the Year in 2005. The OC is Doug Ruse who enters his 8th year, and the DC is Kevin Corless (was co-DC '08).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1992, ASU has had 7 seasons of 5+ wins and Roberts is responsible for six. In 2004 ASU led the SBC in lettermen lost (26) and faced three Top 25 foes in their non-conf slate. They were 3-4 in SBC play despite being -9 in turnovers and -52.1 ypg in league play. In 2005 I gave ASU a shot at a winning season and they won the SBC getting to their first ever bowl. At times they started up to 6 frosh on defense in 2004 and allowed nearly 8 ppg less in '05. They won 2 games in which they scored under 10 points, the first time that has occurred since 1949. ASU had its first undefeated home record in Jonesboro since 1986 and ended the streak of 9 straight losing seasons (6-6). They benefitted from 4 close wins in SBC play. In 2006 they had to replace their QB and top two RB's (13 starters ret). Expectations were raised and Roberts noted at the end of 2006 that their 6-6 record with 8 road games and no FCS foes was a "heck of a year" despite fan disappointment. A 53 yd Hail Mary pass vs Memphis delivered a win and their 5-2 start was the best since 1987 but they had 4 of their last 5 on the road with more than 5,000 miles of travel. They won just 1 of them and despite a league best +50.4 ypg (4-3 in SBC), their 3 conf losses were by 24 ppg. In 2007 they had 13 starters back including their QB, top 3 rushers, 3 of their top 4 receivers and top 3 tacklers. They went 5-1 at home and are now 23-6 the last 6 years. They were picked #3 by the media in the SBC but tied for 5th at 3-4. Last year they changed their name to the Red Wolves and had a league low 11 returning starters with just 5 home games. The season couldn't have opened much better. In 2007 they opened up at #4 Texas and had a 397-340 yd edge but lost. In '08 they opened up at Texas A&M and had a 415-303 yd edge and won. The next week they plastered Texas Southern 83-10 setting 10 different school records. They had a 447-348 yd edge vs SM but lost. After whipping MTSt they lost to Memphis 29-17 and were 3-2. ASU beat ULM and then got the advantage of facing UL without QB Desormeaux but UL got a TD with :42 left to pull out the 28-23 win. ASU was whipped 35-0 by #2 Alabama and then led FIU 21-12 but lost 22-21, a game which cost them a bowl bid. Once again, ASU was strong at home and beat FAU by 14 but then trailed NT 28-24 before getting a 33-28 win. In the finale at Troy they were only outgained 337-332 but lost by 26. Had ASU beaten Troy they would have tied for the SBC Title. ASU did catch some breaks last year in that they were +9 in TO's and amazingly had just 1 start lost to injury all year. On the positive side for 2009, they have 15 returning starters including RB Arnold (SBC's leading returning rusher), QB Leonard, their top 2 WR's and six of their top 7 tacklers. While ASU tied for 3rd in the SBC, their +55.7 ypg was 2nd best. Despite the fact that ASU has 7 road games and will likely be a dog in 6 of them, 6 of my 9 sets of power ratings call them the 2nd most talented team in the SBC. With the #1 offense and #1 D they are capable of conquering this tough schedule.

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 1 COREY LEONARD SR. 6-1 207 PS#90. 3556 (51%), 24-23 ratio, 1376 rush 2Y. 12 st, 2347 (54%) 16-8, 516 rush, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. Phillip Butterfield PS#50. Ryan Aplin (6'1" 213 rFr).

RB 2 REGGIE ARNOLD SR. 5-9 219 PS#161. 1076 (5.1), 1st Tm SBC rFr. 1060 (6.5) '07. 1074 (5.5), **1st Tm SBC** LY. **22** Derek Lawson (5'11" 216 So) 695 (7.2) rFr. Don Jones (5'10" 197 rFr).

WR 4 JARRIEL NORMAN SR. 5-9 191 1 st, 197 (16.4) LY. Taylor Stockemer (6'4" 195 rFr) PS#130. **FB JEFF BLAKE** (5'10" 239 Jr) PS#145. 11 st 2Y. Danny McNeal (6'1" 249 Jr). 3 st '07. DNP LY.

WR 9 JAHBARI McLENNAN SR. 5-11 188 PS#196JC. 10 st, 451 (14.1) LY. **10** Anthony Robinson (5'8" 169 Jr). 1st '07, 102 (12.8) LY. **81** Jonathan White (5'11" 188 Jr). 4.35 spd, 4 gm 2Y.

WR 14 BRANDON THOMPKINS SR. 5-9 180 2 st, 89 (11.1) as true. 7st, 503 (12.3) '07. 6 st, 511 (16.0) LY. **24** Taylor Clements (5'10" 183 Sr). 74 (10.6) 10 gm LY. **17** Allen Muse PS#286 '08. GS LY.

TE 87 JT Jordan Sr. 6-1 274 3 st, 82 (9.1), 2 TD 3Y. HM SBC LY. **80** Trevor Gillott (6'2" 218 Sr) PS#507. 3 st, 411 (11.7) 2Y. **48** Kedric Murry (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#79.

C 73 Tom Castilaw Jr. 6-3 297 1 gm LY. **65** Eric Allen (6'0" 300 rFr) PS#380. Solid on Scout Tm LY. **LS 84** Adam Gaston (5'9" 218 Jr) PS#516. 9 gm as true. 11 gm LY.

RG 61 DREW HILTON JR. 6-3 302 PS#127. 2 gm, DNL as rFr. 7 st@RG, 11 gm LY. **71** Sifa Etu (6'1" 304 Jr) PS#240JC. In for spg. **76** Tyler Barnes (6'3" 293 rFr) PS#357.

LG 60 DOMINIC PADRTA SR. 6-4 312 8 gm '07. 10 st LG, 12 gm LY, 3rd Tm SBC. **68** Alfred Lewis (6'3" 306 Jr). Ltt'd rFr. 2 st LG, 8 gm LY. **77** Tyson Holligan (6'2" 336 Jr) PS#334.

RT 72 Derek Newton Jr. 6-5 313 PS#414JC. 1 gm LY but inj'd. Exp to be awarded Med RS. **70** Delano Moore (6'3" 306 So), On Scout Tm in '07. 1 gm as bkup OT LY.

LT 67 Kiano Prater Jr. 6-3 292 PS#412JC. 3 gms but RS LY. **74** Brian Evans (6'5" 308 rFr) PS#481. Impressive on Scout Tm LY. **62** Brandon Johnson (6'4" 274 So) PS#268.

K 89 JOSH ARAUCO SR. 5-9 218 27-39, 3-7 from 40+, long of 45 in 1st 2Y. Hit 17-20 incl 4-5 from 40+, long of 44, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **36** Brandon Parker (6'0" 176 rFr) PS#74.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 98 ALEX CARRINGTON SR. 6-5 284 18 st, 52 tkl, 7 tfl 2Y, HM SBC '07. 12 st, 53 tkl, **10.5 sk**. 8.5 tfl, **SBC DPOY** LY. **95** Jeremy Gibson (6'5" 260 So). 13 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. Julian Green (6'6" 239 rFr).

DT 99 KHARI MAYS SR. 6-2 288 1 gm, broke foot as rFr. 7 st, 12 gm, 17 tkl, 1 tfl '07. 12 st, 15 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **97** Levi Thompson (6'3" 284 Jr) PS#379. +14 lbs. 11 tkl, 12 gm 2Y.

DT 90 BRYAN HALL JR. 6-1 284 10 tkl as rFr. 12 st, 39 tkl, 5 sk, 3.5 tfl LY. **79** Gregory McCall (5'11" 297 So) PS#447. 7 tkl, 2 tfl, 10 gm as true. **69** Cainan Taylor (6'0" 348 rFr) PS#486.

DE 54 Stanley Wakwe Sr. 6-1 246 PS#352. Trans Ark Tech '06. 23 tkl, 3 tfl here in '07. 14 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **92** Dorvus Woods (6'3" 261 So) PS#443. 14 tkl, 5 tfl rFr. Timothy Starson (6'5" 240 rFr).

SLB 46 DARIUS GLOVER JR. 6-1 220 2 tkl rFr. 12 st, 54 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **23** Demario Davis (6'3" 231 So). 17 tkl rFr. Nathan Herrold (6'2" 234 rFr) PS#331. Lawrence Henning (6'2" 211 rFr) PS#368.

MLB 7 Greg Hardy Sr. 6-0 246 PS#257. 3 tkl true. 2 st, 38 tkl, 2.5 tfl '07. 17 tkl LY. **30** Michael Adams (6'1" 245 So). 7 tkl rFr. Justin Robertson (6'2" 230 So) PS#408. Trans, in spg.

SLB 5 JAVON McKINNON JR. 6-0 236 8 st, 41 tkl rFr. 12 st, 24 tkl LY. **52** Elroy Brown (6'0" 232 So) PS#370. 9 tkl 2Y. Sean Maxfield (5'11" 240 rFr). Jonathan Looney (6'0" 208 Jr). 1 tkl LY.

CB 1 Cordarious Mingo Sr. 5-11 182 PS#156JC. 21 tkl, 3 pd, 9 gm LY. **19** Walter Moody (5'11" 178 Jr) PS#207JC. 2 tkl LY. **11** Cole Lorigan (5'10" 161 rFr). Keith Wilcots (5'9" 177 Jr).

CB 13 DAYLAN WALKER SR. 5-9 177 PS#393. 5 st, 36 tkl, 4 pbu 2Y. 12 st, 65 tkl, 6 pd LY. **28** Paul Stephens (5'9" 166 Sr) PS#478JC. 10 tkl LY. Leroy Trahan (5'10" 178 Jr) PS#286JC. 2 tkl LY.

SS 26 MD JENNINGS JR. 6-0 172 PS#379. 26 tkl rFr. 12 st, 67 tkl, 8 pd LY. **29** Marcus Brown (6'1" 186 Sr) PS#176. 12 tkl rFr. 57 tkl, 5 pd LY. Kelcie McCray (6'2" 190 So) PS#467. 13 tkl rFr.

FS 39 EVAN VAN DOLAH SR. 6-2 213 PS#386. 32 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 52 tkl, 5 pd LY. **32** Jaquan Kilcrease (6'2" 199 So) PS#245. 3 tkl 2Y. **3** Marquette Williams (5'11" 210 Jr) 8 tkl, 11 gm 2Y.

P 83 Ryan Wilbourn So. 5-10 157 PS#86. 0-1 FG, 67 KO's with 1 TB in 12 gms as true. **12** Brice Beck (6'3" 238 Sr) PS#45. Also QB. **49** Bray Brooks (5'11" 183 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

QB	Phillip Butterfield 6-2 205 PS#50
OL	Sifa Etu 6-1 304 PS#240JC
WR	Lucious Henderson 5-11 185 PS#403JC
LB	LaAngelo Albright 5-11 195 PS#224
OL	Justin Carney 6-6 290 PS#356
LB	Nick Nelms 5-11 215 PS#333
WR	Allen Muse 6-4 211 PS#286 '08
WR	Carlos McCants 5-11 175 PS#357
DL	Nick O'Quinn 6-2 265 PS#427
DB	Julian Jones 5-11 175 PS#407WR
OL	Cliff Mitchell 6-4 270 PS#565
DL	Ryan Carrethers 6-0 300 PS#536
DB	Tausean Holmes 5-9 175 PS#637
DB	Chaz Scales 5-8 160 PS#638
DL	Tim Pruitt 6-2 228 PS#661
DL	Austin Taylor 6-3 270 PS#662
DL	Darius Dunaway 6-5 220 PS#663
DB	Byron Blake 6-2 205 PS#811
OL	Jake Campbell 6-6 310 PS#760
WR	Demetrius Harris 6-5 210 PS#727
OL	Chris Tolbert 6-5 280 PS#1788

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2009 Schedule Difficulty-#108

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	W/L	Notes
Sep. 5	Mississippi Valley St	A					Ark St is 5-1 at home vs non-conf opponents & have won 4 straight home openers. Last year the Delta Devils went 3-8 as part of the SWAC.
Sep. 12	at Nebraska	A					1st meeting. LY the Red Wolves snapped a 15 gm losing streak vs current Big 12 tms beating A&M. ASU is 1-16 in (FBS) road openers winning their 1st LY 18-14.
Sep. 19							
Sep. 26	Troy	A					ASU is 6-3 all-time vs Troy but have dropped the L/2 by a combined score of 62-9. Last time here ASU suffered their 13th shutout loss since joining the FBS 27-0 in '07.
Oct. 3	at Iowa	A					1st meeting. ASU has dropped all 4 meetings vs current B10 tms, last vs Illinois 59-7 in '02. Coming into '09, ASU is 2-11 since 2005 vs non-conf opponents on the road.
Oct. 13	at ULM (Tues)	A					LY Ark St built a 23 pt 2H cushion & held off a late ULM rally to post a 37-29 win. The visiting team has lost 4 straight & 5 of the last 6 in this series.
Oct. 17							
Oct. 24	FIU (HC)	A					The Red Wolves are 3-1 vs FIU. Last year they led 21-12 in the 4Q with 2:04 left when FIU's WR Hilton took a reverse hand off & threw a 38 yd TD pass.
Oct. 31	at Louisville	A					First meeting & just the 2nd current Big East school ASU has played. Coming into '09, ASU is 1-8 in the 2nd consecutive game away from home.
Nov. 7	Louisiana	A					The HT has won the L/9 in this series. ASU is 54-26 all-time on Homecoming (9 straight wins). Eight of the last 10 meetings in this series have been decided by 6 pts or less.
Nov. 14	at Florida Atlantic	G					The visitor is 0-4 in this series. Last year ASU outgained FAU 482-259 for the win. Last time here ASU led 31-20 but allowed two 4Q TD's.
Nov. 21	at Middle Tennessee	A					LY ASU snapped a 5 gm losing streak (2-8) vs Mid Tenn in their 31-14 win. LY ASU's D kept MT off scoreboard for better part of 3Q's & led 24-0 (61% of MT's yds came after).
Nov. 28	North Texas	A					In the 1st 4 yrs of SBC play, NT dominated ASU (4-0), but the RedWolves have won the L4Y. Last time here ASU needed a 27 yd TD pass with :02 left to pull out the win.
Dec. 3	at WKU (Thur)	A					These 2 schools (1-1-1 record) last met in '52, a 34-19 WKU win in the Refrigerator Bowl. Coming into '09, The Red Wolves are 9-23 on the road vs conference opponents.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cleo Lemon 7,706 '97-'00
2. Corey Leonard 5,903 '06-Present
3. James Hamilton 5,383 '68-'71

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Richie Woit 3,947 '50-'53
2. Reggie Arnold 3,210 '06-Present
3. Antonio Warren 3,040 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lennie Johnson 2,730 '95-'98
2. Robert Kilow 2,446 '98-'00
3. Levi Dejohnette 1,816 '04-'07

STEVE ROBERTS (Career 37-47) (NAIA 9-19-1) (DII 28-5) (FCS 14-9)
8th Year at Arkansas St

Roberts' records AT ARKANSAS ST

37-47	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
27-8	Home	0-8	Vs Top 25
10-35	Away	1-15	Vs BCS Teams
0-4	Neutral	3-6	Off A Bye
25-22	Vs Conference	25-16	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (21,27,3)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,105 (#89)

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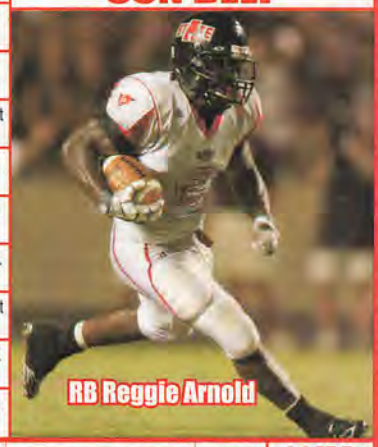
RB Reggie Arnold

STADIUM: ASU STADIUM (30,406) (#100)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (ProGreen)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	6-7	5-7	3-8	6-6	6-6	5-7	6-6	40-66
Home	1-4	2-4	4-3	4-1	2-2	5-0	3-2	5-1	4-1	30-18
Away	0-6	0-5	2-4	1-6	1-6	1-4	3-4	0-6	2-5	10-46
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-3	3-4	5-2	4-3	3-4	4-3	28-30
vs Non-Conf	0-6	0-5	3-4	2-4	0-4	1-4	2-3	2-3	2-3	12-36
ATS	4-6	5-4	7-4	3-7	6-4-1	5-6	6-6	5-7	3-8	44-52-1
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	2-3	2-2	10-11
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	4-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-0	11-7
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-8
Away Dog	2-4	2-3	3-3	2-4	3-2-1	1-2	4-2	3-2	1-3	21-25-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	1-4	3-3	6-0	2-4	3-3-1	3-4	3-4	2-5	2-5	25-32-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	2-2	3-2	3-2	1-3	19-20
Off SU Win	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-3	1-1-1	2-4	2-4	2-3	0-5	10-24-1
Off SU Loss	3-6	4-2	5-1	1-4	4-3	3-1	3-2	2-4	2-3	27-26

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2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Reggie Arnold	197	1117	43	1074	7	5.5
Derek Lawson	97	710	15	695	4	7.2
Corey Leonard	157	792	276	516	4	3.3
Jahbari McLennan	4	83	5	78	1	19.5
Jermaine Robertson	8	48	2	46	0	5.8
Jeff Blake	5	40	0	40	1	8.0
Travis Hewitt	6	25	0	25	2	4.2
Brandon Thompkins	2	16	0	16	0	8.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Corey Leonard	306	166	54.2	2347	16	8
Brett Shrable	1	1	100.0	-1	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brandon Thompkins	32	511	16.0	2	63	
Jahbari McLennan	32	451	14.1	1	63	
David Johnson	22	356	16.2	5	53	
Trevor Gillott	15	228	15.2	2	39	
Kevin Jones	17	217	12.8	1	54	
Jarriel Norman	12	197	16.4	0	53	
Reggie Arnold	11	135	12.3	1	51	
Anthony Robinson	8	102	12.8	0	29	
Taylor Clements	7	74	10.6	0	21	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Shrable	55	2102	38.2	6	32.7	0	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Arauco	37-38	6-7	7-8	4-5	0-0	17-20	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Owens	87	2	3	3	2
MD Jennings	67	0	3	5	3
Daylan Walker	65	0	1	5	1
Marcus Brown	57	0	5	4	1
Darius Glover	54	1	2.5	1	1
Alex Carrington	53	10.5	8.5	2	1
Evan Van Dolah	52	0	1	4	1
Dominique Williams	49	1	4	5	2
Bryan Hall	39	5	3.5	0	1
Brian Flagg	28	2	3.5	0	0
Javon McKinnon	24	0	1	0	0
Cordarious Mingo	21	0	1	2	1
Demario Davis	17	0	1	1	0
Greg Hardy	17	0	1	0	0
Khari Mays	15	2	1	1	0
Stanley Wakwe	14	1.5	2.5	2	0
Dorvus Woods	14	1	4	1	0
Jeremy Gibson	13	1	2	0	0
Kelcie McCray	13	0	0	2	0
Paul Stephens	10	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Jones	25	213	8.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Jones	14	311	22.2	0
Brandon Thompkins	15	296	19.7	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	New Orleans	+15'	Southern Miss	19-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	27.0	399	203	5.0	196	54.2	14.8	29	+9	2008	5	23.8	337	125	3.7	211	54.7	14.2	26
6*	24.3	380	176	4.6	204	52.8	15.7	39	-4	2007	7	27.6	362	165	4.1	197	57.2	13.1	13
6	15.2	313	168	4.0	145	48.0	20.6	37	-4	2006	7	24.1	310	149	4.5	161	57.0	12.8	13
4*	24.5	370	193	4.8	177	54.2	15.1	31	+5	2005	7	25.3	379	187	4.2	192	56.9	15.0	27
7*	19.5	357	151	4.2	206	51.8	18.3	20	-9	2004	3	33.2	423	197	4.6	226	60.3	12.7	13
5*	20.2	310	159	4.2	151	49.1	15.4	13	-3	2003	9	33.4	399	149	3.9	250	59.9	12.0	17
8*	19.9	327	183	4.4	144	51.7	16.4	7	+7	2002	6	27.8	342	166	4.1	176	57.8	12.3	33

2008 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
78,691	at Texas A&M	23	45-255	5.7	15-28	160	2	18	36-133	3.7	19-27	170	4	+3
21,741	Texas Southern	22	44-441	10.0	9-10	229	0	13	39-95	2.4	10-31	128	2	+4
25,938	Southern Miss	26	35-191	5.5	17-35	256	2	21	41-129	3.1	18-31	219	3	-1
24,256	Middle Tenn	22	34-148	4.4	17-31	292	0	15	25-44	1.8	26-37	271	2	+2
26,376	at Memphis	16	40-179	4.5	11-23	173	6	24	41-243	5.9	12-29	210	1	-1
22,745	ULM	17	44-262	6.0	7-16	129	2	19	26-87	3.3	23-42	309	4	+3
23,684	at Louisiana	17	28-100	3.6	21-40	235	2	15	51-189	3.7	10-17	124	5	0
92,138	at Alabama	11	37-91	2.5	8-17	67	4	21	36-205	5.7	15-28	152	2	0
15,106	at FIU	22	49-222	4.5	13-26	149	5	16	22-48	2.2	16-34	359	1	-1
10,845	Florida Atlantic	22	42-203	4.8	20-28	279	0	15	23-63	2.7	16-38	196	1	+1
9,761	at North Texas	21	45-188	4.2	12-22	205	4	20	31-110	3.5	28-42	217	1	+2
16,227	at Troy	19	45-160	3.6	17-32	172	2	17	30-156	5.2	15-24	181	0	-3
TOTALS		238	488-2440	5.0	167-308	2346	29	214	401-1502	3.7	208-380	2536	26	+9
AVERAGES		19.8	41-203	5.0	14-26	196	9.4%	17.8	33-125	3.7	17-32	211	6.8%	0.8

2004 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Missouri - #18	+32'	20-52	
-	at LSU - #6	+40	3-53	
-	Memphis - #25	+23	35-47	
-	at ULM	+6	28-21	
-	at Mississippi	+18'	21-28	
-	at Middle Tenn	+6	17-45	
-	Troy	+13	13-9	
-	at Louisiana	+3	24-27	
-	at Idaho	-2'	31-45	
-	Utah St	-7	16-7	
-	North Texas	+5	7-31	

2005 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	† Missouri	+24'	17-44	
-	Tenn-Martin	NL	56-7	
-	at Oklahoma St	+24'	10-20	
-	FIU	-9'	66-24	
-	at ULM	-3	27-31	
-	Louisiana	-11'	39-36	
-	Florida Atlantic	-7'	3-0	OT
-	at Middle Tenn	+4'	7-45	
-	Troy	-3	9-3	
-	at Army	+8'	10-38	
-	at North Texas	-2'	31-24	

2006 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	Army	+4'	14-6	
-	† Oklahoma St	+13'	7-35	
-	at SMU	+7	9-55	
-	at FIU	+7'	31-6	
-	ULM	-6'	10-6	
-	at Memphis	+8'	26-23	
-	North Texas	-10	29-10	
-	at Florida Atlantic	-6'	0-29	
-	at Auburn - #6	+31'	0-27	
-	Middle Tenn	+3'	10-38	
-	at Troy	+8	33-26	
-	at Louisiana	+6	13-28	

2007 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Texas - #4	+39	13-21	
-	SMU	-3	45-28	
-	at Tennessee	+19'	27-48	
-	Memphis	-5	35-31	
-	at ULM	-2'	13-30	
-	Louisiana	-9	52-21	
-	at Middle Tenn	+2'	7-24	
-	Troy	+5	0-27	
-	FIU	-17'	27-24	
-	at Florida Atlantic	+6'	31-34	
-	North Texas	-15'	31-27	
-	at Southern Miss	+14	10-16	

2008 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Texas A&M	+19	18-14	
-	Texas Southern	NL	83-10	
-	Southern Miss	-2'	24-27	
-	Middle Tenn	-5'	31-14	
-	at Memphis	-2'	17-29	
-	ULM	-14'	37-29	
-	at Louisiana	+3'	23-28	
-	at Alabama - #2	+23'	0-35	
-	at FIU	-2'	21-22	
-	Florida Atlantic	-4	28-14	
-	at North Texas	-20'	33-28	
-	at Troy	+12	9-35	

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

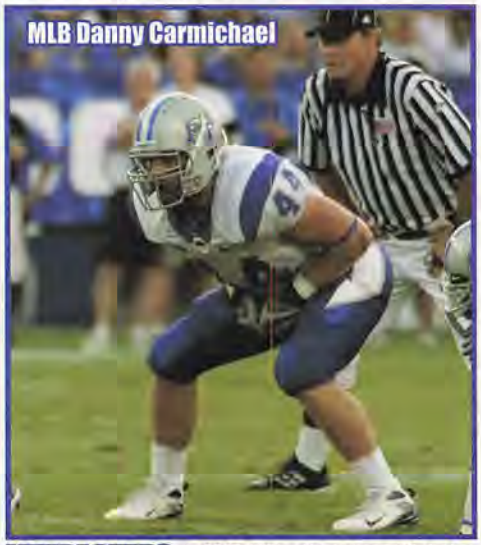
QUARTERBACKS - Clint Marks departed as the school's #2 all-time passer after '06. Strong armed Joe Craddock appeared in 9 (75 yd) in '06 and began '07 as the starter but was inj and true frosh Dwight Dasher played vs LSU and got his first start vs WKU. Dasher was the SBC OPW vs Mem but was hurt vs Ark St. Craddock guided the team to a blowout win over NT and was the SBC OPW vs ULM. Dasher threw for 1,148 (56%) with a 9-3 ratio (530 rush) while Craddock threw for 1,259 (61.9%) with a 12-5 ratio (122 rush). Craddock won the job in '08. He was SBC OPW vs MD when he hit 28 of 40 for 256 and opened with five straight 200+ efforts. Craddock, however, hit just 7 of 12 for 25 vs FIU and was pulled. Craddock and Dasher split snaps vs L'ville but Craddock threw for 235 vs Miss St and 216 vs ULM. He finished with 5 straight 200+ efforts giving him 10 on the year (MT record for 200 yd gms). Dasher had just 6 att over the last 2. Craddock finished #2 (single-season) in school history with 2,677 (64.6%) with a 15-7 ratio. Dasher threw for just 156 (38.6%) with a 2-3 ratio (192 rush). This year Craddock departs and battling Dasher will be Brent Burnette, Nicholas Coleman (6'3" 214 Sr), true frosh Jamal Ramsey (PS#82) and Ryan Rosenvall who threw for 2,000 yards (64.3%) with 22 TD's at JUCO in '08. Dasher should have a fine season but I doubt he'll match Craddock's passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Eugene Gross led in rushing 4 straight years including a career high 882 (4.4) in 2006. In 2007 QB Dasher led in rushing (530, 4.4) and DeMarco McNair, who had 586 (4.2) in '06, was #2 with 505 (3.4). Phillip Tanner got in one start in '07 and had 299 (4.7) with 119 (19.8) receiving. Desmond Gee (PS#61), who started 7 at WR in '07, had 162 rush (4.2) and 382 rec (13.2). Last year Stockstill commented on how he loved Tanner's passion, effort and the conviction he runs with and if not for the young O-line, he would have easily topped 1,000. Tanner rushed for 92 vs WKU, 159 vs NT and 78 vs UL finishing with 714 (3.8). Gee had 205 (3.2) with 248 (10.3) receiving while Spike McDaniel was the #3 RB rusher with 29 (7.2). This year they only lose McDaniel and FB Jacob Longoria (3 st, 9 yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below is DD Kyles (6'1" 191 So), FB's Wesley Hale (6'0" 228 So, PS#204), Craig Heyward (6'0" 237 Sr) and this year's true frosh. The O-line is stronger so I'll trust Stockstill on the fact that Tanner will have a 1,000 yard season.

RECEIVERS - Last year MT had to replace 5 of their top 7 rec and WR/RB Gee moved primarily to RB. Patrick Honeycutt was the only real experienced WR with 328 (11.7) in '07 while Michael Cannon had 157 (10.5). Last year Cannon was lost to a knee injury after 2 starts. The unit was loaded with frosh and soph. True frosh Malcolm Beyah was the most explosive WR and at midyear was avg 23 ypc finishing with 550 (16.7). JUCO Eldred King had his best games vs SEC teams with a combined 246 vs UK and Miss St and finished with 598 (11.7). Honeycutt was #3 with 513 (10.1). Wes Caldwell (PS#118), who had 1 rec as a true, had 265 (9.8) and Sancho McDonald (PS#114QB), who moved to WR mid-Aug, had 308 (11.8). This year the only losses are TE Alvin Ingle (2 rec), WR Chris Johnson (0 rec) and TE John Marc Stephens (0 rec). This group is vastly more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The O-line paved the way for 5.3, 5.5 and 4.7 ypc rushing the first 3 years of this decade. The unit began to slide and in 2005, the team rushed for only 2.8 ypc, their lowest in FBS ball while allowing 37 sacks. They improved to 3.6 in '06 and 3.5 in '07 with 3 starters back each year. Last year they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters and had just 39 career starts returning. The unit was hit hard by injuries during August (at one point down to 7 scholarship players) and had limited depth during the year. In four of the first five games MT averaged 1.7, 1.3, 1.8 and 1.9 ypc rushing. They got better as the season went on and in the final two, avg'd 5.9 ypc with zero sacks allowed with 2 frosh and 2 soph starters. On the season, MT saw its rushing number drop to 107 ypg (3.1). The only loss is backup Derek Cardaci (11 gm). They add in Baylor transfer Jeremy Michel (Scout Tm '08). Their 99 career starts tie for 11th best in FBS and this group goes from a weakness to a strength.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007, MT had 3 starters back to this unit but surprisingly allowed 4.9 ypc (200 ypg), their worst total since 1999. DE Tavares Jones was the only DL in the entire NCAA to lead his team in tackles and earned 1st Tm SBC honors. Last year they had to replace Jones and another 1st Tm SBC in DE Erik Walden (#6DC), but did have a more experienced LB corps. Despite being less talented up front, MT allowed just 154 ypg rush (4.1). This year they lose DE Wes Hofacker (11 st, 28 tkl, 3 sk), 2nd Tm SBC DT Trevor Jenkins (12 st, 26 tkl, 1 sk), DE Terans Goodson (1 st) and DT Jonathan Presley (6 tkl). MT adds PS#48JC Jarrett Crittenton who originally signed at Clemson. Despite having the same amount of starters returning in 2008, they are not replacing a pair of 1st Tm SBC players like last year so the group looks a little stronger. Will this be the year that DT Brandon Perry (PS#26) lives up to his VHT billing?



LINEBACKERS - In 2007, MT had to replace all 3 starters but last year had their top 3 LB tacklers returning. This year they lose SLB Lonnie Clemons (9 st, 41 tkl, 4 sk), 2nd Tm SBC WLB Ivon Hickmon (12 st, 82 tkl, 2 int, 13 tfl) and Andrew Harrington (2 st, 27 tkl). They do return their #1 tackler in Danny Carmichael (89 tkl, 11.5 tfl) but this group is less experienced with the five others in the 2 deep combining for just 29 tackles last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - MT had inexperienced DB's in '04 and finished #114 in my pass D rankings. In 2005 all 4 starters returned and they moved up to #57. They had to replace two starters in '06. Damon Nickson made 1st Tm SBC but MT slipped to #67. In 2007 they replaced two starters. Converted RB Alex Suber earned HM SBC honors and MT improved to #46. Last year they had to replace three players (comb 30 st). I noted that even though they returned five who started 5+ it would be tough to match 2007's high finish but MT fared well at #65. They did so despite losing CB Suber after 7 starts. This year they must replace CB Ted Riley (12 st, 43 tkl, 1 int) and SS Anthony Glover (2 st, 22 tkl). I expect a bigger impact from former Alabama signee Marcus Udell (PS#34). MT will contend for the top secondary honors in the SBC this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rick Stockstill inherited a team that finished #82 in my ST rankings in '05. With super K/P Colby Smith, MT finished #62 in '06. In 2007, Smith departed but Marshall transfer David DeFatta excelled at P (tm net 36.2). Matt King hit just 2 of 7 FG's and was replaced by DeFatta who hit 4 of 6 (long 47). Desmond Gee had 1,323 all-purp yards and was 1st Tm SBC (all-purp) and MT finished #84. Last year the unit returned intact and DeFatta had some fine moments as he was named SBC STPW with a 71 yard punt vs WKU and also vs MD when he had a fake punt completion. DeFatta avg 40.9 but his net dropped to 32.2 (all'd 10.1 per PR & 3 blks). True frosh Alan Gendreau (PS#19) hit 10 of 14 FG (long 44) and King had 8 TB on 53 KO. Gee's KR avg dropped (19.4) and surprisingly MT fell to #114. This year everyone returns including Gee who is already the school's all-time leading KR. Last year's team was thin, perhaps part of the reason for their low finish. With better depth, I look for significant improvement.

COACHES - Rick Stockstill has been a coach under Lou Holtz, Steve Spurrier, Danny Ford, Ken Hatfield, Tommy West and Tommy Bowden. He was the OC at EC in 2003 and was the recruiting coordinator at SC from '04-'05. The former Fla St QB has recruited 18 NFL signees over the last nine years. In his first year here ('06) he led MT to its 1st ever bowl and was the SBC Coach of the Year! His new OC is Tony Franklin. Franklin was Troy's OC in '06 and '07 (his '07 offense averaged 34.0 ppg and 453 ypg). He was hired at Auburn last year but the team never bought in to his spread offense and he was fired at midseason. Manny Diaz is in his 4th year as DC. Diaz spent the previous six years on Chuck Amato's staff at NCSt. His 2006 defense set school records with 36 sacks and 105 tfl.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When the SBC was formed, MT looked like the class of the league and was favored to win it the first two seasons. They were 8-3 in the first year but narrowly missed out on the SBC Title. They then surprisingly had 4 straight losing seasons with just 1 winning mark in the SBC ('03) in that span. In 2005 they were arguably the most talented team in the league and despite outscoring league foes by an SBC best 7.4 ppg, ended up with a 3-4 conf record and a losing year. They beat SEC member Vanderbilt, who was led by Jay Cutler, and destroyed eventual league co-champ Ark St 45-7. They trailed Alabama just 9-7 at the half and had an 18-8 FD edge vs NCSt. In 2006 they were again arguably the best team in the SBC. They were #6 in the preseason SBC poll but I picked them to finish #2. First year HC Rick Stockstill had 70 scholarship players, well below the NCAA's 85 limit. They still had the SBC Title seemingly wrapped up with a 13 pt lead over Troy and the ball with 3:50 to go but somehow lost. They then suffered a blowout loss to CM in the bowl. In 2007 they had only three first time starters so they were an experienced team with 18 seniors. They opened up 4-1 in SBC play with a shot at the SBC Title. Despite benefitting from +11 in TO's, they had a losing season at 5-7. Last year they had just 11 seniors and 16 juniors and were the youngest team in the SBC as they had only 71 scholarship players. Their OL was banged up during the year. MT still had their moments as they had a 20-16 FD edge vs Troy and then upset MD the next week. They had a Hail Mary pass tackled at the 1 yd line vs Kentucky, but then they got a Hail Mary pass for a TD vs Florida Atl, a game they trailed throughout. They lost 3 straight including 2 vs BCS schools (L'ville, Miss St). ULM susp'd their QB for the 1Q and MT jumped out to a 14-0 lead and held on thanks in part to 3 missed FG's by the Warhawks. After easily beating WKU and NT, a win in the season finale would have made them bowl eligible. The game was tied at 28 into the 4Q but MT suffered TO's on 3 consecutive poss and lost by 14. MT was 4-3 but -30.6 ypg in league play (3rd worst). This yr for the first time Stockstill feels he has a full fledged FBS team. MT has just 11 lettermen lost (lowest in SBC) and this is the best team Stockstill has fielded in his 4 years, especially if QB Dasher plays like he did in 2007.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 9 Dwight Dasher Jr. 5-10 204 PS#152. 7 st, 1148 (56%) 9-3 ratio, 674 rush true. 1 st RB, 156 pass, 249 rush LY. **10** Brent Burnette (6'3" 207 rFr) PS#186. Jamal Ramsey PS#82.

RB 21 PHILLIP TANNER SR. 6-0 211 PS#190. 5 st, 1013 rush (4.0) 3Y. **2** Desmond Gee (5'8" 158 Sr) PS#61. 18 st, 644 rush, 80 rec 3Y. David Jones (5'11" 190 Fr) PS#165.

WR 17 PATRICK HONEYCUTT SR. 5-9 169 PS#382. 22 st, 841 (10.6) 2Y. **19** Andrew Banks (5'9" 150 So) PS#381. 2 gm rFr. **FB** Marquise Branton (5'10" 212 So). 5 gm true. RS LY.

WR 83 ELDRED KING SR. 5-9 167 PS#212JC. 4 st, 598 (11.7). **2nd Tm SBC** LY. Chris McClover (6'4" 203 Sr) PS#242. 114 (8.1) LY. Michael Cannon (5'10" 190 Sr). 3 st, 247 (10.3) 4Y.

WR 4 MALCOLM BEYAH SO. 5-11 190 PS#197. 9 sts, 550 (16.7) **3rd Tm SBC** as true. Sancho McDonald (6'3" 192 So) PS#114. 308 (11.8) as true. Shane Blissard (6'5" 211 So).

WR 81 WES CALDWELL JR. 6-1 184 PS#118. 11 st, 284 (10.1) 2Y. Marcus Thurmond (6'0" 167 rFr) PS#156. **TE** Byron McLeod (6'2" 236 So) PS#111. 3 st. Gene Delle Donne (6'5" 251 Sr) **PS#16.**

C 72 MARK THOMPSON SR. 6-5 302 PS#189. 7 st rFr. 12 st '07. 12 st, 904 pl LY. **73** Travis Lilienthal (6'2" 258 rFr). **71** Jake Padrick (6'1" 281 So). Inj L2Y. **LS 48** Adam Wade (5'8" 222 Jr).

RG 60 BRANDON McLEROY SO. 6-3 311 PS#284. 6 sts at RG, 12 gms, 505 plays as true. **75** Chris Hawkins (6'3" 276 Jr). 1 st, 11 gm 2Y. Alex Stuart (6'3" 289 So) PS#403. 7 gm true.

LG 70 JAMAL LEWIS JR. 6-3 297 PS#475. 10 st, 733 pl rFr. 12 st, 815 pl, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **50** Colin Boss (6'4" 313 So) PS#315. 5 st (inj), 397 pl rFr. Jesse Grisham PS#518.

RT 74 MARK FISHER JR. 6-3 281 PS#115. 10 st true. 12 st, 741 pl, **3rd Tm SBC** LY. **57** Jeremy Michel (6'5" 278 Jr) PS#360. **Trans from Baylor.** Jordan Johnson is PS#413.

LT 78 MIKE WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 253 PS#333. 12 st, 904 pl rFr. **62** Evon Lettsome (6'4" 291 Jr). 3 gm 2Y. Daniel Ryder (6'1" 245 So). 1 gm rFr. Josh Walker (6'4" 295 Fr) PS#415.

K 38 ALAN GENDREAU SO. 5-10 182 PS#19. 57 yd FG in HS. Hit 10-14 FG with long of 44, 32-32 xp true. Taylor Ports (5'9" 190 Jr). Trans from Gardner Webb. 47 yd FG spg gm.

DE 91 EMMANUEL PEREZ JR. 6-1 228 PS#309. 6 tkl true. 11 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **11** Jamari Lattimore (6'3" 232 Jr) PS#326JC. 1 st, 22 tkl, 3.5 sk LY. Jimmy Staten PS#338. Omar McLendon PS#665.

DT 47 DWIGHT SMITH JR. 6-2 263 15 tkl, 2 tfl as true. 10 st, 30 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **94** Gary Tucker (6'2" 256 Jr) PS#433. 18 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. **51** SaCoby Carter (6'1" 264 So) PS#202. 7 gm rFr.

DT 92 Brandon Perry Sr. 6-1 312 **PS#26.** 28 tkl, 4.5 tfl 4Y. **96** Kendall Dangerfield (6'2" 275 rFr) PS#266. **49** Andre Wicker (6'1" 272 Jr). 2 tkl '07. Inj LY. Jadareius Hamlin is PS#413.

DE 45 Jarrett Crittenton Jr. 6-6 266 **PS#48JC.** Orig signed w/**Clemson. 98** Chris McCoy (6'4" 252 Sr) 3 st, 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl 2Y. 25 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl LY. **93** Phillip Tinsley (6'3" 236 rFr) PS#464.

LLB 52 Antwan Davis Jr. 6-1 217 PS#404. 7 tkl 2Y. **99** Antonio Hill (6'0" 240 So) PS#317. 2 gm rFr. Norman Washington (5'11" 230 So). 3 tkl rFr. Stephen Roberts is PS#269.

MLB 44 DANNY CARMICHAEL SR. 6-0 246 PS#184. 26 tkl true. 10 st, 55 tkl, 5 tfl '07. 11 st, 89 tkl, 11.5 tfl, **3rd Tm SBC** LY. **30** Cam Robinson (6'0" 222 Sr). 23 tkl 3Y. Roderic Blunt PS#213.

RLB 43 Gorby Loreus So. 5-11 224 PS#368. 9 tkl, 11 gm true. **59** Darin Davis (6'2" 202 So) PS#408. 4 tkl, 9 gm true. Justin Jones (5'11" 200 Fr) PS#259. **53** Jerry Cobb (6'2" 188 So).

CB 6 Rod Issac Jr. 5-11 188 5 st, 31 tkl true. 7 st, 32 tkl, 2 pbu, 1 int LY. **3** Marcus Udell (6'0" 188 Sr) **PS#34.** Orig signed w/**Bama.** 4 tkl LY. **32** Sherman Neal (5'8" 171 Jr). 9 gm rFr.

CB 7 ALEX SUBER SR. 5-9 166 PS#115. 15 st, 76 tkl, 7.5 tfl 2Y. 7 st, 26 tkl, 6 pd (inj) LY. **26** Jawan Carson (5'9" 179 So). 11 tkl true. **5** Hakeem Johnson (5'10" 167 rFr) PS#302.

SS 33 KEVIN BROWN JR. 6-1 203 PS#328. 8 tkl true. 10 sts, 68 tkl, 4 pd LY. **31** Denzell Guerra (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#326. **28** Josh Gregory (5'9" 202 Sr) **Auburn trans.** 28 tkl 2Y here.

FS 20 JEREMY KELLEM JR. 5-10 185 PS#441. 5 st, 42 tkl, 5 pbu, 3 int true. 12 st, 72 tkl, 2 int, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **24** Derrick Crumpton (5'11" 183 So). 2 st, 20 tkl true. Sammy Seamster PS#603.

P 37 DAVID DeFATTA SR. 5-10 188 Marshall trans. 73 punts (40.9), 36.2 net, 28 inside 20 here in '07. 62 punts (40.9), 32.2 net, 13 inside 20 LY. **36** Nathaniel Toulson (6'1" 248 So) PS#59.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Jarrett Crittenton 6-6 266 PS#48JC '08
QB	Jamal Ramsey 6-1 185 PS#82
WR	Arthur Williams 6-2 185 PS#139
RB	David Jones 5-11 190 PS#165
LB	Roderic Blunt 6-1 205 PS#213
RB	Tavarres Jefferson 5-9 195 PS#250
LB	Justin Jones 5-11 200 PS#259
LB	Stephen Roberts 6-3 215 PS#269
WR	Richard Drake 6-2 190 PS#266
RB	William Pratcher 5-7 195 PS#288
DL	Jimmy Staten 6-4 240 PS#338
DB	Kenneth Gilstrap 5-10 170 PS#371
RB	Benjamin Cunningham 5-10 195 PS#316
OL	Jordan Johnson 6-4 265 PS#413
OL	Josh Walker 6-4 295 PS#415
QB	Ryan Rosenvall 6-1 180 PS#685JC
DL	Jadarelus Hamlin 6-2 255 PS#413
OL	Jesse Grisham 6-3 255 PS#518
DB	Sammy Seamster 6-2 190 PS#603
DL	Dearco Nolan 6-2 235 PS#564
LB	Craig Allen 6-2 205 PS#598
DL	Omar McLendon 6-4 220 PS#665
DL	Derrek Upshaw 6-3 260 PS#666
DB	Marquise Dixon 5-10 165 PS#812
DB	Juno Prudhomm 6-0 205 PS#813

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#111

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MT	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 5	at Clemson	G					These 2 met in '03 a 37-14 Clemson win. Stockstill was an asst under UM HC West while at CU from '93-'98. MT is 3-7 vs current ACC tms, including their 24-14 win over MD LY.
Sep. 12	Memphis	A					Middle Tennessee is 1-6 since '02 in home openers, but the avg loss is by 7 ppg. Blue Raiders are 8-2 all-time hosting instate Memphis, but their last visit was in 1953.
Sep. 19	at Maryland	G					MT upset Maryland LY in what is called the highest profile win in program history. The Blue Raiders allowed Maryland 357 yds but 143 of those came on 2 plays.
Sep. 26	at North Texas	A					LY RB Tanner had a career high 159 yds & 5 TD's while adding a 92 yd KR TD. MT dropped the first 5 gms in this series but are 3-0 the L3Y (avg win by 31 ppg).
Oct. 6	at Troy (Tues)	A					MT is 11-5 vs Troy dating back to their 1st meeting in 1936 but have lost 3 straight. In last year's loss MT had the ball in the RZ 3 times & came away with just 3 pts.
Oct. 10							
Oct. 17	Mississippi St	A					Mid Tenn is 3-28 all-time vs the SEC, with all 3 wins vs Vandy ('01, '02 & '05). The Blue Raiders have lost all 3 of the meetings with Miss St (avg loss by 23 ppg).
Oct. 24	WKU	A					Both tms were in the Ohio Valley Conf, MT leads 29-28-1 in a series dating back to 1914. Last time here MT was playing their 4th gm in 20 days & were w/o starting QB Craddock.
Oct. 31	at Florida Atlantic	G					LY MT trailed 13-7 w/1:15 left & marched 65 yds w/o TO's, for the comeback win. These 2 teams are tied at 3 wins apiece & the visitor has lost the last 3.
Nov. 7	FIU	A					The HT has won all 4 of their meetings). LY the Blue Raiders had a season low 243 yds & threw 3 int's in the loss. They trailed 10-3 at HT & threw a pick 6 in their 1st 3Q series.
Nov. 14	Louisiana	A					The Blue Raiders have lost 5 of the last 6 in this series. Last year Middle Tenn moved the ball & finished with 409 yds of offense but could not overcome three 2H TO's.
Nov. 21	Arkansas St	A					Ark St snapped a 5 gm win streak by the Blue Raiders LY, MT is 8-2 in this series. MT gained 191 (61%) of their total yds last year after being down 24-0 mid-3Q.
Nov. 28	at ULM	A					Middle Tennessee is 7-2 vs ULM all-time including 3 straight. Last year MT led 17-0 & held on for the HC win thanks to 13 tfl's including 5 sks.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Wes Counts 8,007 '98-'01
2. Clint Marks 7,342 '03-'06
3. Kelly Holcomb 7,064 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joe Campbell 3,823 '88-'91
2. Mike Moore 3,678 '74-'77
3. Dwone Hicks 3,613 '99-'02

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kendall Newson 3,074 '98-'01
2. Tyrone Calico 2,636 '99-'02
3. Kerry Wright 2,589 '01-'04

RICK STOCKSTILL (Career 17-20)

4th Year at Middle Tenn
Stockstill's Bowl Record: 0-1

Stockstill's records AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

17-20	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
9-5	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
8-13	Away	1-10	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	2-3	Off A Bye
13-8	Vs Conference	8-9	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,22,3)
Lost: 11 (3,7,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,227 (#93)

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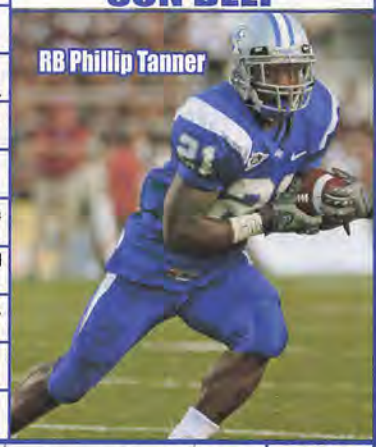

STADIUM: JOHNNY "RED" FLOYD STADIUM (30,788) (#94)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	8 Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	8-3	4-8	4-8	5-6	4-7	7-6	5-7	5-7	42-52
Home	5-0	3-2	2-4	4-1	1-4	3-1	2-3	4-1	24-16
Away	3-3	1-6	2-4	1-5	3-3	4-3	3-4	1-6	18-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	5-1	2-4	3-3	4-4	3-4	6-1	4-3	3-4	30-24
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-4	1-5	1-2	1-3	1-5	1-4	2-3	12-28
ATS	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	5-6	7-5	6-5	5-7	44-46
Home Favorite	2-3	2-1	2-2	4-1	1-4	1-2	2-1	1-2	15-16
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-3
Away Favorite	1-2	0-2	2-0	0-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	9-8
Away Dog	2-1	3-2	2-2	1-3	2-1	3-2	2-3	2-4	17-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	2-4	2-4	3-3	4-4	3-4	5-2	3-4	1-6	23-31
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	4-1	21-15
Off SU Win	4-3	1-2	1-2	1-4	1-3	5-2	3-2	3-2	19-20
Off SU Loss	0-3	3-4	5-3	3-2	3-3	2-2	3-2	2-4	21-23

Andy McCollum 1999 — Rick Stockstill

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
06	Motor City	+8	C Michigan	14-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mid Tenn's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	22.8	349	107	3.1	242	61.8	15.3	15	+3	2008	6	24.9	366	154	4.1	213	59.2	14.7	25
6	25.7	337	135	3.5	202	57.7	13.1	25	+11	2007	6	28.3	415	200	4.9	215	55.7	14.7	30
9*	22.8	286	131	3.6	154	57.8	12.5	28	+6	2006	4	23.2	325	120	3.6	204	57.5	14.0	36
8*	19.1	308	109	2.8	198	65.8	16.1	37	+6	2005	9	18.7	333	136	3.9	198	58.1	17.8	18
6	24.5	374	107	3.3	268	69.8	15.3	29	-6	2004	6	26.6	412	138	3.7	273	64.9	15.5	28
5*	27.7	371	145	3.5	227	61.2	13.4	29	+2	2003	8	31.3	425	171	4.2	254	61.8	13.6	20
9	24.8	363	209	4.7	154	57.8	14.7	23	0	2002	6	27.7	401	172	4.3	229	61.4	14.5	13

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Phillip Tanner	188	813	99	714	15	3.8
Desmond Gee	64	217	12	205	0	3.2
Dwight Dasher	49	249	57	192	0	3.9
Joe Craddock	83	247	129	118	0	1.4
Spike McDaniel	4	29	0	29	0	7.2
Malcolm Beyah	6	24	18	6	0	1.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Joe Craddock	367	237	64.6	2677	15	7
Dwight Dasher	44	17	38.6	156	2	3
Patrick Honeycutt	2	1	50.0	39	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Eldred King	51	598	11.7	4	61	
Malcolm Beyah	33	550	16.7	6	53	
Patrick Honeycutt	51	513	10.1	3	37	
Sancho McDonald	26	308	11.8	3	36	
Wes Caldwell	27	265	9.8	0	28	
Desmond Gee	24	248	10.3	1	62	
Phillip Tanner	13	135	10.4	1	39	
Chris McClover	14	114	8.1	0	25	
Michael Cannon	6	68	11.3	0	30	
Alvin Ingle	2	44	22.0	0	28	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
David DeFatta	62	2534	40.9	2	32.2	3	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Alan Gendreau	32-32	4-5	4-4	2-5	0-0	10-14	44

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Danny Carmichael	89	3	8.5	3	1
Ivon Hickmon	82	1	12	1	2
Jeremy Kellem	72	1	2.5	0	2
Kevin Brown	68	1	1.5	3	1
Ted Riley	43	1	2	4	1
Lonnie Clemons	41	4	1	0	0
Emmanuel Perez	33	1	5	0	0
Rod Issac	32	0	2	2	1
Dwight Smith	30	1	6.5	1	0
Wes Hofacker	28	3	2	1	0
Andrew Harrington	27	0	2	0	0
Alex Suber	26	1	0.5	4	2
Trevor Jenkins	26	1	4.5	0	0
Chris McCoy	25	3	2	1	0
Jamari Lattimore	22	3.5	2	2	0
Anthony Glover	22	0	0.5	0	0
Derrick Crumpton	20	0	1	2	0
Brandon Perry	14	0	1.5	0	1
Josh Gregory	11	0	0	0	0
Jawan Carson	11	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Patrick Honeycutt	13	81	6.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Desmond Gee	28	544	19.4	0	
Phillip Tanner	13	282	21.7	1	

2008 STATS BY GAME

MT	ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
22,307		Troy	20	50-84	1.7	20-34	200	5	16	36-164	4.6	17-28	136	2	+2
22,605		Maryland	21	41-118	2.9	29-41	284	0	15	25-146	5.8	14-29	211	3	+2
68,612		at Kentucky	13	23-31	1.3	21-37	352	0	21	35-102	2.9	28-48	254	0	-1
24,256		at Arkansas St	15	25-44	1.8	26-37	271	2	22	34-148	4.4	17-31	292	0	-2
25,766		Florida Atlantic	13	29-55	1.9	24-36	268	1	18	42-155	3.7	16-27	208	3	+3
15,108		at FIU	15	41-171	4.2	14-27	72	1	17	42-112	2.7	13-29	223	0	0
38,319		at Louisville	20	30-105	3.5	20-38	201	2	19	45-247	5.5	14-23	144	0	+2
40,024		at Mississippi St	18	29-80	2.8	25-43	268	0	17	39-169	4.3	17-25	197	0	0
16,150		ULM	21	35-90	2.6	16-26	278	2	24	43-236	5.5	19-31	212	5	0
11,817		at WKU	18	41-101	2.5	19-30	212	2	17	33-68	2.1	18-30	213	5	0
14,307		North Texas	24	28-237	8.5	20-36	252	0	20	36-143	4.0	25-39	221	5	0
15,321		at Louisiana	26	40-167	4.2	22-29	242	0	23	43-152	3.5	18-25	243	2	-3
TOTALS			**224**	**412-1283**	**3.1**	**256-414**	**2900**	**15**	**229**	**453-1842**	**4.1**	**216-365**	**2554**	**25**	**+3**
AVERAGES			**18.7**	**34-107**	**3.1**	**21-35**	**242**	**3.6%**	**19.1**	**38-154**	**4.1**	**18-30**	**213**	**6.8%**	**0.3**

2004 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		at Akron	+6'	31-24	
–		Florida Atlantic	-2'	20-27	
–		at Louisiana	-2	17-24	
–		at North Texas	+3	21-30	
–		Arkansas St	-6	45-17	
–		at Florida - #22	+28'	16-52	
–		Idaho	-10	34-14	
–		Utah St	-9'	21-0	
–		at New Mexico St	-3	10-44	
–		ULM	-6	37-24	
–		at Troy	+14	17-37	

2005 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		at Alabama	+21'	7-26	
–		North Texas	-4	7-14	
–		Akron	-6	7-17	
–		at Vanderbilt	+14	17-15	
–		at Florida Atlantic	-3'	35-14	
–		Louisiana	-14	10-13	
–		Arkansas St	-4'	45-7	
–		ULM	-11	31-34	
–		at NC State	+18	3-24	
–		at Troy	-6'	17-7	
–		at FIU	-6	31-35	

2006 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		FIU	-9	7-6	
–		at Maryland	+22	10-24	
–		Tennessee Tech	NL	44-0	
–		at Oklahoma - #17	+28	0-59	
–		at North Texas	+3'	35-0	
–		† Louisville - #8	+29'	17-44	
–		at ULM	-3'	35-21	
–		at Louisiana	+3	34-20	
–		Florida Atlantic	-11'	35-14	
–		at Arkansas St	-3'	38-10	
–		at South Carolina	+15'	7-52	
–		Troy	-7	20-21	

2007 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		at Florida Atlantic	+2'	14-27	
–		at Louisville - #8	+40'	42-58	
–		at LSU - #2	+40'	0-44	
–		WKU	NL	17-20	
–		FIU	-9'	47-6	
–		Virginia	+10	21-23	
–		at Memphis	+3	21-7	
–		Arkansas St	-2'	24-7	
–		at North Texas	-12'	48-28	
–		at ULM	-3'	43-40	
–		Louisiana	-13'	24-34	
–		at Troy	+12	7-45	

2008 RESULTS

MT Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–		Troy	+6	17-31	
–		Maryland	+13	24-14	
–		at Kentucky	+18	14-20	
–		at Arkansas St	+5'	14-31	
–		Florida Atlantic	-2'	14-13	
–		at FIU	+2	21-31	
–		at Louisville	+14'	23-42	
–		at Mississippi St	+10	22-31	
–		ULM	-4'	24-21	
–		at WKU	-2'	21-10	
–		North Texas	-20	52-13	
–		at Louisiana	+5	28-42	

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ULM WARHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - Steven Jyles departed in '05 as the SBC and ULM's career passing leader. Kinsmon Lancaster played a slash role as a rFr in '05 (54 yd pass, 232 rush) but won the job in '06. HC Charlie Weatherbie said he was quicker than Jyles but that he was a soph as opposed to a 4-year veteran. Lancaster struggled with midseason injuries and fans started to call for backup QB Chance Payne, who hit 34 of 58 for 404 with a 2-1 ratio for the season. Lancaster led the FBS with 13 int in the first 8 but had just 1 in the final 4 and the team avg'd 34 ppg in that span cementing his job as the starter. He threw for 1,789 (56.8%) with a poor 7-14 ratio but was the #3 rusher. In 2007 ULM moved Payne to LB so the backup became rFr Trey Revell. Lancaster was not 100% and Revell started vs FIU but Lancaster came off the bench and hit 16 of 21 for 257 and Revell did not att another pass. For the season, Lancaster threw for 1866 (59.2%) with a 13-10 ratio (398 rush). Revell threw for 235 (48.7%) with a 3-1 ratio. Lancaster improved his numbers in '08 to 2,040 (59.4%) with an 18-7 ratio. He had a streak of 173 passes without an int. WR Darrell McNeal took snaps in the ULM Warhawk Package (hit 1-3). Revell hit 5 of 5 after Lancaster injured his knee vs Troy guiding the GW drive incl a 7 yd TD pass with :34 left. Lancaster was susp for the 1Q vs MTSt and Revell struggled (3 of 6 for 10 yd). Lancaster came in and led ULM to a huge yard edge but they could not overcome a 14-0 deficit. Revell played in 9 throwing for 129 (50%) with a 1-2 ratio. This year Revell will battle SMU transfer Zach Rhodes (PS#180, 8-15, 81 in '07). Also in the mix are rFr Jonathan Morvant, Cody Wells and true frosh Kolton Browning and Aaron Munoz. This group is less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - No ULM RB had led the conf in rushing since 1993 (Irving Spikes, IAA). In 2006, despite not starting the first two, Calvin Dawson took charge and rushed for 1,210 (5.7). Dawson, who finished '06 with five straight 100+ games, opened '07 with five straight and led the SBC in rushing a 2nd straight year with 1,414 (5.0). He left last year as the school's all-time leading rusher. Frank Goodin (PS#207) topped 100 twice while rushing for 596 (5.1) and earning HM SBC in '07 as a rFr. Goodin missed the Ark game in '08 but started 11 and rushed for 783 (4.3) with 277 rec yards. Rodney Lovett, who rushed for 1,328 (4.1) at JC in '07, had 188 (4.8). This year the unit returns intact and adding depth is Carl Elie (5'10" 198 rFr, PS#155). Not listed in the PSL are Gary Frazier (5'8" 215 Sr, 12 yd), Robert Williams (6'0" 197 So) and this year's true frosh. I look for more production out of the ULM RB's.

RECEIVERS - In 2006, ULM had to replace 4 of its top 5 rec. LaGregory Sapp led with 796 (18.5) while TE Zeek Zacharie added 405 (13.5) and Darrell McNeal had 276 (11.0). All 3 returned in '07 but when ULM lost starting TE Mitch Doyle to injury, Zacharie had to take on more pass blocking skills and only had 437 (12.1). McNeal led with 502 (9.3) and Sapp was #2 with 486 (14.7). Last year Sapp was acad ineligible and McNeal was susp for the opener. McNeal started just 5 but led with 558 (10.9) while Zacharie improved to 510 (11.1). RFr Anthony McCall was #3 with 406 (14.5) and JJ McCoy had 207 (9.0). This year they lose Zacharie (10 st) and Marty Humphrey (2 st, 4 rec). With 6 of the top 7 rec projected back, I look for improvement if McNeal returns (susp spring).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007, ULM had one of the most experienced OL's in the country with 128 career starts returning. LT Kyle Cunningham and C Adam Hill ended up starting every game in their 4 year careers (46). ULM improved, this time to a school best (FBS) 209 ypg and 4.5 ypc. OC/OL coach Steve Farmer's first 2 units allowed just 9 sacks in both '04 and '05 but allowed 18 (5.4%) in '07. Last year they had to replace three long-time starters and a backup but added a pair of JUCO's who were in for the spring. Three year starter Aaron Schutz DNP (inj) so they basically had one starter back. The less experienced O-line did well as they averaged 153 ypg rush (4.3) but the sack total did climb to 31 (8.9%). This year ULM loses 4 year starter and 2nd Tm SBC RT Larry Shappley (12 st), C Keating Helms (2 st) and backup RT Kyle Kersten. They have four returning starters. At least one OL has been All-SBC every year since 2002 and the OL has allowed an avg of just 16 sacks per year since 2004.

DE Aaron Morgan

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007, ULM had a veteran D-line but allowed 154 ypg (4.4) rushing with just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (2 unexpectedly) including a 2nd Tm SBC NT and Weatherbie brought in a pair of 300 lb JUCO's who combined to start 11. Surprisingly, the numbers rose to 213 ypg (#109 NCAA) and a ghastly 5.7 ypc with just 13 team sacks. In order to cure the porous rush D ULM is moving to a 3-3-5 this year. They lose 3rd Tm SBC DT DeMarcus Carmouche (12 st, 30 tkl, 6 tfl), Victor Gaines (1 st, 13 tkl), Patrick Frazier (1 tkl), Alex Ford (3 st, 17 tkl) and Alaric Coleman (12 st '07, 2 st, 1 tkl '08). While they do lose one starter, they have one less position to fill so I list them as having all 3 starters back and they can only improve. This unit includes 2 on my Preseason SBC Team in DE Aaron Morgan and NT Aaron Williams who draws comparisons to Warren Sapp.

LINEBACKERS - ULM played a 4-2-5 defense and I always included the BANDIT position in the LB unit. With a new DC they now switch to a 3-3-5 (similar to NM). At NM, the LOBO is basically a LB so the HAWK position figures to be the same and I will list it here. Last year ULM had just 2 of its 3 starters returning at LB after James Truxillo (10 st '07) was lost after Wk 2. This year the trio of '07 starters returns which includes Cardia Jackson (#1 tkl'r) and Josh Thomas (#4). They only lose BAN Chance Payne (10 st, 50 tkl) and Truxillo steps in nicely to one of the open starting spots. Last year's D allowed 31.2 ppg, their worst in 5 years and with a more veteran front, they figure to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULM has finished as high as #57 in my pass D rankings (2004). In 2006 they had 2 starters back and finished at #74 (#100 in '05). In 2007 ULM had to replace three starters (incl #5 DC). Josh Thompson (12 st '06) was lost after 3 starts and CB Greg James moved to FS and was 3rd Tm SBC. The less experienced unit moved up to #68. Last year they lost 3 starters but did have Thompson and James back so it was like having two back. ULM finished #78. Not listed in the PSL are Drew Bernhardy (6'0" 200 So, PS#194) and Jonathan Price (5'11" 185 So). This year the unit returns intact including three who made my Preseason SBC Tm. Both FS James and SS Thompson were trying to regain eligibility over the summer and if they accomplish that ULM will have one of the top secondaries in the conference.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ULM's highest ever finish in my ST rankings is #86. In 2007 they had to replace some top players and finished #87. Last year ULM had to replace its K and was #89. P Scott Love, who avg 42.1 (37.5 net) in '07, avg 39.6 (34.1 net) in '08. The kicking game cost them vs Middle Tenn as they missed 3 FG's and Radi Jabour (PS#11) hit just 6 of 12 FG's (long 48) on the year while Jeremy Gener hit 2 of 5. Gener had 5 TB on 58 KO. The return game was average. This year Gener and LS Brandon Woodside are the only losses and I'll call for them to have their highest finish ever in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Charlie Weatherbie was hired AFTER spring practice in 2003 and retained then-HC Mike Collins' entire staff for that season. Weatherbie was the HC at Navy and Utah St and took both to bowls. Two year OC Steve Farmer left for the OC spot at Illinois St. In Farmer's 2 seasons ('07-'08) as OC the team avg'd 23.5 and 23.7 ppg, each a high since joining IA in 1994. Weatherbie has new co-OC's in Vance Vice (Utah St OL cch L/4Y) and his son Jonas Weatherbie (3Y at ULM). Weatherbie brings in a new DC Troy Reffett who was the DC at UTEP in '02 and '03, then spent 5Y at New Mexico (DC '08).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Charlie Weatherbie stepped into a difficult situation, taking over the team in May 2003 after spring ball. His first year was also hit hard by bad luck as they had 6 losses by 7 or less and were -19 in turnovers and finished 1-11. With 15 starters back in '04 (2nd most SBC), I pegged the 1-11 team to finish 4th in the SBC and that is precisely where they finished as they were projected near the basement by most others. ULM moved up to 5-6 almost becoming bowl eligible. Had they won their season finale vs UL in 2005, they would have won the SBC Title (blown out 54-21). ULM's opening day loss to FCS NW St (led 23-0 at half) kept them from a winning record. In 2006, ULM missed four key 2 pt conv and had they made them, they would have been a 6-4 team instead of 2-8 after 10. ULM led MT 21-14 at half and UK 34-33 after 3Q's. In '06, ULM had 5 net close losses and finished 4-8. In 2007, I called them Weatherbie's best team yet and ULM had their first non-losing season in 13 yr at 6-6. They played 4 powerhouses to open up the year 0-4 but went 6-2 after, including an upset of Alabama on the road. ULM finished tied for 3rd in the SBC (+12.3 ypg, #3). Last year they had 4 conf HG's and Malone Stadium went through a $200K renovation, its first since it opened in 1978. ULM opened 2008 with a fumble on the first play that Aub ret'd for a TD. Aub was forewarned after ULM's '07 upset of Alabama and the #10 Tigers won 34-0. The next week ULM had Ark beaten on the road, as they led 24-6 in the 3Q and 27-14 in the 4Q but missed a 45 yd FG on the game's final play and lost by 1. After beating an FCS foe, they lost by 14 to Tulane then allowed a school record 728 yds to UL. ULM trailed Ark St 27-14 at half and thanks in part to a 71 yd 3Q FR TD, lost by 8. They were buoyed by the fact that after a 1-5 start in '07 they finished 6-6 and this time were now 2-5. They suffered a tough loss vs FAU where the Owls got a 22 yd TD pass with :20 left (ULM led 21-10 at half). ULM did upset eventual league champ Troy the next week, 31-30. QB Lancaster was susp'd the 1Q vs MT and when he finally stepped on the field, ULM trailed 17-0. ULM rallied but missed 3 FG's coming up 3 points short. After being shutout by Ole Miss 59-0, they led FIU 21-3 at the half and held on for a 31-27 win. ULM finished in a tie for 5th in the SBC (also 2nd to last) as they were 3-4 in conf play. This year ULM loses QB Lancaster but on the positive side, they have 17 returning starters and last year had 2 tough close losses in Ark and Fla Atl. They also led the FBS in starts lost to injury with 54. ULM has my #2 rated O-line and #3 rated D-line in the SBC and make my Most Improved List, meaning I think they will be bowl eligible this season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 12 Trey Revell Jr. 6-5 218 PS#191.2 st, 364 pass, 4-3 ratio 2Y. **4** Zach Rhodes (6'2" 210 Jr) **SMU trans. 14** Cody Wells (6'0" 187 rFr). **8** Jonathan Morvant (6'2" 213 rFr) PS#155.

RB 5 FRANK GOODIN JR. 5-9 200 PS#207. HM SBC '07, 596 (5.1). 11 st, 783 (4.3) 3rd Tm SBC LY. **31** Rodney Lovett (5'11" 203 Jr) PS#280JC. 188 (4.8). **20** Carl Elie PS#155. 4.45 spd.

WR 3 DARRELL McNEAL SR. 6-0 212 PS#141. 28 st, 1336 (10.3) 3Y. **Susp, questionable '09. 10** Tim Taylor (5'9" 173 So) PS#246. 1 rec. Jared King (6'0" 180 rFr). **13** Brent Leonard (6'2" 176 rFr).

WR 83 ANTHONY McCALL SO. 6-1 180 12 st, 406 (14.5) HM SBC LY. **6** Cordario Calvin (6'4" 202 Jr) PS#395JC. Julian Griffin (6'3" 197 So) PS#248. 1 rec. Darrin Taylor (6'4" 214 Sr) PS#128.

WR 1 JJ McCOY SR. 5-11 180 4 st, 216 (13.5) 2Y. Inj '07. 11 st, 207 (9.0) last year. **22** Luther Ambrose (5'10" 166 So) PS#103. 4.29 spd. 160 (13.3) true. Zarrell Sanders (6'0" 173 rFr).

TE 17 Alvin Jordan Jr. 6-2 239 PS#200. 1 st, 4 KR 2Y. **80** Keavon Milton (6'5" 246 rFr) PS#421. **81** Justin Waller (6'3" 235 Sr) 1 st, 2 rec 3Y. **87** Ty Kittle (6'2" 217 So).

C 65 BRETT THOMPSON SR. 6-3 280 PS#442. 1 st RG '07. 12 st (2LG, 10C) LY. **57** Daniel Hanson (6'1" 285 rFr) PS#321. Andrew Russell is PS#312. **LS 73** Alex Chace (6'0" 277 So) 2 gm LY.

RG 71 DOUG STROUD JR. 6-6 331 **PS#78.** 12 st RG, 78% grade, 23 kd. **74** Andrew Stout (6'3" 286 Jr) PS#335. 16 gm 2Y. AJ DeGroot (6'3" 276 Jr) PS#412. 8 gm 2Y. Jonathan Gill (6'3" 328 rFr).

LG 68 JUSTIN ROBERTS SO. 6-5 284 Last 10 st LG LY, 12 gm, 83% grade, 25 kd. Fonda White (6'3" 327 Jr) PS#417JC. **63** Emmanuel Lockett (6'1" 302 Sr) 11 gm bkup LY.

RT 64 Mitch Doyle Sr. 6-5 264 PS#145 TE. 18 st TE, 11 rec (5.2) 4Y. **72** Josh Andrews (6'6" 304 Jr) 17 gm 2Y. **62** Adam Bertand (6'3" 348 rFr) PS#434. Brock Wempa PS#247.

LT 79 RYAN DERCHER SR. 6-5 305 PS#225JC. 12 st LT LY, 80% grade, 26 kd. **77** Cade Burks (6'4" 315 So) PS#218. **75** Anthony Montgomery (6'4" 304 So). Nick Hawkins PS#553.

K 85 RADI JABOUR SO. 6-0 181 PS#11. Hit 8 career FG of 50+ yds in HS including LA prep record 59 ydr. Missed 53 yd FG as true, Med RS. 6-12 FG as rFr, long 48. 27-29 xp.

DE 95 JAMESON JORDAN SR. 6-5 233 12 st, 25 tkl rFr. 3 st 14 tkl '07. 5 st, 16 tkl last year. **55** Troy Evans (6'2" 246 So) PS#225. 4 st, 19 tkl LY. **44** Jordan Landry (6'3" 215 So) PS#176.

NT 99 AARON WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 296 PS#147JC. 8 st, 29 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Aaron Moore (5'11" 283 Jr) 11 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. Thomas Robinson (5'11" 275 Sr) PS#183JC. Casey Narcisse (5'11" 287 rFr).

DE 9 AARON MORGAN SR. 6-4 220 PS#241. 4 sk true. 8 st, 34 tkl, 8 tfl '07. 45 tkl, 6 sk, 7 tfl, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **92** Quantez Hunter (6'4" 242 Jr) PS#285JC. Michael Autwell (6'4" 223 rFr).

LB 42 Theo Smith Jr. 5-11 204 3 st, 29 tkl, 1 tfl true. 49 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **49** CC Carpenter (5'11" 228 So) PS#126. 1 gm LY. Ben Giles PS#362. Brock Pierce (6'0" 243 rFr).

MLB 51 CARDIA JACKSON SR. 6-2 240 PS#181. 8 st, 79 tkl, 9 tfl, 2nd Tm SBC '07. 127 tkl, 8 tfl, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **45** DaCorris Ford (6'3" 224 rFr) PS#327. Kenneth Dorsey (6'0" 257 So) 6 tkl '07.

LB 50 JOSH THOMAS SR. 6-2 223 12 st, 79 tkl, 8 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 67 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **54** Jason Edwards (5'11" 237 So) 11 tkl rFr. **24** Shaq Belson (5'9" 213 So) 9 tkl. Lincston Jones (6'0" 228 So).

HAWK 34 James Truxillo Sr. 6-2 209 4 st, 35 tkl rFr. 10 st, 68 tkl, 3 tfl, 6 pbu, 2 int '07. 2 st (inj) LY. Antonio Hoskins (6'0" 208 Fr) PS#103. Orig signed w/**Miss St. 56** Derek Dark (5'10" 240 So).

CB 26 NATE BROWN SO. 5-10 175 PS#348. 11 st, 70 tkl, 3 pbu rFr. **39** Sean Hornberger (5'10" 166 So). 8 tkl rFr. **36** Zoe Bruce (5'10" 175 rFr). **29** Dominique LeBlanc (5'11" 200 So).

CB 21 OTIS STAMPS SR. 5-10 181 PS#184JC. 10 st, 39 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 int LY. **32** Alex Blake (5'10" 186 Jr). 11 tkl, 2 pbu 2Y. Khairi Usher is PS#216. **6** Nick Baum (5'9" 175 rFr).

S 28 JOSH THOMPSON SR. 6-2 215 123 tkl, 8 int 2Y. Inj '07. 12 st. 108 tkl, 8 pbu, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **19 Troy Giddens** (6'0" 207 Jr) PS#71. **LSU trans.** Darius Prelow (6'1" 197 So). 2 st, 19 tkl.

S 2 GREG JAMES SR. 6-1 210 21 st, 77 tkl, 5 int, 2nd Tm SBC '07. 12 st, 61 tkl, 3 int LY. **Susp, ? '09. 30** Alex Ibe (6'3" 205 Jr) PS#219. 13 tkl. Preston Fuller (6'0" 206 Jr) 3 st, 26 tkl 2Y.

P 48 SCOTT LOVE SR. 6-0 204 PS#71. 5 punts, 36.8 avg '06. 1st Tm SBC '07, 70 punts (42.1) 37.5 net, 23 I20. 67 punt LY, 39.6 avg (34.1 net). Tyler Pyles (5'11" 145 rFr) PS#89.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB Antonio Hoskins 6-0 208 PS#103 '08
DB Khairi Usher 5-10 194 PS#216
DL Quantez Hunter 6-4 242 PS#285JC
OL Brock Wempa 6-2 302 PS#247
WR Cordario Calvin 6-4 202 PS#395JC
DB Cameron Blakes 6-1 205 PS#276
OL Fonda White 6-3 327 PS#417JC
OL Andrew Russell 6-3 315 PS#312
QB Kolton Browning 6-3 190 PS#179
QB Aaron Munoz 6-0 178 PS#189
WR Otis Peterson 5-11 155 PS#296
DL Blake Cogswell 6-1 285 PS#384
RB Isaiah Newsome 5-11 193 PS#344
TE Emanuel Jefferies 6-3 222 PS#111
LB Ben Giles 6-0 234 PS#362
RB Jyruss Edwards 6-0 180 PS#376
WR Brandon Williams 6-1 185 PS#404
WR Tavarese Maye 6-0 170 PS#405
RB Monterrell Washington 5-10 195 PS#421
DL Chad Brown 6-3 265 PS#483
WR Tristan Warren 6-2 175 PS#563DB
OL Nick Hawkins 6-3 268 PS#553
WR Jordan Selexman 6-2 188 PS#469
DL Kevin White 6-1 288 PS#664
TE Kevin Steed 6-3 201 PS#258
OL Noa Galeai 6-0 200 PS#1788
DB Robert Nelson 5-10 165 PS#1875

ULM WARHAWKS

Monroe, Louisiana
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.75
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#103

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ULM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at Texas	A					
Sep. 12	Texas Southern	A					
Sep. 19	at Arizona St	G					
Sep. 26	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Oct. 3	FIU (HC)	A					
Oct. 13	Arkansas St (Tues)	A					
Oct. 17							
Oct. 24	at Kentucky	G					
Oct. 31	at Troy	A					
Nov. 7	at North Texas	A					
Nov. 14	WKU	A					
Nov. 21	at Louisiana	A					
Nov. 28	Middle Tennessee	A					
Dec. 5							

1st meeting. The Warhawks are 0-19 vs ranked teams since 1994 & 0-10 vs current Big 12 teams. ULM is 0-15 in road openers being shutout 5 times including last year.

The Warhawks are 2-6 in their last 8 home openers (2-1 the last 3 years). The Texas Southern Tigers went 4-8 LY including a 83-10 loss to SBC foe Ark St.

Coming into '09, the Warhawks are 8-44 the last 9 years in non-conf games. ULM has lost both games vs Pac-10 teams (UA, UCLA) by a combined 89-7.

LY ULM allowed a 22 yd TD pass w/:20 left after missing a 45 yd FG to go up by 8. The series started in '04 & the visitor has won all 5 but the avg win is by only 3 ppg.

Warhawks are 4-1 in this series & have won their L/2 Homecoming gms by DD's. With LY's win, the Warhawks improved to 5-0 in SBC games played in Florida.

The HT is 5-1 S/'03 in this series (avg win by 7 ppg). LY ASU QB Leonard had just 7 comp's, tying the New Mexico gm in '03 for the fewest in a gm by a ULM opponent.

Bonus: The Warhawks are just 2-6 since 2002 prior to a bye.

ULM is 3-32-1 vs the SEC & their last win was over Alabama (21-14) in 2007. Last meeting in '06, ULM missed a crucial 2 pt conv with :54 left in the 42-40 loss.

The visitor has lost the last 5 in this series. LY's 61 pts was a series high. LY ULM got a 7 yd TD rec w/:34 left then Troy's 56 yd FG hit the crossbar on the final play.

The Warhawks are 9-4 vs North Texas S/'90 but the visitor has won just 2 of 10. ULM hit 3 big play TD's in the 1Q & scored 28 unanswered pts in a 35-23 win LY.

Warhawks are 1-3 vs the Hilltoppers but they haven't played since '55 (21-9 win). First SBC matchup as WKU is a full member this yr after 2 transitional seasons.

LY ULM was outgained 728–383 including allowing a school record 556 yds (15.0!) on the ground. The visitor has won the last 4 in the "Battle of the Bayou".

These 2 tms have avg'd 63 ppg the L/7 meetings. ULM is 4-1 the L5Y in home finales. ULM trailed 17-0 in the 1st 18:00 of the gm LY & their comeback fell short (outrushed MT 236-90).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Steven Jyles 8,987 '02-'05
2. John Holman 7,827 '79-'82
3. Raymond Philyaw 7,061 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Calvin Dawson 3,378 '04-'07
2. Roosevelt Potts 3,061 '90-'92
3. Joe Profit 2,818 '67-'70

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Stepfret Williams 3,177 '92-'95
2. Marty Booker 2,784 '95-'98
3. Mack Vincent 2,673 '00-'03

CHARLIE WEATHERBIE (Career 70-109)
7th Year at ULM
Bowls: 2-0
Utah St '92-'94
Navy '95-'01

Weatherbie AT ULM/OVERALL

25-45 / 70-109	SU	0-2 / 0-3	Vs Top 10
13-15 / 35-41	Home	0-7 / 0-10	Vs Top 25
12-30 / 30-60	Away	1-16 / 12-44	Vs BCS Tms
0-0 / 5-8	Neutral	1-6 / 10-16	Off A Bye
20-21 / 31-28	Vs Conf	16-27 / 40-64	Off A Loss

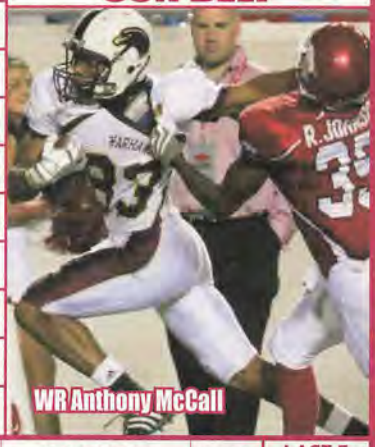
2008 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (20,17,3)
Lost: 19 (9,8,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,519 (#97)

SUN BELT


WR Anthony McCall

STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427) (#99)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Pro Play)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	3-9	1-11	5-6	5-6	4-8	6-6	4-8	31-73
Home	1-4	1-4	3-3	0-5	3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	3-2	18-27
Away	0-6	1-5	0-6	1-6	2-5	3-3	2-6	3-3	1-6	13-46
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-0	2-4	2-4	1-5	3-3	5-2	3-4	4-3	3-4	23-29
vs Non-Conf	1-10	0-5	1-5	0-6	2-3	0-4	1-4	2-3	1-4	8-44
ATS	0-8	6-4	6-5	4-6	5-6	6-4	8-3	7-4	6-5	48-45
Home Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3	0-2	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-10
Home Dog	0-1	2-2	3-1	1-2	0-0	2-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	12-9
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
Away Dog	0-6	4-2	3-3	3-4	3-3	3-2	6-1	3-2	4-3	29-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-0	5-1	4-2	3-3	2-4	5-2	5-2	5-2	5-2	34-18
vs Non-Conf	0-8	1-3	2-3	1-3	3-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	1-3	14-27
Off SU Win	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	2-3	3-0	4-1	2-1	13-13
Off SU Loss	0-6	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-3	4-1	5-3	3-2	4-3	33-28

Bobby Kostas (1-0) Mike Collins (4-12) Chuck Weatherbie (3-9) Bobby Kostas (1-0)

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Frank Goodin	182	852	69	783	5	4.3
Kinsmon Lancaster	131	803	189	614	4	4.7
Rodney Lovett	39	201	13	188	1	4.8
Trey Revell	17	172	16	156	0	9.2
Robert Williams	13	60	2	58	0	4.5
Darrell McNeal	21	47	7	40	4	1.9
Gary Frazier	9	14	2	12	1	1.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kinsmon Lancaster	313	186	59.4	2040	18	7
Trey Revell	28	14	50.0	129	1	2
Darrell McNeal	3	1	33.3	46	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darrell McNeal	51	558	10.9	4	40
Zeek Zacharie	46	510	11.1	4	29
Anthony McCall	28	406	14.5	6	46
Frank Goodin	25	277	11.1	2	33
JJ McCoy	23	207	9.0	2	46
Luther Ambrose	12	160	13.3	1	69
Marty Humphrey	4	38	9.5	0	18
Mitch Doyle	6	33	5.5	1	9

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Scott Love	67	2650	39.6	15	34.1(t)	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Radi Jabour	27-29	2-3	1-4	3-4	0-1	6-12	48
Jeremy Gener	5-5	1-2	0-0	1-3	0-0	2-5	40

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Cardia Jackson	127	4	4	1	2
Josh Thompson	108	0	3	8	0
Nate Brown	70	1	0	3	0
Josh Thomas	67	0	3	1	0
Greg James	61	0	1	2	3
Chance Payne	50	0	7	3	0
Theo Smith	49	0	5	3	0
Aaron Morgan	45	6	7	2	0
Otis Stamps	39	0	2	3	1
DeMarcus Carmouche	30	0	6	2	0
Aaron Williams	29	1	2	0	0
Darius Prelow	19	0	1	1	0
Troy Evans	19	0	1	2	0
Alex Ford	17	0	1	0	0
Jameson Jordan	16	0	0	0	0
Preston Fuller	15	0	1	1	0
Victor Gaines	13	0	3	2	0
Alex Ibe	13	0	0	0	1
Jason Edwards	11	0	0	0	0
Aaron Moore	10	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrell McNeal	16	102	6.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Robert Williams	33	681	20.6	0
Luther Ambrose	23	522	22.7	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ULM's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
5*	23.7	337	153	4.3	185	57.9	14.3	31	+2	2008	5	31.2	445	213	5.7	232	59.7	14.3	13
10*	23.5	386	209	4.5	177	57.7	16.4	18	+1	2007	6	27.7	415	154	4.4	261	57.8	15.0	20
8	21.8	348	155	4.2	193	57.2	15.9	13	+10	2006	5	22.3	346	150	4.3	196	59.4	15.6	19
8*	21.7	351	141	3.9	210	53.6	16.2	9	+1	2005	5	30.8	400	190	4.6	210	58.1	13.0	18
7*	19.2	353	140	3.8	213	55.5	18.4	9	-1	2004	8	27.5	388	177	4.5	211	59.4	14.1	18
6*	19.9	320	99	3.0	221	53.3	16.1	23	-19	2003	5	38.9	414	182	4.2	232	59.6	10.7	21
8	19.7	344	122	3.5	222	48.3	17.5	24	-7	2002	9	37.6	434	196	4.7	238	60.0	11.5	17

2008 STATS BY GAME

ULM 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
87,451	at Auburn	12	30-84	2.8	20-38	136	2	19	46-321	7.0	13-27	85	1	-1
55,048	at Arkansas	17	26-71	2.7	23-40	270	2	20	36-183	5.1	22-34	323	4	0
9,717	Alabama A&M	23	40-244	6.1	15-27	211	2	19	28-67	2.4	17-30	266	0	+3
23,419	at Tulane	9	28-64	2.3	13-18	118	4	24	45-182	4.0	19-34	272	1	0
21,929	Louisiana	15	40-241	6.0	12-25	142	3	19	37-556	15.0	15-23	172	0	+3
22,745	at Arkansas St	19	26-87	3.3	23-42	309	4	17	44-262	6.0	7-16	129	2	-3
10,388	North Texas	16	33-244	7.4	13-22	217	3	31	30-101	3.4	37-62	362	1	+1
9,922	Florida Atlantic	23	36-155	4.3	22-29	216	1	23	30-151	5.0	28-39	267	0	+1
10,112	Troy	21	47-161	3.4	20-32	169	2	22	28-165	5.9	23-36	221	0	+1
16,150	at Middle Tenn	24	43-236	5.5	19-31	212	5	21	35-90	2.6	16-26	278	2	0
43,665	at Mississippi	7	34-72	2.1	7-18	59	3	21	53-350	6.6	6-12	170	0	-2
12,925	at FIU	19	41-173	4.2	14-25	156	0	17	32-124	3.9	18-31	239	2	-1
TOTALS		205	424-1832	4.3	201-347	2215	31	253	444-2552	5.7	221-370	2784	13	+2
AVERAGES		17.1	35-153	4.3	17-29	185	8.9%	21.1	37-213	5.7	18-31	232	3.5%	0.2

2004 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Auburn - #17	+38	0-31	
–	at Arkansas	+31	20-49	
–	Arkansas St	-6	21-28	
–	at Wyoming	+14	10-31	
–	at Idaho	-1	16-14	
–	FIU	-9'	28-20	
–	at Florida Atlantic	+14	17-13	
–	at North Texas	+8	30-45	
–	Utah St	-6'	32-25	
–	at Middle Tennessee	+6	24-37	
–	Louisiana	-4	13-10	

2005 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Northwestern St	NL	23-27	
–	at Wyoming	+21	0-38	
–	at Georgia - #7	+39	7-44	
–	at Florida Atlantic	+7'	28-21	
–	Arkansas St	+3	31-27	
–	at Arkansas	+26	15-44	
–	Troy	+1'	27-3	
–	FIU	-10	29-31	
–	at Middle Tennessee	+11	34-31	
–	at North Texas	-4	24-19	
–	Louisiana	-2	21-54	

2006 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Alcorn St	NL	24-6	
–	at Kansas	+23'	19-21	
–	at Alabama	+24'	7-41	
–	Florida Atlantic	-14	19-21	
–	at Arkansas St	+6'	6-10	
–	at Troy	+9	19-24	
–	Middle Tennessee	+3'	21-35	
–	at Arkansas - #13	+35	10-44	
–	at FIU	-1'	35-0	
–	at Kentucky	+20	40-42	
–	North Texas	-7	23-3	
–	at Louisiana	+3	39-20	

2007 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Tulsa	+3'	17-35	
–	at Clemson - #25	+26'	26-49	
–	at Texas A&M - #25	+23	14-54	
–	at Troy	+13	7-24	
–	Arkansas St	+2'	30-13	
–	at North Texas	-7	21-31	
–	FIU	-13'	28-14	
–	at Florida Atlantic	+6	33-30 3OT	
–	Middle Tennessee	+3'	40-43	
–	Grambling St	NL	28-14	
–	at Alabama	+24'	21-14	
–	at Louisiana	-3	17-11	

2008 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	at Auburn - #10	+26	0-34	
–	at Arkansas	+14	27-28	
–	Alabama A&M	NL	37-15	
–	at Tulane	+6	10-24	
–	Louisiana	+3	35-44	
–	at Arkansas St	+14'	29-37	
–	North Texas	-18	35-23	
–	Florida Atlantic	+2'	28-29	
–	Troy	+10	31-30	
–	at Middle Tennessee	+4'	21-24	
–	at Mississippi	+22	0-59	
–	at FIU	+7	31-27	

FIU GOLDEN PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - FIU enters just its 8th year playing organized football and in 2007 they had to replace their "career leading" passer Josh Padrick who threw for 9,237 yards (4Y). Paul McCall was the only QB with experience hitting 7 of 18 for 101 as Padrick's backup in '06. McCall battled Wayne Younger (PS#283) and true frosh Colt Anderson (PS#268) and they were all dead even at the end of Aug. McCall, who has the strongest arm but lacks mobility, dropped to #3. Younger (most mobile) started the first 11 then inj'd vs FAU. Anderson came off the bench to hit 1 of 3 but McCall later hit 23 of 35 for 181. With Younger out, McCall threw for 228 with a 3-0 ratio in his first start and was carried off the field on the players' shoulders after their only win of the season vs NT. The '07 QB's combined to complete just 45.8% with a 14-20 ratio. McCall spent the spring and summer with a strength trainer adding speed and agility. Early in 2008, Younger saw some action when HC Mario Cristobal knew the defenses would be bringing a lot of pressure. McCall took all of the snaps in the road win vs Toledo despite hitting just 6 of 13 for 98 and took almost all of the snaps thereafter. He threw for 2,332 (52.7%) with a school record 15 TD's with just 9 int. Younger only played in six (17 rush att, 33 pass att). Not listed in the PSL below are Anderson (6'4" 215 So), Darold Hughes (6'4" 183 So, PS#176) and Carlos Gonzalez (5'10" 200 rFr). If McCall continues to show the improvement he made in the 2H of last year, he will be one of the SBC's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005, Ben West led with 537 (5.5) but true frosh A'mod Ned, who was Broward County's leading rusher as a HS senior, was #2 with 375 (4.3) in just 6 games. RFr Julian Reams (4.5 spd) rushed for 322 (3.7). West departed in '06 and Ned led with 445 (4.7) playing behind an inexperienced O-line. Reams had 5 starts with 325 (3.1). In '07 everyone was back and I called for significant improvement and after avg just 57 ypg (2.3) in '06, the team doubled its avg to 119 ypg (3.3). Ned led with 581 (4.1) while Reams had 274 (3.3). QB Younger was the #2 rusher (536, 4.2). Last year both ret'd and this time Reams led with 481 (3.4). Both were banged up and vs Troy, Jr Daunte Owens rushed for 69, but he later missed six and had just 130 (4.5) on the year. True frosh Darriet Perry (PS#151) took off his RS to play in just the final 2 and rushed for 173 (5.6) with his 86.5 ypg double that of Reams! This year Ned and Reams depart and adding depth are Brandon Paquette (5'9" 200 So), DeMario Lee (5'11" 176 So) and this year's true frosh. Despite the unit being less experienced, I think Perry could have the best total for a leading rusher here since Rashod Smith in '04 (1133, 4.9).

RECEIVERS - In 2007 the Panthers had to replace their top 2 rec who combined for 114 rec and 1,122 yards. True frosh Jason Frierson (PS#227) led the inexperienced group in rec's (21) but had just 190 yds (9.0). True frosh Greg Ellingson was

WR T.Y. Hilton

#1 with 304 (16.0). Last year the unit returned intact but the big news was the addition of true frosh TY Hilton, who is the fastest player on the team (4.2). Hilton was a game breaker both on offense and ST and easily set the school record with 1,013 yards rec with an amazing 24.7 ypc along with his return exploits. Ellingson improved to 574 (16.4) and true frosh Junior Mertile had 245 (9.4) while TE Eric Kirchenberg added 157 (11.2). This year they lose TE's Moses Hinton (0 rec), Travis Felder (1 rec) and WR James Rucker (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Reggie Thompson (6'0" 195 Sr, 4 rec in 2Y), Kendall Berry (6'0" 188 So), Jacob Younger (6'2" 175 rFr), Jonathan Ramirez (6'0" 177 rFr), George Palmer (6'0" 166 So), Jodie Basemore (6'1" 194 Sr) and TE's Christopher Campbell (6'2" 224 rFr) and Jonathan Faucher (6'3" 217 So, 1 st LY). While it's tough to imagine Hilton having an even bigger impact, this is an improved group in terms of experience and talent and also add former Utah commit TE Dudley LaPorte (PS#67JC) who is 250 lbs with 4.44 spd.

OFFENSIVE LINE - FIU was on an improving climb going from 3.2 ypc rush in 2002 to 3.9 in '03 and 4.4 in '04 and that 2004 O-line allowed just 9 sacks. Everyone returned in '05 but they lost 2 starters to injury at midseason and the ypc dropped to 3.8. In 2006 FIU had to replace 5 players (comb 43 st) and then suffered injuries (and susp). True frosh Andy Leavine started all 12 at LT while true frosh Joe Alajajian started 8 at OG. Naturally the unit struggled avg just 57 ypg rush (2.3) and allowed 32 sacks (7.8%). In 2007 FIU only had to replace 2 players (comb 6 st). The Panthers improved the ypg rush to 119 (3.3) but surprisingly the sack % went up (9.2%) even with a mobile QB. Last year they basically had 3 starters returning but the numbers dropped to 99 ypg rush (2.8) with 27 sacks allowed (7.7%). This year they lose LG Dustin Gibson (6 st, 19 car st) but have 9 of the top 10 back with 5 having started 7 or more last year. This is the best O-line in Golden Panther history.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 the Panthers had to replace their top DL in "school history" in DE Antwan Barnes (#4DC, 22.5 tfl in '06). FIU had 5 of the top 8 back but allowed 203 ypg rush (5.1) while the D had 24 sacks. Last year Reginald Jones (19 st '06-'07) RS so they basically had 2 starters back on the DL. The unit improved to 156 ypg (3.9). This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC DE Quentin Newman (11 st, 43 tkl, 4 sk, 7 tfl), DT Jarvis Penerton (11 st, 29 tkl, 5 tfl), DT Daniel Chacreton (10 st, 14 tkl, 3 tfl) and Jonathan Betancourt (1 st, 10 tkl, 1 sk). They do return Jones so it is like having 2 full-time starters back and not listed in the 3 deep below are Thatcher Starling (6'4" 251 Jr, PS#231JC), Kambriel Willis (5'10" 213 So, PS#183LB), Jonathan Jackson (6'3" 250 So, PS#168), Ricky Booker (6'3" 254 So, PS#159LB) and Kasey Smith (6'3" 262 rFr). While eight return with starting experience, this is the unit that suffered the most graduation losses and hence, is my biggest concern on the team.

LINEBACKERS - In 2007, FIU had to replace all 3 starters including two 1st Tm SBC players and as noted in the DL, the D struggled vs the rush. Last year the unit returned intact and the D made great strides as they gave up 28.3 ppg LY compared to 39.1 in '07. This year they lose WLB Michael Dominguez (9 st, 56 tkl, 5 tfl), Ryan Martinez (3 st, 57 tkl, 6 tfl), Alonzo Phillips (17 tkl) and Matt Garris (8 tkl). While they do lose their #3 and #4 tacklers, two starters are back including Scott Bryant (#1 tkl'r L2Y) and rFr Winston Fraser, who had a dominating spring. They also add true frosh "Pooh Bear" Mars (PS#92) who should help the pass rush. I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FIU was #118 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and despite only replacing two starters in 2005, finished dead last at #119 allowing 68.2%. The Panthers improved to #75 in 2006 and only had to replace one starter in 2007 but dropped to #103. Last year they had to replace a 2nd Tm SBC CB and a 6 game starter. FIU did return 8 with starting experience. They lost HM SBC FS Ashlyn Parker in Wk 1 to injury but did get back Jeremiah Weatherspoon (12 st '06) who missed '07 so it was like having 3 returning starters. FIU took on a tough schedule but surprisingly moved up to #38 allowing a 21-15 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm SBC CB Robert Mitchell (12 st, 84 tkl, 1 int) and S Marshall McDuffie (6 st, 26 tkl, 3 int). Not listed below is Peter Riley (6'0" 172 Sr). Basically FIU has 2.5 starters returning and gets Parker back and while it will be tough to improve upon last year's pass D ranking, this is a more experienced group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit has reflected what you would expect out of a startup program. ST are affected by the team's depth or lack of depth. FIU was #105 in my ST rankings in '05, #118 in '06 and #97 in '07. Part of the '07 improvement came from the net punting going from 27.2 in '06 to 34.3. P Chris Cook missed '08 with a back injury. The team's depth did improve and new P Carlos Munera, who has a strong leg, avg 41.1 (35.0 net). K Dustin Rivest hit 12 of 19 (long 43, 1 miss 50+) and had 5 TB on 59 KO. Besides improved depth, the main reason the Panthers moved all the way up to #31 was true frosh Hilton (4.2 spd) as he had 2 return TD's and avg'd 14.8 on PR. They lose Munera TY but with Hilton back this is still one of the best ST units in the SBC.

COACHES - In 2007 the coaching staff was brand-new. Mario Cristobal was the first Cuban-American HC in FBS history and had been an All-Big East OT at Miami. He was the TE coach at Miami from '04-'05 and the OL coach in '06. Cristobal was just 36 years old when he took over here. The new OC for 2008 was Bill Legg (45) who was the co-OC at Purdue the previous 2 years. The DC is Phillip Galiano who was Rutgers' DE coach in '05-'06. All three return for their 3rd year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FIU is the youngest team in FBS as they just started playing football in 2002. The 2006 season was FIU's first ever year for graduation losses (28 lettermen lost). They plummeted from 5-6 to 0-12 and Don Strock resigned with 3 games to go. Surprisingly, FIU had the #28 defense in the IA allowing just 300.9 ypg and was #1 in the IA in tfl. Despite their winless record, they were a few plays away from opening 5-1 but then had 18 players susp'd after the fight with Miami (9 starters) and the shorthanded team limped to a winless season. In 2007 FIU had to replace its top 6 tacklers. FIU was the youngest team in the FBS with 73% of its roster being underclassmen (68 of 93). Their first 4 foes were all BCS teams and the nation's longest losing streak would climb to 23, the 7th longest streak ever. FIU was thrashed by MT in the SBC opener with the Blue Raiders' 47 points in the 1H being a school record. They did lead ASU 16-10 into the 4Q but gave up a FG with :02 left to lose by 3. After a blowout loss to FAU, FIU stood 0-11 but finally ended the losing streak with a win over NT. Last year I said the Panthers would be a vastly improved team as they returned 15 starters (most in league) including almost every offensive yard from '07. They were -14 in TO's and had poor ypp's on both offense and defense (pg 299) in '07. Forty-five of the 71 Panthers who saw playing time in '07 were underclassmen. They did have just 5 HG's last year with one being vs Big East powerhouse USF. Cristobal had played 11 true frosh after 4 games. FIU opened up 0-3 losing by a combined 99-19. They trailed Toledo 13-0 and were outgained 156-20 in the 1Q, but UT turned it over 4 times and FIU rallied to win 35-16. That turned their season around. FIU did as expected and won on the road vs NT, a game they led 28-0 at half. The next week FIU beat MT for its 3rd straight win. Troy was without its starting QB but FIU made key mistakes including a roughing the K penalty on a missed FG plus they lost 2 fumbles (1 for safety). After a bye they were walloped by UL 49-20. FIU trailed Ark St 21-15 but Hilton threw a TD pass late and ASU (at FIU40) was int'd in the EZ. ULM did lead FIU 21-3 at half but FIU had a 363-329 yd edge in the loss. FIU actually had a shot at bowl eligibility, twice leading FAU by 14 in the 4Q. FAU rallied to tie and FIU lost it in OT. FIU dominated WKU in the finale to finish 5-7 and 3-4 in SBC (-21 ypg). FIU accomplished this despite being #11 in the FBS with 41 starts lost due to inj. FIU has 16 ret starters (tied 2nd most in SBC) and despite the fact they've had 7 losing seasons in 7 years, 4 of my 9 sets of power ratings call for them to be bowl eligible this season as they continue to improve.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 12 PAUL McCALL SR. 6-1 205 PS#201.514 (52%), 5-2 ratio 2Y. 12 st, 2332 (53%), 15-9 ratio, HM SBC LY. **14** Wayne Younger (6'3" 190 Jr). 11 st, 1357 (46%), 9-17 ratio rFr. 6 gm LY.

RB 28 Darriet Perry So. 5-9 200 PS#151. RS pulled gm 10, 173 (5.6) true. Daunte Owens (5'10" 205 Sr) PS#458. 185 (3.4) 3Y. Trenard Turner (5'9" 204 Jr) 16 gm. Darian Mallary.

WR 2 JUNIOR MERTILE SO. 6-0 186 PS#239. 10 st, 245 (9.4) true. **80** Jason Frierson (5'9" 183 Jr) PS#227. 2 st, 303 (9.8) 2Y. **5** Jeremy Dickens (5'10" 187 Sr) 11 st, 635 (13.0) 3Y.

WR 82 GREG ELLINGSON JR. 6-4 190 12 st, 304 (16.0) true. Last 9 st, 574 (16.4) LY. Edgard Theliar is **PS#41JC. 84** Elliott Dix (6'1" 200 Sr) PS#485. 8 st, 305 (12.2) 3Y.

WR 4 T.Y. HILTON SO. 5-9 168 PS#419. 5 st, 12 gm, **1013 (24.7)**, 36 KR (23.4), 18 PR (14.8), **1st Tm SBC WR, KR, PR** true. **1** Marquis Rolle (6'2" 197 Jr) PS#125. 11 rec 2Y.

TE HA DUDLEY LaPORTE JR. 6-5 250 **PS#67JC.** Commit to Utah LY. **85 Eric Kirchenberg** (6'4" 265 Sr). **Miami trans.** 11 st here, 5 rec '07. 9 st, 14 rec LY. John Ellis (5'11" 247 Sr). 16 rec 3Y.

C 76 BRAD SERINI JR. 6-3 300 12 st as true. 12 st, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **63** Juan Gonzalez (6'0" 265 So). 1 gm rFr. **LS 46** Michael Davies (6'3" 215 Jr). 24 gm as LS 2Y.

RG 70 MARIO CARABALLO JR. 6-2 290 Scout tm '07. 7 st (inj) LY. **74** Chris Cawthon (6'4" 285 So) PS#515. 5 st (inj) rFr. **57** Kenneth White (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#434. **71** Saf Ahmad (6'3" 271 So).

LG 58 ANDY LEAVINE SR. 6-5 298 PS#362. 22 st @ LT 2Y. 7 st (inj) LY. **64** Luis Peña (6'3" 290 Sr) PS#412. 3 gm LY. Cedric Mack (6'4" 320 Sr) **PS#40JC.** Michael Alls (6'2" 278 Sr).

RT 50 JOE ALAJAJIAN SR. 6-4 300 8 st as true. 12 st '07. 11 st, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **56** Devon Dickerson (6'4" 261 So). 2 gm rFr. **77** Javon Hill (6'4" 320 Jr) PS#175. 2 gm 2Y.

LT 51 ULA MATAVAO SR. 6-3 311 PS#407JC. 12 st here LY. **79** James Wiggins (6'4" 270 So) From DL. **73** Stephen Bailey (6'5" 260 rFr) PS#481. **66** Chad Edwards (6'3" 275 rFr).

K 40 DUSTIN RIVEST SR. 5-8 168 Hit 7-14 FG's, long 37, 13-17 xp 2Y. 12-19 FG's, long 43, 34-37 xp's, 59 KO, 5 TB LY. **15** Jack Griffin (5'10" 180 Fr) PS#57. In for spring.

DE 91 ARMOND WILLIS SR. 6-2 232 6 tkl, 6 gm (inj) true. 8 st, 31 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **59** Cody Pellicer (6'5" 220 So) PS#343. 2 st, 7 tkl true. RS LY. **52** Artis Warthen (6'2" 243 Sr) PS#229. 13 tkl 3Y.

NT 92 Jonas Murrell Sr. 6-2 340 PS#324. 4 st, 19 tkl true. 2 st, 14 tkl '06. RS '07. 1 st, 12 tkl LY. **75** Andre Pound (6'3" 295 rFr) PS#324. **97** Curtis Bryant (6'2" 264 So) PS#253. 1 gm rFr.

DT 62 Jonathan Nieves So. 6-1 266 1 st, 7 tkl true. **86** Joey Harris (6'4" 250 rFr) PS#154. From TE. Justin West (6'1" 280 Sr) PS#436. 6 st, 26 tkl 3Y. Donnell Wilson (6'0" 281 rFr) PS#464.

DE 98 Reginald Jones Sr. 6-2 256 PS#437. 10 st, 30 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. 9 st, 24 tkl, 5 tfl '07. 1 st (susp) 6 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **94** James Jones (6'1" 230 So) PS#169. 1 st, 10 gm, 11 tkl, 2.5 tfl true.

WLB 34 Winston Fraser rFr. 6-1 232 PS#372. **45** Aaron Davis (6'1" 245 So) PS#211. 8 gm, 8 tkl, 2 tfl true. Wendy Napoleon (6'1" 235 Sr) PS#372. 4 st, 35 tkl true. Inj'd L2Y.

MLB 49 TYLER CLAWSON SR. 6-1 224 17 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 49 tkl LY. **13** Toronto Smith (5'10" 216 Jr) PS#172. 4 st, 51 tkl, 7 tfl true. 41 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **16** Franklin Brown (6'0" 185 So) PS#232. 17 tkl true.

SLB 44 SCOTT BRYANT SR. 5-10 224 PS#439. 12 st, 112 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 89 tkl, 7.5 tfl, HM SBC LY. **31** Jarvis Wilson (6'2" 210 Jr) 36 tkl 2Y. **47** Mannie Wellington (5'8" 216 Sr). 9 st. 63 tkl 3Y.

CB HA Jarrell McGee Jr. 5-11 190 PS#286JC. **4.4 speed. 29** Dezariah Johnson (6'1" 182 Sr). 4 tkl true. 3 st, 47 tkl '07. 1 st, 48 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **20** O'Darris D'Haiti (5'10" 185 Sr). 8 tkl 2Y.

CB 7 ANTHONY GAITOR JR. 5-10 175 11 st, 56 tkl, 5 pd true. 12 st, 44 tkl, 16 pd, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **24** Emmanuel Souarin (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#297. **35** Marcelus Manear (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#363.

SS 6 JEREMIAH WEATHERSPOON SR. 6-2 220 PS#359. 16 st, 65 tkl 2Y. RS '07. 10 st, 51 tkl LY. **26** Chuck Grace (5'9" 185 So) PS#416. 11 tkl true. **23** Brandon Ellison (5'11" 189 Sr). 6 tkl 3Y.

FS 11 ASHLYN PARKER JR. 6-0 204 PS#372. 12 st WR true, 5 st, 56 tkl '07. 1 st, inj & RS LY. **18 Kreg Brown** (5'10" 191 Jr). 8 st, 62 tkl 2Y. **38** Derrick Clark (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#408.

P 40 Dustin Rivest Sr. 5-8 168 3 punts (29.0) as rFr. 5 punts (44.8) in '07. 1 punt (34.0) LY, tm net 35.0. 19-33 FG's L3Y. **15** Jack Griffin (5'10" 180 Fr) is PS#57. In for spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

WR	Edgard Theliar 6-3 195 PS#41JC
TE	Dudley LaPorte 6-5 250 PS#67JC '08
LB	Larvez "Pooh Bear" Mars 5-11 210 PS#92
DL	Thatcher Starling 6-4 251 PS#235JC
DB	Jarrell McGee 5-11 190 PS#286JC
LB	Kenneth Dillard 6-0 191 PS#212
OL	Rupert Bryant 6-2 255 PS#276
OL	Dave Istanich 6-6 305 PS#288
DB	Terrance Taylor 6-0 185 PS#292
QB	Wesley Carroll 6-1 202 PS#92 '07
WR	Wayne Times 5-11 167 PS#241
WR	Jarius Williams 6-5 187 PS#310
OL	Giancarlo Revilla 6-2 267 PS#398
DL	Joshua Forney 6-4 255 PS#398
RB	Darian Mallary 5-8 175 PS#366
K	Jack Griffin 5-10 180 PS#57
WR	Rockey Vann 6-0 170 PS#377
LB	Markeith Russell 6-1 210 PS#409
DL	Tourek Williams 6-4 230 PS#471
OL	Derek Wimberly 6-5 275 PS#520
DB	Jonathan Cyprien 6-0 185 PS#566
DB	Derrick Jones 5-9 180 PS#567
OL	Austin Tottle 6-4 300 PS#710
DB	Cain Elliot 6-2 215 PS#1218
LB	Calvin Paquette 5-9 200 PS#1805JC

FIU GOLDEN PANTHERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#75

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FIU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Sep. 5						
Sep. 12	at Alabama	G				
Sep. 19	at Rutgers	A				
Sep. 26	Toledo	A				
Oct. 3	at ULM	A				
Oct. 10	at WKU	A				
Oct. 17	Troy	A				
Oct. 24	at Arkansas St	A				
Oct. 31	Louisiana	A				
Nov. 7	at Middle Tennessee	A				
Nov. 14	North Texas (HC)	A				
Nov. 21	at Florida	G				
Nov. 28						
Dec. 5	Florida Atlantic	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Josh Padrick 9,237 '03-'06
2. Paul McCall 2,846 '06-Present
3. Jamie Burke 1,791 '02-'03, '05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Rashod Smith 2,195 '02-'04
2. A'mod Ned 1,666 '05-'08
3. Julian Reams 1,402 '05-'08

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Cory McKinney 2,745 '02-'05
2. Chandler Williams 2,519 '03-'06
3. Harold Leath 1,760 '02-'04

FIU is 1-6 in their road openers losing by an avg 18 ppg (only win at Youngstown St in OT). FIU is 0-2 vs the SEC & these two last met in 2006, a 38-3 Alabama win.

HC Cristobal worked as an asst coach for 3 seasons under Rutgers' HC Schicano. First meeting. The Golden Panthers are 0-14 vs BCS teams coming into 2009.

LY's win was the 1st FBS road victory since 2005, (0-17 in between the 2 wins). In that gm, FIU trailed 13-0 after the 1Q & 16-14 at HT but scored 21 unanswered 2H pts.

LY FIU had a chance to take the lead w/3:14 left but 3 sks & a pbu ended the drive. ULM was the 1st FBS school FIU beat in their program history (won 31-29 here in '05).

FIU LY held WKU to just 3 pts & 180 yds (both ssn bests) as QB McCall set an FIU record for TD passes in a season & Hilton became the school's first 1,000 yd WR.

Golden Panthers have dropped all 5 meetings vs the Trojans (avg loss by 11 ppg). The Troy Trojans were FIU's very first FBS opponent in school history in 2003.

LY's win snapped a 3 gm series losing streak as the pts allowed have decreased each yr. LY Hilton caught a school rec 199 yds & threw the gm deciding TD with 2:04 left.

FIU led 14-7 after 1Q LY but could only muster 6 pts, 9 FD's & 215 yds in the final 3Q's. Golden Panthers have lost all 6 games vs the Ragin' Cajuns all by 9+ pts.

FIU outgained the Blue Raiders 335-243 in LY's win snapping a 2 gm losing streak. LY's win tied a school record 3rd consecutive win. The visitor is 0-4 in this series.

FIU is 3-4 on HC. LY vs NT, FIU was -9 FD's but +81 yds & +4 TD's in their 32 pt win. Coming into 2009, FIU is 7-21 vs conference opponents since joining the SBC.

FIU is 0-4 vs ranked schools being outscored by 37 ppg & outgained by 279 ypg. First meeting. Golden Panthers are 5-12 all-time vs instate foes heading into 2009 (0-7 L3Y).

Bonus: FIU is 1-10 in November/December road games

Each year these instate schools play in the "Shula Bowl" with FIU just 1-6 (only W '05). LY rFr RB Darriet Perry made his debut with 115 yds (7.2) & 2 TD's.

MARIO CRISTOBAL (Career 6-18)
3rd Year at FIU
Cristobal's Bowl Record: 0-0

Cristobal's records AT FIU

6-18	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-6	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
2-11	Away	0-8	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-5	Off A Bye
4-10	Vs Conference	4-14	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (27,26,2)
Lost: 17 (6,9,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,852 (#119)

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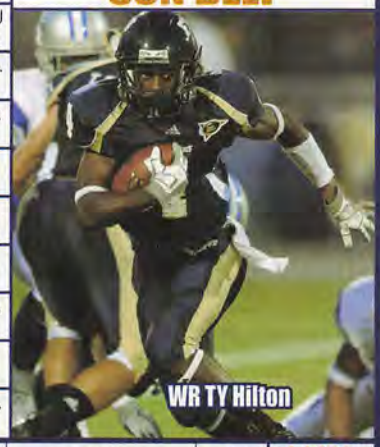

STADIUM: FIU STADIUM (18,000) (#120)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	–	5-6	2-10	3-7	5-6	0-12	1-11	5-7	21-59
Home	–	–	3-3	2-3	1-4	4-1	0-5	1-4	3-2	14-22
Away	–	–	2-2	0-6	2-2	1-5	0-6	0-7	2-4	7-32
Neutral	–	–	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-5
vs Conf	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	0-7	1-6	3-4	7-21
vs Non-Conf	–	–	5-6	2-10	3-7	2-2	0-5	0-5	2-3	14-38
ATS	–	–	0-0	0-0	2-2	5-4	4-8	5-7	8-4	24-25
Home Fav	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-1	3-3
Home Dog	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-3	3-2	2-0	7-6
Away Fav	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1
Away Dog	–	–	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-3	3-2	2-5	3-2	12-13
Neutral	–	–	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	1-6	3-4	4-3	12-16
vs Non-Conf	–	–	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	3-2	2-3	4-1	12-9
Off SU Win	–	–	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-1	7-4
Off SU Loss	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	3-8	5-6	4-3	14-20

Don Strock: FIU started football in 2002 as a FCS Independent '02-'04.

Mario Cristobal: All home games in 2007 played at Orange Bowl

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FIU's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
9*	24.7	317	99	2.8	218	52.8	12.9	27	+4	2008	6	28.3	369	156	3.9	213	59.1	13.0	18
8	15.1	270	119	3.3	151	45.8	17.9	32	-14	2007	5	39.1	447	203	5.1	244	62.4	11.4	24
4*	9.6	233	57	2.3	176	53.9	24.3	32	-9	2006	6	26.1	301	153	3.6	148	56.6	11.5	25
9*	23.4	359	123	3.8	236	60.4	15.3	16	-8	2005	8	29.4	376	164	4.2	212	68.2	12.8	24
10*	26.1	379	133	4.4	246	57.0	14.5	9	-6	2004	8	32.5	479	203	4.4	276	66.8	14.7	18
10*	22.5	348	118	3.9	230	51.1	15.5	28	-5	2003	10	28.4	401	228	4.4	173	58.8	14.1	21
–	21.9	305	106	3.2	199	55.0	13.9	–	+2	2002	–	20.7	333	216	4.4	117	55.7	16.1	–

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Julian Reams	140	522	41	481	6	3.4
A'mod Ned	79	278	13	265	3	3.4
Darriet Perry	31	175	2	173	2	5.6
Daunte Owens	29	136	6	130	1	4.5
Paul McCall	88	265	139	126	1	1.4
Wayne Younger	17	63	17	46	0	2.7
TY Hilton	14	51	8	43	2	3.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Paul McCall	317	167	52.7	2332	15	9
Wayne Younger	33	18	54.5	249	1	0
TY Hilton	1	1	100.0	38	1	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
TY Hilton		41	1013	24.7	7	84
Greg Ellingson		35	574	16.4	3	43
Junior Mertile		26	245	9.4	2	38
Eric Kirchenberg		14	157	11.2	2	28
Jeremy Dickens		12	138	11.5	1	22
Jason Frierson		10	113	11.3	2	28
A'mod Ned		11	86	7.8	0	24
Julian Reams		10	80	8.0	0	19
Marquis Rolle		9	71	7.9	0	20
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Carlos Munera	70	2876	41.1	21	35.0(t)	0	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dustin Rivest	34-37	4-5	3-5	5-8	0-1	12-19	43

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Scott Bryant	89	0.5	7	4	0
Robert Mitchell	84	3	5	4	1
Ryan Martinez	57	0	6	1	0
Michael Dominquez	56	0	5	2	0
Jeremiah Weatherspoon	51	0	1.5	2	1
Tyler Clawson	49	0	1.5	0	0
Dezariah Johnson	48	0.5	3.5	1	1
Kreg Brown	47	0	1	3	0
Anthony Gaitor	44	0	3	11	5
Quentin Newman	43	4	7	2	0
Toronto Smith	41	2.5	2.5	0	0
Armond Willis	31	1	1.5	1	0
Jarvis Penerton	29	1	4	1	0
Marshall McDuffie	26	1	1	2	3
Jarvis Wilson	20	0.5	0	0	0
Franklin Brown	17	0	0	1	2
Alonzo Phillips	17	0	0	0	0
Daniel Chacreton	14	0	3	1	0
Jonathan Jackson	14	0	0.5	1	0
Jonas Murrell	12	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
TY Hilton	18	266	14.8	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
TY Hilton	36	841	23.4	1
Julian Reams	13	274	21.1	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

FIU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
52,112	at Kansas	9	26-66	2.5	10-29	73	3	25	36-128	3.6	37-52	256	1	-1
70,585	at Iowa	13	27-56	2.1	19-36	162	6	25	41-241	5.9	17-25	271	0	-1
16,717	USF	9	34-72	2.1	11-21	117	1	21	49-184	3.8	14-22	136	2	0
19,004	at Toledo	12	45-141	3.1	6-13	98	1	20	31-94	3.0	27-46	208	1	+4
16,781	at North Texas	13	39-110	2.8	12-20	237	1	22	33-119	3.6	35-50	309	3	+4
15,108	Middle Tennessee	17	42-112	2.7	13-29	223	0	15	41-171	4.2	14-27	72	1	0
19,316	at Troy	15	36-83	2.3	22-34	266	7	20	40-137	3.4	19-29	255	1	-3
29,031	at Louisiana	11	31-117	3.8	12-24	153	2	21	57-228	4.0	13-19	216	1	-3
15,106	Arkansas St	16	22-48	2.2	16-34	359	1	22	49-222	4.5	13-26	149	5	+1
12,925	ULM	17	32-124	3.9	18-31	239	2	19	41-173	4.2	14-25	156	0	+1
16,781	† Fla Atlantic	25	36-113	3.1	27-47	400	1	28	36-135	3.8	25-50	389	1	0
9,405	WKU	23	47-143	3.0	20-34	292	2	11	23-42	1.8	13-37	138	2	+2
TOTALS		180	417-1185	2.8	186-352	2619	27	249	477-1874	3.9	241-408	2555	18	+4
AVERAGES		15.0	35-99	2.8	16-29	218	7.7%	20.8	40-156	3.9	20-34	213	4.4%	0.3

2004 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Jacksonville		Cancelled
–	at Youngstown St	NL	22-16 OT
–	Louisiana	+7	34-43
–	at Stephen F Austin	NL	31-24
–	at ULM	+9'	20-28
–	McNeese St	NL	27-30
–	at New Mexico St	+10	31-56
–	Georgia Southern	NL	32-53
–	WKU	NL	14-35
–	† Florida A&M	NL	40-23
–	† Florida Atlantic	+13'	10-17

2005 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas St	+33	21-35
–	at Texas Tech - #21	+34	3-56
–	at Arkansas St	+9'	24-66
–	Florida A&M	NL	23-6
–	North Texas	-1'	10-13
–	at Troy	+9'	13-18
–	at ULM	+10	31-29
–	at Louisiana	+9	7-28
–	WKU	NL	38-35
–	Florida Atlantic	-1	52-6
–	Middle Tennessee	+6	35-31

2006 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Middle Tennessee	+9	6-7
–	at USF	+20	20-21
–	Bowling Green	+5'	28-33
–	at Maryland	+20	10-14
–	Arkansas St	-7'	6-31
–	at North Texas	-3	22-25 TOT
–	at Miami, Fl	+26	0-35
–	at Alabama	+34	3-38
–	ULM	+1'	0-35
–	Louisiana	+3'	7-17
–	† Florida Atlantic	+4'	0-31
–	Troy	+10'	13-26

2007 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Penn St - #17	+37'	0-59
–	Maryland	+24	10-26
–	at Miami, Fl	+32'	9-23
–	at Kansas	+33	3-55
–	at Middle Tennessee	+9'	6-47
–	Troy	+18'	16-34
–	at ULM	+13'	14-28
–	at Arkansas	+41	10-58
–	at Arkansas St	+17'	24-27
–	Louisiana	+3'	28-38
–	Florida Atlantic	+10'	23-55
–	North Texas	+2	38-19

2008 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas - #14	+35'	10-40
–	at Iowa	+27	0-42
–	USF - #12	+28	9-17
–	at Toledo	+19'	35-16
–	at North Texas	-6'	42-10
–	Middle Tennessee	-2	31-21
–	at Troy	+10'	23-33
–	at Louisiana	+7'	20-49
–	Arkansas St	+2'	22-21
–	ULM	-7	27-31
–	† Florida Atlantic	+4	50-57 OT
–	WKU	-7'	27-3

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2007 the Cajuns had to replace 4 year starter Jerry Babb (#2 all-time passer here). Michael Desormeaux had 4 starts in '05 and was 2nd Tm SBC all-purp in '06 playing on off, def and ST. In '07 the possibility existed for Desormeaux to play WR and either John Hundley (PS#57) or Connor Morel to play QB. Desormeaux beat both out and was the #1 rusher with 1,141 (6.1) while throwing for 1,405 (55%) with a 10-10 ratio. With Desormeaux injured, Morel started the finale. Last year they had to replace Morel (438, 55%). Desormeaux guided the team to 529 ttl ypg in the first 6 but he was inj vs NT. RFr Chris Masson lost his battle for the #2 spot to Brad McGuire (PS#203). McGuire led the win over Ark St hitting 9 of 16 for 106 (54 rush). He played in 8 and would have led the SBC in pass eff (66.7%, 2-2 ratio) but had too few att's. Masson hit 6 of 9 for 72. Desormeaux topped 1,000 rushing again and threw for 1,876 (62.8%) with a 13-11 ratio. Not listed below are Keldric White (6'4" 196 rFr, PS#184) and Brady Thomas (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#325). I saw a big difference in the UL offense with a healthy Desormeaux vs when he was injured or out, so it will be tough for this unit to match '08's numbers without him.

RUNNING BACKS - Prior to 2005, the Ragin' Cajuns had NEVER produced a 1,000 yard RB (QB Brian Mitchell was the only player to top 1,000 rush, '89). In '05 UL lost its starting RB to injury and true frosh Tyrell Fenroy started the last 10 and rushed for 1,053 (5.9). He went on to become just the 7th RB in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards rushing in 4 straight seasons. He was the lone non-BCS school player to be a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award. Fenroy, who set a school record with 297 vs ULM, did not have a clear backup in '08. True frosh Yobes Walker (recruited by Bama and TX A&M) was impressive in Aug and made the travel squad but RS. JUCO Undrea Sails was not eligible until after Wk 2 and in 6 games (inj), rushed for 77 (4.1). Matt Dupre (6'0" 200 Sr) rushed for 78 (3.2). This year they lose Fenroy and FB Chancellor Roberson (2 st, 1 att). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dupre, Ian Roberts (5'11" 190 rFr) and FB Phillip Walker (6'0" 222 Sr). Fenroy (5231 ttl yds, 49 TD) will clearly be missed.

RECEIVERS - UL is a run-oriented team. In 2006 Derrick Smith led the WR's with 551 (13.4) while Jason Chery had 222 (13.9). In 2007 those two led again with Smith having 583 (16.7) and Chery 442 (12.3). Verlin Moore was the #3 WR with 113 (14.1). Everyone ret'd last year but Smith missed 6 and saw his numbers drop to 94 (15.7). Chery had some great games including 339 all-purp yards and 5 TD's vs NT where he had an 81 yd TD run, 57 yd TD rec and a 97 yd KR TD. Chery led with 656 (14.3) while adding 312 rush (12.5) and was the top KR (953 yd). True frosh TE Ladarius Green (6'6") was #2 with 268 (12.2), Richie Falgout was #3 with 260 (14.4) and Louis Lee (PS#163) added 247 (12.4). True frosh Pierre Hill had 127 (9.8). This year they lose Chery (12 st), Smith (6 rec), Caleb Rubin (1 rec) and TE's Erik Jones (12 st, 10 rec) and Matt Ulm (0 rec). Not listed below are Ross Goodlett (6'0" 189 So), Roderick Houston (5'11" 185 So) and TE Brandon Williams (6'3" 252 rFr). This group is a lot less experienced and it will be tough to replace Chery's explosiveness.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 UL had to replace 2 starters but had 7 back with starting experience. In August, OL coach Ron Hudson shook up the line, elevating 3 soph and 2 frosh to 1st tm. That unit also suffered numerous injuries but they still managed to open up holes for 252 ypg rush, while their 5.6 ypc was the best in their IA history and they allowed just 17 sacks (5.5%). The mobility of QB Desormeaux helped. Last year they had to replace one starter and 3 backups (comb 7 st). With 4 starters back, the O-line paved the way for a new record with 264 ypg (5.9) while allowing 21 sacks (7.3%). Desormeaux did rush for 1,035 (7.2). UL's 113 career starts returning is #4 in the FBS. Two things concern me about calling for increase in the OL numbers. The first would be that last year there was just 1 start lost to injury on the OL all season and secondly, Desormeaux and Fenroy are no longer around. Five starters return including 1st Tm SBC C Chris Fisher, 1st Tm SBC LG Brad Bustle and 2nd Tm SBC LT Kyle Pirtle. This is the SBC's best O-line. Not listed in the PSL is C Byrnes Tatford (6'2" 255 rFr) and OT's Mike Muguira (6'5" 275 rFr) and Sheldon Brown (6'5" 385 So).

DEFENSIVE LINE - UL had been making strides in rush D as after allowing 5.2 ypc in 2004, they trimmed that to 4.5 in '05 and to just 127 ypg (3.9) in '06. In 2007 they had to replace four players who combined for 28 starts. UL allowed 228 ypg rush (5.0), its worst total since 1997. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters including a 1st Tm SBC DE and then had a projected starting DT dismissed early. UL yielded 213 ypg and their 5.3 ypc was their highest since 1997 (6.2). UL also had just 17 sacks. This year they lose DT Lanier Coleman (12 st, 23 tkl, 1.5 sk), DE Jonathon Vance (10 tkl) and DT Seth Adams (5 tkl). Nine of the top 10 DL tacklers return giving them their best depth in years. Backup DE Nate Douglas was second on the team in tfl (6.5) as a rFr and they add JC Jordan Topp and 5 more rFr including Ben Duhon (5'11" 262) and Trace Wilson (6'1" 235). This should be a vastly improved D-line.

LINEBACKERS - One of the strongest positions for UL heading into 2008 appeared to be LB as they had their top 3 tacklers from 2007 returning in Antwyne Zanders, Grant Fleming and Brenton Burkhalter. However Burkhalter was dismissed after 2 and Fleming was the #2 tkl'r when he tore his ACL in Wk 5. Overall, 5 LB's missed time during the season as 7 different players started. The great news this year is all 7 return with the only loss being Burkhalter (13 tkl). Not listed below are Fred Okoye (6'1" 243 So), Chase Bourgeios (6'0" 220 rFr) and Andrew Rumney (6'0" 210 rFr). Daylon McCoy started 6 and was the #1 tackler so they return the #1, #3, #5, #8 and #9 tkl'rs and provided they stay healthier, should be one of the SBC's top LB units.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Ragin' Cajuns have produced 6 NFL DB's since 2000, but their highest finish in my pass D rankings in that time had been #80. They finished #108 in 2005 and surprisingly a veteran group in 2006 was #108. In 2007 UL had to replace two starters and finished #104. Last year they had to replace four players (comb 22 st, so 2 st'r back) but moved up to #77. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC SS Derik Keyes (11 st, 69 tkl, 2 int), SS Frantz Accime (1 st, 16 tkl, 1 int), CB Scooter Rogers (4 st, 26 tkl) and CB Justin Branden (2 st, 5 tkl). With three starters back they should continue to improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - HC Bustle came from Virg Tech and knows the importance of this unit. UL finished #45 in my ST rankings in his first season (2002) but surprisingly dropped to #109, #100, #112, #91 and #112 the next 5. Heading into last year, UL had blocked 32 kicks under Bustle (3rd most FBS in that span) but surprisingly did not block their first kick (an xp) until Wk 10 of '08. Despite that stat, UL, which had everyone back, made big strides moving up to #69. Chery took over the KR duties (21.7) and Orkeys Auriene was the top PR (9.3). Drew Edmiston hit 7 of 10 FG's (long 45) while also breaking Sean Comiskey's school record for xp's in a season. Spencer Ortego's net punting improved to 35.2. This year they lose Edmiston and Chery and figure to drop some.

COACHES - Rickey Bustle was the OC at VT from '95-'01. He enters his 8th season here. In his first four seasons the team showed improvement each year going from 3-9 to 4-8 to 4-7 and 6-5 but has been 6-6, 3-9 and 6-6 over the last 3. Last year the new OC was Ron Hudson, who was the OL coach here for 3 years. UL also brought in Eastern Illinois' OC Jorge Munoz as the passing game coordinator LY. DC Kevin Fouquier (3rd yr) spent 5 years at MT and one at FIU where his squad finished #1 in the NCAA in tfl and #1 in the SBC in total D in '06. The results have not been the same here as UL went from allowing 24.7 ppg in '06 to 35.8 and 33.7 during his first two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to Rickey Bustle taking over, UL had gone through 9 straight losing seasons. In 2004, UL was a hard luck 4-7. Despite losing 5 SBC games, they were +19.8 ypg. In '05 I called for UL to have its first winning season since 1995 and they were arguably the best team in the SBC. The Cajuns were +68.2 ypg and finished 6-5. Hurricane Katrina did affect the team early (130 miles from New Orleans). UL only lost to CUSA East champ UCF by 3 and did not have star QB Babb vs FAU which was one of their two SBC losses (the other was lost on a last second 35 yd FG by Ark St). UL won its final 5 (longest win streak since 1995) including 3 straight road wins (first time since 1993). Bustle had 83 scholarship players in 2006 (a high in his 5 yr tenure) with 13 returning starters including Babb as UL was the preseason pick to win the SBC. They upset CUSA champ Houston 31-28 and opened the season 4-2. After 2 losses, their final 4 foes had a combined 8-26 record so things looked good. However, UL lost to ULM in the season finale 39-20, losing a shot at a bowl. In 2007 they were tied for the fewest returning starters in the SBC at 12 and had to replace their starting QB. They had some tough losses and while they won 2 of their last 3, they finished just 3-9. Nine players earned 1st, 2nd or HM SBC in '07 with just 3 seniors among them. They had 52% underclassmen in the 2007 2 deep (6th highest in NCAA). I mentioned those as well as the fact that they returned their QB, top 4 rushers, top 5 rec and top 3 tkl'rs as some reasons for optimism. Other reasons were they had 3 net close losses in '07 and their ypp on both offense and defense qualified them for my page 299 article. While they had 4 SBC games on the road, I called UL one of the Most Improved Teams and gave them a shot at bowl eligibility. Bustle said his 2008 preseason camp was the finest he'd ever been involved in. The team did not disappoint as they became bowl eligible for the 3rd time in 4 years and could have achieved more if not for some key injuries including to star QB Desormeaux. UL nearly upset Illinois on the road and only trailed Kansas St 42-37 late. In that game UL had 10 penalties for 86 yards (K-St just 5 for 29). Fenroy rushed for 297 as they beat ULM and then romped over NT. Desormeaux DNP vs Ark St but UL still got a TD with :42 left to win. After they beat FIU 49-20 they were 4-0 in conf play for the first time since 1980. With a banged up Desormeaux, UL lost at home to UTEP. The next week they trailed FAU 40-7 in the 4Q. They were then whipped by Troy 48-3. UL beat MT in the finale and would have been a great fit for the Independence Bowl vs LT but NI was chosen. The Cajuns did not defeat a team with a winning record but UL did finish 2nd in the SBC at 5-2 and was +34.6 ypg (#3). On the positive side, they had 27 starts lost to injury so should remain healthier. On the down side, they lose Desormeaux and their career leading rusher Fenroy. UL's home field is 2 feet below sea level and is nicknamed "The Swamp" and last year was the first time in SBC play they swept their home games. Most will look at UL's loss of skill players and rate them very low, but they could be a surprise team as they have my #1 rated O-line in the SBC and a top-notch defensive front 7. With a tough schedule (4 road games in a 5 week span), I think it will be tough for UL to match last year's 6 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 8 **Brad McGuire So.** 6-2 218 PS#203. 1 st, 233 (67%), 2-2 ratio, 143 rush rFr. 7 Chris Masson (6'2" 200 So) PS#322. 72 (67%), 1-2 ratio rFr, Blaine Gautier (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#161.

RB 31 **Undrea Sails Sr.** 5-8 200 PS#344JC. 6 gm, 77 (4.1) LY. 29 Draylon Booker (6'0" 188 rFr). 26 Yobes Walker (5'11" 196 rFr) PS#356. Julian Shankle (5'10" 200 So),117 (4.3) LY.

WR 86 **VERNON WOLFE JR.** 6-1 190 PS#210JC. FB 34 **GEOFFREY McCULLOUGH** (5'11" 220 Sr) JUCO. 6 gm '07, 9 st LY here. Jonathan Thomas (5'10" 232 So) PS#244. 1 gm as rFr.

WR 84 **LOUIS LEE SR.** 5-11 190 PS#163. 3 st, 97 (7.5) 2Y. 12 st, 247 (12.4) LY. 15 Verlin Moore (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#211. 3 st, 11 rec 2Y. Marlin Miller (5'11" 185 Jr). 7 rec 2Y.

WR 83 **Andrew Joseph So.** 5-10 177 PS#258JC. In for spg. 81 Richie Falgout (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#373. 2 st, 348 (11.2), 3-3, 3 TD pass 2Y. Pierre Hill (6'0" 165 So) PS#320. 127 (9.8), 12 gm true.

TE 89 **Ladarius Green So.** 6-6 222 PS#326. 12 gm, 268 (12.2) true. 85 Luke Aubrey (6'5" 247 Sr) PS#95. 7 rec 2Y. Brendan Wilson (6'5" 228 rFr) PS#139. Dusty Mack (6'3" 222 Sr) PS#571.

C 79 **CHRIS FISHER SR.** 6-3 285 10 st rFr. 10 st, 2nd Tm SBC '07. 12 st, **1st Tm SBC** LY. **Lombardi Watch '09.** 70 Evan Ruiz (6'5" 300 rFr) PS#265. LS 54 Scott Hayes (6'0" 225 Sr).

RG 60 **IAN BURKS JR.** 6-4 295 9 st, 11 gm rFr. 11 st LY. 76 Jaron Odom (6'7" 346 rFr) PS#212. 68 Matthew Autrey (6'3" 299 So). 2 gm bkup C rFr. Barry Sterling (6'0" 260 rFr).

LG 75 **BRAD BUSTLE SR.** 6-3 302 1 st, 11 gm rFr. 11 st '07. 12 st, **1st Tm SBC** LY. 72 Leonardo Bates (6'5" 308 rFr) PS#490. Josh Robinson (6'6" 295 So) PS#435. 6 gm rFr.

RT 73 **JONATHAN DECOSTER JR.** 6-5 305 7 st, 11 gm rFr. 12 st, 3rd Tm SBC LY. 51 Colin Windsor (6'5" 290 Jr) PS#246. 2 gm rFr. 1 st, 10 gm LY. Sean Osborne (6'6" 260 rFr) PS#304.

LT 78 **KYLE PIRTLE SR.** 6-6 300 PS#353. 2 gm rFr. 5 st (inj) '07. 12 st, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. 74 Kyle Plouhar (6'7" 290 So) PS#246. 6 gm rFr. Nasser Jamal (6'6" 280 Jr). 3 gm rFr. Inj LY.

K 25 **Brett Baer rFr.** 6-0 185 PS#48. Hit gm winning FG in spring game. 10 Tyler Albrecht (6'1" 196 Jr). 25 KO (56.8) rFr. No gm action LY. 36 Beau Watkins (5'10" 172 So).

DE 93 **HALL DAVIS SR.** 6-5 272 2 st, 3 tkl 2Y. 11 tkl '07. 12 st, 24 tkl, 5 tfl LY. 58 Nate Douglas (6'2" 254 So) PS#317. 12 gm, 26 tkl, 6 tfl rFr. Chris Lanaux (6'2" 227 Sr) PS#433. 27 tkl 3Y.

DT 94 **JERMAINE ROGERS JR.** 6-5 290 9 gm, 6 tkl true. 7 st, 12 tkl LY. 90 Derreck Dean (5'11" 285 So) PS#324. 12 gm, 16 tkl true. 91 Sharrick Moore (6'2" 267 Jr) PS#439. 15 tkl 2Y.

DT 95 **LaQuincy Williams Sr.** 6-3 292 PS#159. 11 st, 32 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 11 gm, 12 tkl LY. 99 Jordan Topp PS#178JC. IFS. Tyrell Gaddies PS#419JC. Tory Day (6'1" 267 rFr) PS#464.

DE 97 **TERRELL RICHARDSON JR.** 6-5 260 PS#336. 18 st, 38 tkl 2Y. 50 Jeremy Cook (6'6" 250 Jr) PS#129. 27 tkl 2Y. Jesse Broadnax (6'5" 235 rFr) PS#408. Emeka Onyenekwu (6'5" 230 rFr) PS#464.

LB 47 **GRANT FLEMING JR.** 6-4 232 PS#110. 9 st, 71 tkl, HM SBC true. 5 st (ACL), 34 tkl LY. 37 Devon Lewis-Buchanan (6'2" 218 So) PS#456. 1 st, 12 tkl true. Brandon Nash is PS#291.

LB 41 **ANTWYNE ZANDERS SR.** 6-2 226 PS#462. 11 st, 136 tkl 2Y. 12 st, 69 tkl, HM SBC LY. 56 Richard Brooks (6'2" 238 So) 5 st (inj), 31 tkl rFr. Kyron Benoit (6'1" 234 So) PS#162. 18 tkl true.

LB 4 **DAYLON McCOY JR.** 6-0 220 PS#305. 36 tkl rFr. 6 st, 69 tkl, 6 tfl LY. 53 Jezreel Washington (5'10" 210 Sr). 31 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 47 tkl LY. Matt Desormeaux (6'1" 232 Jr) PS#373. 15 tkl 2Y.

CB 2 **ORKEYS AURIENE JR.** 5-10 175 14 st, 66 tkl 2Y. 38 Tim Jackson (6'0" 203 rFr) PS#408. 13 Kelvan Turner (5'9" 175 rFr). Rodney Gillis (5'11" 190 rFr) PS#221. Julian Jones (5'10" 178 Jr). 3 tkl.

CB 22 **DWIGHT BENTLEY SO.** 5-11 173 PS#461JC. 10 st, 45 tkl here LY. 23 Junior Jean (6'0" 190 Sr). 1 st, 9 tkl true. 4 tkl '07. 3 gm (inj) LY. Kevin Ivey (5'10" 167 So) PS#495. C Mich trans.

SS 25 **Chris Richard So.** 6-0 195 PS#304. 8 tkl (inj) true. 24 Phillip Nevels (5'10" 193 Sr) PS#251. 1 st WR, 30 rec 2Y. 12 gm, 7 tkl LY. Lance Kelley (6'3" 205 So) PS#185. 2 gm WR (inj) LY.

FS 30 **GERREN BLOUNT SR.** 5-11 188 PS#143. 12 st, 92 tkl, 6 pd 2 yr. 12 st, 67 tkl in '08. Maurice Rolle (6'1" 193 Jr) 26 tkl 2Y. 7 Ken Dandridge (6'0" 207 Sr). Seth Guilbeaux (5'9" 167 Jr) 1 tkl.

P 35 **SPENCER ORTEGO JR.** 6-3 192 56 punts (38.9) true. 48 punts (39.1), net 35.2 LY. 10 Tyler Albrecht (6'1" 196 Jr). 25 KO '07. No gm action LY. 25 Brett Baer (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#48.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DL	Jordan Topp 6-4 290 PS#178JC
RB	Robert Walker 5-7 173 PS#129
WR	Vernon Wolfe 6-1 190 PS#210JC
WR	Andrew Joseph 5-10 177 PS#258JC
OL	Ashton Tyler 6-6 275 PS#279
WR	Javone Lawson 6-1 180 PS#269
DL	Tyrell Gaddies 6-3 270 PS#419JC
DL	Justin Anderson 6-3 240 PS#352
LB	Brandon Nash 5-11 218 PS#291
DB	Winston Burnette 6-2 195 PS#423
LB	Jewell Ratliff 6-1 230 PS#382
DL	Brandon McCray 6-4 290 PS#507
WR	Andrew Hebert 6-2 205 PS#490
OL	Daniel Lemelle 6-3 265 PS#721
TE	Ian Thompson 6-4 208 PS#186
TE	Jacob Maxwell 6-4 220 PS#189
OL	Robert Robinson 6-4 260 PS#842
DB	Melvin White 6-3 180 PS#1211

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

Lafayette, Louisiana
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#101

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UL	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	Southern	A					
Sep. 12	Kansas St	A					
Sep. 19	at LSU	G					
Sep. 26	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	North Texas	A					
Oct. 17	at WKU	A					
Oct. 24	Florida Atlantic (HC)	A					
Oct. 31	at FIU	A					
Nov. 7	at Arkansas St	A					
Nov. 14	at Middle Tennessee	A					
Nov. 21	ULM	A					
Nov. 28	Troy	A					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jake Delhomme 9,216 '93-'96
2. Jerry Babb 6,241 '03-'06
3. Brian Mitchell 5,447 '86-'89

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Tyrell Fenroy 4,646 '05-'08
2. Brian Mitchell 3,335 '86-'89
3. Michael Desormeaux 2,843 '05-'08

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brandon Stokley 3,702 '95-'98
2. Fred Stamps 2,789 '00-'03
3. Donald Richard 2,326 '93-'96

The Southern Jaguars went 6-5 LY, including a 55-3 loss to FBS foe Houston. First meeting. UL is 5-7 (4-1 L5Y) in home openers & 5-6 vs current FCS opp's the L12Y.

UL has lost all 3 meetings vs KSU including LY's 45-37 loss (avg loss by 19 ppg). The Cajuns are 1-21 vs tms from the Big 12. Only win was at home in 1996 (A&M).

UL has lost all 50 gms vs current SEC tms (0-21 vs LSU & scored a combined 22 pts!). The Ragin' Cajuns have dropped 18 straight road openers by an avg score of 38-13.

First meeting. Into '09, UL has gone 0-15 vs BCS schools in HC Bustle's tenure. LY they played 2 BCS tms away (UI & KSU) but were only outgained by net 15 yds.

Ragin' Cajuns have won 3 of 4 vs the Mean Green but the home team is just 1-4. LY's 59 pts was a modern era school record & WR Chery had 355 all-purp yds.

This will be the schools' 3rd meeting & 1st as SBC opponents (UL 2-0) last met in '98. The Ragin' Cajuns are 9-4 the last 13 conference road games.

UL is 37-24-2 all-time on Homecoming & LY on HC were +10 FD's & had 174 more yds. The home team has lost 3 of the 4 meetings. UL is 1-3 vs FAU (all gms after '05).

UL def pitched a shutout for 44-plus min, after FIU scored in the 1Q & held them to 270 ttl yds. UL is 6-0 all-time vs FIU (1st gm 2003) with an avg win of 19 ppg.

The visitor has lost 9 straight in this series & UL is 13-5 vs ASU since 1989. Last year the Cajuns scored 2 TD's in the final 4:16 to pull out the comeback win.

Louisiana has won 5 of the L/6 meetings between these 2 teams. Last time here Louisiana mauled Middle Tenn outgaining them by over double the yds (528-256).

The HT is 5-11 the L16Y in this rivalry. LY UL set a school record w/556 rush yds (15.0). Bustle was ULM's RB's coach in '84 & '85 & the OC/QB coach in 1986.

LY UL was w/o their starting QB & RB as they had their worst offensive output (247) of the ssn. Louisiana is 7-5 vs Troy all-time, but is just 1-4 in Sun Belt Conference play.

RICKEY BUSTLE (Career 32-50)

8th Year at Louisiana
Bustle's Bowl Record: 0-0

Bustle's records AT LOUISIANA

32-50	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
20-18	Home	0-6	Vs Top 25
12-32	Away	0-15	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	5-5	Off A Bye
23-23	Vs Conference	15-31	Off A Loss

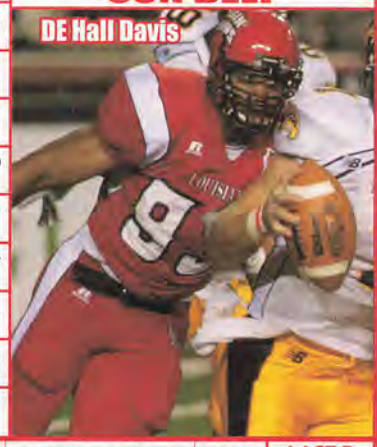
2008 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (22,25,3)
Lost: 16 (9,6,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,468 (#88)

SUN BELT



STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000) (#93)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	3-9	4-8	4-7	6-5	6-6	3-9	6-6	36-68
Home	0-5	2-3	3-2	3-3	3-2	3-2	3-3	1-5	4-1	22-26
Away	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-5	1-5	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-5	14-42
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-0	2-4	2-4	3-2	2-5	5-2	3-4	3-4	5-2	25-27
vs Non-Conf	1-10	1-4	1-5	1-6	2-2	1-3	3-2	0-5	1-4	11-41
ATS	5-3	2-8	5-7	5-5-1	6-3-1	5-4-1	4-7	5-6	8-4	45-47-3
Home Fav (Bowden 1-0)	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0-1	1-1-1	2-3	1-0	4-1	8-9-2
Home Dog (Rickey Bustle 0-0)	1-0	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-0	9-10-1
Away Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-0	2-1	5-7
Away Dog	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	3-0	3-2	1-2	3-2	2-2	23-21
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-0	2-4	2-4	3-2	3-3-1	4-2-1	2-5	3-4	5-2	24-26-2
vs Non-Conf	5-3	0-4	3-3	2-3-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-2	3-2	21-21-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1-1	3-3	1-2	4-1	16-15-1
Off SU Loss	5-3	2-5	3-5	2-4-1	4-1-1	2-2	1-3	3-4	4-2	26-29-2

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisiana's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
8*	33.1	449	264	5.9	186	63.5	13.6	21	-5	2008	5	33.7	430	213	5.3	216	59.9	12.8	17
7	23.8	408	252	5.6	156	54.7	17.1	17	-5	2007	5	35.8	446	228	5.0	218	63.0	12.5	18
6*	20.7	318	189	4.7	129	51.4	15.4	25	-5	2006	7	24.7	331	127	3.9	204	61.7	13.4	26
6*	26.0	386	254	5.3	132	57.4	14.9	9	-4	2005	7	27.6	371	181	4.5	190	58.0	13.4	23
6*	22.0	381	153	4.0	228	57.7	17.3	25	-3	2004	3	24.7	387	213	5.2	174	60.1	15.7	9
6	22.2	336	117	3.3	219	57.2	15.1	19	+5	2003	4	34.6	439	216	5.1	223	55.3	12.7	20
10*	16.9	289	61	1.9	228	54.2	17.1	42	-8	2002	6	29.3	380	182	4.3	198	52.1	13.0	18

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Fenroy	226	1406	31	1375	19	6.1
Michael Desormeaux	144	1139	104	1035	5	7.2
Jason Chery	25	315	3	312	3	12.5
Brad McGuire	46	185	42	143	2	3.1
Julian Shankle	27	118	1	117	2	4.3
Matt Dupre	24	81	3	78	1	3.2
Undrea Sails	19	77	0	77	0	4.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Michael Desormeaux	247	155	62.8	1876	13	11
Brad McGuire	30	20	66.7	233	2	2
Chris Masson	9	6	66.7	72	1	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jason Chery	46	656	14.3	7	74	
Ladarius Green	22	268	12.2	5	55	
Richie Falgout	18	260	14.4	0	82	
Tyrell Fenroy	24	259	10.8	0	65	
Louis Lee	20	247	12.4	1	37	
Pierre Hill	13	127	9.8	1	35	
Erik Jones	10	117	11.7	1	35	
Derrick Smith	6	94	15.7	0	30	
Luke Aubrey	6	86	14.3	3	30	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Spencer Ortego	48	1875	39.1	6	35.2	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Drew Edmiston	50-52	6-6	0-0	1-4	0-0	7-10	45

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Daylon McCoy	69	4	2	1	2
Derik Keyes	69	0	5.5	6	2
Antwyne Zanders	69	1	5	0	1
Gerren Blount	67	0	2	1	1
Jezreel Washington	47	1	1.5	1	0
Dwight Bentley	45	0	2.5	3	0
Orkeys Auriene	39	0	3	6	1
Grant Fleming	34	0	0.5	0	1
Richard Brooks	31	0	1	1	0
Nate Douglas	26	3	3.5	1	0
Scooter Rogers	26	0	1	4	0
Hall Davis	24	3.5	1.5	1	0
Lanier Coleman	23	1.5	1	0	0
Jeremy Cook	21	0	1	1	0
Terrell Richardson	20	0	1.5	2	0
Kyron Benoit	18	0	1.5	1	0
Frantz Accime	16	0	0	1	1
Derreck Dean	16	0	0	0	0
Chris Lanaux	15	0.5	1.5	0	0
Matt Desormeaux	14	0	1	0	0
Jason Chery	14	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Orkeys Auriene	13	121	9.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jason Chery	44	953	21.7	1

2008 STATS BY GAME

UL 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
32,792	at Southern Miss	21	43-263	6.1	11-24	131	0	30	61-427	7.0	14-22	206	1	-2
58,632	at Illinois	19	34-87	2.6	25-35	200	3	18	44-194	4.4	13-25	147	1	-1
18,241	Kent St	22	52-414	8.0	15-22	253	0	19	41-227	5.5	13-28	169	3	-1
45,558	at Kansas St	27	51-335	6.6	16-29	174	4	30	45-198	4.4	21-28	272	0	+1
21,929	at ULM	19	37-556	15.0	15-23	172	0	15	40-241	6.0	12-25	142	4	-3
17,106	at North Texas	27	47-338	7.2	15-21	252	1	23	34-167	4.9	29-45	361	0	+1
23,684	Arkansas St	15	51-189	3.7	10-17	124	5	17	28-100	3.6	21-40	235	2	0
29,031	FIU	21	57-228	4.0	13-19	216	1	11	31-117	3.8	12-24	153	2	+3
21,065	UTEP	18	35-199	5.7	14-25	185	0	25	33-114	3.5	24-33	294	2	-2
14,338	at Florida Atlantic	26	47-228	4.9	24-33	204	1	24	33-216	6.5	18-28	307	1	-3
19,443	at Troy	12	36-175	4.9	7-15	72	4	26	55-391	7.1	9-20	68	1	-1
15,321	Middle Tenn	23	43-152	3.5	18-25	243	2	26	40-167	4.2	22-29	242	0	+3
TOTALS		250	533-3164	5.9	183-288	2226	21	264	485-2559	5.3	208-347	2596	17	-5
AVERAGES		20.8	44-264	5.9	15-24	186	7.3%	22.0	40-213	5.3	17-29	216	4.9%	-0.5

2004 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern St	NL	14-7
–	at Louisiana Tech	+14	20-24
–	at Kansas St	+31	20-40
–	Middle Tennessee	+2	24-17
–	at FIU	-7	43-34
–	at New Mexico St	-3	32-35
–	at Idaho	-3'	25-38
–	Arkansas St	-3	27-24
–	North Texas	+2'	17-27
–	Troy	+13	10-13
–	at ULM	+4	10-13

2005 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #2	+40'	3-60
–	at E Michigan	+7	10-31
–	Northwestern St	NL	49-28
–	UCF	+3'	21-24
–	Florida Atlantic	-5'	10-28
–	at Arkansas St	+11'	36-39
–	at Middle Tennessee	+14	13-10
–	Troy	-3	31-28 OT
–	at North Texas	-3'	31-28
–	FIU	-9	28-7
–	at ULM	+2	54-21

2006 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at LSU - #8	+30'	3-45
–	at Texas A&M	+21'	7-51
–	N Carolina A&T	NL	48-7
–	E Michigan	-8	33-14
–	at Houston	+17	31-28
–	at Florida Atlantic	-9	6-0
–	Middle Tennessee	-3	20-34
–	at Troy	-1	28-42
–	North Texas	-11	7-16
–	at FIU	-3'	17-7
–	Arkansas St	-6	28-13
–	ULM	-3	20-39

2007 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at South Carolina	+29	14-28
–	Ohio	+1'	23-31
–	McNeese St	NL	17-38
–	Troy	+9	31-48
–	at UCF	+22	19-37
–	North Texas	-8	38-29
–	at Arkansas St	+9	21-52
–	Florida Atlantic	+6'	32-39 OT
–	at Tennessee - #24	+28	7-59
–	at Middle Tennessee	+13'	34-24
–	at FIU	-3'	38-28
–	ULM	+3	11-17

2008 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Southern Miss	+10'	21-51
–	at Illinois - #24	+25	17-20
–	Kent St	-2'	44-27
–	at Kansas St	+20'	37-45
–	at ULM	-3	44-35
–	at North Texas	-21'	59-30
–	Arkansas St	-3'	28-23
–	FIU	-7'	49-20
–	UTEP	-10	24-37
–	at Florida Atlantic	-2	29-40
–	at Troy	+10	3-48
–	Middle Tennessee	-5	42-28

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In 2007 NT returned 3 QB's who combined to avg just 115 ypg (54.4%) with a 9-19 ratio in '06. I projected true frosh Giovanni Vizza to start. It surprised me that Daniel Meager beat out Vizza and in Wk 2 Meager set school records hitting 46 of 64 for 601 vs SMU and followed that up with 301 vs FAU. Surprisingly, Vizza was named the starter in Wk 4 and went on to win SBC Frosh of the Year. He set an NCAA frosh record by throwing 8 TD's vs Navy and also led in rushing vs Navy (93) and Ark St (79). Vizza threw for 2,388 (58.2%) with a 17-20 ratio. Last year I thought true frosh Riley Dodge (PS#6, HC's son) had a shot. He ran the same offense in HS and was twice named Texas Co-Off POY. NT opened at KSt, vs Tol and at LSU and it made sense to start Vizza in those with Dodge seeing time at WR but Dodge was inj and RS. While Vizza increased his yards to 2,758 (62.7%), he still had a negative ratio (15-16). Nathan Tune played in 6 and Meager (20 st, 3Y) only played in 2 (2 att). This year they lose Meager and Vizza (trans). Added to the mix are true frosh Derek Thompson (PS#159), Chase Baine (5'11" 202 rFr, PS#310) and Steven Schwarck (6'2" 210 Jr). Even if Vizza returned, I would have expected Dodge to start and will call for improved passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - NT was a run-based offense under former HC Darrell Dickey. In 2005, NT became the first team in NCAA history to return a pair of RB's who had led the NCAA in rushing. Patrick Cobbs accomplished it in 2003 (1570, 5.5) and Jamario Thomas (PS#43) rushed for 1,801 (6.3) with 17 TD's in '04. Thomas was banged up in '06 (668, 3.7) and in Dodge's first year Thomas led with just 666 (5.9). The leading returning rusher last year was Micah Mosley (PS#163) who had 1 start in '07 as a true (461, 4.9). Cam Montgomery (PS#90JC) was the only other back with experience (7 yd but inj'd then RS). Mosley played in just 5 in '08 (102, 4.9) and true frosh Lance Dunbar (5'9" 189 So, PS#178) had 178 (4.6) in just 5. Montgomery led with 928 (5.5) while adding 18 rec. NT converted DB James Hamilton (PS#104QB) to RB where he played the last 4 and rushed for 49 (6.1). This year the only loss is Keronna Henderson (36 yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Weston Squier (5'8" 146 So), John Ekwerekwu (5'11" 208 Jr) and Jeremi Mathis (6'1" 203 rFr, PS#257). This unit is more experienced and should remain healthier and be more productive.

RB Cam Montgomery

RECEIVERS - In 2006, Johnny Quinn (22.4 in 200M) led the team in receiving for a 4th straight year finishing with 633 (11.1). NT had to replace Quinn (all-time leading rec) and their #3 and #4 rec in 2007. Surprisingly, Casey Fitzgerald (83 yd, 5 gm '06) set NT ssn records with 111 rec for 1,322 yards (11.9) and 12 TD's (#2). Last year Fitzgerald separated his shoulder early but didn't miss a game and broke his own record with 113 rec but with 203 less yards (9.9). They had to replace their #2 and #4 rec but returned '07's #3 Brock Stickler (391, 10.6). Stickler improved to 490 (10.7) in '08. Sam Dibrell was one of the top players after 4 with 233 (9.7) but opted to quit. This year they must replace Fitzgerald (12 st), Stickler (9 st) and Roderick Johnson (6 st, 184, 8.8). Not listed in the PSL below are Chris Brainard (5'11" 155 rFr, PS#351), Casey Schutza (5'10" 170 rFr) and Greg Brown (6'0" 190 So). Last year was an uneven performance for the unit (dropped passes were a problem). They now have to replace their top 3 this year and I'll call the group to be down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Dickey did an excellent job on the O-line and in fact the highest amount of sacks allowed in his final 5 years was 21 (3 times). His final squad in 2006 avg just 117 ypg rush (3.2 ypc) which was the lowest total in his 8 years. Normally when a team shifts from a run-based attack to a pass attack, it's a 3 to 4 year process. In 2007 NT had to replace 3 starters including a 1st Tm SBC RG. Dodge went with 4 underclassmen starters. Naturally the sack total rose to 39 (7.1%) but surprisingly the ypc rushing increased to 3.7. Last year they only had to replace one starter but 2nd Tm SBC C Kelvin Drake suffered a knee inj and RS. Two other returning starters, Tyler Bailey (8 st '07) and Matthew Menard (11 st '07) combined to start just 5 in '08 (lost jobs) so basically one OL who started in '07, started the full season in '08. Dodge started a true frosh in RG Coleman Feeley the last 7 and JUCO Gabe Hollivay started 12 at LG. The less experienced line still improved to 127 ypg rush (4.1) while trimming the sacks allowed to 25 sacks (4.9%). This year they lose backup LG Chad Rose (27 st '05-'07) but not only do they have 5 starters back, they also return Bailey, Menard and Drake giving them 8 who have been full-time starters. NT's 103 career starts are 8th most in the FBS and I'm not really going out on a limb here by calling it Dodge's best OL.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Dickey's final season ('06) he ran a 3-4 D and they allowed just 149 ypg (3.9). In Dodge's first year they moved back to the 4-3 and they only had to replace one starter but surprisingly yielded 230 ypg and a ghastly 5.7 ypc while the D had just 14 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups (5 st). Returning starter Joseph Miller was lost after 4 games so they basically had 1 starter back. Once again they struggled allowing 207 ypg (5.6) with 12 sks. This year they lose DT Isaac Thomas (12 st, 29 tkl, 1.5 sk), DE Ryan Davenport (11 st, 23 tkl, 1 sk), DT Miller (4 st, 4 tkl) and DT Jordan Scoggins (5 tkl). There is the possibility of a shift back to the 3-4. They have 7 back with starting experience and add in some JUCO's. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Joe Hawthorne (6'4" 253 rFr), Joseph Nailor (6'2" 235 rFr), Tyler Kubala (6'0" 240 So) and Bryan Murray (6'4" 237 So). This unit can only improve.

LINEBACKERS - Last year NT had to replace 3 players who had a combined 93 career starts including their #2 and #3 tacklers. They did return Craig Robertson (#7 tkl'r) who became the first LB since Brad Kassell (2000) to lead NT in int with 5 (most S/1980). This year the only loss is Colt Mahan (30 tkl) but they move in 2nd Tm SBC S Kylie Hill so the 3-man unit has 5 who started 5 or more in a season. Not listed in the PSL below are Arius Yates (5'11" 235 So) and Arthur Stubblefield (5'10" 180 Sr). This looks like NT's best LB corps in quite some time.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NT finished as high as #36 in my pass D rankings under Dickey but in his last 2 years they were just #113 and #105. Todd Dodge had 3 starters back in 2007 but NT slipped to #111 and no DB had more than 1 int. Last year they only had to replace one starter but returning starter Latif Nurudeen had just one tackle (4 gm) and FS Kartey Agbottah (8 st '07) lost his spot. Dodge had two true frosh and a JUCO starting and 3 other frosh played often. The relatively inexperienced group finished #118. They allowed 301 ypg pass the first 8 with 3 int but just 225 ypg the last 4 (7 int). This year they lose Nurudeen, Agbottah (1 st) and S Germaine Dawson (0 tkl). The group goes from basically one returning starter to four and the backups are experienced. NT should make tremendous strides as Dodge said, "We are so much more athletic."

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Dickey's final 4 years they finished #10, #66, #85 and #49 in my ST rankings. In Dodge's first year they fell all the way to #118. Last year everyone returned. It has now been 121 games since NT had a KR TD (1998). NT's return game was poor (4.6 PR's and 18.5 KR) and coverage on those two was equally as bad (13.1 per PR, 31.0 per KR). NT's return game fumbled 3 punts vs Rice. They allowed 7 blocked kicks and a nation high 5 ST TD's. The KR's did show improvement late after true frosh Royce Hill took over (25.6). P Truman Spencer increased his average from 41.6 in '07 to 42.4 but the net was only 31.9. Jeremy Knott did have 10 TB on 50 KO and took over for Thomas Moreland on FG's hitting 12 of 17 FG's (long 47) but NT finished dead last at #120. LS Christian Davidson, who had been battling a shoulder inj (quit tm L/2 of '08), decided to return. This year they lose Spencer but can only improve upon last year's poor finish (didn't I also say that in '08?).

COACHES - Former HC Darrell Dickey had an amazing 9 year career at NT which included 4 SBC Coach of the Year Titles, but in 2007 Todd Dodge took over. Dodge was a QB at Texas and coached Southlake Carroll HS the previous 7 years with an overall record of 98-11, winning 4 out of the last 5 Texas HS 5A Titles. OC Todd Ford was also the OC under Dodge at Carroll. Last year Dodge brought in a new DC Gary DeLoach who was an NT asst from 1998-2002 including DC from 2000-'02. NT had the #1 D in the SBC in '01 (356 ypg, 24.4 ppg) and '02 (291, 14.8).

PHIL'S FORECAST

NT has a massive enrollment of nearly 35,000, making it one of the largest colleges in Texas. NT was the dominant team in the SBC with 26 straight conf wins, the longest streak in the country, heading into 2005 (avg win 15.6 ppg). They had the edge over the rest of their SBC brethren in the fact that they had been to 4 straight bowl games (from '01-'04) giving them extra practices each year. In 2004 NT benefitted from +13 in TO's and only outgained SBC foes by 15.3 ypg, by far the weakest margin in their outstanding run. Out of the 12 preseason magazines and websites monitored by stassen.com in 2005, I was one of only 3 NOT to forecast NT to win the SBC Title which got the attention of some fans in Denton. NT had just 8 returning starters and were -67.3 ypg in SBC play and crashed to a stunning 2-9 record. In 2005 they were winless at home for the first time since 1982 but their 5 SBC losses were by a combined 21 points and they had 16 returning starters in 2006. In 2006 they beat CUSA member SMU 24-6 but suffered their first home shutout loss (MT) since 1981. They had never trailed in SBC play by more than 14 prior. NT struggled to a 3-9 finish and was -15 in turnovers (-95.3 ypg, last in SBC). NT opted to fire Dickey and brought in Todd Dodge. Dodge inherited 14 returning starters and brought in his new spread offense. Dodge's first edition managed 2 wins (1 by 1 pt) and NT was 1-6 vs SBC (-30.4 ypg). Last year Dodge was very happy after fall camp and said they would be much more prepared for the speed of the college game. They did have to replace their top 5 tacklers and had just 11 returning starters. Dodge had to be disappointed in the results. NT opened 0-8 for their worst start in program history and for the first time since 1972 they went a full season without at least 2 wins. In those 1st 8 they were outscored 276-66 in the 1H as it was their first winless conf season since 1972 (0-7 Missouri Valley Conf). Their closest loss in the first 6 was by 29 and while they only lost to ULM by 12, they trailed 35-6 at half. Troy had to start their backup QB due to inj but he threw for 391. In NT's only win, WKU trailed 45-40 and was at the NT1 on the last play but NT got a fortunate 97 yd IR TD for a misleading 51-40 win. NT's best effort in SBC play came vs Ark St. They led 28-24 in the 3Q and only lost by 5. For the season NT was -90.2 ypg (league worst). Naturally most signs point to a better record this year. They have 16 ret starters, were -17 in TO's and their off and def ypp both set up for improvement. They have 6 HG's which are the most S/'93. NT is the most improved team in the SBC while their D could be the most improved in the country this year.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN GREEN | 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN GREEN | DEFENSE

QB 11 Riley Dodge rFr. 6-0 182 **PS#6.** 3 gm true, 9 rec, 38 rush yd, Med RS. **6** Nathan Tune (6'4" 203 Jr) PS#342. 55 yd (46%) 2Y. Holder TY. Derek Thompson PS#159.

RB 26 CAM MONTGOMERY SR. 6-1 210 **PS#90JC.** 10 st, 928 (5.5), 3rd Tm SBC rFr. Lance Dunbar. 2 st, 178 (4.6) true. Micah Mosley (6'0" 210 Jr) 2 st, 563 (4.9), 102 (7.8) rec 2Y.

WR 82 Michael Outlaw Jr. 5-11 190 PS#404JC. In spg. **17** Breece Johnson (6'0" 172 Jr) PS#323. 67 (8.4) 2Y. Bennie Jones (6'2" 160 Jr). Daniel Mayberry (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#306.

WR 86 Jamaal Jackson Jr. 5-10 175 PS#374JC. In for spg. **4** Alex Lott (5'9" 165 Jr) 4 st, 201 (7.7) LY. Forrest Rucker (6'5" 195 rFr) PS#251. **3** Willie Taylor (5'10" 165 So) PS#252.

WR 8 SAM ROBERSON SO. 6-4 217 PS#406. 7 st, 76 (6.3) rFr. Desmond Brigham (6'1" 176 rFr) PS#205. Kevin Dickerson (5'10" 190 Sr). 3 st, 180 (8.6) LY. Jamel Jackson (5'9" 167 Jr).

WR 88 Tyler Stradford So. 6-2 175 PS#124. **Okla trans.** Elig? **81** Kenny Barrett (6'2" 193 rFr) PS#174. **9** BJ Lewis (6'1" 195 So). 86 (8.6) true. RS LY. **TE** Bryant Seidle (6'3" 221 Sr).

C 56 JJ JOHNSON SO. 6-2 280 PS#360. 12 st C rFr. **68** Kelvin Drake (6'2" 302 Jr) PS#452. 4 gm true. **12 st C '07, 2nd Tm SBC.** Med RS LY. **78** Troy Kokjohn (6'2" 278 So). 4 gm.

RG 70 COLEMAN FEELEY SO. 6-4 318 PS#434. Last 7 st RG as true. **57** Tyler Bailey (6'2" 296 Sr). 7 gm as rFr. 8 st LG '07. First 5 st LY (inj), **50** Nick Leppo (6'2" 285 Fr) PS#279.

LG 62 GABE HOLLIVAY SR. 6-3 360 PS#227JC. 12 st LG LY. **79** Nate Jenkins (6'3" 340 Jr) PS#115JC. **60** Aaron Fortenberry (6'4" 265 So) PS#484. **58** Dan Holt (6'4" 270 So).

RT 77 ESTEBAN SANTIAGO JR. 6-3 285 PS#454. 12 st RG '07. 12 st RT LY. **73** Jeremy Bean (6'5" 305 Jr) PS#114JC. **72** Matt Tomlinson (6'5" 298 So) PS#360. 1 gm rFr.

LT 64 VICTOR GILL JR. 6-4 270 PS#205. 11 gm bkup rFr. 12 st LT LY. **71** Matthew Menard (6'5" 305 Jr). 11 st LT rFr. 9 gm bkup LY. **66** Jacob Kaiser (6'7" 288 So) PS#516.

K 49 JEREMY KNOTT SR. 6-3 182 PS#208JC. Hit 12-17 FG LY with long 47, 22-28 xp. Will Atterberry (5'11" 170 Fr) PS#55. Trent Deans (6'0" 184 So). Bret Smith (5'9" 151 So).

DE 94 EDDRICK GILMORE SR. 6-5 240 PS#72. 7 st, 35 tkl, 6 tfl '07. 7 st, 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 6 pbu LY. Kyle Russo (6'3" 231 So) PS#239. 1 st, 30 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. Sam Owusu-Hemeng (6'2" 244 Jr).

DT 92 Draylen Ross Sr. 6-4 286 1 st TE true. 2 st DT, 22 tkl LY. Troy Franklin (6'4" 277 So) PS#209. 5 tkl true. Charlie Brown (6'4" 258 Sr) 1 st, 12 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. Tevinn Cantly (6'4" 310 rFr).

DT NA Shavod Atkinson Jr. 6-2 298 PS#241JC. **95** Jesse DeSoto (6'1" 286 Jr) 13 gms 15 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. **61** Jonathan Stewart (6'2" 249 Sr). 3 st, 20 tkl 2Y. Kelvin Jackson (6'2" 320 Jr).

DE 47 BRANDON AKPUNKU SO. 6-1 206 PS#368. 5 tkl true. **43 Marquis Sykes** (6'2" 245 Jr) 6 st, 17 tkl, 4 tfl 3Y. Mack Cole (6'4" 232 Sr) 1st, 14 tkl, 2 tfl LY. John Weber (6'3" 265 Jr) PS#789JC.

LLB 42 CRAIG ROBERTSON JR. 6-0 226 HM SBC L2Y. 7 st, 48 tkl, 5 int '07. 12 st, 94 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 2 int LY. **16** Steve Warren (6'1" 227 Sr). 8 st, 87 tkl, 5 tfl 3Y. Daniel Prior is PS#305.

MLB 44 TOBE NWIGWE SR. 6-1 251 11 st, 35 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. 10 tkl '07. 12 st, 111 tkl, 3 int, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. AJ Penson (6'1" 213 Jr) PS#287. 13 st, 63 tkl 2Y. Robbie Deheck (6'2" 219 So) 8 tkl.

RLB 45 JEREMY PHILLIPS rFR. 6-3 196 PS#134. **37 Kylie Hill** (5'10" 186 Sr) PS#453JC. 12 st at Saf, 77 tkl, 4 pd, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. **36** Marquese Davis (6'1" 232 So) PS#409. 3 gm LY.

CB 21 ROYCE HILL SO. 5-11 173 PS#287. 9 st, 34 tkl, 2 pbu true. **25** Ira Smith (5'10" 185 Jr) PS#307JC. 4.4 spd. Justin Chatman (5'9" 180 So) PS#219. Chris Neal (5'9" 182 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y.

CB 35 ANTOINE BUSH SR. 5-10 186 PS#184. 32 st, 118 tkl, 12 pd 3Y. **22 Adryan Adams** (6'0" 178 Sr) PS#223JC. 6 st, 26 tkl, 4 pd LY. James Hamilton (5'8" 168 So) PS#104. 81 ttl yd, RB LY.

SS 23 DARIEN WILLIAMS SO. 5-10 185 PS#408. 11 st, 62 tkl, 5 pbu true. **18** John Shorter (6'0" 190 So) PS#330. 13 tkl, 1 int true. Darius Carey is PS#395. **7** Jamal Wilson (5'10" 175 So).

FS 10 DaWAYLON COOK SO. 6-0 193 PS#86. 10 tkl true. **27** Robbie Gordon (6'0" 180 Jr) PS#422. 10 tkl 2Y. Hilbert Jackson (6'0" 165 Fr) PS#510. De'Andre Stewart (5'11" 185 Fr).

P NA Will Atterberry Fr. 5-11 170 PS#55. 42.4 punt average as a senior in HS last year, 2nd Team All-Texas. **29** Trent Deans (6'0" 184 So). #1 punter in spring '09.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

OL	Jeremy Bean 6-5 305 PS#114JC
DL	Shavod Atkinson 6-2 298 PS#241JC
DB	Ira Smith 5-10 185 PS#310JC
WR	Jamaal Jackson 5-10 175 PS#374JC
WR	Michael Outlaw 5-11 190 PS#404JC
WR	Tyler Stradford 6-2 175 PS#124 '07
QB	Derek Thompson 6-4 200 PS#159
OL	Nick Leppo 6-2 285 PS#279 '08
DB	Darius Carey 5-10 185 PS#395
WR	Daniel Mayberry 6-0 175 PS#306
LB	Daniel Prior 6-2 210 PS#305
DL	Ryan Boutwell 6-3 225 PS#378
OL	Sterling Carter 6-2 279 PS#106TE
DL	Tyler Washington 6-1 225 PS#386
OL	John Noble 6-6 288 PS#437
K	Will Atterberry 5-11 170 PS#55
TE	Austin Fitzpatrick 6-3 215 PS#121
DL	Kyle White 6-2 318 PS#432
DB	Hilbert Jackson 6-0 165 PS#510
DL	John Weber 6-3 265 PS#789JC
DL	Kelvin Jackson 6-2 320 PS#790JC
DB	De'Andre Stewart 5-11 185 PS#810
WR	Rory Cruz 6-0 160 PS#1565
RB	Matt Ponce 5-11 198 PS#1607
RB	Charles Monroe 5-10 220 PS#1607
RB	Kyle Hamilton 5-10 184 PS#1607
LB	Ryan Foster 6-2 210 PS#1667
OL	Chad Little 6-4 350 PS#1788
OL	Jared Acton 5-11 284 PS#1788

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2009 Schedule Difficulty-#105

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NT	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 3	at Ball St (Thur)	A					First Meeting. North Texas is 1-3 vs current teams from the MAC & 1-11 in ssn openers (9 gms vs BCS). The Mean Green are 3-21 the last 5 yrs vs non-conf opponents.
Sep. 12	Ohio	A					First meeting. North Texas is 2-5 vs non-conference teams at home with the last win vs WKU (27-26) in 2007. North Texas is 3-8 in their last 11 Denton openers.
Sep. 19	at Alabama	G					NT is 4-31 vs current SEC teams with their last win in 1977 (also '47, '75 & '76). The Mean Green has lost all 15 gms to ranked tms including the 2 under Dodge by 54 ppg.
Sep. 26	Middle Tennessee	A					The Mean Green have dropped 3 straight to the Blue Raiders by an avg of 31 ppg. Last time here it was 30-28 in the 3Q but N Texas allowed the game's final 18 pts.
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	at Louisiana	A					The visitor has won 4 of the last 5 in this series. Last year these 2 teams combined for 50 FD's & 1,118 yds of offense. NT is 4-2 in their 6 all-time trips to Lafayette.
Oct. 17	Florida Atlantic	A					North Texas has dropped all 5 meetings in this series with an avg score of 28-17. Last yr NT gave up 507 ttl yds including 256 rushing yds to the Owls in the loss.
Oct. 24	at Troy	A					North Texas is just 1-5 facing Troy. LY NT gave up an avg of 45 ppg in SBC play. The Mean Green is 0-7 the last 2 years on the road in conference play.
Oct. 31	WKU	A					North Texas has won both meetings vs the Hilltoppers the last 2 years. Last year was NT's 1st road win in 13 games as LB Nwigwe had a 97 yd IR TD.
Nov. 7	ULM (HC)	A					The home team is 8-2 in this series but the Mean Green are 1-3 since 2005. Last year NT had a 31-16 FD edge but trailed 35-3 before scoring the final 20 pts.
Nov. 14	at FIU	A					NT is 2-5 the L4Y in Nov road gms. The 7OT gm in '06 is tied for the longest gm in NCAA history. NT lost LY despite having outFD'd 22-13 & outgaining FIU (+81 yds).
Nov. 21	Army	A					North Texas has lost both meetings vs Army by an avg of 14 ppg & is 0-4 vs Service Academies. North Texas is 6-3 in home finales but just 1-3 the last 4.
Nov. 28	at Arkansas St	A					Former Southland Conf members. The Mean Green has dropped the L/4 in this series. Last year NT led 28-24 in the 3Q but threw an int at the ASU20 on the final drive.
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mitch Maher 8,256 '91-'94	1. Patrick Cobbs 4,050 '01-'05	1. Johnny Quinn 2,718 '03-'06
2. Steve Ramsey 7,076 '67-'69	2. Jamario Thomas 3,496 '04-'07	2. Troy Redwine 2,567 '92-'96
3. Scott Davis 6,923 '87-'90	3. Ja'Quay Wilburn 3,120 '97-'00	3. Casey Fitzgerald 2,533 '05-'08

TODD DODGE (Career 3-21)

3rd Year at North Texas

Dodge's Bowl Record: 0-0

Dodge's records AT NORTH TEXAS

3-21	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
2-8	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
1-13	Away	0-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-4	Off A Bye
1-13	Vs Conference	3-16	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (19,26,2)
Lost: 18 (11,6,1)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,956 (#108)

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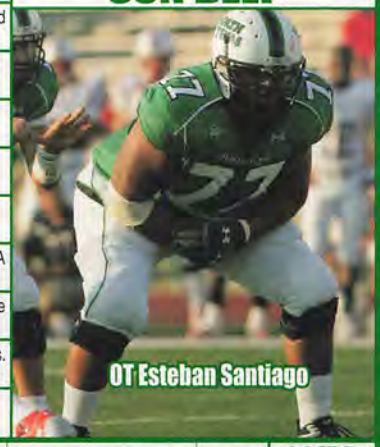
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STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500) (#97)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-7	8-5	9-4	7-5	2-9	3-9	2-10	1-11	40-68
Home	2-3	3-2	4-1	5-0	4-1	0-5	2-3	2-3	0-5	22-23
Away	1-5	2-4	3-4	4-3	3-3	2-4	1-6	0-7	1-6	17-42
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	1-4	5-1	6-0	7-0	7-0	2-5	2-5	1-6	0-7	31-28
vs Non-Conf	2-4	0-6	2-5	2-4	0-5	0-4	1-4	1-4	1-4	9-40
ATS	5-5	8-4	8-4	6-7	7-5	4-7	4-8	4-7	4-8	50-55
Home Fav (Dodge 1998)	0-0	2-0	2-1	4-1	4-1	0-2	0-3	0-0	0-0	12-8
Home Dog (Dodge 2008)	2-2	2-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-0	2-2	1-4	10-12
Away Favorite (Dodge 1999)	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	7-6
Away Dog	3-3	3-1	3-1	0-3	1-2	3-3	2-5	2-4	3-4	20-26
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	2-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	7-0	4-3	3-4	2-5	2-5	33-26
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-3	4-2	2-4	0-5	0-4	1-4	2-2	2-3	17-29
Off SU Win	1-1	5-0	5-2	4-5	6-1	0-2	0-3	0-2	0-1	21-17
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-4	2-2	2-1	1-3	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-6	26-32

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
59	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	8-28
01	New Orleans	+11	Colorado St	20-45
02	New Orleans	+7'	Cincinnati	24-19
03	New Orleans	+4	Memphis	17-27
04	New Orleans	+6	Southern Miss	10-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

North Texas' All-Time Bowl Record 1-5

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
6*	20.0	363	127	4.1	236	61.9	18.2	25	-17	2008	5	47.6	483	207	5.6	276	64.9	10.1	12
5*	24.8	408	119	3.7	290	59.7	16.4	39	-11	2007	9	45.1	486	230	5.7	257	58.8	10.8	14
9*	12.8	232	117	3.2	115	53.8	18.1	21	-15	2006	7	25.3	338	149	3.9	189	63.7	13.4	16
5	14.3	272	143	3.9	129	48.6	19.1	21	0	2005	3	31.5	437	221	4.8	216	62.5	13.9	17
6*	25.8	344	186	4.6	158	55.6	13.4	15	+13	2004	6	29.8	414	173	4.5	241	61.9	13.9	26
4*	27.5	328	178	4.1	150	54.2	11.9	21	+10	2003	8	21.9	318	105	2.9	213	61.4	14.5	26
10*	19.2	284	182	4.0	102	45.2	14.9	17	+4	2002	9	14.8	291	119	3.1	172	54.2	19.7	42

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cam Montgomery	170	970	42	928	9	5.5
Lance Dunbar	39	185	7	178	1	4.6
Giovanni Vizza	95	342	226	116	2	1.2
Micah Mosley	21	105	3	102	1	4.9
James Hamilton	8	49	0	49	1	6.1
Casey Fitzgerald	4	47	0	47	0	11.8
Riley Dodge	3	38	0	38	0	12.7
Nathan Tune	12	34	9	25	0	2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Giovanni Vizza	493	309	62.7	2758	15	16
Nathan Tune	13	6	46.2	55	0	0
Riley Dodge	2	0	0.0	0	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Casey Fitzgerald	113	1119	9.9	6	57	
Brock Stickler	46	490	10.7	3	31	
Sam Dibrell	24	233	9.7	0	24	
Alex Lott	26	201	7.7	2	19	
Roderick Johnson	21	184	8.8	1	21	
Kevin Dickerson	21	180	8.6	1	36	
Cam Montgomery	18	118	6.6	0	22	
Sam Roberson	12	76	6.3	0	12	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Truman Spencer	69	2925	42.4	9	31.9	1	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jeremy Knott	22-28	5-5	1-2	6-10	0-0	12-17	47

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Tobe Nwigwe	111	0	2.5	0	3
Craig Robertson	94	0	7.5	3	2
Kylie Hill	77	0	1.5	2	2
Darien Williams	62	0.5	3	5	0
AJ Penson	51	0	2.5	2	0
Antoine Bush	34	0	0	3	1
Royce Hill	34	0	1	2	0
Kyle Russo	30	1.5	1	0	0
Colt Mahan	30	0	0	1	0
Isaac Thomas	29	1.5	3	0	0
Eddrick Gilmore	27	3	0.5	6	0
Steve Warren	27	0	4	0	0
Adryan Adams	26	0	0	3	1
Ryan Davenport	23	1	1	2	0
Draylen Ross	22	1	1	0	0
Kartey Agbottah	19	0	0	0	0
Marquis Sykes	17	1	3	1	0
Mack Cole	14	1	1	0	0
Jonathan Stewart	14	0	0	1	0
John Shorter	13	0	1	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
John Shorter	7	32	4.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
DaWaylon Cook	26	506	19.5	0	
Royce Hill	17	436	25.6	0	

2008 STATS BY GAME

NT 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
45,150	at Kansas St	12	26-105	4.0	16-29	100	2	26	36-165	4.6	27-42	306	0	+2
22,785	Tulsa	25	34-203	6.0	30-45	247	4	27	35-135	3.9	27-35	420	0	-2
91,602	at LSU	11	18-44	2.4	23-43	155	0	24	28-216	7.7	20-36	209	0	0
16,885	at Rice	25	30-155	5.2	26-45	257	2	26	39-174	4.5	23-30	328	2	-6
16,781	FIU	22	33-119	3.6	35-50	309	3	13	39-110	2.8	12-20	237	1	-4
17,106	Louisiana	23	34-167	4.9	29-45	361	1	27	47-338	7.2	15-21	252	1	-1
10,388	at ULM	31	30-101	3.4	37-62	362	1	16	33-244	7.4	13-22	217	3	-1
18,345	Troy	22	33-92	2.8	31-52	246	3	29	28-108	3.9	41-51	439	0	-4
18,879	at WKU	21	29-173	6.0	23-37	214	2	21	42-314	7.5	13-27	190	1	+2
17,175	at Fla Atlantic	15	36-116	3.2	15-25	139	1	24	41-256	6.2	17-28	251	0	-1
14,307	at Middle Tenn	20	36-143	4.0	25-39	221	5	24	28-237	8.5	20-36	252	0	0
9,761	Arkansas St	20	31-110	3.5	28-42	217	1	21	45-188	4.2	12-22	205	4	-2
TOTALS		247	370-1528	4.1	318-514	2828	25	278	441-2485	5.6	240-370	3306	12	-17
AVERAGES		20.6	31-127	4.1	27-43	236	4.9%	23.2	37-207	5.6	20-31	276	3.2%	-1.4

2004 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #7	+26	0-65
–	Florida Atlantic	-7'	13-20
–	at Colorado	+20'	21-52
–	at Baylor	-3'	14-37
–	Middle Tennessee	-3	30-21
–	at Utah St	+2	31-23
–	New Mexico St	-8	36-26
–	ULM	-8	45-30
–	at Louisiana	-2'	27-17
–	Idaho	-18'	51-29
–	at Arkansas St	-5	31-7

2005 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Middle Tennessee	+4	14-7
–	Tulsa	-3'	2-54
–	at Kansas St	+24'	7-54
–	Troy	-2	10-13
–	at FIU	+1'	13-10
–	at Louisiana Tech	+21	14-40
–	at LSU - #7	+43'	3-56
–	Louisiana	+3'	28-31
–	at Florida Atlantic	+4	23-26
–	ULM	+4	19-24
–	Arkansas St	+2'	24-31

2006 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #3	+41	7-56
–	SMU	+5	24-6
–	at Tulsa	+19'	3-28
–	at Akron	+17	13-33
–	Middle Tennessee	-3'	0-35
–	FIU	+3	25-22 7OT
–	at Arkansas St	+10	10-29
–	at Troy	+10'	6-14
–	Louisiana Tech	-2	31-34
–	at Louisiana	+11	16-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-4	16-17
–	at ULM	+7	3-23

2007 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oklahoma - #8	+39'	10-79
–	at SMU	+17'	31-45
–	Florida Atlantic	+6'	20-30
–	at Arkansas	+36	7-66
–	at Louisiana	+8	29-38
–	ULM	+7	31-21
–	at Troy	+21'	7-45
–	Middle Tennessee	+12	28-48
–	Navy	+15	62-74
–	at Arkansas St	+15'	27-31
–	WKU	NL	27-26
–	at FIU	-2	19-38

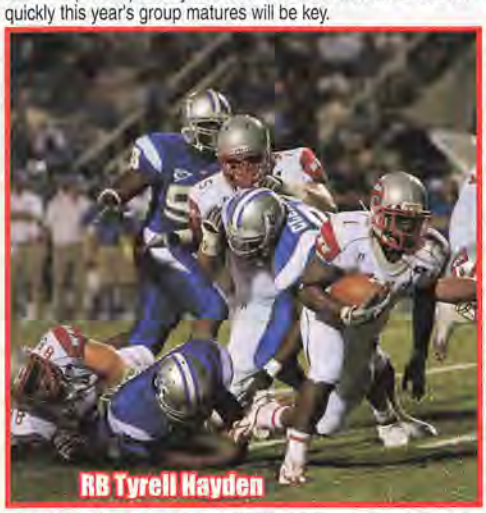
2008 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas St	+26	6-45
–	Tulsa	+21'	26-56
–	at LSU - #7	+42'	3-41
–	at Rice	+17	20-77
–	FIU	+6'	10-42
–	Louisiana	+21'	30-59
–	at ULM	+18	23-35
–	Troy	+24	17-45
–	at WKU	+17	51-40
–	at Florida Atlantic	+22'	13-46
–	at Middle Tennessee	+20	13-52
–	Arkansas St	+20'	28-33

WKU HILLTOPPERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - In '07 the Hilltoppers had to replace a 4 year starter in Justin Haddix who threw for 2,186 (61.3%) with a 14-9 ratio in '06. The top returnee was Brandon Smith (5 att '06). ND transfer David Wolke (PS#44) appeared a no-brainer for the starting job but the elusive rFr KJ Black (6'4" 215) saw action early and often. In the opener Wolke suffered a concussion and while he still managed to start 10, Black was the team's leading passer throwing for 1,007 (65.7%) with an 8-8 ratio while Wolke threw for 922 (62.1%) with a 5-7 ratio. Smith hit just 2 of 8. All 3 ret'd last year and HC David Elson signed 3 true frosh in Anthony Sheppard (PS#119), Kawaun Jakes (PS#129) and Marcus Vasquez (6'2" 190, PS#180). All 3 RS. Black took every snap in the opener but was inj'd vs EK and Wolke led 5 scoring drives. Black was expected to be out 2-3 weeks (shoulder) and Tulsa transfer CB Dexter Taylor (PS#144DB) was moved to QB. Black ret'd to start vs UK but struggled and Wolke was named the starter. Black transferred so Wolke and Taylor split snaps vs FAU. Taylor directed 7 drives (4 of 6, then only 1 other pass on ssn) and Wolke just 5. Wolke ran for a career high 178 vs NT but battled a back inj over the final 3. Smith, who was 2 of 3 on the year, saw his only other action going 10 of 22 for 56 vs Troy. Wolke started the last 2 and finished with 1,278 (50.4%) with an 8-10 ratio (#2 rusher) and must be replaced. This year Taylor moves back to CB and Smith will battle Jakes, Vasquez (#2 post spring), Bruce and true frosh Courtney Dalcourt (PS#86). Last year's numbers were not stellar but how quickly this year's group matures will be key.


RB Tyrell Hayden

RUNNING BACKS - In '07 the Hilltoppers had to replace their all-time leading rusher in Lerron Moore who had 891 (4.6) in '06. The leading returnees were Andrew McCloud, who had 443 (5.8) and Tyrell Hayden, who had 1 start and 315 (4.9) in '06. Hayden had an outstanding year rushing for 1,134 (5.5). McCloud was just #6 with 142 (3.8). JUCO Stephen Willis had 438 (7.8) and Marell Booker added 381 (7.6). The group returned intact last year but Hayden, due in part to a much tougher schedule, had greatly reduced stats. Bobby Rainey was the team's top RB and had 248 all-purp yds vs Kentucky. Unfortunately, he was injured vs FAU (the #1 rusher at the time) and finished with just 259 (6.2). Five different players led in rushing over the last six. It surprised me that Hayden finished with just 388 (4.2) while Booker had 285 (4.3). This year the only losses are Stephen Willis (4 st, 97 yd), FB Jared Johnson (1 st, 11 yd) and McCloud (38 yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Avery Hibbitt (5'9" 170 So), Brandon Pierce (5'6" 192 rFr), Joe Montano (5'10" 193 rFr) and William Simmons (5'7" 170 rFr). This unit is a little more experienced and should see a good sized increase in production.

RECEIVERS - Perhaps the best player for the Hilltoppers in 2006 was WR Curtis Hamilton, who was 3rd Tm AA (IAA) and led the team with 841 (16.2) and 10 TD's in just 9 games. In '07 the top 4 rec returned and Hamilton did not disappoint tying the school record for rec's in a season (66) with 873 yds (13.2) and departed as the school's all-time leading receiver (2,324). Jake Gaebler was #3 in '06 with 416 (11.6) and #2 in '07 with 426 (12.2). True frosh Quinterrance Cooper moved from QB and had 255 (11.6) in '07. Jessie Quinn, who had 425 (14.7) in '06, had just 190 (11.9). Last year they had to replace Hamilton. Cooper opened with a career high 166 all-purp yards vs Indiana. Derrius Brooks, who Elson feels is one of the fastest, most athletic WR's, led WKU in rec's after 3 as WR coach TJ Weist said Brooks is "really the guy we look to for a big play." Brooks, however, was lost for the season in Wk 5. Gaebler had been hampered by back pain for 5 games but finally broke out with 10 rec vs Ball St. He led with 588 (10.9) and is just 25 rec's away from becoming WKU's all-time rec leader. Wenquel Graves was #2 with 257 (10.3) and surprisingly Cooper finished with 235 (11.8). Not listed in the PSL is Clay Cunningham (6'3" 222 So). This year they lose Quinn (11 st, 158 yd), Ronnie Letcher (3 st, 1 rec), Brad Savko (3 rec) and TE David Miller (12 gm) but with Brooks' return from injury, I'll call this a much improved group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, WKU had an experienced O-line and opened holes for 160 ypg rush (4.2) while allowing 14 sacks. In 2007 they appeared to have 3 starters returning but their top OL from '05 and '06, Greg Ryan, missed the year. WKU still improved to 247 ypg rush (5.1) and allowed just 16 sacks (6.0%). Last year, not only did they have 7 of the top 10 back (3 st'r lost), but Ryan returned so it was like having 3 starters back. They did face a much tougher schedule so as you would expect, the numbers decreased to 144 ypg (4.0) with 25 sacks (7.9%). This year they lose Ryan (12 st, 3Y st'r) and RG Austin Chestnut (3 st). Last year's group was banged up and no player started all 12 at the same position with only two starting more than 10. Despite the loss of their top OL, this group looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, WKU allowed 170 ypg rush (4.7), its worst since 1996. They had to replace 2 DL starters in 2007 but improved to 135 ypg (3.7). Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup. One of the returnees did lose his spot in Wk 5. WKU took a step back allowing 162 ypg (4.4) with the D having just 21 sacks. This year they have to replace DE Dan Cline (12 st, 33 tkl, 8 tfl), DE Robert Dark (10 st, 32 tkl, 5.5 tfl), DE Jon Belcher (4 st, 22 tkl), NT Terald Clark (5 st, 8 tkl) and Kyle Anderson (5 st, 38 tkl, 2.5 sk). The top 5 DL depart and the 2 deep has 4 rFr and a combined 22 career tackles.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hilltoppers had to replace their #1 and #4 tacklers but returned the #5, #7, #8 and #11. This year they lose OLB Ben Sowders (11 st, 47 tkl, 2.5 sk) and ILB Alonzo Higgins (6 st, 67 tkl, 1.5 sk). They do return 4 of the top 5 LB tacklers (#2, #6, #7, #8). Not listed in the PSL are Chris Brice (6'2" 220 rFr), Tavis Ciochetty (5'11" 231 rFr), Connor O'Banion (6'1" 210 rFr) and Nick Brent (6'0" 223 Jr). OLB Blake Boyd is the star of the unit with NFL potential and I'll call this an improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005, WKU allowed 231 ypg passing (66.4%). With a veteran secondary in 2006 they improved to 153 ypg and 52.7%. In 2007, WKU had to replace 2 starters but brought in some JUCO's. The two returning starters combined for just 9 starts. With WKU playing a tougher schedule, it was unexpected that they only slipped to 185 ypg (57.1%) and the D surprisingly had 20 int. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 21 starts and WKU allowed 213 ypg (63%) and an 18-11 ratio. This year they lose #1 tkl'r FS Travis Watters (12 st, 73 tkl, 1 int), CB Marcus Minor (11 st, 55 tkl, 1 int), SS Brad Cloud (8 tkl), Rashad Etheridge (8 tkl) and CB Chris Franklin (10 tkl). They have 6 back who started last year. They also add Taylor (PS#144) who moves over from offense. After basically returning one starter last year, this is a more experienced unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Had WKU been eligible in my ST rankings in 2007, they would have finished #45. Last year I figured with a tougher schedule they would drop some as they also had to replace their top KR and K. Bobby Rainey was leading in both KR and PR when he was injured vs FAU. He still led in KR with an impressive 30.6 avg but Jake Gaebler was the top PR (7.4). Jeremy Moore avg just 36.9 punting (32.5 net). Tanner Siewert hit 11 of 16 FG's (long 50) and had 1 TB on 45 KO's. He does have a big leg and was the team's punter in '05 and '06. Zac Minturn (PS#86) filled in a game when Siewert was injured hitting 2 of 3 FG's. They finished #72 and this year only lose Siewert and should move up in my rankings.

COACHES - David Elson begins his 7th year as HC and 13th overall at WKU. He replaced Jack Harbaugh who in '02, guided WKU to a 12-3 record and the IAA National Championship. Elson was the DB coach and then the DC here the 6 years prior to taking over and is 39-32 as HC. Prior to '07 he signed a contract through 2012 and despite last year's 2-10 record, it was extended through 2016. Walter Wells, who was WKU's OL coach (6 yr), is the new OC. Mike Dietzel, who was the ST coach the last 3 years and DC in '04-'05 returns to that position. Dietzel was the DC at Kent St for 2 years ('01-'02) and the RB coach at Army from '95-'99.

PHIL'S FORECAST

WKU had an outstanding streak of 12 straight winning years heading into 2008. They made the IAA playoffs five times this decade. In 2007 they made the step from (IAA) to a transitional FBS team and while they played six FBS teams, they were a respectable1-2 vs SBC teams. WKU took care of business vs its non-FBS foes winning all 6 and finishing 7-5. They put up great stats for the year, due to blowout wins of 87-0 vs WV Tech, 56-7 vs Ind St, 50-14 vs NC Central and 52-12 vs Moorehead St. They did surprisingly outgain Troy by a 416-363 yd edge. Last year they had just 2 FCS teams on their schedule and 5 matchups vs SBC opps. Overall, WKU had 13 starters back and had to face 5 teams on the road that were bowl eligible in 2007 plus took on conf favorites FAU and Ball St at home. I called for an end to WKU's streak of winning seasons and as you would expect, they dropped to just 2-10. WKU opened losing to Indy and then in their final meeting vs rival EKU (faced 85 times since 1914), won 37-13 in the "Battle of the Bluegrass". EKU came in #20 in FCS ball. After getting walloped by Alabama WKU had a "White Out" promotion vs Murray St and won 50-9. With 8:07 left in the 1H vs Kentucky they trailed just 10-3 but lost 41-3. They were only outgained 293-243 but lost to VT 27-13. Ball St was the first ever ranked FBS team to travel to LT Smith Stadium and WKU was only outgained 355-352. Unfortunately they fumbled into the EZ for a TB, missed a FG from the 5, fmbl'd at their own 23 and were SOD. They led FAU 17-7 but lost by 4. Facing 0-8 NT they led 40-39 but after an int trailed 45-40. They drove to the NT1 but on the last play were not only int'd but it was ret'd 97 yds for a TD. They only lost by 10 to SBC Champ Troy on the road and then by 11 at home vs MT. They had 2 full weeks off before their season finale vs FIU where they were outgained 435-180 (8th straight loss). WKU had 2 net close losses. They enter their first year of full eligibility in the SBC and FBS. They lose 21 scholarship seniors and return12 scholarship seniors and 17 juniors. They RS'd all their trues last year but some will play this year. Their 12 returning starters are tied for 2nd fewest in the SBC and this figures to be a true transition year into the league and I'll call for a 2nd straight losing year for the Hilltoppers but improvement should be seen.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN RED | 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN RED | DEFENSE

QB 6 Kawaun Jakes rFr. 6-3 190 PS#129. **12** Brandon Smith (6'0" 200 Sr) PS#174. 120 (47%), 134 rush 3Y. Courtney Dalcourt PS#86. **5** Tyler Bruce (6'1" 190 So) PS#124.

RB 1 TYRELL HAYDEN SR. 5-10 190 12 st, 1449 (5.4) 2Y. 388 (4.2) LY. **17 Bobby Rainey** (5'9" 205 So) PS#102. 3 st (inj), 259 (6.2) rFr. Marell Booker (5'9" 215 Sr). 4 st, 666 (5.7) 2Y.

WR 82 DERRIUS BROOKS SO. 5-10 180 3 st, 140 (10.8) rFr. Anthony Sheppard (6'1" 170 rFr) PS#119. **16** Dustin Boyer (6'1" 190 Jr) 22 gm L2Y. **FB 27** Rod Johnson (6'0" 245 Sr) 5 gm 2Y.

WR 11 JAKE GAEBLER SR. 5-11 185 416 (11.6) rFr. 426 (12.2) '07. 8 st, 588 (10.9) LY. **8** Seth Tamme (6'0" 185 Jr) 2 st, 178 (14.8) 2Y. Antionne Lightfoot (5'6" 163 So) 210 ret yd spg gm.

WR 7 QUINTERRANCE COOPER JR. 6-0 185 PS#203. 6 st, 255 (11.6) true. 9 st, 235 (11.8) LY. **10** Dexter Haynes (6'4" 190 rFr) PS#285. Clark Jeter (6'0" 165 So). 1 rec. Blake Ayers (5'10" 187 So).

WR 87 Wenquel Graves Jr. 5-9 185 4 st, 313 (9.5) 2Y. **TE 33** Tristan Jones (6'3" 260 So) 5 st, 53 (7.6) rFr. **84** Jack Doyle (6'6" 240 rFr) PS#174. 6 rec spg gm. Maurice Bullard (6'3" 222 rFr).

C 71 LLOYD PRESSLEY SR. 6-3 290 PS#312. 3 gm on DL true. 10 st at C '07. 9 st LY. **58** Shelley Anthony (6'1" 280 So) PS#443. 4 st rFr. **LS 49** Chris Young (6'0" 243 rFr) 10 gm LY.

RG 72 Derrick Elder Jr. 6-2 290 PS#475. 3 st, 14 gm 2Y. **74** Mychal Patterson (6'3" 310 Jr). 3 gm '07, DNP LY. **79** Jimbo Rusin (6'1" 280 Jr). 4 gm 3Y. Jeremy White (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#490.

LG 70 CODY HUGHES SR. 6-1 300 2 st rFr. 12 st '07. 12 st LY. **69** Luke Stansfield (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#434. **62** Kale Butler (6'0" 300 Sr) PS#382. 4 gm 3Y. Justin Hunter (6'3" 250 Sr).

RT 68 PRESTON KING JR. 6-4 280 5 gm as rFr. 10 st, 12 gm LY. **73** Jacob McLaurin (6'4" 295 Jr). 9 gm rFr. 1 st, 5 gm LY. **75** Seth White (6'5" 265 rFr) PS#452. Sean Conway is PS#264.

LT 77 WES JEFFRIES SO. 6-4 285 PS#228. 7 st, 12 gm rFr. **76** Adam Smith (6'5" 290 rFr) PS#282. **64** Paul Millay (6'3" 285 So) PS#195. 1 gm rFr. Zack Rhinestine (6'1" 284 rFr).

K 86 Zac Minturn Sr. 6-2 190 PS#86. 6 KO, 6-6 xp '07. 2-3 FG, L/27, 7-8 xp LY. Monte Merrick is PS#34. **83** Casey Tinius (6'0" 175 So) PS#40. No gm action as rFr.

DE 53 Jared Clendenin So. 6-3 230 12 gm, 18 tkl, 3.5 tfl true. **95** Kenny Martin (6'0" 265 rFr) PS#319. Cole Tischer is PS#249. **96** Johnathan Scott (6'3" 245 rFr) 2 sk spg gm.

NT 94 Nick Hartnett Jr. 6-0 290 2 gm as a rFr. 6 gms, 4 tkl in '08. **91** Brandon Whitty (6'2" 250 rFr) PS#207. **54** Korentheus Bailey (6'3" 300 rFr). Def Scout Tm MVP LY.

DE 43 Jamarcus Allen rFr. 6-0 265 PS#185. **93** Bo Adebayo (6'3" 240 So) PS#343. 1 gm LY. Tevin Holliman (6'2" 230 Fr) is PS#246. Galatian King PS#364. James Hervey PS#670.

OLB 6 BLAKE BOYD SR. 6-3 250 PS#120. **Louisville trans.** 19 st, 117 tkl, 7 tfl 2Y. 11 st, 67 tkl, 9.5 tfl LY. **38** Mike Gothard (6'1" 225 Jr) PS#315. 13 tkl 2Y. Tyran Golden (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#368.

ILB 4 DARVIS McBRIDE SR. 5-10 225 4 st at SS, 9 gm, 19 tkl rFr. 6 gm at LB, 6 tkl '07. 11 st, 50 tkl, 5 pd LY. Thomas Majors is PS#443JC. **57** Marquise Burns (6'0" 225 Jr). 8 tkl 2Y.

ILB 42 LJ Harbison Sr. 5-11 220 PS#450. 4 st, 62 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. 5 st, 49 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **10** Chris Bullard (6'0" 230 Jr). 1 st, 55 tkl 2Y. **36** Darius Baughman (6'2" 230 Jr). 6 tkl, 12 gm 2Y.

OLB 41 Taurean Smith Sr. 6-1 230 PS#507JC. 1 st, 49 tkl here LY. **50** Ben Duvall (6'3" 210 So) PS#242. 13 tkl rFr. Braxston Miller (6'0" 205 So). 11 tkl rFr. Chris Riggs (5'10" 214 rFr) PS#418.

CB 47 TRENT CALHOUN SO. 5-10 190 5 st, 10 gm, 26 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 5 pd rFr. **13** Dexter Taylor (5'10" 185 Jr) PS#144. **Tulsa trans.** 200 (5.1) rush, 7 of 10 pass LY. Moved in spg. Denton Allmon PS#445.

CB 21 Jihad Morris Sr. 6-0 175 PS#233JC. 3 st, 31 tkl, 2 pd here '07. 3 st, 3 gm, 14 tkl LY. **32** Erik Jones (5'9" 175 Jr). 5 tkl rFr. 5 st, 18 tkl LY. **25** Jerrod Babik (5'8" 196 Jr).

SS 15 RYAN BEARD SO. 6-0 175 PS#405. 10 st, 41 tkl rFr. **31** Orlando Misaalefua (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#151. 6 st, 23 tkl 2Y. **28** Tyler Julian (6'2" 210 rFr). **34** Corbin Smith (6'1" 195 rFr).

FS 19 Mark Santoro So. 6-0 195 PS#467. 3 st, 12 gm, 60 tkl (29 in L/3 gm), 3 pd rFr. **14** John Garrett (6'0" 190 So) PS#450. Moved from WR spg. **23** Clint Mitchell (6'0" 190 Jr). 15 tkl 2Y.

P 44 JEREMY MOORE SR. 6-1 190 12 gms, 46 punts (41.7), 33.7 tm net, 13 inside 20 '07. 12 gm, 67 punts (36.9), 32.5 net, 16 inside 20 LY. **83** Casey Tinius (6'0" 175 So) PS#40.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

TE	Ed Hazelett 6-8 265 PS#32
WR	Jamarielle Brown 6-2 175 PS#125
QB	Courtney Dalcourt 6-0 195 PS#86
DL	Tevin Holliman 6-2 230 PS#246
DL	Cole Tischer 6-4 240 PS#249
OL	Sean Conway 6-3 285 PS#264
WR	Will Adams 5-11 185 PS#237
LB	Thomas Majors 6-0 240 PS#443JC
K	Monte Merrick 6-2 180 PS#34
LB	Josh Carter 6-1 235 PS#280
LB	Mike Federspiel 6-3 212 PS#287
DL	Galatian King 6-4 272 PS#364
LB	Chuck Franks 6-2 210 PS#294
RB	Keshawn Simpson 6-0 230 PS#328
DB	Darryl Williams 5-9 165 PS#417
OL	Logan Massengale 6-6 265 PS#411
DB	Denton Allmon 5-9 185 PS#445
OL	Luis Polanco 6-3 250 PS#445
DB	Vince Williams 5-9 165 PS#476
OL	Jebb Lenhart 6-4 285 PS#502
TE	Jim Murphree 6-5 205 PS#145
DL	James Hervey 6-2 265 PS#670
DB	Jamal Forrest 5-8 170 PS#815
DB	Kareem Peterson 6-0 175 PS#816
WR	Willie McNeal 5-11 165 PS#887
WR	Kiante Young 5-11 200 PS#979

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WKU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 5	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 12	USF	A					
Sep. 19	Central Arkansas	A					
Sep. 26	at Navy	A					
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10	FIU	A					
Oct. 17	Louisiana	A					
Oct. 24	at Middle Tennessee	A					
Oct. 31	at North Texas	A					
Nov. 7	Troy (HC)	A					
Nov. 14	at ULM	A					
Nov. 21							
Nov. 28	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Dec. 3	Arkansas St (Thur)	A					

First Meeting. These 2 are 219 miles from each other & WKU has lost 8 straight road openers. WKU has lost all 11 gms vs current SEC tms being outscored by an avg of 37-5.

Prior to 1926 WKU's athletic tms were known as the "Pedagogues" or "Teachers". This marks the first time in program history WKU will host a BCS school.

First meeting. The Hilltoppers are 2-4 vs current Southland Conf teams. The Bears won the Southland Conf Title last yr with a 10-2 record including a 62-34 loss to Tulsa.

First meeting. Both lost to Ball St last year (Navy 35-23; WKU 24-7). WKU was 1-10 away vs FBS opponents in their two seasons of transition.

Western Kentucky is 2-2 vs the Golden Panthers their last win was in '04, 35-14. Last year these 2 met in the season finale as WKU was on an unusual 21 day break.

The Hilltoppers are 0-2 vs the Ragin' Cajuns but the last game was in 1998. LY WKU went 0-3 at home vs SBC tms but the ydg was almost equal (1,102-1,099).

Fifty-ninth meeting between these 2 tms. In '07 WKU got their 1st win S/'79 in Murfreesboro. The win was WKU's 1st win over a FBS foe since announcing the move up in class.

LY WKU held a 40-37 lead but couldn't hold on as NT scored 14 unanswered pts. The 40 pts scored were the most in a loss since 1994's 59-45 setback at UCF.

The Hilltoppers are 0-6-1 all-time vs Troy (first game was a 10-10 tie in 1976). Western Kentucky was outFD'd 24-15 & outgained 429-216 in last year's loss.

WKU is 3-1 vs ULM but last met in 1995(L). The Hilltoppers went 1-3 away vs SBC competition during their transition getting outgained by an avg of 387-273.

Last year was the first time these two teams met, a 24-20 loss. The Hilltoppers trailed only 21-20 into the 4Q but couldn't overcome a 20/4pl TD & a 74/1pl TD.

WKU will be eligible to compete for the SBC Title & a bowl berth beginning TY. First gm S/'52 (1-1-1). WKU is 6-2 in home finales but LY's loss was their only gm vs an FBS tm.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jeff Cesarone 8,566 '84-'87
2. Justin Haddix 7,929 '03-'06
3. Johnny Vance 4,046 '66-'69

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Lerron Moore 4,396 '03-'06
2. Willie Taggart 3,997 '95-'98
3. Antwan Floyd 3,775 '93-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Curtis Hamilton 2,324 '04-'07
2. Jay Davis 2,236 '68-'71
3. Keith Paskett 2,117 '83-'86

DAVID ELSON (Career 9-15) (FCS 30-17)
7th Year at W Kentucky — Elson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Elson's records AT W KENTUCKY (FBS)

9-15	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
5-5	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
4-10	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
0-5	Vs Conference	5-8	Off A Loss

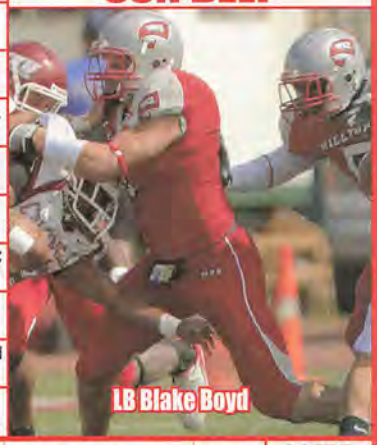
2008 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (17,15,1)
Lost: 22 (9,11,2)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,697 (#110)

SUN BELT


LB Blake Boyd

STADIUM: LT SMITH STADIUM (23,000) (#117)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

Jack Hatteaugh 1969 — David Elson

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-2	8-4	12-3	9-4	9-3	6-5	6-5	7-5	2-10	70-41
Home	7-1	5-1	6-1	6-1	5-0	3-2	4-2	4-1	1-4	41-13
Away	4-1	3-3	5-2	3-3	4-3	3-3	2-3	3-4	1-6	28-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	7-0	5-2	6-1	5-2	6-1	4-3	4-3	0-0	0-5	37-17
vs Non-Conf	4-2	3-2	6-2	4-2	3-2	2-2	2-2	7-5	2-5	33-24
ATS	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3-7	3-7
Home Favorite	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-1	0-1
Home Dog	–							–	0-3	0-3
Away Favorite	–							–	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	–							–	3-3	3-3
Neutral	–							–	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–							–	1-4	1-4
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2-3	2-3
Off SU Win	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-2	0-2
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2-5	2-5

WKU was a transitioning FBS team in 2007 & 2008. They were FCS members in the Gateway Conf from 2001-2006 & the Ohio Valley Conf from 1999-2000.

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WKU All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

OFFENSE – LAST 7 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7*	17.5	286	144	4.0	142	51.9	16.3	25	-1	2008	6	27.2	375	162	4.4	213	63.0	13.8	21
6	33.2	409	247	5.1	162	62.8	12.3	16	+2	2007	7	20.8	320	135	3.7	185	57.1	15.3	24
8	23.5	364	160	4.2	204	61.4	15.6	14	-4	2006	4	23.9	323	170	4.7	153	52.7	13.5	19
–	30.8	406	229	5.1	177	57.0	13.2	–	+3	2005	–	26.5	344	113	3.1	231	66.4	13.0	–
–	29.2	396	226	5.0	170	59.0	13.6	–	+8	2004	–	18.9	342	130	3.4	212	58.1	18.1	–
–	32.8	395	243	5.2	152	52.0	12.0	–	+10	2003	–	16.8	284	132	3.1	152	54.3	16.8	–
–	28.8	365	253	4.6	112	60.1	12.7	–	+17	2002	–	16.4	279	119	3.2	160	50.0	17.0	–

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Hayden	92	426	38	388	3	4.2
David Wolke	93	423	122	301	3	3.2
Marell Booker	67	305	20	285	3	4.3
Bobby Rainey	42	275	16	259	1	6.2
Dexter Taylor	39	225	25	200	0	5.1
Stephen Willis	15	106	9	97	1	6.5
KJ Black	33	126	58	68	0	2.1
Derrius Brooks	5	45	0	45	1	9.0
Brandon Smith	18	81	50	31	1	1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
David Wolke	232	117	50.4	1278	8	10
KJ Black	48	27	56.2	277	1	0
Dexter Taylor	10	7	70.0	53	0	1
Brandon Smith	25	12	48.0	47	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jake Gaebler	54	588	10.9	4	62
Wenquel Graves	25	257	10.3	0	58
Quinterrance Cooper	20	235	11.8	2	54
Jessie Quinn	17	158	9.3	0	15
Derrius Brooks	13	140	10.8	0	38
Stephen Willis	7	82	11.7	0	44

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Moore	67	2472	36.9	16	32.5	0	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tanner Siewert	14-17	5-6	2-2	3-6	1-2	11-16	50

PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Travis Watters	73	0.5	1.5	3	1
Blake Boyd	67	3.5	6	7	1
Alonzo Higgins	67	1.5	2.5	2	0
Mark Santoro	60	0.5	0	1	2
Marcus Minor	55	0	2	2	1
Darvis McBride	50	0	2.5	4	1
LJ Harbison	49	1	3	0	0
Taurean Smith	49	0.5	0	1	0
Ben Sowders	47	2.5	4.5	1	0
Ryan Beard	41	1	0	3	3
Kyle Anderson	38	2.5	3.5	1	0
Dan Cline	33	1	7	4	0
Robert Dark	32	1.5	4	0	0
Trent Calhoun	26	1	3.5	4	1
Jon Belcher	22	0	1.5	0	0
Chris Bullard	20	0	0	0	0
Jared Clendenin	18	1.5	2	0	0
Erik Jones	18	0	0	2	0
Jihad Morris	14	0	1	0	0
Ben Duvall	13	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jake Gaebler	8	59	7.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bobby Rainey	19	581	30.6	0
Stephen Willis	13	304	23.4	0

2008 STATS BY GAME

WKU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
30,067	at Indiana	14	31-63	2.0	19-31	219	3	21	41-297	7.2	18-30	153	2	0
18,500	at E Kentucky	27	60-248	4.1	14-25	134	0	14	15-20	1.3	24-40	228	2	+1
92,138	at Alabama	9	22-42	1.9	14-26	116	1	30	49-281	5.7	21-33	276	0	0
22,297	Murray St	17	38-116	3.1	17-27	245	0	15	20-11	0.6	26-42	228	2	+3
70,731	at Kentucky	8	37-142	3.8	6-14	15	4	23	38-216	5.7	21-32	182	0	0
66,233	at Virginia Tech	8	32-148	4.6	8-20	95	3	19	51-151	3.0	13-18	142	5	0
16,319	Ball St	19	34-183	5.4	19-31	169	1	21	40-200	5.0	14-22	155	2	-2
14,171	Florida Atlantic	16	41-240	5.9	9-17	77	1	22	44-225	5.1	15-23	174	1	0
18,879	North Texas	21	42-314	7.5	13-27	190	1	21	29-173	6.0	23-37	214	2	-2
19,066	at Troy	15	35-121	3.5	15-33	95	4	24	33-131	4.0	30-46	298	1	+1
11,817	Middle Tenn	17	33-68	2.1	18-30	213	5	18	41-101	2.5	19-30	212	2	0
9,405	at FIU	11	23-42	1.8	13-37	138	2	23	47-143	3.0	20-34	292	2	-2
TOTALS		182	428-1727	4.0	165-318	1706	25	251	448-1949	4.4	244-387	2554	21	-1
AVERAGES		15.2	36-144	4.0	14-27	142	7.9%	20.9	37-162	4.4	20-32	213	5.4%	-0.1

2004 RESULTS

WK	Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
1	–	at Kansas St - #12	–	13-27
2	–	Concord	–	58-0
3	–	at Eastern Kentucky	–	21-8
4	–	Youngstown St	–	44-19
5	–	at Northern Iowa	–	17-10
6	–	at Southern Illinois	–	10-38
7	–	Indiana St	–	31-9
8	–	Illinois St	–	24-21
9	–	at Missouri St	–	28-24
10	–	Western Illinois	–	45-3
11	–	at FIU	–	35-14
12	–	at Sam Houston St	–	24-54

2005 RESULTS

WK	Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
1	–	West Virginia Tech	–	63-3
2	–	Eastern Kentucky	–	23-21
3	–	at Auburn	–	14-37
4	–	at Indiana St	–	38-28
5	–	at Illinois St	–	37-34 OT
6	–	Missouri St	–	37-28
7	–	at Western Illinois	–	42-7
8	–	Southern Illinois	–	20-31
9	–	Northern Iowa	–	20-23 2OT
10	–	at Youngstown St	–	10-42
11	–	at FIU	–	35-38

2006 RESULTS

WK	Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
1	–	at Georgia - #15	–	12-48
2	–	at Eastern Kentucky	–	21-26
3	–	Chattanooga	–	28-21
4	–	Western Illinois	–	38-35
5	–	Illinois St	–	27-28
6	–	at Missouri St	–	17-14
7	–	at Southern Illinois	–	27-24
8	–	Indiana St	–	41-3
9	–	at Northern Iowa	–	20-31
10	–	Youngstown St	–	3-19
11	–	Austin Peay	–	24-14

2007 RESULTS

WK	Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
1	–	at Florida - #6	–	3-49
2	–	West Virginia Tech	–	87-0
3	–	Eastern Kentucky	–	26-6
4	–	at Middle Tennessee	–	20-17
5	–	at Bowling Green	–	21-41
6	–	at Ball St	–	12-35
7	–	at Indiana St	–	56-7
8	–	N Carolina Central	–	50-14
9	–	at Chattanooga	–	28-21
10	–	Troy	–	17-21
11	–	Morehead St	–	52-12
12	–	at North Texas	–	26-27

2008 RESULTS

WKU	Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
1	–	at Indiana	+20	13-31
2	–	at E Kentucky	NL	37-13
3	–	at Alabama - #11	+28	7-41
4	–	Murray St	NL	50-9
5	–	at Kentucky	+21	3-41
6	–	at Virginia Tech - #20	+28	13-27
7	–	Ball St - #25	+16'	7-24
8	–	Florida Atlantic	+2'	20-24
9	–	North Texas	-17	40-51
10	–	at Troy	+17	7-17
11	–	Middle Tennessee	+2'	10-21
12	–	at FIU	+7'	3-27

WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is an individual player's "PS#". You will see them on almost every page and I find them vital in my analysis of a team. If you have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS# stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and are asking the question listed at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS# is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football as I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS#'s based on the many different recruiting services across the country. I not only like to use all of the biggest and best, but I also use regional reports. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When we receive a recruiting magazine, we translate each player's ranking into a point system from 1-100. Jessica, Loree and Gena then log each and every player into the computer and give them a point total from each source. This is a very time-consuming process. This year's 2009 Freshmen List has 21,842 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost everyone. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all of this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally, the QB with the most total points then becomes PS#1QB for that year. If a player is PS#99QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school that year.

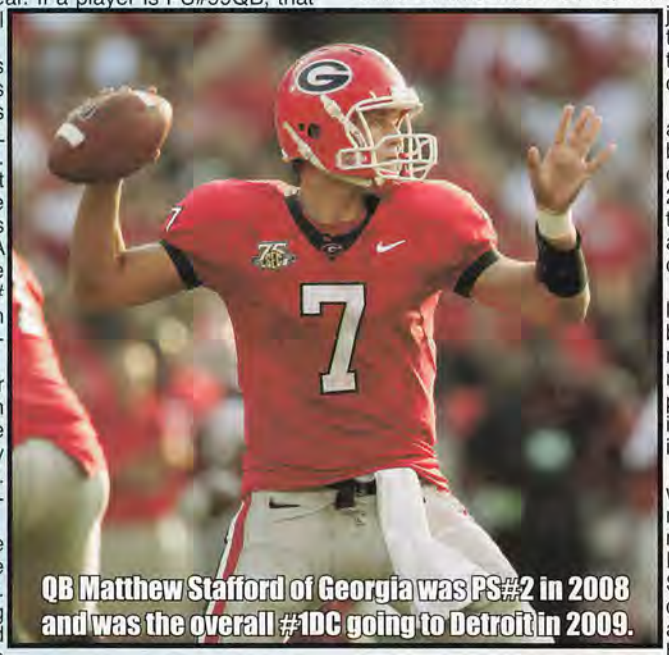
Some positions simply do not have as many players as others. For example, this year's PS#100TE totaled just 228.0 points in my system, while this year's PS#100OL has 492.4 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally, there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 228.0 points on the offensive line is rated PS#384OL this year. The PS# is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to a Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as juniors. They are older, seasoned players, and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they are ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low-round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all-stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact much quicker.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS# who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walk-on at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lb freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac-10. He increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs, while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times with 4.36 speed, going as the 1st DB in the 1st round of 2001's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured, but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make all conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. For example, 2000 MVP Kurt Warner was not drafted and played in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League. Other notable UFA's are QB Tony Romo (Dallas), RB Earnest Graham (Tampa Bay), RB Ryan Grant (Green Bay) and TE Antonio Gates (SD). Also, just like the NFL, there are MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school, becoming stars and making an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples and 2 of the best have been the last 2 seasons: Last year Jonathan Stewart was a PS#1. He came out early as the #1DC (13th pick) of Carolina and finished the 2008 NFL season with 836 yards (4.5) and 10 TD's. In 2007 Adrian Peterson was a PS#1RB. After an amazing season of 1,341 yards (5.6) he topped it last year with 1,760 yards (4.8) with 10 TD's. In 2006, Vince Young (PS#2QB) stepped in and led Tennessee to a 6-1 finish; LaVar Arrington was PS#1LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft; Peyton Manning was PS#2QB in 1994 and started as a true frosh; TE Tony Gonzalez was PS#1TE; Orlando Pace was PS#1OL and started as a true frosh and, like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995, the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS#1WR. In 1996, Tim Couch was PS#1QB. Ron Dayne was PS#3RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS#3JC and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1998, John Henderson was PS#1OL and Marquis Walker was PS#1WR while Julius Peppers was PS#6DL and Carson Palmer was PS#6QB. In 1999, Chris Simms was PS#1QB and Andre Johnson PS#2WR. These are just some examples but as you can see, the stronger the PS#, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.



QB Matthew Stafford of Georgia was PS#2 in 2008 and was the overall #1DC going to Detroit in 2009.

Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a 1st or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly and the higher-rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS#.

On each individual team page we list the Top Newcomers which includes both freshmen and JUCO's. These are ranked by each player's combined frosh rating (not by PS#'s) so therefore the top player listed earned the highest ranking in the comb frosh rating (which does take into account total points).

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in this magazine. Now you know just what a PS# is. Naturally, the PS stands for Phil Steele, or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a Highly Touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the Top 100 at his position out of high school. With 50 states that comes out to be about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is a player rated among the Top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT guidelines in the past couple of years. At K, the ratings drop to Top 10 for VHT and Top 35 for HT. At TE it is Top 15 for VHT and Top 75 for HT. QB is Top 30 for VHT and Top 100 for HT. WR and RB have two spots on most teams, therefore, the HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #50. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's so that number moves to #200 for HT classification and #60 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players on the field. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions, while a VHT is among the Top 60 out of HS at their position. The offensive line, which has 5 spots, is up to #250 as an HT and up to #100 for a VHT. Many recruiting publications do not distinguish between OL and DL for their lineman. As a general rule, we put them into the OL category so that position has, by far, the largest amount of players.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. Sometimes on the offensive line I will mention that a player was a top-notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality lineman. I also list when a player is from Canada. I do this because not all of the recruiting services cover Canada so those players are generally rated lower in the PS#'s than they should be. Many times the top player out of Canada is an NFL prospect but only has a PS# around 150 or 200. Therefore, they are often more talented than their PS# would give them credit for.

On page 295 are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 2004-2009 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 6 years. Go to www.PhilSteele.com to order your copy today.

RECRUITING SOURCES

I do not scout the high schools personally, but I rely on some great sources to complete my top frosh lists. I subscribe to each of these sources. The colleges themselves use these services' information. Should you want to get the latest on college recruits, I recommend the following sources:

PARADE • 212-450-7000
711 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
www.parade.com

TOM LEMMING
PO Box 59113 • Schaumburg, IL 60159

G&W RECRUITING ADVISOR
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PREPSTAR • 818-225-7300
22900 Ventura Blvd #100
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
www.prepstar.com

JC Gridwire/JC Football
www.jcfootball.com

Scout Publishing, LLC.
www.scout.com

Rivals.com
PO Box 1604
Brentwood, TN 37024
www.rivals.com

ESPN
ESPN Plaza
Bristol, CT 06010
www.espn.com

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 TOP 500 FRESHMEN

QUARTERBACKS

1. Russell Shepard LSU
2. Garrett Gilbert Texas
3. Tyrik Rollison Auburn
4. Eugene Smith West Virginia
5. Matt Barkley USC
6. Aaron Murray Georgia
7. Tyler Russell Miss St
8. Tajh Boyd Clemson
9. AJ McCarron Alabama
10. Kevin Newsome Penn St
11. Donavan Tate N Carolina
12. Tom Savage Rutgers
13. Morgan Newton Kentucky
14. Richard Brehaut UCLA
15. Allan Bridgford California
16. Tate Forcier Michigan
17. Josh Nunes Stanford
18. Moses Alipate Minnesota
19. Nathan Scheelhaase Illinois
20. Bryn Renner N Carolina
21. Cody Green Nebraska
22. Ryan Mossakowski Kentucky
23. Shavodrick Beaver Tulsa
24. Zach Mettenberger Georgia
25. Jordan Reed Florida
26. Taysom Hill Stanford
27. Casey Pachall TCU
28. Jordan Luallen Georgia Tech
29. Chris Garrett LSU
30. Blaine Dalton Missouri
31. Jamie Collins Southern Miss
32. Andrew Maxwell Michigan St
33. Jacob Karam Texas Tech
34. Evan Watkins Northwestern
35. Denard Robinson Michigan
36. Clark Evans Colorado
37. Raymond Cotton Mississippi
38. Charlie Goro Vanderbilt
39. Jon Budmayr Wisconsin
40. Jordan Webb Kansas
41. Quintin Hunter Virginia
42. David Sims Georgia Tech
43. Clint Moseley Auburn
44. Joe Southwick Boise St
45. CJ Brown Maryland
46. Drew Allen Oklahoma
47. Darren Jones New Mexico
48. Antone Exum Virginia Tech
49. Clayton Moore Mississippi

RUNNING BACKS

1. Bryce Brown Tennessee
2. Trent Richardson Alabama
3. Washaun Ealey Georgia
4. Cierre Wood Notre Dame
5. Brandon Wegher Iowa
6. Christine Michael Texas A&M
7. Jaamal Berry Ohio St
8. David Wilson Virginia Tech
9. David Oku Tennessee
10. Edwin Baker Michigan St
11. Michael Ford LSU
12. Ronnie Wingo Arkansas
13. Tyler Gaffney Stanford
14. Chris Whaley Texas
15. Lamar Miller Miami, Fl
16. Kendrick Hardy Southern Miss
17. Tavon Austin West Virginia
18. Lonnie Pryor Florida St
19. Desmond Scott Duke
20. Dexter Pratt Oklahoma St
21. Larry Caper Michigan St
22. Jeremy Smith Oklahoma St
23. Jarvis Giles S Carolina
24. Theo Riddick Notre Dame
25. Jeremy Gallon Michigan
26. Knile Davis Arkansas
27. Eddie Lacy Alabama
28. Fitzgerald Toussaint Michigan
29. Chris Thompson Florida St
30. Roderick McDowell Clemson
31. Montrell Conner Miss St
32. Usua Amanam Stanford
33. Ray Graham Pittsburgh
34. Rolandan Finch Boston Coll
35. Dominique Wallace Virginia
36. Stepfan Taylor Stanford
37. De'Antwan Williams Rutgers
38. Hasan Lipscomb Minnesota
39. Rodney Scott Mississippi
40. Curtis Dukes Penn St
41. Al-Teryk McBurse Purdue
42. Rex Burkhead Nebraska
43. Michael Campanaro Wake Forest
44. Toney Williams Tennessee
45. Jordan Hall Ohio St
46. Mike Gillislee Florida
47. Bud Golden Illinois
48. Carlos Hyde Ohio St
49. Teric Jones Michigan
50. Damien Thigpen UCLA
51. Caleb Porzel Maryland
52. Dasarte Yarnway California
53. Adam Homan Ohio St
54. Dontae Aycock Auburn
55. Dominique Allen LSU
56. Vincent Smith Michigan
57. Kendial Lawrence Missouri
58. Mike James Miami, Fl
59. Jonathan Miller Oklahoma
60. Eric Stephens Texas Tech
61. Daniel Jenkins Arizona
62. Gabriel Hunter Mississippi
63. Dalton Hilliard UCLA
64. Montee Ball Wisconsin
65. Ben Axon S Carolina
66. Bradley Battles USF
67. Adaris Bellamy USF
68. Kylan Butler Arizona
69. Onterio McCalebb Auburn
70. Jamal Miles Arizona St
71. Tim Simon Mississippi
72. Larry Raper Unsigned
73. DJ Adams Maryland
74. Tyler Shatley Clemson
75. Turell Williams Arkansas
76. Toben Opurum Kansas

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Rueben Randle LSU
2. Andre Debose Florida
3. Marlon Brown Georgia
4. Terry Hawthorne Illinois
5. Pat Patterson Mississippi
6. Adam Hall Arizona
7. Randall Carroll UCLA
8. Jheranie Boyd N Carolina
9. Shaquelle Evans Notre Dame
10. Alshon Jeffery S Carolina
11. Je'Ron Stokes Michigan
12. Kraig Appleton Wisconsin
13. Bryce McNeal Clemson
14. Keenan Davis Iowa
15. Willie Downs Florida St
16. Logan Heastie West Virginia
17. Gregory Timmons Texas
18. Nu'Keese Richardson Tennessee
19. Kendall Kelly Alabama
20. Justin Brown Penn St
21. Chad Bumphis Miss St
22. Rolando Jefferson Unsigned
23. Todd Thomas Pittsburgh
24. Chris Fields Ohio St
25. Jamal-Rashad Patterson Stanford
26. Joshua Adams N Carolina
27. De'Von Flournoy USC
28. Jemari Roberts Stanford
29. Michael Bowman Alabama
30. James Jackson Ohio St
31. AJ Dugat Houston
32. Kenny Bell Alabama
33. Duron Carter Ohio St
34. Diante Jackson Oregon
35. Emory Blake Auburn
36. Willie Haulstead Florida St
37. Deon Long West Virginia
38. DJ Coles Virginia Tech
39. Shawney Kersey Penn St
40. Rantavious Wooten Georgia
41. James Green Tennessee
42. Kevin Norwood Alabama
43. Uzoma Nwachukwu Texas A&M
44. Ricco Sanders Miss St
45. Lamar Scruggs S Carolina
46. Cameron Gordon Michigan
47. Rodney Smith Florida St
48. Derrick Thomas Penn St
49. Jaleel Clark Missouri
50. Aaron Hayward Rutgers
51. Eric Ward Texas Tech
52. Bradley McDougald Kansas
53. Chris Smith Miss St
54. Brandal Jackson Texas A&M
55. Jordan Cotton Iowa
56. CJ Crawford Marshall
57. Ray-Ray Davis N Carolina
58. James Johnson Washington
59. Ryan Swope Texas A&M
60. Aaron Fisher Texas Tech

TIGHT ENDS

1. Sheldon Richardson Missouri
2. Orson Charles Georgia
3. Logan Thomas Virginia Tech
3. Morrell Presley UCLA
4. Arthur Lynch Georgia
5. Levine Toilolo Stanford
6. Ra'Shede Hageman Minnesota
7. Barrett Matthews Texas
8. Dion Sims Michigan St
9. Zach Ertz Stanford
10. Philip Lutzenkirchen Auburn
11. Richard Wilson BYU
12. Brock DeCicco Pittsburgh
13. Reid Fragel Ohio St
14. Gabe Ikard Oklahoma
15. Chris Snook West Virginia
16. Jordan Najvar Stanford
17. Christopher Coyle Arizona St
18. Paul Carrezola Rutgers
19. Terrell Mitchell Kentucky
20. Malcolm Bush Rutgers
21. Jake Golic Notre Dame

OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Xavier Nixon Florida
2. DJ Fluker Alabama
3. Mason Walters Texas
4. Morgan Moses Virginia
5. Marcus Hall Ohio St
6. Chris Watt Notre Dame
7. Chris Faulk LSU
8. Xavier Su'a-Filo UCLA
9. Kevin Graf USC
10. Eric Shrive Penn St
11. Nick Alajajian Florida
12. John Martinez USC
13. Michael Philipp Oregon St
14. David Barrent Michigan St
15. JK Jay Clemson
16. Brennan Williams N Carolina
17. Austin Long Georgia
18. Garrett Porter Texas
19. Pete White Maryland
20. Stavion Lowe LSU
21. Thomas Ashcraft Texas
22. Brandon Webb Oklahoma St
23. Corey Linsley Ohio St
24. Stanley Hasiak UCLA
25. Patrick Ward Northwestern
26. Taylor Lewan Michigan
27. Paden Kelley Texas
28. Alex Bullard Notre Dame
29. Jack Mewhort Ohio St
30. Quinton Washington Michigan
31. Daniel Campbell Unsigned
32. Zach Martin Notre Dame
33. Chris Burnette Georgia
34. Johnnie Farms N Carolina
35. Mark Brazinski California
36. Michael Schofield Michigan
37. Bobbie Massie Mississippi
38. Colby Berna Arkansas
39. Brandon Washington Miami, Fl
40. Kyle Clark Texas Tech
41. Mark Arcidiacono Penn St
42. Joel Gray Texas Tech
43. Leon Hill Illinois
44. Jared Wheeler Miami, Fl
45. Charles Siddoway California
46. Dallas Lee Georgia
47. Sam Longo Ohio St
48. Jeremiah Sirles Nebraska
49. Aubrey Phillips Florida St
50. Rhontae Scales Texas A&M
51. Ivory Wade Baylor
52. Brandon Thomas Clemson
53. Ryan Groy Wisconsin
54. Carneal Ainsworth LSU
55. Jack Harris Colorado
56. Patrick Lewis Texas A&M
57. Khalil Wilkes Stanford
58. Ty Howle Penn St
59. Kyle Koehne Florida
60. Cole Bowers West Virginia
61. Andrew Carter Illinois
62. Everett Benyard Oregon
63. Travis Bond N Carolina
64. Pete DeSouza Maryland
65. Jonotthan Harrison Florida
66. Chance Warmack Alabama
67. Stephen Barrera Texas A&M
68. Adam Gress Penn St
69. Jonathan Lechner Ohio
70. Chris Freeman Missouri

DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Jacobbi McDaniel Florida St
2. William Campbell Michigan
3. Donte Moss N Carolina
4. Alex Okafor Texas
5. Malliciah Goodman Clemson
6. Nick Kasa Colorado
7. Ryne Giddins USF
8. James Boyd USC
9. Jamarkus McFarland Oklahoma
10. Devon Kennard USC
11. Chris Davenport LSU
12. Gary Brown Florida
13. Corey Adams Arizona St
14. Sam Montgomery LSU
15. Melvin Fellows Ohio St
16. Craig Roh Michigan
17. Tyler Stockton Notre Dame
18. Anthony LaLota Michigan
19. Justin Chaisson Oklahoma
20. John Simon Ohio St
21. Tana Patrick Alabama
22. Craig Drummond Mississippi
23. Jarvis Jones USC
24. Deandre Coleman California
25. Abry Jones Georgia
26. Calvin Howell Texas
27. Fletcher Cox Miss St
28. Chris Bonds Alabama
29. Demonte McAllister Florida St
30. Toby Jackson Unsigned
31. Dyron Dye Miami, Fl
32. Mike Brockers LSU
33. Jordan Kohout Wisconsin
34. Olivier Vernon Miami, Fl
35. Dillon Quinn Boston Coll
36. Jared McAdoo N Carolina
37. William Ming Alabama
38. Josh Boyd Miss St
39. Lendell Buckner Illinois
40. De'Onté Arnett Maryland
41. Brandon Jenkins Florida St
42. Shelby Harris Wisconsin
43. Eric Fields Unsigned
44. Darrington Sentimore Alabama
45. Sean Stanley Penn St
46. Isaac Holmes Rutgers
47. Keenan Graham UCLA
48. Terrence Stephens Stanford
49. JC Lanier Georgia Tech
50. Pat Muldoon Wisconsin
51. Jack Lippert Pittsburgh
52. Leon Mackey S Carolina
53. Derek Johnson Texas
54. Antwan Lowery Rutgers
55. Josh Downs LSU
56. Raynard Randolph NC State
57. Blake Treadwell Michigan St
58. Luther Robinson Miami, Fl
59. Antonio Harper Troy
60. Jamar Travis Auburn
61. Dominik Davenport West Virginia
62. Kwame Geathers Georgia
63. Ed Stinson Alabama
64. John Drew Duke
65. Brandon Moore Alabama
66. DeQuinta Jones Arkansas
67. Andre Civil Rutgers
68. Tyrone Ezell Pittsburgh
69. Jonathan Newsome Ohio St
70. Montez Robinson Georgia
71. Jake Snyder Virginia
72. Eric Smiley Mississippi
73. Duane Chisolm S Carolina
74. Arthur Jeffery Tennessee
75. Taylor Hart Oregon
76. Quinton Dial Alabama
77. Latu Heimuli Utah
78. Izaan Cross Georgia Tech
79. Jackson Powell Arizona
80. Pearlie Graves Texas Tech
81. Nathan Mayfield Unsigned
82. Kendall Gregory-McGhee Minnesota
83. Cornelius Carradine Unsigned
84. Terrance Coleman Auburn
85. David Wang Virginia Tech
86. Brayden Burnett Missouri
87. David Gilbert Wisconsin
88. Edward Nuckols Colorado
89. Adam Bellamy Ohio St

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PHIL STEELE'S 2009 TOP 500 FRESHMEN

LINEBACKERS

1. Manti Te'o Notre Dame
2. Jelani Jenkins Florida
3. Vontaze Burfict Arizona St
4. Dorian Bell Ohio St
5. Nico Johnson Alabama
6. Ronnell Lewis Oklahoma
7. Storm Klein Ohio St
8. Marquis Simmons USC
9. Jordan Whiting Ohio St
10. Tom Wort Oklahoma
11. Shayne Skov Stanford
12. Tariq Allen Texas
13. Barkevious Mingo LSU
14. Jonathan Bostic Florida
15. Gerald Hodges Penn St
16. Chris Norman Michigan St
17. Zeke Motta Notre Dame
18. Frankie Telfort USC
19. Jerod Askew Tennessee
20. CJ Mizell Florida St
21. Chris Williams Nebraska
22. Dexter Moody Unsigned
23. Glenn Carson Penn St
24. Todd Golper UCLA
25. Jonathan Davis UCF
26. Dan Mason Pittsburgh
27. Carlo Calabrese Notre Dame
28. Michael Doctor Oregon St
29. Kevin Minter LSU
30. Hawatha Bell N Carolina
31. Justin Dixon N Carolina
32. Austin Moss Arkansas
33. Petey Smith Alabama
34. Willie Ferrell Mississippi
35. Dan Fox Notre Dame
36. Trevor Erno Arizona
37. Michael Gilliard Georgia
38. Kyle Van Noy BYU
39. Boseko Lokombo Oregon
40. Jaydan Bird Oklahoma
41. Steven Fanua California
42. Tanner Brock TCU
43. Lamin Barrow LSU
44. Chase Vasser Georgia
45. Travis Brown Fresno St
46. Zach Boren Ohio St
47. Andre Lawrence Boston Coll
48. Darin Drakeford Maryland
49. Brandon Mahoney Texas Tech
50. Corico Hawkins Clemson
51. Nigel Mitchell-Thornton Tennessee
52. Michael Clay Oregon
53. Darius Moffett E Michigan
54. Matt Coffee S Carolina
55. Jordan Barnes Oklahoma St
56. Tariq Edwards Virginia Tech
57. LT Filiaga Utah

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1. Craig Loston LSU
2. Dre Kirkpatrick Alabama
3. Patrick Hall USC
4. Darius Winston Arkansas
5. Branden Smith Georgia
6. Stephon Gilmore S Carolina
7. Darius Barksdale Mississippi
8. Justin Green Illinois
9. Greg Reid Florida St
10. Gabe Lynn Oklahoma
12. TJ McDonald USC
13. JT Turner Michigan
14. Jamie Wood Ohio St
15. Corey Brown Ohio St
16. Darren Myles Tennessee
17. Marsalis Teague Tennessee
18. Kevin Brent Oklahoma
19. Cliff Harris Oregon
20. Dee Finley Florida
21. DeVonte Holloman S Carolina
22. DaMario Jeffery S Carolina
23. Ray Ray Armstrong Miami, Fl
24. Byron Moore USC
25. CJ Barnett Ohio St
26. Marcus Davis Texas
27. Janzen Jackson Tennessee
28. Brandon McGee Miami, Fl
29. Darrell Givens Penn St
30. Rod Woodson Alabama
31. Marlon Pollard UCLA
32. Travis Hawkins Maryland
33. Drayton Calhoun LSU
34. Jajuan Harley Florida St
35. Chris Metcalf Unsigned
36. DJ Hunter Unsigned
37. Steve Williams California
38. Daytawion Lowe Oklahoma St
39. Eric Gordon Tennessee
40. Jawanza Starling USC
41. Michael Carter Minnesota
42. Terry Shankle N Carolina
43. Dennis Thames Miss St
44. Kenny Vaccaro Texas
45. Jordan Love Georgia
46. Eryon Barnett Texas
47. Dominic Clarke Ohio St
48. Isaiah Bell Michigan
49. TJ Moe Missouri
50. Prince Kent Miami, Fl
51. Perry Jones Virginia
52. EJ Banks Notre Dame
53. Nyshier Oliver Tennessee
54. Josh Evans Florida
55. Torin Harris USC
56. Jamal Reid Miami, Fl
57. Craig Bills BYU
58. Jayron Hosley Virginia Tech
59. Jim Noel Boston Coll
60. Javon Harris Oklahoma
61. Sheldon Price UCLA
62. Ricardo Dixon USF
63. Gerald Demps Florida St
64. Chris Payne S Carolina
65. Duron Harmon Rutgers
66. Parker Orms Colorado
67. Bernard Bolden Unsigned
68. Jurell Thompson TCU
69. Matthew Tucker Arizona St
70. David Gordon Arkansas
71. Mike Edwards Tennessee
72. Justin Bright Florida St
73. Xavier Rhodes Florida St
74. Bryant Allen Minnesota
75. David Conner UAB
76. Stephon Morris Penn St
77. Josh Hunter N Carolina

KICKERS/PUNTERS

1. Dustin Hopkins Florida St
2. Jeff Budzien Northwestern
3. Anthony Fera Penn St

Top 75 Incoming JUCO's

1. Hayo Carpenter Minnesota
2. James Aiono Utah
3. Jason Pierre-Paul USF
4. Anthony Morgan Oklahoma St
5. Hebron Fangupo USC
6. Pernell McPhee Miss St
7. Bryson Littlejohn Oregon
8. Lamon Muldrow San Jose St
9. Terrance Cain Utah
10. Coryell Judie Texas A&M
11. Joshua Tatum Missouri
12. Jarred Price California
13. Akiem Hicks LSU
14. Jacquain Williams USF
15. Roy Watts Houston
16. Justin Jordan Southern Miss
17. Cameron Kenney Oklahoma
18. Demond Washington Auburn
19. Chris Matthews Kentucky
20. Jamar Hornsby Mississippi
21. Chris White Miss St
22. Nick Fairley Auburn
23. Heath Hutchins Miss St
24. Danny Watkins Baylor
25. Jonathan Hollins Arizona
26. Jarrell Harrison Missouri
27. Sean Brauchle Miss St
28. Joe Evinger Louisville
29. Malcolm Williams TCU
30. Tevita Finau West Virginia
31. Eugene Kinlaw Troy
32. Dejon Gomes Nebraska
33. Ryan Davis California
34. Jasper Simmons Missouri
35. Braden Warner Unsigned
36. Jacob Harfman USC
37. Maurice Langston Miss St
38. Quintin Woods Kansas
39. Myles Wade Texas Tech
40. Calvin Rubles Kansas
41. Edgard Theliar FIU
42. Travis Cobb Arizona
43. Daryl Robinson Unsigned
44. Alex Green Hawaii
45. Horace Hubbard Oklahoma St
46. Marquis Franklin Baylor
47. Brandon Kinnie Nebraska
48. Travis Stephens Kansas
49. Jerome Meadows California
50. Ryan Clark SMU
51. Aaron Gress Illinois
52. Tyrece Gaines Oregon
53. Nathan Mageo NC State
54. Edwin Herbert Florida
55. Jeff Vinson Oklahoma
56. James Carpenter Alabama
57. Joshua Bellamy Iowa St
58. Rudell Crim Arkansas
59. Jacky Candy Houston
60. DeQuin Evans Kentucky
61. Eltoro Freeman Auburn
62. Logan Clair Mississippi
63. Zac Clark Oregon
64. Jamar Howard Cincinnati
65. Shawn Johnson Unsigned
66. Leon Berry Miss St
67. Anthony Leon Arkansas
68. Leslie Stirrups USF
69. Rokevious Watkins S Carolina
70. Tony Straughter S Carolina
71. Taikwon Paige Auburn
72. Mark Crawford Kentucky
73. Josh Dickerson S Carolina
74. Darius Reynolds Iowa St
75. David Batts Washington

FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS LAST 5 YEARS

Here are the Top 25 classes of signees for the past 5 years (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
1. Notre Dame	1. USC	1. USC	1. USC	1. USC
2. Ohio St	2. Florida	2. Notre Dame	2. Tennessee	2. Oklahoma
3. Alabama	3. LSU	3. Texas	3. Florida St	3. Miami, Fl
4. USC	4. Texas	4. Michigan	4. Oklahoma	4. LSU
5. Florida	5. Notre Dame	5. Florida	5. Michigan	5. Texas
6. Oklahoma	6. Tennessee	6. Penn St	6. Iowa	6. Michigan
7. Miami, Fl	7. Ohio St	7. Georgia	7. Texas	7. Florida
8. Georgia	8. North Carolina	8. Ohio St	8. Miami, Fl	8. Florida St
9. Michigan	9. Michigan	9. Florida St	9. Ohio St	9. Ohio St
10. Texas	10. Georgia	10. Oklahoma	10. LSU	10. Penn St
11. Colorado	11. Auburn	11. LSU	11. Georgia	11. Georgia
12. UCLA	12. Penn St	12. Auburn	12. Nebraska	12. Tennessee
13. LSU	13. Georgia Tech	13. Clemson	13. Florida	13. Oregon
14. Florida St	14. Alabama	14. Pittsburgh	14. Texas A&M	14. Texas A&M
15. Clemson	15. Iowa	15. Miami, Fl	15. Virginia Tech	15. California
16. Arizona St	16. Miami, Fl	16. Alabama	16. Penn St	16. Michigan St
17. Pittsburgh	17. Oklahoma	17. Mississippi	17. Virginia	17. Notre Dame
18. Washington	18. Illinois	18. Texas A&M	18. Auburn	18. Maryland
19. Penn St	19. South Carolina	19. UCLA	19. California	19. Missouri
20. Illinois	20. Clemson	20. Arizona	20. Purdue	20. Alabama
21. Arizona	21. UCLA	21. Nebraska	21. Arizona	21. Washington
22. Texas A&M	22. Oregon	22. Oklahoma St	22. Maryland	22. Nebraska
23. N Carolina	23. Texas A&M	23. California	23. Wisconsin	23. Oklahoma St
24. Arkansas	24. California	24. Tennessee	24. South Carolina	24. Virginia
25. NC State	25. Florida St	25. Arkansas	25. Stanford	25. South Carolina

2009 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2009 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings:

1. Alabama
2. LSU
3. USC
4. Ohio St
5. Georgia
6. Florida
7. Notre Dame
8. Texas
9. Michigan
10. Tennessee
11. Florida St
12. North Carolina
13. UCLA
14. Penn St
15. Oklahoma
16. Stanford
17. Miami, Fl
18. Clemson
19. South Carolina
20. Michigan St
21. Illinois
22. Mississippi
23. Rutgers
24. West Virginia
25. Virginia Tech
26. Wisconsin
27. Maryland
28. Virginia
29. Pittsburgh
30. California
31. Minnesota
32. Arizona St
33. Arkansas
34. Georgia Tech
35. Nebraska
36. Texas A&M
37. Mississippi St
38. Texas Tech
39. Missouri
40. Auburn
41. Northwestern
42. Iowa
43. Oklahoma St
44. Colorado
45. Duke
46. Oregon St
47. Oregon
48. TCU
49. Kentucky
50. NC State
51. Arizona
52. Boston College
53. BYU
54. USF
55. Southern Miss
56. Kansas
57. Indiana
58. Vanderbilt
59. Wake Forest
60. Purdue
61. Boise St
62. Connecticut
63. Washington St
64. Tulsa
65. UCF
66. Utah
67. Houston
68. Baylor
69. Cincinnati
70. Iowa St
71. Tulane
72. East Carolina
73. Washington
74. Louisiana Tech
75. New Mexico

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2009 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2009 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the Top 5 signees, the Top 10 signees and the average signing grade per player for the overall class. This list is not about the quantity of the freshmen signed but the overall quality of the class. Sometimes a team with a small class of just 15 players may rate higher than one with 30. Here are some interesting notes on this year's signing ratings. Alabama has the top class in the SEC for the 2nd straight year under Saban (#1 overall) and there are 5 SEC schools in the Top 10 this year. BYU brought in the #1 class in the MWC every year since 2002, but this year TCU knocked them out of the top spot and the Horned Frogs are also the top non-BCS team in our rankings (#48). We did include WKU in our Frosh Sun Belt rankings LY (#7) but this year they officially join the SBC and hauled in the league's top class. Obviously recruiting rankings are a good tool to predict a team's future success, but are clearly just a part of a team's success. A good example of this is 2006 ACC Champ Wake Forest. WF finished last in these ratings in the ACC in 4 of the last 6 years including this year (#59 overall) but has been to 3 consecutive bowls. The rankings for Air Force, Army and Navy are not complete because the academies do not release official signee lists until summer (and even then most recruits head to Prep schools). I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars.

BIG TEN

1. Ohio St
2. Michigan
3. Penn St
4. Michigan St
5. Illinois
6. Wisconsin
7. Minnesota
8. Northwestern
9. Iowa
10. Indiana
11. Purdue

BIG 12

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Nebraska
4. Texas A&M
5. Texas Tech
6. Missouri
7. Oklahoma St
8. Colorado
9. Kansas
10. Baylor
11. Iowa St
12. Kansas St

PAC-10

1. USC
2. UCLA
3. Stanford
4. California
5. Arizona St
6. Oregon St
7. Oregon
8. Arizona
9. Washington St
10. Washington

ACC

1. Florida St
2. North Carolina
3. Miami, Fl
4. Clemson
5. Virginia Tech
6. Maryland
7. Virginia
8. Georgia Tech
9. Duke
10. NC State
11. Boston College
12. Wake Forest

SEC

1. Alabama
2. LSU
3. Georgia
4. Florida
5. Tennessee
6. South Carolina
7. Mississippi
8. Arkansas
9. Mississippi St
10. Auburn
11. Kentucky
12. Vanderbilt

SUN BELT

1. WKU
2. Troy
3. Florida Atlantic
4. Middle Tenn
5. FIU
6. Louisiana
7. Arkansas St
8. ULM
9. North Texas

INDEPENDENTS

1. Notre Dame
2. Navy
3. Army

BIG EAST

1. Rutgers
2. West Virginia
3. Pittsburgh
4. USF
5. Connecticut
6. Cincinnati
7. Louisville
8. Syracuse

WAC

1. Boise St
2. Louisiana Tech
3. Fresno St
4. Hawaii
5. San Jose St
6. Idaho
7. New Mexico St
8. Nevada
9. Utah St

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. TCU
2. BYU
3. Utah
4. New Mexico
5. UNLV
6. Wyoming
7. San Diego St
8. Colorado St
9. Air Force

CUSA

1. Southern Miss
2. Tulsa
3. UCF
4. Houston
5. Tulane
6. East Carolina
7. SMU
8. Rice
9. UAB
10. Marshall
11. Memphis
12. UTEP

MAC

1. C Michigan
2. Ball St
3. Miami, Oh
4. E Michigan
5. Ohio
6. W Michigan
7. Temple
8. N Illinois
9. Toledo
10. Bowling Green
11. Akron
12. Buffalo
13. Kent St

Ted Hendricks Award

2008 Ted Hendricks Award Winner: Brian Orakpo, Texas

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Everette Brown, Florida St
Jerry Hughes, TCU
Jammie Kirlew, Indiana
Aaron Maybin, Penn State
Nick Reed, Oregon

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For Better or for Worse

By Phil Steele

Close Wins, Close Losses

Give me a computer full of NCAA football statistics and an entire offseason and I'm always going to try and uncover something new. A few years ago I was thinking, *What happens if a team was fortunate and won a lot of close games? I figured that those teams would probably not be as fortunate the next year. On the flip side, I was thinking that if a team suffered a lot of close losses the previous year, they would be undervalued.* A few years ago we did the research from the previous six years and logged in all of the teams that had close wins and close losses (games decided by a TD or less) the previous year. I then ranked the category by NET close wins and losses.

For example: In 2007 Hawaii benefited from 5 close wins with 0 close losses. Therefore, they had a NET total of 5 close wins. Also, Tennessee had 4 close wins and 1 close loss for a net of 3 close wins. Minnesota, had one close win and 6 close losses for a net total of 5 close losses. I then ran the records for each of the past 7 years to see how the teams did and I'm pleased to report the trends came up just as expected.

While I use a TD or less as the standard for a close win and loss, if there is a late misleading score, I will either include or exclude it accordingly.

Looking back over the past seven years, there have been a total of 174 teams that had a NET of 2 close losses or more the previous year and of those 174, just 41 had a worse record the next year, giving this idea a 76.4% grade. The last 2 years there were 13 teams with 4 or 5 net close losses the previous year and 11 had a better record including Illinois which went from 2-10 in '06 to the Rose Bowl in '07! Teams in this category have improved their record 79% of the time. Memphis went from 2-10 to 7-6 in '07 and last year Minnesota went from 1-11 to a bowl. A couple of examples from 2006 were Arkansas which went from 4-7 to 10-4, San Jose St (3-8 to 9-4) and BYU (6-6 to 11-2). In 2004 Penn St had 2 net close losses and improved from 4-7 to 11-1. Navy had 3 close losses in 2002 (2-10) and improved to 8-4 in 2003. California had 2 net close losses in 2001 and went from 1-10 to 7-5 in '02. Last year the teams with 2 and 3 net close losses combined for a 15-3-1 record of improvement!

Listed below is a chart analyzing data from the last seven years. The chart lists the total amount of teams that had 2 or more net close losses, how many improved the next year, how many had the same record and how many actually had a worse record. As you can see, the success rate is 76.4%.

	Total Last 7 Years	Stronger Next Year	Same Next Year	Weaker Next Year	% BETTER or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 4+ Net Close Losses	34	27	2	5	85.3%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Losses	56	38	6	12	78.6%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Losses	84	54	6	24	71.4%
2 or More Net Close Losses	174	119	14	41	76.4%

Here are the teams that had the bad fortune of 3 or more net close losses last year:

	2008 Wins By TD or ↓	2008 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES		2008 Wins By TD or ↓	2008 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES
SMU	0	5	5	San Diego St	0	3	3
Arizona	0	4	4	Troy	0	3	3
Michigan	1	4	3	Clemson	1	4	3
Temple	2	5	3	Nevada	1	4	3
Bowling Green	1	4	3	N Illinois	2	5	3
Iowa St	0	3	3	Washington	0	3	3
Baylor	0	3	3				

These are the teams that had 2 net close losses: Arizona St, Tennessee, Memphis, Iowa, Auburn, WKU, Mississippi, Ohio, Akron, New Mexico St, UCF, Duke and Utah St.

Naturally there are some teams that are used to winning close games and I did discover a little difference in the last 7 years. Teams that had 3 or more net close wins the previous year did see their record either stay the same or get weaker the next year 82% of the time, but teams with just 2 net close wins, the same entry level we used for the close losses, did improve their record 33 out of 91 times, meaning they were the same or weaker the next season just 64% of the time but in 2008 it was a 75% rate.

	Total Last 7 Years	Weaker Next Year	Same Next Year	Stronger Next Year	% WEAKER or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 6 or 7 Net Close Wins	3	3	0	0	100%
Previous Year 4 or 5 Net Close Wins	31	25	3	3	90.3%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Wins	60	39	7	14	76.7%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Wins	91	51	7	33	63.7%
3 or More Net Close Wins	94	67	10	17	81.9%
2 or More Net Close Wins	185	118	17	50	73.0%

Let me give you some examples. The last two years 11 teams were coming off a season of 4 or more net close wins and TEN had a weaker record (1 was same). In 2003 TCU benefitted from 6 net close wins to finish 11-1, but the next season dropped to 5-6. In 2002, Notre Dame had 5 net close wins and finished 10-2 and in '03 went just 5-7. In 2001, Illinois went 10-2 and won the Big Ten Title, benefitting from 4 net close wins, and the next year they fell to 5-7. Tennessee went from 10-3 in 2004 with 5 net close wins and finished 5-6 in '05. Fla Atlantic, who benefitted from 4 net close wins dropped, from 9-3 in '04 to 2-9 in '05. Last year Hawaii led the chart with 5 net close wins and went from 12-1 to 7-7. This year there are 18 teams that benefitted from 3 or more net close wins last year and I list them in the chart below.

Here are the teams that had the good fortune of 3 or more net close wins last year:

	2008 Wins By TD or ↓	2008 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS		2008 Wins By TD or ↓	2008 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS
Utah	5	0	5	San Jose St	3	0	3
Cincinnati	5	0	5	Louisiana Tech	5	2	3
East Carolina	6	2	4	Texas Tech	3	0	3
W Michigan	4	0	4	Wyoming	3	0	3
Maryland	5	1	4	Navy	4	1	3
Northwestern	5	2	3	Rice	3	0	3
Florida Atlantic	4	1	3	Alabama	3	0	3
BYU	3	0	3	Vanderbilt	5	2	3
Georgia Tech	5	2	3	Colorado St	5	2	3

These are the teams that had 2 net close wins: Oregon St, Texas A&M, Georgia, Colorado, California, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Oregon and Arkansas.

Much like a stock broker, my job is to find value. The same is true in the magazine business and I am very proud of our #1 Most Accurate Title over the last ten years and would attribute that Title to the fact that I work on nothing but football 365 days a year and I am always looking to uncover any system or trend that would give me an edge. Here are two more methods for uncovering those underrated teams.

YPP Factor

Six years ago I did an article on ypp and every year there are some solid charts for you to review. First of all, let's explain what ypp is exactly. A ypp is simply **yards per point**. An offense is more efficient when their ypp is a **lower** number. If a team had an offensive ypp of 10.0, that would mean for every 200 yards they gained, they scored 20 points. Meanwhile, if they had an offensive ypp of 20.0, then for every 200 yards they gained, only scored 10 points. On the other side of the ball, defenses want to have a **higher** ypp. Inverting the same thought, if a team allowed 200 yards and had a 20.0 ypp, that means they would allow just 10 points for every 200 yards the opposition traveled, whereas a 10.0 ypp would be 20 points for every 200 yards allowed.

I did some research dating back to 1990 and before I list the 4 charts, let's first look at the offensive ypp's. I did an average and a median of all the teams in the NCAA in our charts since 1990 and the average ypp for a team was 15.44 and the median was 15.49. Last year the avg was just 14.44 and the median was 14.35. I found teams that have a high offensive ypp (move the ball but do not score) the previous year generally have a stronger record the next season. Let's look at teams that had an unusually high ypp the previous year (an inefficient offense). If you look at the chart above you will see that 26 teams have had a ypp greater than 22.3 since 1990 and ALL 26 have had a stronger or identical record the next year. As you can see, the chart goes to 17.5 which still has a solid success record, as teams will either have the same or a stronger record 82.5% of the time.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YR YPP GREATER THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	BETTER Or Same S/1990
22.3	26	25	1	0	100.0%
20.3	69	52	5	12	82.6%
18.4	172	121	18	33	80.8%
17.5	274	203	23	48	82.5%

The teams that fall into this category this year are: Wyoming 23.35, Tulane 20.38, Washington 19.86, Army 19.50, Washington St 18.99, Virginia 18.64, North Texas 18.15, Mississippi St 18.10, Miami, OH 17.66 *(Just missed Auburn 17.44, LY Ole Miss was a just miss team).*

Teams that had an extremely low ypp the previous year usually have a weaker record the next season, but the statistics are not as dominant as the high ypp, probably because there are some teams like USC that will benefit from turnovers on a yearly basis, keeping their ypp low. Still, according to the chart above, teams whose ypp were less than 11.56 the previous year had either a weaker or the same record 72.3% of the time the next year. There are a lot of teams that fit into the category of 11.56-13.56, so look on the individual team pages for those numbers. Looking at the history of offensive ypp, these teams should have a weaker record this season.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	WEAKER Or Same Record S/1990
11.56	94	56	12	26	72.3%
13.56	616	369	48	199	67.7%

This year's teams that fall into the top category are: Florida 10.2, Oklahoma 10.71, Utah 10.86, Arizona 10.99, Florida St 11.14, Texas 11.23, Rice 11.40, Missouri 11.47, Kansas St 11.52, California 11.53, Penn St 11.53 *(Just missed Oregon 11.57, last year the just missed team was Hawaii).*

Now let's take a look at the teams under the defensive ypp that were fortunate and not so fortunate last year. As the chart to the right shows, if a team allows a defensive ypp of 13.29 or lower (meaning they gave up a lot of points but not a lot of yds), their record improves or is the same the next year 69.2% of the time. Teams that allowed a lot of yards but not a lot of points sound like a bend but don't break D, but generally, as shown below, teams whose defensive ypp was 17.35 or greater the previous year have a weaker or the same record the following year 65.7% of the time. In 2007 just 5 fit the 20.35 and higher standard and ALL 5 had the same or weaker record (4 weaker). Last year NONE fit the category but this year there are 5.

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	BETTER Or Same Record S/1990
11.25	48	32	3	13	72.9%
12.53	270	174	22	74	72.6%
13.29	461	280	39	142	69.2%

There are a lot of teams that fit this category: Wash St 10.11, N Texas 10.14, Idaho 11.04, NMSt 11.14, Tulane 11.34, E Mich 11.48, UCLA 11.64, Washington 11.71, Wyoming 11.88, Utah St 11.9, Arkansas 12.04, Miami , OH 12.11, Toledo 12.14, Nebraska 12.26, Indiana 12.26, Texas A&M 12.35, Louisville 12.36, Nevada 12.39, SDSt 12.40, Wisc 12.40, Kent St 12.48, Hawaii 12.5, SMU 12.56

Of the 113 teams listed in this article the last 2 years an outstanding (75.2%!) had their record get stronger or weaker, as was forecast by the ypp chart. Over the last 4 years 160 of the 204 teams have had their record get stronger or weaker (or stay the same) as was forecast by the ypp chart for an 78.4% success rate!

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS GREAT THAN:	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	WEAKER Or Same Record S/1990
22.45	28	23	1	4	85.7%
20.35	82	60	7	15	81.7%
19.85	107	75	8	24	77.6%
17.35	370	214	29	127	65.7%

Here are the 13 teams whose defensive ypp was 17.35 or better: USC 24.64, Boise St 24.43, Iowa 22.41, Florida 22.07, Ohio St 21.10, Penn St 19.47, W Virginia 19.35, TCU 19.26, Alabama 18.45, Texas 18.27, Ball St 17.96, Auburn 17.65 and Rutgers 17.35.

2009 NFL DRAFT A Day for VHT's!!!

By Phil Steele

The NFL Draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors, some high-quality juniors as well as a few sophomores in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have participated in for most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. Colleges benefit by having former players being drafted highly as it allows them to use it in future recruiting classes. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone has the potential to make a substantial income and that is why a big final year in college is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 pick who never panned out or who never even started an NFL game. However, the majority of 1st round picks do make it big & have an impact on their team & the NFL. In 2007, Joe Thomas went 3rd to the Browns & became an instant starter at LT, earning a trip to the Pro Bowl as a rookie. Adrian Peterson exploded onto the scene, setting the NFL single-game rushing record vs San Diego with 296 yds & was the Offensive Rookie of the Year for 2007. Despite being on a poor 49ers team, Patrick Willis had a monster year with a league-leading 174 tackles & was the 2007 Defensive Rookie of the Year. Last year, the Patriots selected Jerod Mayo 10th overall. Mayo played every defensive snap in 2008 & won 49 of the 50 votes for 2008 Defensive Rookie of the Year. 2008 was also a banner year for QB's Matt Ryan & Joe Flacco who became the 4th & 5th rookie QB's since 1970 to start all 16 games. Ryan won the 2008 Offensive Rookie of the Year award while Flacco led the Ravens to the AFC Championship game.

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point in determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases, you must be among the most productive players in the college game. However, productivity is not the only criteria. Timmy Chang is the all-time career passing leader in college football with 17,072 yards but he went undrafted. Colt Brennan put up solid numbers at Hawaii with a 70.3% completion rate in his career but a poor bowl game & Combine performance saw him drop to the 6th round in 2008. The top three reception leaders of all-time in FBS ball are Taylor Stubblefield (316), Josh Davis (306) and running back Taurean Henderson (303) and none of the 3 were drafted. Texas Tech QB Graham Harrell passed for 15,793 yards & had a 134-34 ratio in his career but he was just an UFA to Cleveland after the 2009 draft.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year, but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing, he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he'll probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract, as he will be drafted lower (Alabama OT Andre Smith). It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other measurable physical characteristics.

Even after all the number crunching, there are plenty of stories about players who were very late round DC's or not even drafted and went on to great success in the NFL. Former Kent St QB Josh Cribbs went undrafted in 2005, converted to a return specialist & went to the 2007 Pro Bowl after leading the NFL in KR yardage & finishing 3rd with a 30.7 KR avg. Clifton Smith out of Fresno St became the 3rd rookie UFA to make the Pro Bowl. Smith was on the Tampa Bay practice squad the 1st 8 games of 2008. In the final 8 games though he returned a punt & a kickoff for TD's & amassed 259 return yards vs KC. These stories are great, but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be upper round draft picks.

Colleges do not have a draft of high school players, but every school is given an allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools scholarship offers over the smaller ones. If you are lucky enough to have Florida, Ohio St or USC offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Hawaii or Middle Tennessee do not even bother to recruit most of the top athletes coming out, as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and have a computer rating system that ranked over 21,000 high school graduates this season. I then assign every player a PS# which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS# (see page 294).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' ratings out of high school on that page. An HT (Highly Touted) is a player who is rated highly at his position. Out of the 22,000 or so kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,660 fall into the HT category (about 7.5%). A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is similar to a first round draft pick. There are only 535 of these players each year (2.4%), with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 10.7 players per state, so we are talking about the créme de la créme of recruits.

Brian Orakpo (PS#45DL) originally came to Texas to play basketball & weighed 210 lbs. The Longhorn DE (4.6 spd) benches 515 lbs & can squat 600 lbs. He won the Lombardi, Nagurski & Hendricks Awards being drafted 13th by the Redskins. When a player moves into a college program, he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 3 to 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school usually turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true freshman seasons.

This year, I once again, look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2009 NFL Draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS#'s of all the top picks. **Of the Top 23 players taken in this year's draft, 14 were VHT's!!! That means that 61% of the Top 23 players were VHT's yet less than 20% of all college signees fall into that category. Five of the Top 8 (63%) were VHT's!** In 2008, 14 of the top 23 players were also VHT's while in 2007 21 of the Top 27 players were VHT's (78%). 2006's draft featured VHT's in 17 of the Top 23 picks (74%). In 2005, of the Top 26 draftees, 14 were VHT's. There are around 3,000 players who are signed to a scholarship by FBS schools each year. Since there are just 535 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 18% of all signees are classified as a VHT. In the last 10 years of the Top 12 picks in the draft (120 players), 76 have been VHT's!! That means 63% of the top spots were VHT's and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of this year's Top 23 NFL Draft selections and how they were rated out of high school. As you can see, the 2009 NFL Draft was another VHT day.

2009's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1.	Matthew Stafford	Georgia	VHT	PS#2QB
2.	Jason Smith	Baylor		PS#133TE
3.	Tyson Jackson	LSU	HT	PS#82DL
4.	Aaron Curry	Wake Forest	HT	PS#176LB
5.	Mark Sanchez	USC	VHT	PS#2QB
6.	Andre Smith	Alabama	VHT	PS#3OL
7.	Darrius Heyward-Bey	Maryland	VHT	PS#28WR
8.	Eugene Monroe	Virginia	VHT	PS#1OL
9.	B.J. Raji	Boston College		PS#520DL
10.	Michael Crabtree	Texas Tech	HT	PS#63QB
11.	Aaron Maybin	Penn St	VHT	PS#56DL
12.	Knowshon Moreno	Georgia	VHT	PS#14RB
13.	Brian Orakpo	Texas	VHT	PS#45DL
14.	Malcolm Jenkins	Ohio St	HT	PS#72WR
15.	Brian Cushing	USC	VHT	PS#5LB
16.	Larry English	Northern Illinois		PS#477DL
17.	Josh Freeman	Kansas St	VHT	PS#10QB
18.	Robert Ayers	Tennessee	VHT	PS#14LB
19.	Jeremy Maclin	Missouri	VHT	PS#28WR
20.	Brandon Pettigrew	Oklahoma St	HT	PS#61TE
21.	Alex Mack	California	HT	PS#201OL
22.	Percy Harvin	Florida	VHT	PS#1WR
23.	Michael Oher	Mississippi	VHT	PS#11OL

It will be interesting to see if VHT's dominate the 2010 NFL Draft as well. Over the last 9 years I have provided my list of top players for the upcoming NFL Draft. In 2004, only 3 of my Top 11 that were eligible for the NFL Draft were NOT picked in the 1st round. Two of those 3 went in the 2nd round, including LB Karlos Dansby from Auburn, who was the 1st pick of the 2nd round. In 2005, once again, 8 of the top 10 were either 1st round picks or were returning in 2006 and my #11 and #12 players were 2nd round picks. In 2006, of my top 24 players only ONE was not selected in either the 1st or 2nd round and that was Michael Bush, who broke a leg and was slow to heal in the 1st game, affecting his draft status! Twenty of the 31 players listed were either FIRST round draft picks or returned for their senior season. In 2008, two of my 32 projections came out early & were taken in the 2007 Supplemental Draft (OT Jared Gaither & CB Paul Oliver.) Of the remaining top 15, 8 were 1st RD DC's & 3 were 2nd RD DC's. For 2009, 11 of the top 12 were drafted in the 1st (8) or 2nd (3) rounds, 17 players were selected in the 1st or 2nd round, 24 of 32 were drafted overall with 7 players returning (1 UFA). Of the 32 players I listed, 75% of them were either a 1st or 2nd round pick or opted to return for 2009. Obviously, draft positions will be affected by a player's 2009 performance. Here are my top players for the 2010 Draft.

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2010 NFL DRAFT

1. QB Sam Bradford, Oklahoma
2. FS Taylor Mays, USC
3. OT Russell Okung, Oklahoma St
4. DT Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska
5. DT Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma
6. SS Eric Berry, Tennessee
7. DT Terrance Cody, Alabama
8. DE Carlos Dunlap, Florida
9. OT Trent Williams, Oklahoma
10. LB Brandon Spikes, Florida
11. TE Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma
12. OT Ciron Black, LSU
13. DE George Selvie, USF
14. QB Tim Tebow, Florida
15. DE Greg Hardy, Ole Miss
16. LB Sergio Kindle, Texas
17. WR Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St
18. LB Mark Herzlich, Boston College
19. QB Colt McCoy, Texas
20. WR Arrelious Benn, Illinois
21. CB Trevard Lindley, Kentucky
22. LB Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri
23. WR Brandon LaFell, LSU
24. RB CJ Spiller, Clemson
25. RB Jonathan Dwyer, Georgia Tech
26. CB Joe Haden, Florida
27. DT Marvin Austin, North Carolina
28. DE Jerry Hughes, TCU
29. LB Rolando McClain, Alabama
30. LB Navorro Bowman, Penn St
31. DT Geno Atkins, Georgia
32. OT Bryan Bulaga, Iowa

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2008 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, in 2006, Utah St punted EIGHTY ONE times and returned only 14 punts all year. Their net punting average was weighed 5.78 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. I also have a net TD/Blk's category. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's than they allowed. If a team blocked a punt AND returned the same punt for a TD, I only give credit for one TD/Blk. However, if a team fumbled a punt snap and the other team recovered I counted that as a blocked punt. I do not count blocked FG's in the category as a missed FG has the same result and is not a game-changing play. The only time I count a blocked FG is if it was returned for a TD.

A few years ago I added a formula to grade the kickers taking into account 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied times 5 (everything graded on a scale of 1-5). Then I took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made in the NCAA and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each counted for 30% of the overall grade. Then I took the 40-49 factors (both # of kicks and %) and did the same and they counted for 30% of the grade each. The 50+ factors counted for 10% of the grade each. This factored in kickers with stronger legs. Speaking of kickers, my KR Defense grade includes a formula for TB's on kickoffs. It grades a TB as a 15 yard return (avg KO goes to the 5) and an OOB KO as a 30 yard return and adds them to the actual KR defense numbers so my numbers will differ from the schools in that column as mine factor in both adjustments. The NCAA moved to a 1" tee in 2006, so there were fewer TB's. In 2007 they moved the KO's back another 5 yards, making dangerous KR's a bigger factor in games.

In past years I have listed a special teams rating, a kicker rating and then last year added a combined special teams ratings. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. This year I just list them by the combined rating but for you long-time readers looking for the individual ratings, they are in the chart listed below.

Several years ago I adjusted NET PUNTING averages, which now deducts 20 yards for touchbacks. This means net punting averages will for the most part be lower than in years past. We found that the NCAA site did this for all teams. For years we have used the individual team stats but found that some were using the net WITHOUT touchbacks (which would mean higher net punting avg's) and over 60% were now subtracting the 20 yards for touchbacks from the net. If you check a team's individual stats and find a discrepancy with our net punting avg's, then you should also check the NCAA site which uses the same net punting formula we are now using.

	Special Tms Including K	Net Punts	KR Off	PR Off	KR Def	KR w/TB	BLK/ TD	ST Ranking	ST Rating	Kick Rating	FG Total	FG %	FG's 50+
1. Cincinnati	11.9	41.5	24.2	9.5	20.2	19.3	4	1	9.37	3.82	16-23	70%	3-4
2. Boise St	11.6	39.3	22.0	12.5	19.4	18.6	5	2	9.29	3.32	17-26	65%	2-2
3. Florida St	11.1	36.4	24.2	8.7	20.2	19.4	4	11	8.01	4.62	25-30	83%	5-7
4. Penn St	10.9	37.9	24.5	10.4	21.3	20.1	5	5	8.36	3.71	21-25	84%	2-3
5. Ohio St	10.9	38.0	19.2	13.0	17.5	16.5	1	10	8.13	3.80	22-27	81%	3-5
6. Louisiana Tech	10.5	36.2	22.6	13.7	17.7	17.6	6	3	9.10	2.05	14-27	52%	1-6
7. Kansas St	10.4	32.2	23.3	11.6	18.2	16.3	4	8	8.22	3.24	9-12	75%	1-1
8. Kentucky	10.4	38.4	26.4	9.4	20.9	18.3	1	4	8.52	3.08	14-25	56%	1-2
9. Arizona	10.2	36.8	19.3	17.8	20.1	18.6	3	6	8.30	2.72	14-16	88%	0-0
10. Texas	9.9	39.6	22.6	8.2	23.2	20.7	6	7	8.24	2.38	11-14	79%	0-0
11. Auburn	9.9	37.6	24.5	13.0	21.5	21.6	2	14	7.94	2.92	11-20	55%	1-1
12. LSU	9.9	37.3	19.5	12.3	17.6	17.5	1	22	7.25	3.68	18-23	78%	4-6
13. Florida	9.8	38.1	21.4	14.1	22.4	22.0	6	9	8.14	2.38	12-13	92%	0-0
14. Oklahoma St	9.7	39.1	23.9	18.4	25.0	23.3	4	13	7.95	2.69	15-19	79%	0-2
15. Michigan	9.6	39.3	21.4	8.6	20.5	20.2	3	15	7.79	2.76	10-15	67%	1-2
16. Ball St	9.5	37.7	22.8	15.5	19.8	19.4	0	17	7.60	2.63	16-21	76%	0-1
17. Troy	9.4	36.5	21.8	11.2	17.9	18.2	1	20	7.35	3.03	20-29	69%	0-2
18. TCU	9.4	33.6	25.7	11.6	19.1	19.3	1	29	6.93	3.58	16-20	80%	1-1
19. Stanford	9.3	37.7	22.4	10.6	21.0	21.0	1	32	6.90	3.60	14-17	82%	1-1
20. Utah	9.3	35.7	23.0	6.4	21.8	17.3	0	45	6.38	4.29	22-24	92%	2-3
21. Georgia	9.2	37.5	21.1	17.6	21.7	22.2	2	24	7.21	2.95	15-23	65%	2-5
22. North Carolina	9.1	34.0	22.4	10.9	18.2	18.6	4	21	7.35	2.56	14-21	67%	0-2
23. UCLA	9.0	36.2	24.0	10.5	23.6	23.6	0	50	6.28	4.14	19-22	86%	1-1
24. UCF	9.0	35.9	24.9	13.2	20.0	20.3	1	16	7.60	2.16	8-15	53%	1-2
25. Texas Tech	8.9	30.7	22.2	11.7	15.6	14.9	0	12	7.97	1.39	8-15	53%	0-0
26. BYU	8.9	36.5	24.6	3.7	21.9	18.6	2	18	7.43	2.59	11-17	65%	0-2
27. Oregon	8.9	35.4	21.7	12.5	0.0	18.7	1	27	7.10	2.80	18-27	67%	1-3
28. Miami, OH	8.9	36.4	21.1	11.1	20.5	20.8	3	31	6.93	2.92	20-23	87%	0-0
29. Pittsburgh	8.9	37.1	20.3	9.2	18.7	18.6	1	36	6.70	3.28	20-24	83%	0-1
30. Notre Dame	8.8	35.1	21.6	8.9	16.5	16.8	2	25	7.20	2.43	14-24	58%	0-2
31. FIU	8.8	34.5	21.4	12.3	18.6	18.9	4	23	7.23	2.35	12-19	63%	0-1
32. East Carolina	8.7	37.9	20.9	9.2	22.0	22.1	2	41	6.50	3.11	22-35	63%	1-2
33. Miami, FL	8.7	36.2	19.2	11.4	16.9	16.9	-1	49	6.31	3.49	18-20	90%	2-3
34. Wake Forest	8.7	37.5	19.9	6.3	20.9	19.9	4	33	6.79	2.85	18-29	62%	0-1
35. South Carolina	8.6	34.6	22.9	6.0	21.2	17.7	0	51	6.26	3.50	20-30	67%	1-4
36. Mississippi	8.6	36.5	22.0	10.6	20.2	20.0	1	34	6.79	2.64	17-21	81%	0-1
37. Alabama	8.5	35.0	20.4	14.3	21.8	21.7	1	46	6.36	3.09	20-30	67%	2-3
38. Temple	8.5	33.5	26.6	10.9	18.8	19.3	2	19	7.40	1.71	8-16	50%	0-0
39. Missouri	8.5	37.7	20.4	11.1	22.9	21.5	2	52	6.19	3.28	20-27	74%	1-5
40. Iowa St	8.5	35.6	24.2	9.3	21.0	20.7	0	38	6.68	2.73	17-25	68%	0-1
41. Nebraska	8.5	32.1	21.8	12.1	23.9	20.2	1	58	6.02	3.36	18-21	86%	1-3
42. Baylor	8.5	38.8	23.0	2.1	18.8	18.7	0	26	7.13	1.98	6-9	67%	0-0
43. West Virginia	8.4	40.5	21.5	7.9	28.0	26.0	0	66	5.66	4.11	17-20	85%	2-2
44. Maryland	8.4	37.4	22.4	7.0	22.5	21.3	3	30	6.93	2.25	15-24	63%	0-0
45. Clemson	8.4	35.4	22.4	8.5	18.5	18.1	1	37	6.70	2.64	15-21	71%	0-2
46. Syracuse	8.4	37.4	22.0	4.5	24.9	24.3	2	57	6.08	3.44	14-17	82%	1-2
47. UAB	8.4	37.8	19.3	4.5	21.4	19.4	0	67	5.66	4.06	19-24	79%	1-1
48. Iowa	8.3	37.0	20.5	10.1	22.0	20.3	1	44	6.46	2.99	19-24	79%	0-1
49. Oregon St	8.3	33.1	23.4	9.8	18.7	18.2	1	39	6.63	2.35	17-26	65%	0-0
50. USC	8.3	33.0	26.5	8.0	19.9	15.8	2	28	6.99	1.84	9-13	69%	0-0
51. Minnesota	8.2	36.4	24.0	9.9	18.5	18.2	-3	40	6.60	2.38	12-16	75%	0-0
52. Ohio	8.1	30.8	23.6	11.6	17.3	17.8	1	35	6.72	2.13	13-19	68%	0-0
53. New Mexico	8.1	33.1	24.9	15.4	19.6	18.0	-4	55	6.16	2.95	18-24	75%	0-0
54. NC State	8.0	34.4	23.1	8.3	22.1	22.4	3	54	6.17	2.65	16-19	84%	0-0
55. C Michigan	7.9	34.6	19.8	20.5	21.9	20.6	0	53	6.18	2.48	16-21	76%	0-0
56. USF	7.9	36.4	23.0	9.5	22.7	21.8	1	47	6.35	2.12	16-25	64%	0-1
57. Rutgers	7.7	34.3	21.7	9.6	18.7	19.2	0	60	5.88	2.57	12-17	71%	1-1
58. Michigan St	7.6	34.4	19.7	10.0	21.4	19.3	-1	79	5.13	3.82	22-28	79%	1-3
59. Houston	7.6	36.5	20.5	7.8	19.0	19.2	2	43	6.47	1.54	12-18	67%	0-0
60. SMU	7.6	37.2	20.2	6.3	21.0	20.5	1	61	5.88	2.56	11-15	73%	0-0
61. Texas A&M	7.6	36.0	21.6	7.3	20.7	19.1	1	42	6.47	1.63	7-11	64%	0-0
62. UNLV	7.5	34.8	22.0	9.6	23.6	21.2	0	65	5.68	2.65	12-19	63%	2-5
63. New Mexico St	7.4	35.1	22.2	12.8	20.5	20.2	0	48	6.32	1.63	7-11	64%	0-0
64. Air Force	7.4	34.2	18.2	11.8	18.8	17.5	-2	81	5.00	3.47	24-29	83%	0-2
65. Northwestern	7.4	34.1	19.6	8.3	18.4	18.1	1	68	5.60	2.72	20-25	80%	0-0
66. Tulsa	7.4	32.1	24.6	7.0	20.5	19.8	-1	59	5.95	2.02	11-15	73%	0-0
67. Fresno St	7.3	31.8	23.9	14.0	23.5	23.2	0	74	5.29	3.03	15-22	68%	1-3
68. W Michigan	7.3	33.0	21.5	7.1	18.8	18.4	1	62	5.75	2.38	11-16	69%	0-2
69. Louisiana	7.3	35.2	19.8	11.8	18.6	18.4	0	56	6.16	1.68	7-10	70%	0-0
70. Arizona St	7.3	33.8	20.2	15.0	21.6	20.5	-1	72	5.44	2.72	19-25	76%	0-0
71. California	7.2	36.0	20.4	11.8	20.5	21.4	-1	69	5.56	2.48	15-21	71%	0-1
72. WKU	7.2	32.5	25.0	4.9	20.5	20.7	0	73	5.37	2.79	13-19	68%	1-2
73. Idaho	7.1	37.8	20.6	6.1	26.9	21.0	-2	70	5.50	2.47	8-13	62%	3-6
74. Marshall	7.1	36.5	20.9	7.9	19.6	19.0	-2	64	5.69	2.08	10-16	63%	1-2
75. San Jose St	7.0	33.3	23.8	6.7	19.1	18.5	-2	87	4.89	3.21	13-23	57%	1-1
76. Indiana	7.0	36.6	19.9	9.0	24.3	20.5	0	63	5.71	1.96	10-17	59%	0-1
77. N Illinois	7.0	33.6	21.9	6.7	23.0	20.3	-2	91	4.63	3.44	18-24	75%	1-1
78. Arkansas St	6.9	32.7	20.8	8.6	17.9	19.1	-1	83	4.98	2.95	17-21	81%	0-1
79. Virginia Tech	6.8	33.2	20.6	9.0	19.5	19.3	-3	99	4.29	3.60	23-29	79%	1-2
80. UTEP	6.8	36.3	20.4	6.8	26.9	20.6	-4	95	4.50	3.41	20-27	74%	1-7
81. Navy	6.7	34.4	19.2	10.5	21.9	20.8	-1	92	4.61	2.98	19-22	86%	0-0
82. Bowling Green	6.7	35.8	20.7	9.1	19.2	19.3	-2	71	5.50	1.82	8-15	53%	0-2
83. Duke	6.6	34.9	21.6	5.5	22.0	21.8	-1	93	4.58	3.03	13-18	72%	2-4
84. Utah St	6.6	36.8	19.1	8.8	28.1	22.2	-1	82	4.99	2.35	10-12	83%	0-0
85. Memphis	6.5	36.3	18.8	7.6	20.0	20.2	-1	86	4.91	2.43	14-19	74%	0-0
86. Tennessee	6.5	34.9	23.6	7.6	0.0	20.7	-2	76	5.27	1.89	10-19	53%	0-4
87. Southern Miss	6.5	31.8	20.2	7.4	19.1	17.9	1	80	5.09	1.71	13-22	59%	0-0
88. Virginia	6.4	35.6	20.7	6.6	21.6	21.0	0	75	5.28	1.69	9-15	60%	0-0
89. ULM	6.4	34.1	20.0	6.5	19.5	19.2	1	77	5.22	1.78	8-17	47%	0-1
90. Kansas	6.2	33.9	17.5	11.6	21.4	20.8	1	90	4.78	2.10	11-14	79%	0-0
91. Akron	6.2	32.8	21.7	8.3	22.2	21.9	-1	94	4.55	2.49	18-28	64%	0-1
92. Rice	6.2	33.8	20.4	6.7	18.6	18.6	-1	78	5.21	1.34	6-10	60%	0-0
93. Wisconsin	6.1	35.3	17.1	8.8	20.8	20.4	-4	110	3.46	3.81	20-24	83%	1-2
94. Arkansas	6.0	37.8	21.2	5.3	24.0	23.9	-1	84	4.95	1.56	9-16	56%	0-0
95. Illinois	6.0	31.6	21.0	6.5	23.5	22.0	-2	112	3.37	3.92	15-20	75%	1-1
96. Purdue	5.9	29.6	23.2	7.7	19.5	19.3	-1	98	4.32	2.42	13-21	62%	1-3
97. Georgia Tech	5.8	33.1	19.6	6.7	19.9	19.8	1	89	4.81	1.53	11-19	58%	0-3
98. San Diego St	5.8	32.9	20.5	4.6	19.7	19.4	0	97	4.37	2.10	8-12	67%	0-1
99. Vanderbilt	5.7	35.8	19.6	10.0	22.3	20.9	-6	102	4.02	2.04	13-18	72%	0-0
100. Colorado St	5.6	33.4	21.3	5.4	25.5	22.1	-5	115	3.09	3.65	16-18	89%	1-1
101. Oklahoma	5.5	33.7	25.0	8.5	23.8	22.5	-3	96	4.46	1.73	8-13	62%	0-0
102. Louisville	5.5	34.3	18.8	8.9	20.4	20.8	1	88	4.86	0.98	5-11	45%	0-0
103. Connecticut	5.5	32.7	21.2	10.2	23.0	21.5	-5	108	3.59	2.83	22-30	73%	0-1
104. Toledo	5.5	36.0	20.4	6.2	25.4	25.7	-2	109	3.58	2.84	16-21	76%	0-0
105. Colorado	5.4	34.0	22.3	9.2	26.7	22.5	-2	85	4.94	0.67	4-14	29%	0-0
106. Washington St	5.4	34.6	21.0	3.5	24.0	21.8	-3	100	4.13	1.86	9-14	64%	0-0
107. Tulane	5.3	33.1	20.6	7.3	21.9	21.2	-3	104	3.91	2.13	9-20	45%	1-2
108. Florida Atlantic	5.3	31.8	19.8	8.3	21.0	17.4	-4	101	4.05	1.75	11-14	79%	0-0
109. Buffalo	5.2	33.2	17.8	12.5	22.5	22.2	1	105	3.89	1.78	12-17	71%	0-0
110. Boston College	5.2	33.0	19.4	8.3	23.3	23.0	1	103	3.93	1.84	14-21	67%	0-0
111. Army	5.0	34.1	19.3	5.2	21.7	21.2	-1	106	3.81	1.82	8-12	67%	0-2
112. Nevada	4.8	34.5	19.1	6.3	26.1	23.6	-2	114	3.16	2.49	14-17	82%	0-0
113. Washington	4.7	31.6	18.7	4.7	19.8	17.5	0	107	3.61	1.65	9-17	53%	0-0
114. Middle Tenn	4.7	32.2	19.3	6.2	21.4	20.8	-1	113	3.30	2.03	10-14	71%	0-0
115. Mississippi St	4.6	31.8	19.6	5.4	18.2	18.9	-1	111	3.41	1.85	7-13	54%	0-0
116. Hawaii	4.1	34.0	20.4	2.0	24.4	22.1	-3	116	3.02	1.59	10-21	48%	0-1
117. Kent St	3.7	33.7	18.1	4.1	22.1	22.2	-3	117	2.52	1.82	8-14	57%	0-0
118. Wyoming	3.4	31.6	20.8	5.5	25.4	23.9	-4	119	2.11	1.99	7-11	64%	0-0
119. E Michigan	3.4	29.0	19.0	6.5	22.4	22.7	-1	118	2.19	1.85	10-15	67%	0-1
120. North Texas	2.7	31.9	18.5	4.6	31.0	27.3	-5	120	1.02	2.52	12-17	71%	0-0

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PHIL STEELE'S DRAFT GUIDE

On Page 1 of the magazine, I thanked you for purchasing Phil Steele's College Football Preview & you do have my heartfelt thanks for that!! I could have also noted the additional bonus you receive in Phil Steele's 2009-'10 DRAFT GUIDE, as it is basically included in the magazine! Let me explain.

In the front of the magazine I list my Top QB's, RB's, WR's, etc. for each season with a heavy emphasis on who I think will be taken in next year's draft. On this page are some of 2008's AA Team. As you see, ALL of the top 10 CB's I listed for 2008 were either drafted or are returning to college ball for 2009. WR's had a quality year as 12 of the top 15 were drafted with the other 3 players being offered rookie FA contracts. The DT's were solid as well with 6 players landing on a team via draft, 4 returning to school & 2 being undrafted free agents.

Over the past 6 years on this page of "Tops" there have been 1,046 players listed. Of those 1,046 only 53 players (5.1%) fall into the category of not being drafted or signed as a free agent or are not returning which means 94.9% found a home!!! There were 139 players who signed as UFA's (Undrafted Free Agents) in the six years (13.3%). That means 854 (81.6%) were either drafted or returned to school for another year.

Thanks for purchasing my NFL Draft Guide. See pages 7-15.

QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Tim Tebow	Florida		Returning
2.	Curtis Painter	Purdue	6/201	Indianapolis
3.	Chase Daniel	Missouri	UFA	Washington
4.	Cullen Harper	Clemson	UFA	Buffalo
5.	Graham Harrell	Texas Tech	UFA	Cleveland
6.	Matthew Stafford	Georgia	1/1	Detroit
7.	Todd Boeckman	Ohio State	UFA	Cincinnati
8.	Sam Bradford	Oklahoma		Returning
9.	Rudy Carpenter	Arizona St	UFA	Dallas
10.	Chase Holbrook	New Mexico St		
11.	Dan LeFevour	C Michigan		Returning
12.	Hunter Cantwell	Louisville	UFA	Carolina
13.	Pat White	W Virginia	2/44	Miami
14.	Nate Davis	Ball St	5/171	San Francisco
15.	Colt McCoy	Texas		Returning
16.	Willie Tuitama	Arizona		
17.	Mark Sanchez	USC	1/5	NY Jets

RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Beanie Wells	Ohio St	1/31	Arizona
2.	Knowshon Moreno	Georgia	1/12	Denver
3.	James Davis	Clemson	6/195	Cleveland
4.	Ian Johnson	Boise St	UFA	Minnesota
5.	Marlon Lucky	Nebraska	UFA	Cincinnati
6.	Javon Ringer	Michigan St	5/173	Tennessee
7.	Javarris James	Miami, Fl		Returning
8.	Arian Foster	Tennessee	UFA	Houston
9.	CJ Spiller	Clemson		Returning
10.	DeMarco Murray	Oklahoma		Returning
11.	LeSean McCoy	Pittsburgh	2/53	Philadelphia
12.	PJ Hill	Wisconsin	UFA	New Orleans

WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Michael Crabtree	Texas Tech	1/10	San Francisco
2.	Darrius Heyward-Bey	Maryland	1/7	Oakland
3.	Percy Harvin	Florida	1/22	Minnesota
4.	Demetrius Byrd	LSU	7/224	San Diego
5.	Sammie Stroughter	Oregon St	7/233	Tampa Bay
6.	Greg Carr	Florida St	UFA	San Diego
7.	Aaron Kelly	Clemson	UFA	Atlanta
8.	Brandon Gibson	Wash St	6/194	Philadelphia
9.	Jaison Williams	Oregon	UFA	Washington
10.	Patrick Turner	USC	3/87	Miami
11.	Brian Robiskie	Ohio St	2/36	Cleveland
12.	Jeremy Maclin	Missouri	1/19	Philadelphia
13.	Juaquin Iglesias	Oklahoma	3/99	Chicago
14.	Kenny Britt	Rutgers	1/30	Tennessee
15.	Kenny McKinley	S Carolina	5/141	Denver

TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Jermaine Gresham	Oklahoma		Returning
2.	Travis Beckum	Wisconsin	3/100	NY Giants
3.	Chase Coffman	Missouri	3/98	Cincinnati
4.	Cornelius Ingram	Florida	5/153	Philadelphia
5.	Ryan Purvis	Boston College	UFA	Tampa Bay
6.	Cody Slate	Marshall		Returning
7.	Darius Hill	Ball St	UFA	Cincinnati
8.	Andrew Quarless	Penn St		Returning
9.	Brandon Pettigrew	Oklahoma St	1/20	Detroit
10.	Rob Gronkowski	Arizona		Returning

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Duke Robinson	Oklahoma	5/163	Carolina
2.	Herman Johnson	LSU	5/167	Arizona
3.	Anthony Parker	Tennessee		
4.	Louis Vasquez	Texas Tech	3/78	San Diego
5.	Steve Rehring	Ohio St	UFA	Cincinnati
6.	Jeremy Perry	Oregon St		
7.	Kraig Urbik	Wisconsin	3/79	Pittsburgh
8.	Sergio Render	Virginia Tech		Returning
9.	John Jerry	Mississippi		Returning
10.	Cedric Dockery	Texas	UFA	New Orleans
11.	Matt Slauson	Nebraska	6/193	NY Jets

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Alex Boone	Ohio St	UFA	San Francisco
2.	Andre Smith	Alabama	1/6	Cincinnati
3.	Phil Loadholt	Oklahoma	2/54	Minnesota
4.	Michael Oher	Mississippi	1/23	Baltimore
5.	Ciron Black	LSU		Returning
6.	Sam Young	Notre Dame		Returning
7.	Sean Sester	Purdue	UFA	Indianapolis
8.	Dallas Reynolds	BYU	UFA	Philadelphia
9.	Eugene Monroe	Virginia	1/8	Jacksonville
10.	Eben Britton	Arizona	2/39	Jacksonville
11.	Anthony Davis	Rutgers		Returning
12.	Andrew Gardner	Georgia Tech	6/181	Miami

CENTERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Jonathan Luigs	Arkansas	4/106	Cincinnati
2.	Max Unger	Oregon	2/49	Seattle
3.	Alex Mack	California	1/21	Cleveland
4.	Eric Wood	Louisville	1/28	Buffalo
5.	Antoine Caldwell	Alabama	3/77	Houston
6.	Josh McNeil	Tennessee		Returning
7.	AQ Shipley	Penn St	7/226	Pittsburgh
8.	Brett Helms	LSU	UFA	Houston
9.	Edwin Williams	Maryland	UFA	Washington
10.	Thomas Austin	Clemson		Returning

DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Tyson Jackson	LSU	1/3	Kansas City
2.	George Selvie	USF		Returning
3.	Maurice Evans	Penn St	UFA	NY Giants
4.	Michael Johnson	Georgia Tech	3/70	Cincinnati
5.	Greg Middleton	Indiana		Returning
6.	Greg Hardy	Mississippi		Returning
7.	Matt Shaughnessy	Wisconsin	3/71	Oakland
8.	Ricky Sapp	Clemson		Returning
9.	Everette Brown	Florida St	2/43	Carolina
10.	Tim Jamison	Michigan	UFA	Houston
11.	Antonio Coleman	Auburn		Returning
12.	Antwain Robinson	Arkansas		
13.	Auston English	Oklahoma		Returning
14.	Ian Campbell	Kansas St	UFA	St Louis
15.	Brian Orakpo	Texas	1/13	Washington

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DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Fili Moala	USC	2/56	Indianapolis
2.	Ricky Jean-Francois	LSU	7/244	San Francisco
3.	DeMarcus Granger	Oklahoma		Returning
4.	Vince Oghobaase	Duke		Returning
5.	Terrance Taylor	Michigan	4/136	Indianapolis
6.	Geno Atkins	Georgia		Returning
7.	Peria Jerry	Mississippi	1/24	Atlanta
8.	Jeff Owens	Georgia		Returning
9.	Mitch King	Iowa	UFA	Tennessee
10.	George Hypolite	Colorado	UFA	Jacksonville
11.	Vance Walker	Georgia Tech	7/210	Atlanta
12.	Roy Miller	Texas	3/81	Tampa Bay

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Brian Cushing	USC	1/15	Houston
2.	Marcus Freeman	Ohio St	5/154	Chicago
3.	Brian Toal	Boston College	UFA	NY Jets
4.	Aaron Curry	Wake Forest	1/4	Seattle
5.	Rico McCoy	Tennessee		Returning
6.	Anthony Heygood	Purdue	UFA	Carolina
7.	Clinton Snyder	Stanford		Returning
8.	Sean Lee	Penn St		Returning
9.	Tyrone McKenzie	USF	3/97	New England
10.	Ryan Reynolds	Oklahoma		Returning
11.	Clint Sintim	Virginia	2/45	NY Giants

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	James Laurinaitis	Ohio St	2/35	St Louis
2.	Rey Maualuga	USC	2/38	Cincinnati
3.	Brandon Spikes	Florida		Returning
4.	Gerald McRath	Southern Miss	4/130	Tennessee
5.	Dave Philistin	Maryland	UFA	Seattle
6.	Darry Beckwith	LSU	UFA	San Diego
7.	Worrell Williams	California		
8.	Jasper Brinkley	S Carolina	5/150	Minnesota
9.	Derek Nicholson	Florida St	UFA	Atlanta
10.	Antonio Appleby	Virginia	UFA	New England
11.	Maurice Crum	Notre Dame	UFA	Tampa Bay
12.	Mike Rivera	Kansas	UFA	Chicago

CORNERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Malcolm Jenkins	Ohio St	1/14	New Orleans
2.	Vontae Davis	Illinois	1/25	Miami
3.	Victor Harris	Virginia Tech	5/157	Philadelphia
4.	Jairus Byrd	Oregon	2/42	Buffalo
5.	Walter Thurmond	Oregon		Returning
6.	Mike Mickens	Cincinnati	7/227	Dallas
7.	Trevard Lindley	Kentucky		Returning
8.	Joe Burnett	UCF	5/168	Pittsburgh
9.	Alphonso Smith	Wake Forest	2/37	Denver
10.	Patrick Robinson	Florida St		Returning

FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Taylor Mays	USC		Returning
2.	William Moore	Missouri	2/55	Atlanta
3.	Courtney Greene	Rutgers	7/245	Seattle
4.	Derek Pegues	Mississippi St	UFA	Chicago
5.	Troy Nolan	Arizona St	7/223	Houston
6.	Anderson Russell	Ohio St		Returning
7.	Shane Carter	Wisconsin		Returning
8.	Chris Clemons	Clemson	5/165	Miami
9.	Antwine Perez	Maryland		Returning
10.	Nate Allen	USF		Returning
11.	Rashad Johnson	Alabama	3/95	Arizona

STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Nic Harris	Oklahoma	5/147	Buffalo
2.	Michael Hamlin	Clemson	5/166	Dallas
3.	Patrick Chung	Oregon	2/34	New England
4.	Myron Rolle	Florida St		
5.	Kevin Ellison	USC	6/189	San Diego
6.	Eric Berry	Tennessee		Returning

Tennessee LB Rico McCoy

2008 PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE RANKINGS

Here are my rankings for pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's, int's and completion % just like the NCAA does. THE KEY DIFFERENCE between the NCAA pass D rankings and mine is that I also factor in the strength of opposing pass attacks. For example, Maryland (5-6) finished #8 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2004. They allowed opposing QB's just 48.3% completions with a 7-6 ratio (TD-interceptions). When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #41 in my rankings. Their toughest pass offense faced was #52 Temple and not only did their other 10 opponents finish in the bottom half of the pass offense rankings, 5 were in the bottom 32! Conversely, USC which won the National Championship, finished only #34 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense rankings, but was #1 in my rankings as they took on NINE team's rated higher than Maryland's toughest pass attack faced, including the #5, #7 and #12 attacks. They still yielded just 53.8% with a 13-22 ratio, that is a pretty clear example of how factoring in the strength of opponent makes these ratings more precise.

Let me show you a couple of overrated and underrated secondaries on the NCAA pass D chart from the past few years. **Army was 3-9 in 2007 but ranked #16 in the NCAA pass D rankings.** One of the main reasons is they only allowed 190 ypg passing. Another reason is that teams ran the ball at will on them, as they were #117 in rush D. When teams did pass they allowed 64.6% completions and a 12-7 ratio. Another reason they allowed just 190 ypg was their opponents. Air Force and Navy were #118 and #119 in pass offense as both run the option. Rhode Island also runs an option offense and had the #110 pass offense of FCS teams (out of 116!). They also faced the #76 pass offense of Ark St, #73 Temple, #100 Akron, #84 Wake Forest, #89 Tulane and #98 of Georgia Tech. Rutgers (#42 pass offense) used a backup running QB for most of the game and attempted just 12 passes but RU ran for over 400 yards on them. They only faced 3 other teams that ranked in the top 70 in pass offense all season. Those three teams hit a combined 90 of 126 (71.4%) and 349 ypg! **Does this sound like the #16 pass defense in the country? My pass D rankings list Army at #100!!!**

In 2007, Oregon ranked #86 in the NCAA pass D rankings, allowing 249 ypg. My ratings had them #8 as they took on mostly pass happy offenses in the Pac-10 and allowed just 53% completions with a 20-20 ratio. The Ducks took on two Top 10 pass offenses which avg a combined 314 ypg and held them to 259 ypg and just 48% completions. They also won 7 games by 21 or more so gave up some meaningless garbage yards late which I factor out.

Florida St finished 9-4 last year, but their #26 finish in the NCAA pass efficiency D rankings was definitely misleading. Florida St's opponents only completed 51% for 162 ypg, but the Seminoles faced the #113 set of opposing QB's and still allowed a 15-9 ratio. They only faced 1 of the top 60 FBS pass offenses (Clemson, #58), played 2 FCS teams (#60 and #99 in FCS rankings) and faced the #116 ranked pass offense of Georgia Tech and #111 Virginia Tech. FSU's pass D was obviously overrated in the NCAA rankings as they finished #60 in my rankings.

Last year, Oklahoma finished 12-2 and went to the BCS Title game, but finished #46 in the NCAA pass D rankings. They did allow 252 ypg game passing but that came against the 7th toughest slate of opposing QB's. The Sooners faced 8 of the top 17 QB's in the NCAA's pass efficiency rankings. The Big 12 was loaded at QB as Okla faced Heisman runner-up Colt McCoy (#3, 3859 yds), Zac Robinson (#5, 3064), Graham Harrell (#8, 5111), Chase Daniel twice (#10, 4335), Joe Ganz (#14, 3568), Todd Reesing (#17, 3888) and not to mention #1DC Josh Freeman (#34, 2945), all in conference play. They also faced '07 Heisman winner Tim Tebow (#4, 2746) in the Title game. The Sooners only allowed 55.4 % comp with a 22-19 ratio against a star-studded class of QB's. **Clearly, the Sooners were better than the #46 pass defense in the country and my rankings list them at #11.**

Listed below are the raw numbers for the 2008 season as well as my final grade, taking into account the strength of the opponent faced. If you would like to get my pass D rankings updated weekly you can go to **PhilSteele.com** on Friday each week and get my current pass D rankings which take into account strength of opponent faced, all for **FREE**.

#	TEAM	YPG	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1.	USC	134.4	382	199	52.1	6	19	14.8	9.98
2.	TCU	170.7	384	193	50.3	8	15	14.4	10.64
3.	California	193.0	432	223	51.6	12	24	14.2	10.31
4.	Boise St	190.2	449	234	52.1	8	22	14.2	9.97
5.	Florida	179.9	456	242	53.1	12	26	14.1	10.10
6.	San Jose St	170.3	356	187	52.5	9	16	13.6	10.42
7.	Iowa	197.3	463	256	55.3	9	23	12.6	9.40
8.	UCF	207.7	398	208	52.3	14	18	12.1	9.87
9.	Ohio St	183.5	440	253	57.5	12	15	11.9	10.26
10.	Troy	187.8	423	232	54.8	18	21	11.9	9.92
11.	Oklahoma	251.5	527	292	55.4	22	19	11.9	11.48
12.	Oregon St	180.9	354	183	51.7	15	13	11.8	10.40
13.	Vanderbilt	174.9	362	193	53.3	15	20	11.8	9.72
14.	Arkansas St	211.3	380	208	54.7	14	15	11.7	10.69
15.	Arizona	181.9	407	228	56.0	12	16	11.7	9.92
16.	Connecticut	168.2	368	196	53.3	9	18	11.6	8.94
17.	Alabama	189.4	467	246	52.7	18	15	11.4	9.70
18.	UCLA	167.7	332	177	53.3	19	11	11.2	10.46
19.	Texas	259.4	491	276	56.2	19	6	11.0	12.56
20.	Arizona St	208.7	405	231	57.0	16	16	10.9	10.22
21.	Clemson	172.5	428	239	55.8	14	19	10.7	8.64
22.	Utah	190.0	409	225	55.0	17	19	10.6	9.19
23.	Tennessee	160.4	332	186	56.0	8	17	10.6	8.55
24.	Penn St	186.8	399	225	56.4	10	16	10.5	8.97
25.	Virginia Tech	175.0	343	181	52.8	12	20	10.4	8.73
26.	Bowling Green	180.8	354	206	58.2	13	15	10.2	9.52
27.	East Carolina	197.2	439	263	59.9	18	22	10.1	9.71
28.	Michigan St	213.4	422	224	53.1	18	14	10.1	9.34
29.	Boston College	176.9	435	244	56.1	9	26	10.0	7.44
30.	South Carolina	159.2	328	189	57.6	9	14	10.0	9.03
31.	Purdue	183.3	359	202	56.3	14	10	10.0	9.57
32.	Notre Dame	195.7	422	228	54.0	15	14	10.0	8.73
33.	LSU	215.4	425	227	53.4	15	8	9.9	9.57
34.	West Virginia	197.3	428	240	56.1	11	17	9.9	8.37
35.	Wisconsin	195.8	404	212	52.5	15	12	9.8	8.67
36.	Wake Forest	172.5	382	199	52.1	15	18	9.8	7.80
37.	Auburn	178.8	369	199	53.9	19	11	9.7	9.07
38.	FIU	212.9	408	241	59.1	21	15	9.7	10.37
39.	Nebraska	233.4	385	222	57.7	19	12	9.7	11.73
40.	Ball St	205.2	454	260	57.3	17	16	9.7	9.35
41.	Cincinnati	206.9	477	268	56.2	18	17	9.7	8.93
42.	Pittsburgh	193.0	396	215	54.3	19	16	9.7	8.90
43.	Kansas	273.6	521	318	61.0	27	15	9.6	12.41
44.	Northwestern	214.2	472	277	58.7	13	13	9.6	9.08
45.	Texas Tech	242.2	434	275	63.4	19	18	9.6	11.68
46.	Kentucky	193.2	359	188	52.4	18	12	9.5	9.15
47.	Oregon	270.2	531	307	57.8	25	16	9.4	10.43
48.	Air Force	199.9	375	219	58.4	15	12	9.4	9.97
49.	USF	192.4	378	201	53.2	16	10	9.3	8.86
50.	Mississippi St	176.6	324	169	52.2	13	8	9.3	8.46
51.	Southern Miss	226.3	447	260	58.2	25	17	9.2	10.16
52.	Western Michigan	254.8	449	257	57.2	21	13	9.2	10.56
53.	New Mexico St	159.4	300	176	58.7	14	9	9.2	9.61
54.	Mississippi	221.7	437	257	58.8	18	16	9.1	9.38
55.	Wyoming	189.5	359	200	55.7	18	9	9.0	9.23
56.	New Mexico	213.5	366	211	57.7	24	12	9.0	10.72
57.	Georgia	189.7	377	210	55.7	17	11	8.8	8.84
58.	Georgia Tech	193.2	415	246	59.3	20	18	8.8	8.81
59.	Arkansas	204.4	347	185	53.3	22	11	8.8	9.25
60.	Florida St	162.4	342	175	51.2	15	9	8.7	7.61
61.	Marshall	253.7	425	249	58.6	18	9	8.6	10.27
62.	Nevada	311.6	506	271	53.6	31	16	8.6	10.55
63.	Colorado	215.3	380	245	64.5	16	9	8.6	11.46
64.	Oklahoma St	267.7	525	326	62.1	28	12	8.6	12.07
65.	Middle Tennessee	212.8	365	216	59.2	17	11	8.6	9.75
66.	Miami, Fl	165.6	336	172	51.2	15	4	8.4	7.98
67.	Ohio	191.0	356	212	59.6	16	12	8.4	8.91
68.	Michigan	230.0	374	216	57.8	19	9	8.3	10.05
69.	Temple	222.1	410	247	60.2	14	11	8.3	8.94
70.	Rice	269.5	478	271	56.7	34	16	8.3	10.89
71.	Washington St	195.8	328	190	57.9	22	10	8.2	10.68
72.	Kansas St	261.4	424	257	60.6	26	10	8.2	11.99
73.	Memphis	200.9	349	190	54.4	19	7	8.2	9.29
74.	North Carolina	226.0	466	287	61.6	15	20	8.1	8.03
75.	Fresno St	200.8	384	224	58.3	20	5	8.1	10.14
76.	Hawaii	218.8	409	240	58.7	27	15	7.9	10.21
77.	Louisiana	216.3	347	208	59.9	24	9	7.9	11.18
78.	ULM	232.0	370	221	59.7	19	7	7.9	10.55
79.	NC State	248.7	447	278	62.2	20	18	7.9	9.39
80.	Northern Illinois	161.1	338	208	61.5	13	6	7.8	8.89
81.	Minnesota	240.3	415	245	59.0	21	15	7.6	9.11
82.	Baylor	255.3	427	288	67.4	22	16	7.6	11.44
83.	Virginia	183.7	333	197	59.2	14	11	7.6	8.01
84.	Tulane	172.8	288	184	63.9	18	9	7.6	10.66
85.	Illinois	197.4	342	200	58.5	18	6	7.6	9.16
86.	Maryland	218.2	427	257	60.2	20	10	7.5	9.06
87.	Florida Atlantic	221.7	403	258	64.0	23	13	7.5	10.75
88.	Stanford	226.7	385	243	63.1	18	7	7.4	10.34
89.	Louisiana Tech	272.7	470	282	60.0	25	17	7.3	9.27
90.	Missouri	286.6	583	374	64.2	29	14	7.3	11.12
91.	Utah St	251.1	420	270	64.3	24	12	7.2	10.82
92.	Army	194.4	290	176	60.7	13	7	7.1	9.41
93.	BYU	215.6	409	250	61.1	17	9	7.1	8.71
94.	Houston	238.3	419	252	60.1	27	13	7.1	9.81
95.	Kent St	216.5	334	211	63.2	15	10	6.8	9.29
96.	Toledo	203.1	347	227	65.4	24	10	6.7	10.73
97.	Tulsa	249.6	451	265	58.8	32	9	6.6	10.78
98.	Buffalo	235.2	465	306	65.8	18	8	6.6	9.99
99.	Duke	205.4	315	179	56.8	17	15	6.5	7.06
100.	UAB	262.9	360	226	62.8	22	16	6.3	9.76
101.	Colorado St	220.0	396	253	63.9	23	10	6.3	9.51
102.	Louisville	239.3	383	226	59.0	26	8	6.2	9.00
103.	Texas A&M	242.7	365	239	65.5	18	8	6.2	10.39
104.	UTEP	270.3	390	244	62.6	34	14	6.1	11.92
105.	Indiana	260.5	396	250	63.1	20	6	6.1	10.00
106.	Rutgers	191.3	322	189	58.7	11	10	6.1	6.79
107.	Syracuse	225.1	384	242	63.0	27	8	5.9	9.54
108.	Navy	211.8	341	227	66.6	17	16	5.9	8.73
109.	Central Michigan	287.2	475	299	62.9	25	8	5.8	10.01
110.	UNLV	210.1	312	191	61.2	24	7	5.8	9.54
111.	Miami, Oh	187.2	297	185	62.3	21	6	5.6	8.66
112.	Akron	210.4	356	226	63.5	26	9	5.5	8.83
113.	Washington	211.2	313	209	66.8	24	7	5.4	11.54
114.	Eastern Michigan	212.3	298	178	59.7	27	8	5.1	8.77
115.	Idaho	262.4	401	268	66.8	29	9	4.8	10.75
116.	San Diego St	213.3	311	205	65.9	21	9	4.7	8.70
117.	SMU	253.9	340	218	64.1	33	8	4.0	11.21
118.	North Texas	275.5	370	240	64.9	34	10	4.0	11.06
119.	Iowa St	276.7	371	250	67.4	31	11	3.7	10.60

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PHIL STEELE'S 2009 PLUS/MINUS POWER RATINGS

If you have read the other parts of the magazine, I am sure you are familiar with the fact that I have NINE different sets of power ratings that I create each preseason to give me 9 different ways of looking at a team. The last few years I have provided you with one of those sets here. It is the one that will most closely resemble the Top 25 polls as it is based on last year's scores with adjustments made for this year. Let me take a minute of your time to give you a little history of my fascination and dependency on power ratings when analyzing a team in the preseason and during the season. I am in my late 40's and I started following college football with great intensity at about 10 years old. At that time (being a numbers guy) I devised my own set of power ratings which was based mostly on where the preseason magazines I was reading ranked the teams. I even awarded points at that time for how many pictured players each team had in the magazines. I updated those ratings during the season based on the final scores of the games.

One of the reasons for this particular article is that a few years later after compiling my ratings (and no longer counting pictures), I stumbled upon the *Game Plan* magazine. In the front of the magazine was a set of power ratings for each team!! I now had two sets of power ratings on each team and I updated them both during the year giving me two different ways of looking at the strength of a team. This year I thought for all of you who like to use a set of power ratings that I would provide you with ONE of my 9 sets. Is this the main set of ratings I use? No, that would be my Power Poll rankings which are a combination of the 9 sets. This is a solid set of numbers, however, what I have noticed is it most closely resembles what the general perception of each team is heading into 2009.

Let me tell you about some of my other power ratings. One of my main sets is the talent rating. For this, I rank each position on every team from 4 for the weakest to 10 for the strongest in the country. They are ranked to the decimal. For example, I will rate a QB position at 7.87 if I feel they are a hair weaker than a 7.89 team. I add all of the positions up, add in special teams and coaching and that set is ready. The second set to look at is the Power Plays numbers. I take a look at last year's final numbers, which not only take into account the score of the game, but the strength of each team's offensive rush and pass and also the defensive rush and pass. When doing my power ratings I always award what I call a Plus/Minus for each position. If a team had an All-American VHT QB last year and is going to an inexperienced one that is not a VHT, then they would rate a minus 6. If a team had no experience at a position and suffered through injuries last year with poor production but now has everyone back, including the injured players who are more experienced while adding new talent to the mix, they would rate a plus 6. Everything else falls in between. To make my Power Plays numbers for THIS year I looked at last year's and applied the Plus/Minus for each position to them to develop the computer projection. I mentioned that I rank each position from 4 to 10, which gives me a fresh set of numbers based just on this year and I have a formula which takes the talent of each position (example: pass offense would be QB plus WR plus O-line) and converts it to a Power Plays number. I compare the two Power Plays numbers derived from two different methods then put my own thoughts into refining the figures and come up with an opening number for the next season. I could write a book (or a magazine for that matter) on how I devise each of the 9 sets but that gives you some idea of how I do two sets of my power ratings.

As for the ratings listed below, these are my Plus/Minus ratings. I first take last year's final Plus/Minus ratings, which are calculated mostly by the score of each game last year and the strength of opponents played. Losing to Florida by 5 would move a team up in the ratings (Florida would have been expected to win big), while beating WKU by 15 in 2008 would probably have moved the same team down. I then take my aforementioned Plus/Minus ratings and add them to the totals. Some teams are weaker than last year and drop in the rankings, while the ones that are improved move up. **As mentioned this is just ONE set of power ratings. A note here is that on page 315 I rank the teams based on the Power Poll, which is all 9 ratings combined, so that page does indeed differ with this one as far as rankings. The Plus/Minus ratings are a good set of ratings but I personally put more weight into the Power Poll,** as it combines all 9. Below I list my current 2009 Plus/Minus ratings for the upcoming season. I hope you find them useful.

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BIG TEN

Ohio St	130.76
Penn St	129.94
Iowa	127.08
Michigan St	123.96
Illinois	116.96
Minnesota	116.85
Wisconsin	114.80
Michigan	114.43
Northwestern	114.23
Purdue	113.85
Indiana	103.68

BIG 12

Texas	138.22
Oklahoma	138.21
Oklahoma St	134.96
Kansas	128.75
Texas Tech	125.88
Nebraska	125.52
Baylor	116.95
Missouri	116.91
Colorado	115.57
Texas A&M	110.65
Kansas St	110.57
Iowa St	103.91

WAC

Boise St	127.74
Nevada	113.22
Louisiana Tech	113.21
Fresno St	107.13
Hawaii	102.48
San Jose St	101.62
Utah St	99.85
Idaho	91.30
New Mexico St	90.80

SEC

Florida	140.00
Alabama	135.48
LSU	135.40
Mississippi	133.96
Georgia	129.41
Auburn	121.58
Tennessee	120.84
Vanderbilt	120.34
Arkansas	119.48
Kentucky	116.96
South Carolina	116.61
Mississippi St	110.30

PAC-10

USC	136.89
Oregon	128.83
California	127.98
Oregon St	125.76
Arizona	122.31
Arizona St	119.35
UCLA	117.28
Stanford	116.74
Washington	106.09
Washington St	97.00

SUN BELT

Troy	111.91
Florida Atlantic	105.67
Middle Tennessee	105.33
FIU	105.26
ULM	104.78
Arkansas St	104.41
Louisiana	104.12
North Texas	95.88
WKU	92.30

BIG EAST

Pittsburgh	125.49
West Virginia	123.48
Cincinnati	123.12
Rutgers	122.87
USF	121.84
Connecticut	116.94
Louisville	112.38
Syracuse	109.26

CONF USA

Houston	115.78
East Carolina	114.13
Tulsa	113.57
Southern Miss	113.52
Rice	110.70
UTEP	107.48
Memphis	105.17
UCF	104.39
Marshall	104.26
SMU	102.04
UAB	101.57
Tulane	94.87

MT WEST

Utah	127.30
TCU	127.28
BYU	123.86
Air Force	112.04
Colorado St	109.74
UNLV	106.04
New Mexico	104.78
Wyoming	104.04
San Diego St	98.25

ACC

Virginia Tech	131.64
Georgia Tech	129.95
Florida St	127.14
North Carolina	126.24
Miami, Fl	125.68
Boston College	121.60
NC State	120.47
Clemson	119.68
Wake Forest	118.80
Maryland	116.70
Virginia	116.52
Duke	105.70

MAC

Central Michigan	110.10
Buffalo	109.64
Ball St	109.25
Western Michigan	106.98
Northern Illinois	106.94
Temple	106.83
Ohio	105.70
Bowling Green	104.83
Eastern Michigan	104.50
Akron	104.04
Toledo	103.61
Kent St	102.63
Miami, Oh	98.36

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Notre Dame	126.96
Navy	114.00
Army	99.17

#1 TEN STRAIGHT YEARS!!

by Tim Sullivan

It's lonely at the top.

Certainly, there are plenty of teams in this publication that know the feeling, right? Oklahoma seemingly always wins the Big 12, Southern Cal seemingly always wins the Pac-10, and short of a Cinderella year here and there, Boise State usually finds a way to win the WAC. The same goes for West Virginia and the Big East.

Phil Steele knows the feeling, as well. Every year -- like the Sooners, Trojans, Broncos and Mountaineers -- he walks up to the starting line with the rest of the competition. Every year, he starts on a level playing surface and surveys the field. And seemingly, every year, four months later, he's looking down at them.

Just like the statistics can back up the Trojans' run of dominance, or the Sooners' stroll through season after season, the numbers don't lie when it comes to Phil, either. In four of the last eight seasons, his publication has been at the top of the list. And over the past 10 seasons, he has a clear-cut cumulative edge over his rivals. It's case closed.

Where can we see this edge? What kind of edge are we talking about? Loyal readers know those answers, most likely. Newer readers, have no fear. Everything you need to know about the competition is below.

There's an all-inclusive preseason publication website out there that college football fans should be made aware of. When you get a chance, surf over to www.stassen.com. Chris Stassen orchestrates a two-pronged survey that evaluates all of the publications. It weighs the books' in-depth coverage (i.e., completeness) and then, after each season, he grades the accuracy of each.

The Stassen survey began in 1993, so Phil's publication was something of an expansion franchise in the competition, as he didn't even know about Stassen until 1997. Not that the slow start has hurt the standings, or anything.

In that first year, Phil finished sixth, a ranking that was a tad slanted, because Phil knew that his preseason Top 25 identified more bowl-bound teams than his competition did. But the drawback in this scenario was that Stassen's assessment was based on final conference standings.

Phil's ratings, on the other hand, were geared toward how many wins a team would garner at the conclusion of the full season. These two schools of thought are similar and related, of course, but it's not uncommon for the weaker of two teams to finish with a better record in conference play. In 1997, there were many cases where this was true. Phil was thus penalized for not configuring his forecasts to fit the Stassen style.

No worries, though. When in Rome, right? Phil simply, in 1998, fine-tuned his publication in accordance with the Stassen competition. In doing so, he adjusted forecasts and analyzed more teams to better satisfy the yardstick of information quality.

For example, in 1995, he had just 88 teams capsulated. By 1998, his list of teams included all programs in Division I. By 2002, he was up to 117 teams. Now, there's 120, and the weight of that amount, you now feel in your hands.

That initial year -- keep in mind what Western Kentucky did last season in its first year at Division I -- wasn't easy, wasn't full of headlines and wasn't spectacular. Phil finished fifth -- the margin from 1-5 wasn't great -- but that simply wasn't enough, no matter how you slice it. It served, looking back on it now, as motivation...and the other publications would probably agree.

Since 1999, Phil is tops in overall score -- before we get into the points system, keep in mind golf, where the lower the better -- and last year alone, he cruised to a title, with a six-point lead over the rest of the field.

In those 10 years, his complete score is 1,286. The closest magazine to him, is Lindy's at 1,312. That's 26 points. That's almost four touchdowns! Now, let's break down that point system for a clearer picture.

Stassen tabulates each publication's forecasting accuracy by comparing the predicted finish with the actual finish of each team in each conference. In cases where two or more teams shared a placement by finishing with identical conference records, the score for that team is derived from the most favorable of the tied positions.

To better illustrate, take a look at the final standings in the SEC East Division last season. As you'll remember, Florida, en route to an SEC as well as a national title, cruised past the East competition, finishing ahead of Georgia, South Carolina, Vanderbilt, Tennessee and Kentucky, in that order.

SEC East Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Phil's Prediction Missed By
Florida	**7-1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Georgia	**6-2**	**2**	**2**	**0**
South Carolina	**4-4**	**3 (tie)**	**3**	**0**
Vanderbilt	**4-4**	**3 (tie)**	**6**	**2**
Tennessee	**3-5**	**5**	**4**	**1**
Kentucky	**2-6**	**6**	**5**	**1**

Total pts: 4

2008 SEC East Predictions

Publication & Total Points	Phil Steele	Athlon	The Sporting News	Lindy's	Sports Illustrated	Jim Feist	Game Plan	Blue Ribbon	USA Today	Total Points
Florida	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	26
Georgia	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	19.5
South Carolina	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	56.5
Vanderbilt	6	6	6	6	5.5	6	6	6	6	89.5
Tennessee	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	49.5
Kentucky	5	5	5	5	5.5	5	5	5	5	74
TOTAL POINTS	**4**	**5**	**7**	**7**	**6**	**4**	**7**	**7**	**6**	

Well, no one's perfect. Phil had those upstart Commodores booked for last place (as did everyone else) and had the disappointing Volunteers slated for fourth. But how about those top three? Nailed it! How about the fact that five of the six teams were predicted no more than one spot away from where they landed? Remember Georgia was the preseason #1 AP ranked team and Phil picked them #2 in their own division.

But let's do one better. Let's break down the Big 12 North, you know the one that's a season long tug-of-war to win for the right to lose to Oklahoma? Well, Phil had that tug-of-war tackled from Day One.

In this division, Phil didn't miss a point. He called Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Kansas State and Iowa State in the order they actually finished! Short of calling for those final two programs to have to make coaching changes at year's end, you can't get much better, right?

	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
NORTH				
Missouri	**5-3**	**1 (tie)**	**1**	**0**
Nebraska	**5-3**	**1 (tie)**	**2**	**0**
Kansas	**4-4**	**3**	**3**	**0**
Colorado	**2-6**	**4 (tie)**	**5**	**0**
Kansas St	**2-6**	**4 (tie)**	**4**	**0**
Iowa St	**0-8**	**6**	**6**	**0**

Total pts: 0

2008 BIG 12 North Predictions

Publication & Total Points	Phil Steele	Athlon	The Sporting News	Lindy's	Sports Illustrated	Jim Feist	Game Plan	Blue Ribbon	USA Today	Total Points
Missouri	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
Nebraska	2	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	58
Kansas	3	2	2	2	2.5	2	2	2	3	31.5
Colorado	5	3	3	3	2.5	3	4	5	2	53.5
Kansas St	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	4	66.5
Iowa St	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	89.5
TOTAL POINTS	**0**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**5**	

THE MOST ACCURATE PRESEASON MAGAZINE THE LAST 10 YEARS!

The Stassen site is so complete that it keeps tabulations of how the magazines have fared in each of the past seasons and also has charts based on the past 3 and 5 years. It even has an all-time chart which rates just the 5 magazines that have been around from 1993-2008. Steele's magazine did not get placed on the all-time list because it was not around until 1995. It did however come up #1 overall in the past ten years (1999-2008) in the category of Prediction Accuracy. The accompanying table shows the complete results.

	Rank	10 YR Ttl Score	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
PHIL STEELE	1	1286	135	147	153	132	125	155	153	148	130	143
ATHLON	2	1312	141	135	158	134	147	149	144	162	134	149
THE SPORTING NEWS	3	1328	154	140	170	145	133	146	131	173	135	155
LINDY'S	4	1315	168	137	171	129	148	149	150	155	124	152
JIM FEIST	5	1358	146	150	179*	140*	147*	141	148	162	129	162
STREET & SMITH	6	1356	154	150	168	139	143	147	155	180	136	138
GAME PLAN	7	1370	141	145	174	157	145	141	154	165	132	157
ATS CONSULTANTS	8	1378	150*	149	162	133	159	165	147	158	147	158
BLUE RIBBON	9	1385	159	145	172	147	151	153*	154	177	136	150*

* Record was not available on site, so used an average score of all ranked services.
Street & Smith merged with The Sporting News in 2008. Used Sporting News Scorebook

Stassen tabulates all of the conferences and then creates the overall standings based on accuracy. There have been many a season in which the difference between first and second place is minimal. Last year though -- in another Steele title season -- close wasn't the case. Phil outdid Athlon and GamePlan by six points.

Of course, in today's day and age, the world of preseason publications goes well beyond predictions and accuracy. You want everything --schedules, rosters, rankings, previous results -- at your disposal. Look no further. Phil offers a one-stop, all-inclusive, everything-you-ever-wanted-to-know-about-college-football-but-were-afraid-to-ask publication that is an absolute must.

Trust me. I've been in college football press boxes for years. And the thing you see most in those rooms -- other than the free donuts -- is reporters walking around with the publication you're reading right now.

Let's take a look at some of the statistics, some that are key to gaining a grasp on what a team might or might not be able to accomplish this season. How about returning starters? A returning starter, in theory, is one who started more than half of the program's games. But some programs readjust that -- taking players who failed to meet that requirement -- and placing them under the same umbrella. It makes the team look a little stronger, and where ever they can get an edge, they usually grab it.

But you need an edge, too. You need to know how many legitimate returning starters there are, and how many didn't meet the requirements. Well, been there, done that. Phil has that for you, and again, don't bother trying to break it down on your own. Don't surf the team websites, don't call the beat reporters. Just drop a mere $8.95, and have it all on your coffee table from now until the national title game.

Phil breaks down the number of starts for each player on the two-deep depth chart for each team. That takes care of your returners, but let's not forget about the newbies. Phil doesn't. He identifies the blue-chippers, the can't-miss kids who go from the prom in June to the college gridiron in August. Don't worry about who's who, he's already taken care of that. You just sit back, and reap the rewards of his research.

Of course, with all of this information, things are going to have to be shortened, right? Isn't this, after all, the era of abbreviations? From text messages to emails, OMG, it's an abbreviated world out there.

Phil's down with the trend. He was Mr. Abbreviation before it was even cool to be. His abbreviations, who knows, may end up on those quarterback playsheets they wear on their wrists nowadays.

In the interim, let's call them what they are. A few examples of the deep, dark ones, the ones that may even throw off a few die-hards. How about KD? Knockdowns. How about TFL? Tackles for loss behind the line of scrimmage. How about VHT? Isn't that a music cable television station? No, that's VH1. VHT, well, that's a very highly touted recruit.

But, listen, we can go on and on, breaking down everything under the sun about college football, and you, as readers, will know, in the end, the result. That Phil's publication is tops.

Instead of crunching more numbers, let's examine a real-world example. After all, in this age of blogging, and forums, and chat rooms, this world is now about people having their say, right?

Well, look no further. As a college football columnist and Heisman Trophy voter at the New York Post, I need as much information as possible. I start my research in June, I analyze most every game from Labor Day past New Year's Day, and everything in between. I'm on coaches' conference calls, I speak with other beat writers, I'm at practices, I'm in press boxes, you name it.

But I never go anywhere without Phil's publication. Believe me, I have an office full of school-issued media guides, stacked to the ceiling, that combined, don't have the amount of information one Steele publication has.

I write a weekly forecasting column, handicapping 17 games a week for 17 weeks. My picks are calculated and placed in a competition against seven other writers from The Post each season. I've done it for four years. I won the competition three years, I finished over .500 in all four years, and every time I sit down to write the column on Wednesday mornings, Phil's publication is to the right of my keyboard. That fact is about as consistent as his forecasts.

So, if anyone's still asking, who's the most accurate? Like we said, the case is closed. Steele Phils that bill.

Remember, it's lonely at the top.

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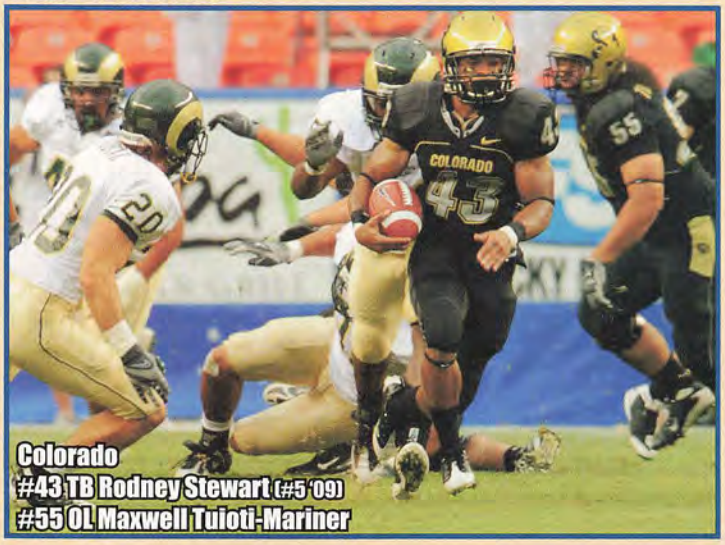

DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

Draft day is an exciting day for many college football players, as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selection and the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. Networks often broadcast from high profile draftees living rooms showing them celebrating when and where they get drafted. College football teams also enjoy draft day, as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a future recruiting edge. They can then tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who seek a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day, it can be a precursor for trouble for many college programs. My staff and I went back and researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft. We found almost 7 out of every 10 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year and have a weaker record. I call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

Let me explain how I came up with this theory. I have taken the last 12 drafts and analyzed not only the amount of players selected, but also the rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 32 players in all of college football who end up being a 1st round draft pick in a season. Replacing a player with that ability is often very difficult. For the system I created, 7 points are awarded if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points, a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three and a 5th round two. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick and a high quality undrafted free agent signee so I award 1 point to a 6th or 7th round pick. I do not lend a high level of merit to being picked in the last 2. Using this point system I went back and plugged in the last 12 years' draftees and found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points, which makes them among the best in the NCAA.

I do eliminate a team from my list that totalled 12 or more points if that is less than the previous year's total. Let's face it, some programs turn out lots of draft picks every year and 12 is a low total for some teams. For example, in 2006 Oklahoma "earned" 25 points but did not make the list because in 2005 they earned 41 points. The 2006 squad was in much better shape than the draft-ravaged 2005 squad and would have been a National Title contender if not for the officiating in the Oregon game.

In the past 12 years I have gone thru year-by-year and recapped how the teams that earned 12 or more points have fared. The results have been VERY consistent. In the 12 years there have been 216 teams that have earned 12 or more points while having more points than what they earned the previous year. Of those 216 teams, 150 or 69.4% had a WEAKER record the next season and 14 had the same record (6.5%). Only 52 (24.1%) managed to improve their record. The best year for this system of NFL Draft hangover was 1998 when 18 of the 21 teams had a weaker record the next year. That means basically 7 out of every 10 teams that earn 12 points or more in the draft will have a weaker record the next year. I will give you a couple of examples and then fine-tune the system even further to reveal systems that have hit 87% over the 12 years!!!

I will now review these results for you year-by-year. Here are some examples of the teams that earned 12 points and how they have done from one year to the next. In **1999**, Arizona had 12 points and plummeted from 12-1 to 6-6, UCLA (15 pts) went from 10-2 to 4-7 and Notre Dame (14 pts) fell from 9-3 to 5-7. In **2000**, Alabama (20 pts) went from 10-3 and thinking National Title, to a massively disappointing 3-8 season, and Marshall (17 pts) went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season. In **2001**, Kansas St (18 pts) went from 11-3 to 6-6 and Washington (12 pts) from 11-1 to 8-4. In **2002**, Stanford (14 pts) went from 9-3 down to 2-9 and BYU (14 pts) went from 12-2 in '01 to a losing record of 5-7 in '02. Oregon went from 11-1 (BCS bowl) to 7-6 after earning 21 draft points. In **2003**, Notre Dame (16 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-7 and Illinois (13 pts) went from 5-7 to 1-11. In **2004**, Mississippi (12 pts) went from 10-3 to 4-7, Washington (17 pts) went from 6-6 to 1-10 and Maryland (14 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-6. For **2005**, Utah earned 14 pts and went from 12-0 down to 7-5. In **2006**, NCSt had 26 pts (3 #1 DC's) and dropped from 7-5 to 3-9. A great example for **2007** was when Notre Dame (21 pts) went from 10-3 to 3-9. In **2008**, the 5 best examples were: Ariz St (13 pts), Auburn (18 pts), Kansas (14 pts), Purdue (14 pts) and Virginia (15 pts) as they combined for a 48-17 (74%) record in '07 but fell to a combined 27-34 (44%) in 2008 with 4 of the 5 having losing records!!! As you can see, losing a lot of quality players to the NFL does have an impact on teams the following year and as mentioned, 75.9% of teams that earned 12 or more points had weaker or the same record the next year.

In 2006's magazine I went through the records of teams in the chart and noticed that of the TOP 7 I had listed, ALL 7 had a weaker record in 2006! The 2006 results verified my theory that the more points a team earns (which means the bigger the draft losses), the higher chance they would have of a weaker record the next year. If you go back over the last 12 years, there have been 55 teams that have accumulated 24 or more points. Of those 55 teams, 45 have had a weaker record the next years (2 same rec). That means 47 of the 55 teams (85.4%) failed to improve their record the next year after earning 24 or more draft points. Here are some notable losers from this segment of draft casualties. In 2001, Wisconsin (29 pts) went from 9-4 to 5-7. In 2000, Michigan St (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. West Virginia was 8-4 in 1998 but after earning 26 points dropped to 4-7 in 1999. In 1997, Colorado (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. **USC, Ohio St, Georgia & Missouri all have 24 or more points for '08.**

In 2004, Ohio St set an NFL record for the number of players drafted in a 7 round draft and, in the process, earned 51 draft points in my system. The Buckeyes went from 11-2 to just 8-4. My next question is, how do the biggest draft losers fare the next season? In the past 12 years there have only been 15 teams that have earned 35 or more points. Thirteen of 15 had a weaker record the next season with the '06 Ohio St Buckeyes and '08 USC Trojans being the only teams to have a better record. The biggest fall from this group was '03 Penn St, which went from 9-4 to just 3-9. The only team that falls into this category for 2009 is USC but they have LESS points than last year.

Over the last 12 years teams that earned more points than the previous year and accumulated....

12 or more points - Weaker or same record 164 of 216 (75.9%)
24 or more points - Weaker or same record 47 of 55 (85.4%)
35 or more points - Weaker record 13 of 15 (86.7%)

With that in mind, this year there were 26 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft. Six teams on that list had LESS points than last year in USC (45), Texas (15), Oklahoma (14), LSU (14), Boston College (12) & Auburn (12).

One thing I pointed out in past years is that the National Champ does have a good shot at appearing on these lists. In the past 12 years there have been 13 National Champs (LSU and USC were co-champs in '03) with 11 of the 13 having earned 12 or more points in the draft the previous year. The only exceptions were '06 Florida (7 pts) and '08 Florida (11 pts). The two teams that overcame the biggest draft losses and still managed to win a title were the 2001 Miami Hurricanes, who had 34, and the 1998 Tennessee Volunteers (32). Seven of the 13 actually earned 20 or more points in the draft loss category.

According to past history, in reviewing the 20 teams in the box below, only 4 or 5 will manage to improve their record this year, BUT the National Champ is very likely to be one of the overall 20 teams on the Draft Day Hangover List.

TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2009 NFL DRAFT	TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2009 NFL DRAFT
Ohio St	32	Mississippi	19
Georgia	28	Wake Forest	18
Missouri	26	Wisconsin	16
Connecticut	22	Virginia	16
North Carolina	20	Maryland	14
Penn St	19	South Carolina	13
Texas Tech	19	Iowa	12
Oregon	19	Florida	12
Oregon St	19	Utah	12
Alabama	19	Cincinnati	12

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NCAA EXPERIENCE CHART (New and Improved)

For the past 7 years I have listed an experience chart which broke down the amount of Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen each team had in the two deep and rated the teams experience level with a formula I devised for that. This year I have made the experience chart FIVE TIMES better. We still did the exact same chart but this year I am just listing the Senior starers, the rest of the seniors in the two deep and the points accumulated by using the system I have used from 2002-08. In the chart listed below I have now included 4 other factors. The 2nd factor listed in the chart below is the % of lettermen returning. I devised a point system for this and go into it in depth on page 319. The next part that was added was the % of offensive yards returning. I took the total yards passing, rushing and receiving for each team and added them up and then got the stats for just the players returning and the yards returning % listed below is that figure. I did the same with the total tackles from last year and the % of tackles returning. This gives us an idea of the defenses experience. The final factor is the career starts returning for the offensive line. These player are not included in the stats but are a vital part of the offense. I then devised a formula that factors all 5 into the total points equation and then turned the point total into a number from 100 to 0. A 100 would be a team with 25 seniors (NCAA scholarship limit) in the two deep and every yard and tackle returning but 120+ career starts. A 0 would be a team with no experience and 0 seniors in the two deep. Just like in years past the first number is where each team ranks in the NCAA.

NCAA RANK	ACC	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
21	Virginia Tech	69.8	9	3	56	71.4%	85.7%	63.3%	90
27	Georgia Tech	68.7	3	1	51	70.1%	95.3%	71.9%	60
31	Wake Forest	67.8	12	4	67	70.3%	78.4%	36.3%	119
59	Florida St	62.3	8	4	59	71.6%	71.8%	47.6%	89
61	North Carolina	61.8	5	3	58	74.1%	47.0%	80.2%	66
63	Boston College	61.4	10	3	64	74.1%	59.4%	65.7%	84
64	NC State	61.0	11	2	58	65.3%	71.3%	66.3%	60
74	Miami, FL	59.0	9	4	61	69.6%	71.2%	60.1%	65
86	Clemson	56.1	9	5	60	67.9%	36.5%	72.1%	79
94	Virginia	54.4	8	3	62	67.3%	47.3%	54.9%	69
107	Duke	50.2	10	0	60	55.9%	74.8%	51.0%	25
114	Maryland	47.9	9	2	55	55.9%	75.8%	50.6%	27
NCAA RANK	BIG TEN	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
1	Minnesota	82.2	11	7	72	80.0%	93.9%	78.0%	102
28	Iowa	68.7	6	3	62	69.0%	57.5%	80.7%	99
35	Indiana	66.6	10	4	66	68.1%	78.3%	71.2%	84
56	Illinois	62.7	8	3	62	73.0%	95.3%	52.5%	49
83	Ohio St	56.4	8	5	70	61.3%	49.7%	58.2%	62
91	Wisconsin	55.4	7	4	59	70.0%	66.9%	57.5%	49
92	Michigan St	55.4	7	7	63	75.0%	41.2%	75.7%	52
93	Michigan	54.6	6	2	45	72.9%	59.4%	59.0%	76
99	Penn St	53.1	8	5	64	64.9%	69.3%	56.1%	39
109	Purdue	50.0	15	0	62	72.1%	22.0%	70.0%	68
113	Northwestern	48.0	8	3	59	67.6%	17.9%	70.5%	64
NCAA RANK	BIG 12	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
10	Oklahoma St	74.4	14	6	77	69.4%	89.1%	68.1%	91
11	Texas	74.1	11	0	62	81.3%	79.8%	75.6%	91
20	Baylor	69.9	11	2	66	67.6%	87.8%	80.8%	53
25	Iowa St	69.1	11	4	67	73.2%	79.9%	69.6%	70
50	Oklahoma	63.8	8	6	64	74.2%	79.7%	79.8%	32
53	Kansas	62.9	8	5	68	70.0%	97.0%	60.4%	26
55	Texas A&M	62.8	9	3	58	62.7%	76.5%	58.0%	69
60	Colorado	62.0	5	3	47	77.1%	89.0%	58.2%	66
76	Kansas St	58.5	12	7	83	63.6%	44.2%	70.4%	58
106	Texas Tech	50.8	9	4	65	72.9%	33.3%	68.9%	59
112	Nebraska	49.3	7	3	62	67.2%	32.0%	61.5%	61
120	Missouri	39.6	7	1	50	63.0%	25.2%	56.5%	56
NCAA RANK	BIG EAST	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
57	Pittsburgh	62.6	13	6	78	69.0%	56.5%	55.3%	63
62	Syracuse	61.6	4	4	68	73.0%	69.1%	61.7%	49
75	USF	58.9	8	1	61	72.0%	81.0%	58.1%	43
84	Connecticut	56.2	8	2	54	63.8%	35.1%	68.8%	90
88	Cincinnati	56.1	11	1	64	68.3%	80.6%	34.5%	68
96	Louisville	53.9	7	5	74	73.1%	52.4%	62.7%	38
105	Rutgers	51.0	8	4	54	71.2%	33.2%	61.4%	80
111	West Virginia	49.7	6	8	70	56.9%	51.3%	68.5%	31
NCAA RANK	CUSA	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
2	UAB	81.1	7	5	72	78.5%	98.1%	61.3%	108
4	East Carolina	78.7	12	5	76	68.4%	79.8%	72.5%	114
9	UTEP	74.5	10	7	78	76.4%	87.6%	60.8%	86
15	Southern Miss	71.4	10	5	69	65.6%	89.8%	69.5%	58
26	Marshall	69.0	6	9	74	75.4%	70.2%	72.1%	61
39	UCF	65.9	9	3	66	78.6%	100.0%	63.6%	28
41	SMU	65.6	6	2	53	69.9%	86.2%	79.3%	48
45	Tulane	64.6	12	2	61	72.6%	84.6%	66.1%	59
52	Memphis	63.2	12	6	82	68.1%	77.0%	71.5%	28
71	Houston	59.5	7	3	61	68.3%	90.4%	51.2%	47
102	Tulsa	51.7	10	3	61	66.1%	40.1%	80.1%	45
118	Rice	43.6	8	2	57	64.5%	16.5%	80.1%	31
NCAA RANK	INDEPENDENTS	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
17	Notre Dame	71.0	5	5	51	67.2%	95.3%	65.1%	100
110	Army	49.8	8	6	79	48.7%	47.5%	58.5%	19
116	Navy	46.2	11	10	82	49.1%	23.2%	69.7%	36

NCAA RANK	MAC	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
3	Toledo	80.0	13	2	70	89.1%	82.4%	81.9%	97
12	Eastern Michigan	74.0	9	4	69	77.6%	88.9%	57.1%	90
30	Central Michigan	68.1	9	3	56	81.5%	71.1%	90.5%	54
37	Ohio	66.5	13	5	77	66.7%	90.2%	65.7%	40
38	Akron	66.4	9	4	63	67.2%	68.4%	65.4%	85
48	Northern Illinois	64.0	7	4	65	65.2%	73.1%	60.1%	88
51	Temple	63.5	11	2	68	76.1%	48.7%	83.9%	75
70	Buffalo	59.6	9	1	58	73.5%	54.6%	87.4%	61
81	Bowling Green	57.7	15	4	67	68.4%	75.1%	52.8%	52
85	Kent St	56.2	9	5	68	81.9%	42.6%	68.4%	50
98	Miami, Oh	53.2	4	3	49	70.3%	94.1%	44.8%	27
100	Western Michigan	52.3	7	1	49	64.0%	71.5%	40.8%	71
119	Ball St	42.5	6	3	51	64.3%	42.5%	65.1%	31
NCAA RANK	MT WEST	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
24	San Diego St	69.1	11	6	73	73.1%	86.6%	69.0%	53
42	UNLV	65.3	7	4	66	69.7%	78.1%	67.0%	61
54	Wyoming	62.8	9	9	70	69.4%	40.0%	70.0%	75
58	Air Force	62.4	10	2	73	67.7%	68.5%	60.6%	63
72	TCU	59.4	7	4	67	68.7%	83.3%	49.3%	57
73	Colorado St	59.4	10	1	61	67.7%	34.8%	61.0%	129
77	BYU	58.2	11	6	74	64.3%	72.8%	67.5%	23
87	Utah	56.1	13	6	79	71.1%	28.4%	68.5%	74
101	New Mexico	52.0	11	4	62	65.7%	63.2%	53.7%	45
NCAA RANK	PAC-10	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
7	Stanford	75.2	8	6	67	80.6%	83.8%	77.8%	78
13	Washington	72.2	6	4	63	74.6%	85.5%	72.4%	71
22	UCLA	69.6	9	7	67	72.9%	81.7%	69.6%	67
23	Washington St	69.4	8	4	74	68.3%	70.3%	62.4%	87
46	California	64.4	9	2	64	71.6%	73.0%	69.2%	56
69	Arizona	59.6	11	2	73	79.7%	51.4%	67.1%	66
90	USC	55.6	8	3	61	75.3%	55.1%	46.0%	91
95	Arizona St	54.1	11	5	65	75.4%	40.3%	69.3%	59
97	Oregon St	53.4	6	4	64	74.3%	74.4%	43.6%	37
103	Oregon	51.5	6	2	64	71.0%	70.5%	57.3%	20
NCAA RANK	SEC	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
6	Florida	75.8	7	5	73	74.6%	75.8%	98.9%	56
14	Mississippi	71.8	12	5	73	73.9%	88.7%	66.1%	66
18	LSU	70.8	12	3	62	73.4%	86.7%	74.4%	79
29	Kentucky	68.7	11	5	74	68.5%	86.9%	53.7%	86
36	Auburn	66.5	8	2	68	69.1%	79.5%	67.7%	59
47	Vanderbilt	64.0	11	4	67	75.4%	55.2%	80.7%	67
66	Arkansas	60.6	6	2	58	74.6%	59.5%	79.4%	52
67	Tennessee	59.7	11	1	56	64.3%	67.0%	55.4%	80
78	Georgia	58.1	7	4	60	69.0%	28.5%	70.2%	99
80	Alabama	58.0	11	4	66	83.3%	42.1%	85.1%	52
108	Mississippi St	50.1	6	3	52	58.8%	75.9%	46.6%	67
117	South Carolina	45.0	6	1	53	58.8%	39.5%	54.3%	65
NCAA RANK	SUN BELT	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
5	FIU	77.2	10	4	70	78.7%	85.1%	64.2%	108
33	Middle Tenn	67.1	8	4	68	80.4%	59.6%	66.0%	99
34	Troy	66.8	15	6	84	70.3%	84.5%	57.7%	54
40	Arkansas St	65.7	16	5	66	77.3%	91.5%	79.1%	19
43	North Texas	64.9	5	5	67	72.3%	30.1%	88.4%	103
44	Louisiana	64.9	9	5	70	75.8%	24.8%	79.4%	113
49	ULM	63.9	14	0	72	67.8%	48.9%	87.3%	65
89	Florida Atlantic	55.7	11	3	67	67.6%	79.5%	35.5%	52
104	WKU	51.4	9	1	57	60.0%	55.8%	56.5%	70
NCAA RANK	WAC	TOTAL EXP PTS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR STRS	SENIOR EXP PTS	% LTR RETURN	% YDS RETURN	% TKL RETURN	OL CAR STATS
8	Louisiana Tech	75.0	8	2	91	66.1%	64.1%	70.0%	91
16	San Jose St	71.4	10	7	78	75.7%	62.2%	65.3%	93
19	Utah St	70.2	10	6	82	77.8%	82.4%	56.5%	58
32	Nevada	67.5	8	6	61	75.0%	80.9%	72.8%	67
65	Fresno St	60.9	6	5	66	77.1%	60.8%	77.3%	53
68	Boise St	59.6	1	1	76	69.6%	64.8%	66.5%	40
79	Idaho	58.1	8	3	46	68.2%	81.5%	62.8%	54
82	Hawaii	57.1	11	6	85	60.2%	77.3%	24.6%	65
115	N Mexico St	47.0	9	9	73	67.7%	25.0%	57.5%	56

TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

BY PHIL STEELE

Turnovers can have a huge impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. During the season I list all of the previous week's misleading final scores on philsteele.com each week by Thursday. By reading about them each week you can uncover some underrated and overrated teams for the rest of the season.

Here are a couple of examples from last year. West Virginia benefitted from +5 in turnovers and romped over Connecticut on the road 35-13 but the next week they were -2 in turnovers and upset at home by Cincy. The following week they benefitted from +4 in turnovers in their 35-21 win over Louisville but then were upset the next week by Pittsburgh in the Backyard Brawl.

Wake Forest took on a Florida St team that was weakened by suspensions and had a +5 turnover margin and they won 12-3 on the road and moved to #16 in the rankings. The next week they were -4 in turnovers and were upset by Navy at home as a 16 point favorite.

Ole Miss should have beaten Vanderbilt as they had a 385-202 yard edge but they were done in by -4 in turnovers. The next week Ole Miss went into the Swamp and dealt the Florida Gators their only loss of the year in a huge upset (+2 in TO).

In 2007, Nebraska was mauled by Kansas 76-39 but part of the problem was that they were -5 in turnovers. The next week they were even in turnovers and despite being a home underdog to Kansas St they rolled to a 73-31 win.

In 2006, Arkansas RB Darren McFadden got hurt in August and it looked like he would miss the start of the year. Coach Nutt needed to keep his remaining RB's healthy for the opener so he did not allow them a lot of contact during August. The result was a lot of fumbles vs USC in the opener, and -5 turnovers led to a 50-14 loss to USC. I picked Arkansas, which had finished 4-7 the previous year, #13 in my magazine and took some flak for that prediction. Arkansas recovered from that disappointing performance, WON the SEC West and finished #12 in the final regular season poll. Had they not turned the ball over so often in the 1H vs USC, the 2H would have been a much different game.

Vanderbilt whipped Mississippi everywhere but on the scoreboard. Vandy had a 23-7 FD edge and 400-179 yard edge. They held the Rebels to 31 yards passing but thanks to -3 in TO's they somehow lost to Ole Miss by a 17-10 margin for a very misleading final. The next week an underrated Vandy squad traveled to #16 Georgia and pulled off a huge 24-22 upset.

Virginia Tech lost to Boston College 22-3 and their season appeared shot. Coming off that "blow-out" loss they had a tough upcoming schedule. In reality they only allowed 264 yds to BC but were done in by -4 in TO's. Not only did they destroy Southern Miss the next week 36-6, but they were an underdog at home vs #10 Clemson and beat them 24-7 the following week. They won their last 6 games of the year including a road win at Miami and whipped the eventual ACC champ Wake Forest 27-6 (Wake had just beaten FSU 30-0 the previous week thanks in part to +4 TO's).

I could list many more examples, but as you can see, turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. On my website, philsteele.com, I have many more examples listed. TO's can not only make a difference in a game but can make the difference between a winning and losing season.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were by Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA, which all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 for the '98 season!!! In 1999, those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 turnovers in '98 but finished +1 in '99.

One of the best examples is Southern Miss. In 1991 they were 4-7 and had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a tough year turned out surprisingly well as Southern Miss went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters and a bowl seemed in the works. Their 1993 record was a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers.

In 2006, there were 13 teams that made this article in the "Going Down" box. Of those 13 only 3 managed to improve their record (all very slightly). FOUR of the teams in the box had MAJOR dropoffs going from a winning season to a poor year. Those 4 teams were Iowa St, Louisiana Tech, Miami, Oh and UCF (CUSA Champs) who went from a combined record of 29-18 (62%) in 2005 to just 13-36 (27%) in 2006!

In 2007 eleven teams made this article in the "Going Down" box. Of those 11 only ONE (Boston College) managed to improve its record and that was from 10-3 to 11-3. Two did finish with the same record as 2006 but eight had weaker records by 2 games or more. The biggest drop-off was Minnesota which went from a bowl game to just 1-11. Two others went from bowls to losing seasons.

Last year sixteen teams made the Going Down box and of the 16, 10 had weaker records, 5 managed to improve and 1 had the same record. The top two teams in the box were Kansas which went from 12-1 in 2007 to 8-5 in '08 and LSU which went from 12-2 to 8-5.

Teams that benefitted from double-digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 16 years, 235 teams have had plus double-digit turnovers. Of those 235, 154 have had weaker records the following year (65.5%). Only 54 teams (23.0%) have improved their record and the other 27 had the same record. **Teams with a positive double-digit TO ratio had the same or weaker records 77.0% of the time since 1996.** Listed below are last year's most fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN?

Oklahoma	+23	Virginia Tech	+14
Florida	+22	Utah	+13
Buffalo	+19	Air Force	+13
Wake Forest	+17	Southern Miss	+13
Ohio St	+16	TCU	+13
Baylor	+16	West Virginia	+12
Rice	+15	UTEP	+12
Navy	+15	Minnesota	+12
California	+15		

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 2002, California went from -18 and a 1-10 season to a winning record at 7-5 (+18)!! Penn St went from -11 to +12 in turnovers and their record went from 5-6 to 9-4. Navy was 2-10 in 2002, but -14 in TO's for the year. In 2003 they held onto the ball much better and improved to an 8-5 season and a bowl berth. Memphis also went from double-digit TO's and a losing year to a bowl in 2003. North Carolina, UTEP and Texas A&M all had that distinction in 2004.

In '06 ten teams made the "Going Up" box and EIGHT of the ten improved their records with FIVE of them going from a losing season to bowl eligibility. Those 5 teams were Oregon St, Oklahoma St, Rice, Kent St and Wyoming.

In 2007, 11 teams made the "Going Up" Box on this page. I even had a picture of Illinois, the #2 team listed on the page, showing that I felt they would make a dramatic change and they went from 2-10 in 2006 to the ROSE BOWL in 2007!!! Of the 11 teams, two had a weaker record including New Mexico St which lost their QB for a few games and went from 4-8 to 4-9. Three of the 11 had the same record and 6 improved their record.

Last year 13 teams made the "Going Up" box on this page. Of the 13, 9 had an improved record, 3 had a weaker record and 1 had the same record. Ole Miss went from 3-9 to Cotton Bowl champs, Minnesota went from 1-11 to 7-6 and a bowl and both Northern Illinois and Nebraska improved by 4 wins with the Huskies going from 2-10 to a bowl and Nebraska from a losing record to a New Years Day bowl win!

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they will usually be headed for better fortune the following year. In the past 16 years, there have been 191 teams that have finished the season minus double-digits in turnovers. Of those 191 teams, 130 (68%) have had better records the next year! **Teams with a negative double-digit TO ratio had the same or stronger records 80% of the time since 1996.** Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

Washington St	-25	Miami, Oh	-12
Wyoming	-22	Nebraska	-11
Washington	-17	South Carolina	-11
North Texas	-17	Fresno St	-11
Army	-14	Texas A&M	-10
Idaho	-14	Michigan	-10
SMU	-13	UCLA	-10
Ohio	-12	Miami, Fl	-10
Louisville	-12		

If you like this type of information, you will love the News and Notes section updated weekly at philsteele.com. I review such information as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2009!

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I finally wrap-up the magazine in the middle of May. My next month is spent going over each individual game for the upcoming year. I look at all the history between the teams, read the last 2 years of past histories for the matchups and then analyze the matchup to see if there are any mismatches (big, strong O-line vs small, weak DL, etc). At this point my staff is hard at work on the regional magazines which have 6 full pages on each BCS team and 4 on the non-BCS teams. This year we have revamped the NFL magazine and will be doing 6 full pages on each NFL team in Full Color. In June and July, I go through the NFL for the upcoming year and do my hundreds of radio shows. Before you know it, it's August and time to start watching the games and trying to find value. I pride myself in being the Most Accurate Preseason Magazine over the last 10 years and there is a lot of information on these pages.

To help you out a little bit, I will give you a few guidelines on the best ways to use this magazine. I will go over some of the abbreviations and things that you normally do not see in other magazines.

First of all, let's take a look at the player rankings in the front of the magazine. As mentioned on page 303, I feel that you are also getting an NFL draft guide with my individual position ratings. These ratings do not always match the conference rankings of the players. This year I will go over a couple of things that stand out. **I have turned the top player rankings in the magazine into a pure NFL ranking. I have eliminated all true and redshirt frosh as well as true sophomores from the list. If you check out my All American teams you will see three WR's in Julio Jones, AJ Green and DeAndre Brown who all starred as true frosh. They are on my All American list but not listed under my Top 73 WR's because they are not eligible for the 2010 draft.** You will also notice that some times I have a player rated 1st team All Conf and yet in the front of the magazine he is listed behind a player whom I list 3rd team. My all conference lists are how I think the players will perform this year in college football. The lists in the front are where I think they are in terms of NFL draft possibilities. A clear example from last year is Texas Tech QB Graham Harrell who was 4th in the Heisman voting throwing for 5111 yards (71%) with a 45-9 ratio. Harrell was a super college QB and had a tremendous 2008 season but was not drafted! In 2006 Troy Smith of Ohio St took home the Heisman Trophy and 1st Tm AA honors but was not selected in the draft until the 5th round and was the 9th QB taken overall. During the season I got a lot of flak from Ohio St fans about how I had him rated the 10th best QB. I actually may have had him a little overrated at #10 as 3 of the QB's I had listed before him were coming back in 2007! Deep teams like USC actually have 5 or 6 NFL prospects on my list at a position like RB but do not rate highly on the All Pac-10 Tm. The reason is that they split the carries with so much talent in the backfield, and they are not likely to produce a 1,000 yard back unless someone steps to the forefront this fall and takes over as the feature back.

Sometimes my overall rankings do not coincide with my conference predictions. This is not sloppiness on my part but rather being meticulous. This year I have Florida St #2 in the ACC Atlantic and NCSt tied for #3 in the division. If you look at my Top 40 you will see that I have NCSt at #30 and Florida St at #34. How is this possible? In ACC play I feel that Fla St will have 1 or 2 more wins and that is why they are picked higher in the division. In non-conf games Florida St has to play BOTH BYU and #1 Florida on the road and also draws South Florida. NCSt has all 4 non-conf games at home including TWO vs FCS (IAA) foes and two manageable games in Pitt and SCar. I feel NCSt will have more wins at the end of the year overall and be higher ranked. My conference predictions are based on what each team's record will be in conference play and where they will finish in the final standings. As I mention in the Top 40, my Power Poll ranking is the overall strength of each team. Sometimes teams will be ranked a lot higher or lower in my Top 40 than the Power Poll ranking. This is due to scheduling.

On each conference page I list unit rankings and I feel they are the best set of unit rankings you will find. Each conference was done by me so they will be more consistent than the other magazines. One area that may raise some questions is the coaches' rankings. I take into account years at the program. It is usually a two to three year process for new head coaches to get up to 100% speed at their new school. A new head coach has to learn the strengths and weaknesses of all the players and the players have to learn new schemes on both offense and defense and many times that is a slow process. Listen to any 2nd year HC talk about the upcoming year and he will say they are light years ahead of where they were the year before. Also a new HC sometimes does not mix with the previous coaches recruits and we see a large amount of players quitting or transferring over the spring and summer. I have most first year HC's ranked lower than you would normally think due to this process and then bring them up in the rankings the next 2 years. In their 3rd year over half the team is their own recruits and that is when I rank them completely according to their coaching productivity.

Tulsa
RB Jamad Williams

On the right hand pages for each team I have listed several interesting notes about each series. I have very little space on the two lines provided, so if a specific stat is given that was produced by a player or a team and the year is NOT mentioned then it is about last year's game.

As you can tell by going through the magazine there is very little advertising and as I wrapped this article up I found out I needed one more page in the magazine. One of the pages I wanted to add was an article on starters lost during the year. Remember when Oklahoma won the National Title in 2000? Not a single OU starter lost a single start due to injury! My research has shown that teams that benefited from very few injuries, in this case 6 or less, usually have a weaker season the next year. I go into great detail with a lot of numbers backing up my research at www.philsteele.com.

The bottom line is teams that have suffered a lot of injuries the previous year will generally have a better year the next season. A lot of backups were forced to play in the injury-riddled year, hence gaining valuable experience and the team figures to not be so injury-prone the next year. In a study over the last 5 years, my research shows that if a team had 32 or more starts lost to injury the prior season, they improved or had the same record the next year on 41 out of 55 occasions for a 74.5% success rate. How about teams that are really banged up? Well from 2001-2005 12 teams went through seasons of having 40 or more combined starts lost and ALL 12 had the same or better record the next season. It surprises me that 17 teams met that criteria in 2006-07 but only 7 had a stronger record the next year and 9 had a weaker record. **Last year Utah was at the top of the chart with 51 starts lost to injury and they went from 9-4 to 13-0 and #2 in the country!** For space purposes I will just list those with the highest amount of starts lost in 2008 due to injuries or suspension. For a complete list check out www.philsteele.com.

1. ULM (54)
2. Washington (50)
3. Wisconsin (48)
4. Arkansas (47)
5. Florida Atlantic (47)
6. UCLA (44)
7. Georgia (44)
8. NC State (43
9. Purdue (42)
10. Nevada (42)

Now let's look at the teams that had great fortune with very few injuries. With teams playing a 12 game schedule, I went for the magic number of 6 lost figuring that is less than one half of one starter lost to injury during the year. Over the past 5 years only 15 of the 42 teams (35.7%) that had this good fortune managed to improve their record the next year! Not as many teams had this good fortune last year but here are the teams whose records will likely drop this year. Last years notables were Illinois (2 sts lost) which went from the Rose Bowl to a losing season and Purdue (4) which went from 8-4 to 4-8. This year only 5 teams make the list.

1. Arkansas St (1)
2. Oklahoma St (2)
3. Syracuse (3)
4. Tulsa (5)
5. Bowling Green (6)

As mentioned, www.philsteele.com will have a page dedicated to starts lost this year and we will track each team's starts lost for the upcoming 2009 season so you can see which teams are really banged up and those that have remained very healthy. We even include start charts for each of the teams and update them weekly!

Finally I told you about most of my "Football Only" months but my most relaxing months are the summer and those are the months I get to talk to my readers. We will have a list of all the radio shows I will be doing over the summer on www.philsteele.com and if you can't talk to me on the radio then you can email me your football questions from the website. I really do appreciate each and every person who buys my magazine and I hope to talk via email with you in the next couple of months!

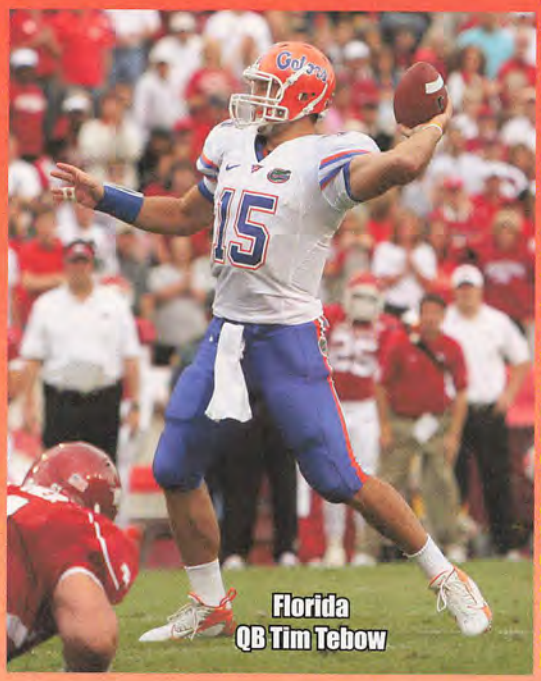
THE POWER POLL TOP 120

Once again, I would like to thank EVERYONE who has sent in their questionnaires over the last few years for taking the time to let me know your feelings about my magazine. Again, I am overwhelmed by the kind comments from those of you who appreciate all the hard work that goes into this magazine each year.

As I clearly point out in the front of the magazine, MY College Top 40 is based solely on where I think each team will finish and NOT how I rate the teams talent-wise. I stress each year that my Surprise Teams are often teams that have decent talent but a GREAT schedule. One of the prime examples this year is Rutgers which ranks #37 in the Power Poll but #16 in the Top 40 rankings (pg 27). Rutgers takes on my #106 rated schedule (easiest of BCS conf teams) and is my pick to win the Big East.

To come up with the order for this article I could have continued on from teams I list in my Top 40 article and extended the list to #120 using that method. However, the weakest teams listed in my Top 40 may be those that faced the toughest schedules, so I did not feel that would be a fair representation. Therefore, I decided to give you my Power Poll Top 120. Let me explain why I call it the Power Poll and how it was derived.

A few years back, before computers became part of the BCS rankings system, there was without a doubt some flaws in the polls. Teams rated #2 or #3 in the country really were not that talented and were maybe the 5th or 6th best. One internet site decided to produce a poll of some of the top analysts and experts each week and invited me to join. I myself work 365 days a year. During magazine time (March, April, May) and throughout the football season (August through January) there are many 15-18 hour days put in and all of them are spent solely working on FOOTBALL. When they invited me to join the poll, I wanted to give them the best set of power ratings in the country to help make the poll as accurate as possible. The dilemma I had was which set? As I mention throughout the magazine, I have NINE different sets of power ratings that are based on different factors. One is based on the individual talent level and performance of each position on each team and those are added up for the rating. Another is based on my Power Plays numbers which include rushing and passing offenses, defenses and special teams. Another is a continually updated power rating based on the score of the games and the strength of opponent.


Florida
QB Tim Tebow

What I decided to do was combine all nine into one rating which gives me a very solid overall ranking for each team. The rating takes into account EVERY factor, using it as my main set of power ratings. These numbers will differ from my "Plus or Minus" ratings on page 305 as THAT set is just one of the NINE used to compile this main number. As mentioned earlier, these numbers will differ from my Top 40 because the Power Poll is concerned ONLY with the strength of the team and does not factor in who they will play for the upcoming season or how many games they should win in 2009. Keep in mind, this is basically MY COMPUTER'S Top 120. Without further adieu and at YOUR REQUEST, here is my 2009 Preseason Power Poll:

1. Florida
2. Texas
3. Oklahoma
4. USC
5. Mississippi
6. Penn St
7. Alabama
8. LSU
9. Notre Dame
10. California
11. Georgia
12. Ohio St
13. Virginia Tech
14. Oklahoma St
15. TCU
16. Iowa
17. Miami, FL
18. Illinois
19. Nebraska
20. Boise St
21. UCLA
22. BYU
23. Clemson
24. Florida St
25. Arkansas
26 Georgia Tech
27. Arizona
28 Texas Tech
29. Pittsburgh
30. Michigan St
31. North Carolina
32. Stanford
33. Oregon
34. Oregon St
35. USF
36. Michigan
37. Rutgers
38. West Virginia
39. NC State
40. Tennessee
41. Southern Miss
42. Baylor
43. Utah
44. Kansas
45. Wisconsin
46. Houston
47. Auburn
48. Arizona St
49. East Carolina
50. Nevada
51. South Carolina
52. Boston College
53. Colorado
54. Troy
55. Tulsa
56. Kansas St
57. Missouri
58. Kentucky
59. Vanderbilt
60. Cincinnati
61. Memphis
62. Louisville
63. Wake Forest
64. Purdue
65. Minnesota
66. Air Force
67. Virginia
68. UTEP
69. Texas A&M
70. Northwestern
71. Central Michigan
72. Fresno St
73. Connecticut
74. Ohio
75. Washington
76. Navy
77. Maryland
78. Mississippi St
79. Marshall
80. UNLV
81. Florida Atlantic
82. Western Michigan
83. Arkansas St
84. Louisiana Tech
85. Iowa St
86. Temple
87. Akron
88. UCF
89. Toledo
90. SMU
91. UAB
92. Duke
93. San Jose St
94. Middle Tennessee
95. Hawaii
96. Northern Illinois
97. ULM
98. FIU
99. Syracuse
100. Utah St
101. Buffalo
102. Eastern Michigan
103. Rice
104. Indiana
105. Tulane
106. Kent St
107. Wyoming
108. Ball St
109. Colorado St
110. San Diego St
111. Bowling Green
112. Louisiana (ULL)
113. Army
114. New Mexico
115. Washington St
116. North Texas
117. Miami, OH
118. WKU
119. Idaho
120. New Mexico St

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2001 DANIEL GRAHAM - University of Colorado • Selected 21st overall by Patriots in '02 NFL Draft
2000 TIM STRATTON - Purdue University

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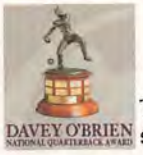

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1980	Mike Singletary	Baylor	1995	Danny Wuerffel	Florida
1981	Jim McMahon	BYU	1996	Danny Wuerffel	Florida
1982	Todd Blackledge	Penn State	1997	Peyton Manning	Tennessee
1983	Steve Young	BYU	1998	Michael Bishop	Kansas St
1984	Doug Flutie	Boston College	1999	Joe Hamilton	Georgia Tech
1985	Chuck Long	Iowa	2000	Chris Weinke	Florida St
1986	Vinny Testaverde	Miami	2001	Eric Crouch	Nebraska
1987	Don McPherson	Syracuse	2002	Brad Banks	Iowa
1988	Troy Aikman	UCLA	2003	Jason White	Oklahoma
1989	Andre Ware	Houston	2004	Jason White	Oklahoma
1990	Ty Detmer	BYU	2005	Vince Young	Texas
1991	Ty Detmer	BYU	2006	Troy Smith	Ohio State
			2007	Tim Tebow	Florida

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WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss record from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its obvious flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from the previous season. Let's look at a couple of examples. At the start of 2007 I had Illinois rated as one of the top teams in the Big Ten and they went on to knock off #1 Ohio St and play in the ROSE BOWL. My ratings had them as an above avg opponent at the start of the year and they finished the regular season #13 (AP). Using 2006's record as the criteria for determining the strength of an opps' schedule, however you would count them as a 2-10 team! Last year I had teams like Ole Miss and Minnesota on my MIT list meaning I thought they were bowl caliber but using the previous year's record you would have got credit for a 3-9 and 1-11 teams (both made bowls, Ole Miss finished #14). On the flip side of the coin Notre Dame was in an obvious rebuilding year in '07 yet was still counted as a 10-3 team if you based strength of schedule on 2006's record, and they were far from a January bowl team in 2007 at just 3-9!

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall records. If a team plays a FCS (IAA) school that was 11-1 in 2007, that would have counted as a MUCH tougher game in the NCAA ratings than facing a team like Alabama who was 7-6 in '07 but #1 at the end of '08 reg ssn! My ratings had Bama ranked as a much tougher team than an FCS foe. To give you an example from 2002, my ratings foresaw that teams playing Kansas St were facing a Top 10 team based on my preseason ratings. The NCAA strength of schedule ranking rated a game against Kansas St as just a game vs a 6-6 opp (2001 record). Kansas St finished #7 in the AP poll for 2002 and walloped their opp's by an avg of 45-12, not exactly numbers from a typical middle-of-the-road opponent. In 2005, judging a team based on their previous season's record, teams that drew Notre Dame (6-6) appeared to be drawing an average team but my ratings had them top ten.

Let me delve a little further into 2003's ratings. Coming into the season, I rated Notre Dame as the team that would face the NCAA's toughest schedule. When the season was over, they did indeed face THE TOUGHEST schedule. The NCAA rankings at the start of the year only had ND's schedule ranked as the 49th toughest. The Irish faced 10 bowl eligible teams. Their opp's in 2003 finished a combined 97-55. **Once again, my strength of schedule is based on THIS YEAR'S strength of opponents NOT on opponent records from the previous year.** Basing it on their opponents' final records of 2002, it looked like a mediocre slate. They ended up facing teams that were ranked #1, #6, #9, #11 and #18 in the final AP poll, plus bowl squads from Pitt, Navy, Mich St and BC. Hardly a mediocre schedule as they faced 9 teams with winning records, the 2nd highest total in the NCAA that year!

I have many more examples from years past on my website www.philsteele.com for those of you that want a little more in-depth history on strength of schedule. These examples clearly show that basing schedule strength on last year's opponents record is inaccurate.

One chart that I find very helpful is comparing this year's schedule with last year's and I will delve into that more in a bit but here is my list of who ended up playing the toughest schedules in 2008. The 2008 bowl eligible teams (6-6 or better) are in **boldface**. Six of the teams that played the nine toughest schedules did not make it to a bowl and Georgia (preseason #1) finished out of the Top 10. Eleven of the teams that took on the 14 weakest opp's made it to bowls with Tulsa and Ball St (weakest & 2 sked) getting mention as BCS busters last year.

2008'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1. Washington	41. **Wisconsin**	81. **Air Force**
2. Arkansas	42. Mississippi St	82. **TCU**
3. Virginia	43. **Virginia Tech**	83. **Navy**
4. **Georgia**	44. **Oklahoma St**	84. North Texas
5. **South Carolina**	45. Iowa St	85. Temple
6. Stanford	46. **Maryland**	86. **BYU**
7. **Oregon St**	47. **Missouri**	87. Toledo
8. Colorado	48. **Boston College**	88. **East Carolina**
9. Baylor	49. **West Virginia**	89. WKU
10. **Vanderbilt**	50. Indiana	90. Army
11. **NC State**	51. **Connecticut**	91. **Nevada**
12. **Texas**	52. **Iowa**	92. **Rice**
13. UCLA	53. SMU	93. **Southern Miss**
14. Duke	54. **Georgia Tech**	94. FIU
15. **Michigan St**	55. New Mexico	95. **Buffalo**
16. Michigan	56. Marshall	96. **Florida Atlantic**
17. **Texas Tech**	57. **Florida St**	97. **Houston**
18. Syracuse	58. **USF**	98. Miami, Oh
19. **Kansas**	59. **Cincinnati**	99. **C Michigan**
20. **Oklahoma**	60. **Notre Dame**	100. Ohio
21. Purdue	61. **Minnesota**	101. Akron
22. **Pittsburgh**	62. **Kentucky**	102. **Bowling Green**
23. Washington St	63. Kansas St	103. E Michigan
24. **USC**	64. Utah St	104. **Fresno St**
25. **Florida**	65. **Colorado St**	105. New Mexico St
26. **Wake Forest**	66. **Penn St**	106. Idaho
27. **Ohio St**	67. **Alabama**	107. **Troy**
28. Auburn	68. San Diego St	108. **San Jose St**
29. **California**	69. Wyoming	109. **Louisiana**
30. **LSU**	70. **Hawaii**	110. **N Illinois**
31. Texas A&M	71. **Arizona**	111. **Boise St**
32. Illinois	72. **Northwestern**	112. Middle Tenn
33. **Oregon**	73. **Rutgers**	113. **W Michigan**
34. **Mississippi**	74 UNLV	114. **Arkansas St**
35. Arizona St	75. **Utah**	115. ULM
36. **North Carolina**	76. UAB	116. **Memphis**
37. Tennessee	77. UTEP	117. Kent St
38. **Miami, Fl**	78. Louisville	118. **Louisiana Tech**
39. **Clemson**	79. Tulane	119. **Tulsa**
40. **Nebraska**	80. UCF	120. **Ball St**

Now let's turn our attention to 2009. This year I again decided to see what the NCAA method would come up with for toughest opp's faced and compare them to my chart, which I always list in the magazine. Let's first look at the NCAA rankings. In the right hand column is a chart of all 120 teams and the combined 2008 opponents' records from last year. It is ranked in order of highest % of opponent wins (or toughest schedule) to lowest % of opponent wins (or easiest schedule).

On the next page are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my 9 sets of Power Ratings. This ensures that an FCS team is rated much lower than Miami, Fl which was 7-6 last year.

The second factor is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year some teams will have as many as 8 home games, while others play as many as 8 on the road.

Listed on page 318 are this year's toughest schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule this year according to my rankings belongs to South Carolina while the easiest belongs to Kent St.

Let's pick out some teams to show you the flaws of just using last year's overall opponent records. Based on 2008's opponent records USF plays the 23rd toughest schedule while USC takes on an easy #87 slate. USC's cupcake schedule has them facing all 9 Pac-10 foes, a bowl caliber San Jose St and two potential Top 10 teams in Ohio St and Notre Dame in their non-conference slate. The Big East has no powerhouse teams this year and may not even have a team in the Top 20 at the start of the year. While USF does face Florida St in the non-conf slate they also take on Wofford, Charleston Southern and Western Kentucky and while Wofford was 9-3 last year I would rather face them than Notre Dame which USC only gets a 7-6 credit for.

New Mexico faces the 14th toughest schedule based on **last year's records**. The Lobos face a grand total of 2 BCS conference teams! There are 65 BCS conference schools and ALL 65 would love to trade their schedule for New Mexico's, which my ratings rank as the 73rd toughest schedule. Part of the reason for their high rank is that LAST year Texas Tech, Tulsa and Utah were all powerhouses but all 3 lose the bulk of their explosive offenses and will not be as strong.

According to the NCAA's method, which is based on winning percentage for opponents, NCSt plays the 17th toughest schedule and Alabama faces the 110th toughest (11th easiest). The two teams do have 2 mutual opponents in South Carolina and Virginia Tech with VT being a Top 10 team. For NCSt that is the ONLY Top 10 team they face and they also

2009'S OPPONENT WINNING %

		Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%
1.	Florida St	101	55	64.7%
2.	Oklahoma St	97	55	63.8%
3.	Syracuse	98	57	63.2%
4.	S Carolina	98	58	62.8%
5.	Auburn	96	58	62.3%
6.	Baylor	95	58	62.1%
6.	Miss St	95	58	62.1%
8.	Wyoming	94	59	61.4%
9.	Texas Tech	91	59	60.7%
10.	Miami, Fl	93	61	60.4%
11.	Minnesota	91	61	59.9%
12.	Oklahoma	91	62	59.5%
13.	Maryland	92	63	59.4%
14.	New Mexico	89	63	58.6%
15.	Clemson	90	64	58.4%
15.	Virginia	90	64	58.4%
17.	NC State	89	65	57.8%
17.	Louisville	89	65	57.8%
19.	Virginia Tech	90	66	57.7%
20.	San Jose St	87	64	57.6%
21.	Vanderbilt	88	65	57.5%
21.	UNLV	88	65	57.5%
23.	Georgia Tech	87	65	57.2%
23.	Arkansas	87	65	57.2%
23.	USF	87	65	57.2%
26.	Iowa	87	66	56.9%
27.	Indiana	85	65	56.7%
28.	Illinois	86	66	56.6%
28.	Michigan St	86	66	56.6%
30.	Duke	87	67	56.5%
31.	Nebraska	85	67	55.9%
31.	West Virginia	85	67	55.9%
33.	N Carolina	86	68	55.8%
33.	Tennessee	86	68	55.8%
35.	Oregon	83	68	55.0%
35.	Utah St	83	68	55.0%
37.	Wake Forest	84	69	54.9%
37.	Miami, Oh	84	69	54.9%
39.	Pittsburgh	85	70	54.8%
39.	East Carolina	85	70	54.8%
41.	Michigan	82	68	54.7%
41.	Kansas	82	68	54.7%
43.	Georgia	83	69	54.6%
44.	Florida	82	69	54.3%
44.	Kentucky	82	69	54.3%
46.	Wisconsin	83	70	54.2%
46.	UCF	83	70	54.2%
48.	Colorado	81	70	53.6%
48.	Colorado St	81	70	53.6%
50.	Kansas St	80	70	53.3%
51.	Washington	81	71	53.3%
51.	LSU	81	71	53.3%
53.	Boston College	82	72	53.2%
54.	Missouri	79	70	53.0%
55.	Tulsa	80	71	53.0%
55.	BYU	80	71	53.0%
57.	Texas	79	71	52.7%
57.	Arizona	79	71	52.7%
59.	Stanford	80	72	52.6%
60.	Air Force	77	70	52.4%
61.	Memphis	79	72	52.3%
62.	Tulane	78	72	52.0%
63.	Purdue	79	73	52.0%
63.	Bowling Green	79	73	52.0%
63.	Connecticut	79	73	52.0%
66.	C Michigan	80	74	51.9%
67.	Rice	79	74	51.6%
68.	Texas A&M	76	73	51.0%
69.	Cincinnati	77	74	51.0%
69.	Houston	77	74	51.0%
71.	SMU	78	75	51.0%
72.	New Mexico St	82	79	50.9%
73.	Rutgers	70	68	50.7%
74.	Iowa St	75	73	50.7%
74.	San Diego St	75	73	50.7%
76.	California	76	74	50.7%
77.	Washington St	77	75	50.7%
78.	Utah	75	74	50.3%
79.	UTEP	77	76	50.3%
80.	Ohio St	75	75	50.0%
80.	Oregon St	75	75	50.0%
80.	Fresno St	76	76	50.0%
80.	Toledo	75	75	50.0%
80.	Nevada	76	76	50.0%
85.	Navy	82	83	49.7%
86.	Notre Dame	76	77	49.7%
87.	USC	75	76	49.7%
87.	FIU	75	76	49.7%
89.	TCU	74	76	49.3%
89.	North Texas	74	76	49.3%
91.	WKU	73	75	49.3%
92.	Mississippi	68	70	49.3%
93.	Hawaii	80	83	49.1%
94.	Arizona St	74	77	49.0%
95.	Penn St	73	76	49.0%
96.	UAB	74	78	48.7%
97.	Temple	73	78	48.3%
98.	UCLA	72	78	48.0%
98.	E Michigan	72	78	48.0%
100.	Louisiana Tech	71	77	48.0%
101.	Marshall	72	79	47.7%
102.	Ohio	70	79	47.0%
103.	Boise St	77	87	47.0%
104.	ULM	68	80	45.9%
105.	Buffalo	66	80	45.2%
106.	Southern Miss	68	83	45.0%
107.	Akron	67	82	45.0%
108.	Louisiana	66	81	44.9%
109.	Idaho	68	84	44.7%
110.	Alabama	67	83	44.7%
111.	Northwestern	66	83	44.3%
112.	N Illinois	65	83	43.9%
113.	Arkansas St	64	83	43.5%
113.	Troy	64	83	43.5%
115.	W Michigan	65	86	43.0%
116.	Army	64	85	43.0%
116.	Middle Tenn	64	85	43.0%
118.	Ball St	63	85	42.6%
119.	Kent St	63	86	42.3%
120.	Florida Atlantic	61	86	41.5%

battle Murray St and Gardner Webb. Alabama plays in the same division as two other Top 10 teams in Ole Miss and LSU. Another team to compare to Bama's SEC schedule is Miami, Oh. Once again according to the NCAA's method Miami faces the #37 toughest schedule compared to the Tide's #110. Miami plays ZERO Top Ten teams and only one that will be ranked to start the year and of course has 8 conference games vs the MAC while Bama has 8 SEC foes.

In 2004 on these pages, I looked at Iowa St's schedule and forecasted a turnaround season. Of their 11 foes, only 1 ranked in my Top 25 at the start of the year. While teams like N Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska all had great seasons in 2003, they were far from powers in 2004. Based on 2003's records, Iowa St faced the 8th toughest schedule in the country!!!!! My ratings had their schedule at #60 and I felt only 1 of their foes would be in the Top 25 and just 5 or 6 in bowls (which is a low number for a BCS school). When the dust cleared, Iowa St faced only 5 bowl teams and came within a missed FG of winning the then-weak Big 12 North, hardly the 8th toughest schedule in the land.

As a comparison, I also said that based on 2003's record, Kentucky had the 105th toughest schedule or 15th easiest in 2004, with their opponents just 63-76 (45%). I looked at their schedule and saw 5 Top 25 contenders, as well as projected 2004 bowl teams like S Car and L'ville. I said that Kentucky clearly played a much tougher schedule than Iowa St, yet based strictly on 2004's records, Iowa St played the 8th toughest and Kentucky the 15th easiest. UK's foes finished the year at 72-56 (#20), hardly an easy schedule.

Here are the teams with the biggest discrepancy in the two methods of determining toughest schedule and you can check out each team's schedules to see which method you think is better. I list the difference in rankings between the two in ( )'s. Most UNDERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face a tougher slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. USC (70), 2. UCLA (60), 3. Wash St (57), 4. Notre Dame (50), 5. Arizona St (46), 6. Alabama (42), 7. Ohio St (41), 8. Stanford (37), 9. Georgia (36), 10. Arizona (33).

Here are the most OVERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face an easier slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. New Mexico (59), 2. UNLV (53), 3. Miami, Oh (49), 4. Utah St (45), 5. NCSt (45), 6. San Jose St (45), 7. USF (43), 8. Wyoming (36), 9. Clemson (30), 10. Air Force (29).

If you go to my website (www.philsteele.com) you will find out that teams that play a Top 20 schedule normally do not fare well. I mentioned earlier about the poor records for teams that took on a Top 9 schedule last year but of teams that took on a Top 20 slate, TEN were not bowl eligible. Only 3 of the 20 even managed to be ranked in the Top 20!

Conversely in 1996, Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similarly soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999, I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" I answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and went 10-1 in the regular season. In 2003, I noted the strongest teams playing the easiest schedules. I said TCU, facing the #96 schedule, was one of my surprise teams and they again flirted with an undefeated season. **In 2004, I listed both Utah and Boise St as non-BCS teams with talent, an easy schedule and a shot to run the table and both finished the regular season unbeaten!!!** In 2005 Ark St played the #119 schedule and made it to a bowl after going 3-8 the previous year! In 2006 Boise St faced the 11th easiest schedule and went undefeated while winning a BCS bowl. **In 2007 Hawaii faced the 2nd easiest schedule. I called for them to get to a BCS bowl and they played in the Sugar Bowl!** Last year Ball St faced the #120 slate and went 12-0 during the regular season. Tulsa had my projected #120 schedule last year and ended up facing the #119 and flirted with an unbeaten season until late in the year.

In 2004 I added a new feature to this article and took a look at the teams who have much easier, or much tougher schedules than the previous year. **I listed the 10 teams who took on the most improved (softer) schedules in 2004 than 2003. Out of the 10 teams, NINE had better records in 2004 than 2003 or 90%!!!!! Overall the 10 teams had a combined record in 2003 of 51-75 40% and improved to 69-50 58% in 2004, including Auburn, which went from 8-5 to a perfect 13-0 and Iowa St which went from 2-10 to a bowl!! In 2005, of the 10 teams in the "Going Up" box, EIGHT had better records in 2005 than in 2004. Four teams went from a losing season to a bowl. In 2006 of the 10 teams in this box, 8 ended up with better records including Wake Forest and Arkansas, who both went from losing seasons to January Bowls!!! Also Hawaii, Purdue and Texas A&M went from losing years to playing in a bowl. In 2007 I listed 12 teams in the box and 9 had the same or better record than in 2006 with teams like Virginia, Indiana and Memphis going from a losing season to a bowl. Last year 8 of the 10 teams improved their records including Utah which went from 9-4 to 13-0 and #2 in the country and Notre Dame, Arizona and NCar who all went from losing records to bowls.**

Here are the 10 teams with easier schedules that should have better success in 2009 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (easier) from last yr's schedule:

GOING UP???

1. NC State (51)
2. Oregon St (48)
3. Duke (44)
4. Mississippi (43)
5. Colorado (38)
6. SMU (37)
7. San Diego St (34)
8. Rutgers (33)
9. Pittsburgh (32)
10. Hawaii (30)

PHIL STEELE'S 2009 TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1.	South Carolina	31.	Missouri	61.	Iowa St	91.	Southern Miss
2.	Florida St	32.	Indiana	62.	NC State	92.	Fresno St
3.	Oklahoma	33.	Purdue	63.	Kansas St	93.	Louisiana Tech
4.	Mississippi St	34.	Florida	64.	East Carolina	94.	Nevada
5.	Minnesota	35.	Nebraska	65.	San Jose St	95.	E Michigan
6.	Arkansas	36.	Notre Dame	66.	USF	96.	New Mexico St
7.	Georgia	37.	Wake Forest	67.	UAB	97.	C Michigan
8.	Virginia Tech	38.	UCLA	68.	Alabama	98.	WKU
9.	Tennessee	39.	Ohio St	69.	Rice	99.	Toledo
10.	Michigan St	40.	Texas	70.	Cincinnati	100.	Hawaii
11.	Oregon	41.	Texas A&M	71.	BYU	101.	Louisiana
12.	Miami, Fl	42.	Illinois	72.	Penn St	102.	San Diego St
13.	Virginia	43	Connecticut	73.	New Mexico	103.	ULM
14.	Oklahoma St	44.	Wyoming	74.	UNLV	104.	Temple
15.	Auburn	45.	Clemson	75.	FIU	105.	North Texas
16.	Washington	46.	Colorado	76.	Tulane	106.	Rutgers
17.	USC	47.	Boston College	77.	Mississippi	107.	Idaho
18.	Baylor	48.	Arizona St	78.	Colorado St	108.	Arkansas St
19.	Texas Tech	49.	Louisville	79.	Houston	109.	Troy
20.	Washington St	50.	North Carolina	80.	Utah St	110.	Buffalo
21.	LSU	51.	California	81.	Utah	111.	Middle Tenn
22.	Stanford	52.	Kentucky	82.	UTEP	112.	N Illinois
23.	Vanderbilt	53.	Wisconsin	83.	Bowling Green	113.	Akron
24.	Arizona	54.	Pittsburgh	84.	Marshall	114.	W Michigan
25.	Maryland	55.	Oregon St	85.	Northwestern	115.	Ball St
26.	Kansas	56.	UCF	86.	Miami, Oh	116.	Florida Atlantic
27.	Georgia Tech	57.	Memphis	87.	Navy	117.	Boise St
28.	Iowa	58.	Duke	88.	TCU	118.	Army
29.	Michigan	59.	West Virginia	89.	Air Force	119.	Ohio
30.	Syracuse	60.	Tulsa	90.	SMU	120.	Kent St

In 2004, we took a look at the 10 teams that faced a tougher schedule and I said their records may drop because of it. Those ten teams combined for a 72-55 57% mark in 2003 but the same 10 were just 44-67 39.6% in 2004!!!! Once again, 90% of the teams saw their record get weaker and the only team that did not was Vanderbilt, which went from 2-10 to 2-9 because they played one less game!! The most notable dropees that made the list were powerhouses Kansas St and Maryland who were coming off 11 and 10 win seasons respectively and both had losing seasons!! In 2005 only ONE of 10 teams in the "Going Down" box managed to have a better record. In 2006 8 of the 10 teams in the "Going Down?" box had weaker records, including Iowa St and Virginia who went from being in a bowl to a losing record. In 2007 I had 8 teams in the box and surprisingly only 5 had a weaker record. Last year 8 of the ten teams I listed had a weaker record with Arkansas, Ohio, Virginia, Purdue and New Mexico all going from a bowl season to a losing year. **That means over 5 years 82% of the teams in the "Going Down" box have had a weaker record the next year.** Here are the teams with harder schedules that may see some dropoff in 2009 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (harder) from last year's schedule:

GOING DOWN???

1. Tulsa (59)
2. Memphis (59)
3. Minnesota (56)
4. Florida St (55)
5. Arizona (47)
6. San Jose St (43)
7. Miss St (38)

The computer shows me that there are some other teams with one or more of the sets of Power Ratings which call for them to have undefeated seasons. Naturally, if a team is projected at the top of my Power Ratings, it has a greater chance of going unbeaten. In 2002, three sets of my ratings called for Ohio St to go unbeaten and the Buckeyes were the surprise team of the country. In 2003, 11 teams were rated in two or more sets of my Power Ratings with a perfect record. That included the Top 6 in the final AP poll who all were among the 11 teams I listed on this page. In 2005 USC and Texas made this list. **The only unbeaten BCS team prior to the bowls in 2006 was Ohio St who made the list. In 2007 Hawaii made the list and was the only unbeaten team in the regular season. Last year Utah and Ball St both made this list and went unbeaten in the regular season.** Here are this year's teams in which one or more sets of my Power Ratings forecast a perfect season as a possibility. This year the teams are Florida, Boise St, Mississippi, Texas, USC, Penn St, TCU, Oklahoma, Ohio St, Illinois, Notre Dame, Alabama, Pitt, Virginia Tech, Rutgers, California and Southern Miss. Keep in mind that good health, a positive turnover ratio and a little luck are needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.

South Carolina WR Jason Barnes

LETTERMEN RETURNING/LOST SYSTEM

BY PHIL STEELE

For the last couple of years I have put an experience chart in the magazine which counts the number of Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors each team has and adds them up with a point system. Last year I went back and looked at percentages of lettermen returning and lost. Using percentages is more reliable than the amount of returning or lost lettermen because schools give out letters in different manners. Some schools hand out a lot of letters and others far fewer. Getting a letter at Syracuse under Paul Pasqualoni was tough, as he handed out just 38 total letters in 2004 and 40 in 2003. This year the low's went to North Carolina St with 48 and Oklahoma St with 49. Nebraska in 2001 handed out 82 letters or over double what Syracuse was giving out, it was also the most given out by any school in the previous 6 years. In 2007 Ohio broke all records with an amazing 91 letters given out while Hawaii had 90! Last year Georgia Tech was at the top with 87.

The first category I looked at was for teams with a high percentage of lettermen returning. I tossed the numbers into an Excel spreadsheet. Common sense would say teams that had a high percentage of lettermen returning should be much stronger the next year and have a better record. In the last 8 years a total of 87 teams have had 79% or more lettermen returning. That comes out to about 11 per year. Of those 87, 64 have had the same or better record the next year or 73.6%.

I was looking for a higher percentage so I started to eliminate some groups. Naturally, when I limited the group of teams that had 79% of their lettermen returning to those that also had at least 16 starters returning, the percentage went up. Out of the now smaller group of 47 teams, 39 or 83.0% had the same or better record and 72.3% or 34 of 47 had an improved record. Last year in this article I mentioned that Florida, which was coming off a 9-4 season, made that group and I called for them to win the title. Overall those are, once again, nice numbers but I wanted an even higher percentage so I narrowed the group once again.

I devised a rather simple formula to cut the group. I multiplied the returning lettermen by 100 which means 87% returning lettermen would count for 87 pts, 67% for 67 points, etc. I then multiplied the returning starters by 5. A team with 19 returning starters earned 95 points, a team with just 9 returning starters only earned 45 points. A final factor I added in was QB experience. If a team had a returning starting QB they got an additional 25 points. I ran these numbers thru the computer and found some magic numbers. Since 2001 there are 60 teams that accumulated 185.1 points or more of experience from the previous year. Of those 60, 50 (83.3%) had a stronger or equal record to the previous year. By tightening it a little further I found that 89% of teams that had 190.1 points or more (31 out of 35) had a stronger or the same record the next year!

Let me give you a couple of examples. In 2006 I called Arkansas the Most Improved Team in the country. They had 80% lettermen returning (19 starters). The Hogs, who were 4-7 in 2005, vaulted to 10-1 and a #5 ranking before a disappointing finish left them at "only" 10-4 (#15) for the year, but they were the SEC West Champs and went from 4-7 to a New Year's Day Bowl. Wake Forest was just 4-7 in 2005 but had 83% lettermen returning (19 starters). Wake had low expectations and then lost their starting QB and RB to injuries but somehow still managed to improve to an amazing 11-2. They not only got to play in the ACC Title game but also WON THEIR FIRST ACC TITLE SINCE 1970 (37 years!). They had been picked last in the preseason ACC poll! In 2004 Mike Price inherited a team with 17 ret starters (195.2 exp pts) and UTEP went from 2-11 to an 8-3 reg season and the Houston Bowl. In 2001 Colorado made my Most Improved List AND Surprise Team list and after a 3-8 2000 season they went 10-2, won the Big 12 Title and came within inches of playing in the National Title Game. In 2006 Boise St was coming off a 9-4 season but with 195.7 exp points they went undefeated and knocked off Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl! Also in 2006 Ohio had 193.1 exp pts and went from 4-7 to a 9-3 reg season and the MAC Title game. Last year the most successful member on the 190+ group was Northern Illinois which went from 2-10 to the Independence Bowl.

Teams that have 185.1 (but less than 190.1) experience points returning this year and an 83.3% chance of improving their record are Minnesota, Florida, Washington, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Texas, Southern Miss and Georgia Tech. An improved record for Florida and Texas would mean an unbeaten season. There are 3 teams this year that have 190.1 or more experience points returning which means they have an 89% shot at an improved record this year and I list those 3 teams in the box below:

190.1+ Exp Pts
Ret Lettermen,
Ret Starters
QB Experience

- Toledo
- UAB
- Stanford

(89% Chance of improved record)

Now, let's look at the opposite end of the spectrum, teams that have a low percentage of lettermen returning. If you look at teams that had 60% or less lettermen returning, there are 78 in the last 8 years. As you would expect, 51 of those had a weaker or the same record the next year or 65.4%.

Last year I noted that of the teams with 60.5% or less returning lettermen, 11 or less returning starters AND no returning starting QB almost always regressed with Virginia and Air Force making the list. Teams in that category had a worse record the next year 77% of the time and the same or weaker record 83.3%. It has happened 30 times in the last 8 years and only 5 teams managed to improve their record with two of those being the 2006 Temple team, which went from 0-11 to 1-11 and the Ole Miss team of 2006, which went from 3-8 to 4-8. That means that only 3 of the 30 had less losses than the previous year or just 10%. The biggest four dropoffs have happened over the past five years. In 2004, Kansas St had been a dynasty under Bill Snyder but could not overcome the "60.5%, 11, 0 QB Plan" and went from a very successful 11-4 season to just 4-7, a huge drop of 7 wins! The next year Florida Atlantic had just 50.8% returning lettermen, 8 ret starters and a new QB. They went from 9-3 in 2004 to just 2-9 in 2005, another 7 game drop. In 2006, Miami, OH had just 58.9% returning lettermen, 7 returning starters and an inexperienced QB. They not only had a great streak of ELEVEN STRAIGHT WINNING SEASONS snapped but dropped from 7-4 to just 2-10! In 2007 Notre Dame was one of 3 teams on this list (Florida and Baylor also had weaker records) and the Irish plummeted from a Sugar Bowl berth in 2006 to 3-9 the following year!

This year only three teams fall into the final category of 60.5% or less lettermen returning, 11 or less returning starters and an inexperienced QB. These teams only have a 10% chance of improving their record. **They are Navy, South Carolina and Miss St.**

Now let's look at the experience points system I devised. Since 2001 there have been 77 teams that have accumulated 114.5 or less points on the chart. Of those 77 teams, 63 have had a weaker or the same record the next year or 82%! Last year 8 teams made the list with only ONE (Ga Tech) improving their record. Hawaii went from 12-1 to 7-7. Teams that have 118.55 or less points returning have the same or weaker record 84 out of 107 times (78.5%) and last year 2 notable teams fit that criteria in Michigan (116.18) and Southern Miss (115.08). In the box below I list the three teams that are in the 115.0 category that are most likely headed down this year. **The teams in the 78.5% category are Miss St, West Virginia, New Mexico St and Ball St.**

Teams with 115.0 or less pts in experience chart 82% chance of weaker or same record

- Navy
- Missouri
- S Carolina

For a complete list of this year's returning and lost lettermen check out the team pages or visit. . .

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SPRING GAME NOTES. . .

For years you have checked out the back pages of my magazine to get all the latest news from the spring games. Unfortunately there are only so many pages in my magazine and I could only allot 3 pages for the spring notes. My website philsteele.com has UNLIMITED PAGES that I can devote to spring ball. Instead of trying to write just a paragraph for half the teams, we will write a full summary of what happened in the spring for all 120 teams! We will even include boxscores. Just go to philsteele.com today and get all the latest spring game information and more. My goal is to make it like 120 different Media Guides all in one location and one format. You will be able to access school records, career leaders, all of this year's information and more. While you could go to each school's website and try to find the info on each team, I will have it in the same format and all at one website. (Did I mention philsteele.com?)

Ohio St vs Michigan - Last 12 Year Matchup

OSU	Rank			Points				Rush				Pass				Def	Rush			Pass							
Year	Team	Opp	Line	OFF	DEF	Site	Off FD	Att	Yds	Avg	Comp	Att	Yds	Sacks Vs	FD	Att	Yds	Avg	Comp	Att	Yds	Sacks By	Turnovers	Home Tm	Upset?	Yards
2008	10		-20.0	42	7	Michigan	13	43	232	5.4	8	16	184	3	11	41	111	2.7	8	25	87	3	1	Win		218
2007	7	23	-4.0	14	3	AT Michigan	16	59	229	3.9	7	13	50	0	8	24	15	0.6	12	37	76	4	-1	Loss		188
2006	1	2	-6.5	42	39	Michigan	24	29	187	6.4	29	41	316	1	17	30	130	4.3	21	35	267	4	-3	Win		106
2005	9	17	-3.0	25	21	AT Michigan	25	35	118	3.4	27	37	300	1	17	24	32	1.3	25	37	223	1	-2	Loss		163
2004		7	5.5	37	21	Michigan	18	47	205	4.4	13	23	241	0	20	22	71	3.2	27	54	328	1	2	Win	Upset	47
2003	4	5	7.0	21	35	AT Michigan	22	25	54	2.2	28	46	329	4	24	40	170	4.3	21	32	278	0	0	Win		-65
2002	2	12	-4.0	14	9	Michigan	13	34	140	4.1	10	14	124	2	26	41	121	3.0	23	48	247	2	2	Win		-104
2001		11	8.5	26	20	AT Michigan	11	50	137	2.7	11	18	118	1	18	35	117	3.3	21	47	206	3	4	Loss	Upset	-68
2000	12	19	-2.5	26	38	Michigan	22	34	149	4.4	21	48	251	2	16	43	88	2.0	14	25	303	1	-2	Loss	Upset	9
1999		10	11.0	17	24	AT Michigan	16	48	263	5.5	9	21	105	4	19	39	102	2.6	17	27	150	4	-2	Win		116
1998	7	11	-10.0	31	16	Michigan	14	32	132	4.1	16	28	330	4	18	28	4	0.1	31	56	375	7	1	Win		83
1997	4	1	3.5	14	20	AT Michigan	13	41	119	2.9	9	26	133	5	12	42	42	1.0	14	25	147	4	-1	Win		63

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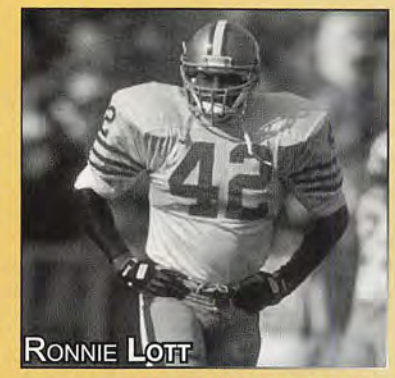

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Finalists:	Quinn Pitcock - Ohio St & Paul Posluszny - Penn St
2005 Winner:	DeMeco Ryans, Alabama
Finalists:	AJ Hawk - Ohio St & Darryl Tapp - Virginia Tech
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2003 - Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh
2002 - Charles Rogers, Michigan St
2001 - Josh Reed, LSU
2000 - Antonio Bryant, Pittsburgh
1999 - Troy Walters, Stanford
1998 - Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech
1997 - Randy Moss, Marshall
1996 - Marcus Harris, Wyoming
1995 - Terry Glenn, Ohio St
1994 - Bobby Engram, Penn State

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WARNING: This page is for Hardcore Fans ONLY. If you need MORE information than was provided on the individual pages, You've come to the right spot!

For those of you who wanted more information in this year's magazine, on this page we will feature some information that just wouldn't fit!!!!!!

AIR FORCE - Since many of Air Force's incoming freshmen either go to the USAFA Prep school or play on the JV Team for a year we have provided you the JV records for the last 18 years. The JV Team plays the USAFA Prep School as well as other Prep Schools throughout the year. Lt Col. Steve Senn has been the JV HC for 4 years (5th with program) helping to develop future Varsity contributors. He is also an assistant with the Varsity squad.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY JV FOOTBALL RECORDS

2008	5-0	1999	2-4
2007	2-2	1998	7-1
2006	2-3	1997	6-1
2005	5-2	1996	3-2
2004	6-1	1995	5-1
2003	6-1	1994	3-2
2002	5-3	1993	4-2
2001	6-2	1992	3-0-1
2000	1-7	1991	7-2

JV HEAD COACH: LT. COL. STEVE SENN

AUBURN - Senior James Swinton (PS#123) was generally judged the fastest man on the team but had just 3 rec his first 3 years. At one point in '08 he earned a starting spot but finished with just 2 rec. **BUFFALO** - Gerry McGroarty (PS#11) had 9 TB's on 57 KO in '07 but LY AJ Principe took over the starting KO job and had 0 TB on 24 KO. McGroarty replaced him in the 2H of the year. **CALIFORNIA** - Against Wash St, Jahvid Best had 80 and 86 yd TD runs and Cal had never had a RB have two 80 yd runs in the same season, let alone in the same game. **CENTRAL MICHIGAN** - In 2007 Dan LeFevour became the first QB in school history to top 100 yards rushing in two straight games. **DUKE** - Duke's visiting locker room is a tiny building which is too cramped to accommodate 70 players and 15 coaches. Navy HC Ken Niumatalolo said "Our guys were drenched in sweat just sitting in there." He had his support staff move chairs outside under some trees so the players could find shade before the game and at halftime. Meanwhile, Duke players were in a spacious, air conditioned locker room. **EASTERN MICHIGAN** - Ron English was the DC at Louisville last year and the Cardinals improved from allowing 416 ypg to 369. Those numbers would have been a lot better had the Cards' secondary not been decimated the last 3 games. **FLORIDA** - In 2006, everything went the Gators way in a magical National Title year. A pair of late TO's got them past Alabama. LSU had a 22-14 FD edge but suffered 5 TO's and a blocked punt. They beat SC by 1 with UF blocking 2 FG's and a crucial xp. They also caught numerous breaks in the SEC Title game (see 2008 magazine). Last year after a stunning 31-30 lose to Ole Miss on September 27th, QB Tim Tebow stewed for over an hour before giving an impassioned speech saying *"To the fans and everybody of Gator Nation, I'm extremely sorry. We were hoping for an undefeated season, that was my goal, something Florida has never done here. I promise you one thing, a lot of good will come out of this. You will never see any player in the entire country play as hard as I will play the rest of the season. You will never see someone push the rest of the team as hard as I will push everybody the rest of the season. You will never see a team play harder than we will the rest of the season. God Bless."* And you could hear a pin drop in the silence after those words which sparked him and the Gators to reel off an impressive 10 straight wins and take home another Title. **KENTUCKY** - QB Mike Hartline started the first 8. He played some in Randall Cobb's first start (vs UF) but Cobb took all of the snaps vs both UGA and Vandy. When Hartline was benched, he said "It stinks, no one ever expects to win the starting job then lose it because the guys around him aren't performing the way they should." **MEMPHIS** - Tommy West has done a good job on the O-line. In 2004 the O-line avg just 270 lbs per man but paved the way for 5.1 ypc rushing while allowing a miniscule 5 sacks (1.2%). They had to replace 4 starters in 2005 but were a lot bigger (300 lb avg) and were nicknamed 'The Pit Crew' in reference to RB DeAngelo Williams' Heisman campaign (race car). With a more mobile QB, they improved to 5.4 ypc with just 9 sacks (3.8%). They had 8 players back with starting experience in 2006 but were switching to a pass offense so naturally the ypc numbers dropped (3.6) but they still allowed just 14 sacks (3.6%). In 2007 they had to replace two starters but brought in Tenn transfer Malcom Rawls (PS#46) and two JUCO's. Despite an immobile QB they improved to 138 ypg rush (3.8) and allowed the 4th best sacks allowed % in the NCAA at 2.5% (14 sk). **NC STATE** - HC Tom O'Brien chosen the safe route last year he would have gone with the experienced QB Daniel Evans or with whom is thought to have the most potential and would have played true frosh Mike Glennon (PS#2). He said he wanted to cut it to 3 players from 5 when August started and Russell Wilson was surprisingly one of the 3 left with Harrison Beck and Justin Burke left out of the mix (Burke trans to L'ville). **NORTH TEXAS** - Ironically the last time NT hired a HS coach (Dennis Parker in '91), Todd Dodge was his OC in '92 & '93 and the team was just 8-14 in those 2 years of IAA ball. **OREGON ST** - Jonathan Smith left after 2001 as the school's all-time career passing leader (9,680). Derek Anderson ('01-'04) broke that record (11,249) and started for Cleveland in the NFL. UCLA transfer Matt Moore (PS#19) took over in '05... OSU had some fine WR's in its Fiesta Bowl season in 2000 when they had their best unit ever led by Chad Johnson and TJ Houshmandzadeh (both drafted by CIN). In '03, Mike Hass became just the 3rd Beaver to top 1,000 in a season (23.0). Hass set a school record with 86 rec (16.0) in '04 and reset the record (90) in '05. He also set a P10 mark with 1,532 (17.0), was #1 in the NCAA in receiving ypg and won the Biletnikoff Award (#6DC)... OSU amazingly recorded 3 straight Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings including #2 in '04. They had to replace three 1st or 2nd Tm P10 starters including both CB's in '05. It was the first time since 1989 that OSU didn't have at least 2 starters ret and OSU dropped to #79 in 2006. All 4 starters ret'd in '07 and as expected, OSU moved up to #7. They had a streak of 22 straight gm without an int by an OSU CB end late in the year. In '07 they had to replace a 1st Tm P10 CB but had 6 of the top 8 back. The experienced secondary finished #10 with a 20-22 ratio. **PURDUE** - In the first 3 of '07 vs 2 MAC teams and a IAA foe, QB Curtis Painter threw for 952 yards (68.7%) with an outstanding 13-0 ratio. In Big Ten play however the numbers fell to 262 ypg (61%) with an 11-7 ratio. **SAN JOSE ST** - HC Dick Tomey allowed his D to tackle the QB's for the first time in spring yet Myles Eden completed 60% and did not have a single TO. Tomey called it the best spring anyone has ever had for him. **SOUTH CAROLINA** - It's interesting to note that Steve Spurrier's Gators' lowest number of TD passes was 23 in his 12 years at Florida and here they have topped 24 just once. Stephen Garcia's first 2 passes benefitted from pen with pass interf then an int was nullified by an offsides pen.... Spurrier prodded WR Kenny McKinley by saying that maybe it was time to take a MedRS and that next week McKinley returned... Spurrier noted prior to the year that OG's Kevin Young and Lemuel Jeanpierre were stronger than many of the linemen he had at Fla but rFr Young was injured in '07 and Jeanpierre had just 5 starts after moving from DL. **TCU** - Gary Patterson says the SLB position has a chance to make the most plays on the D and that spot has produced their #1 tackler in 6 of the last 9 years.... Versus UNLV, TCU's replacements Aaron Brown and Nick Sanders muffed a combined 3 punts.... Patterson is 1 win shy of topping Abe Martin ('53-'66) for 2nd place in career wins for a HC. **TENNESSEE** - While the DL starts lost are equal to '08, last year's starters combined for 123 tackles and 8.5 sacks in '07 while this year's projected starters had 110 combined tackles and 5 sacks in 2008 plus the losses to the NFL are heavier. Last year UT had 13 DL's on NFL rosters. **TEXAS** - Colt McCoy turned down the NFL and has already surpassed the school record for TD passes. (held by QB Coach Major Applewhite) and Vince Young's career win total. **TEXAS A&M** - Jerrod Johnson did become the 7th consecutive Aggie QB to lose his starting debut (vs Miami) with the last one to win being Corey Pullig in 1992. **TEXAS TECH** - In Mike Leach's first year he went with a QB soph, Kliff Kingsbury who set the single season school record for passing in his first year (3,418) then reset the record the next two years including 5,017 as a senior in '02. The next 3 years they started a 5th year senior walk-on who had no prev starting experience but was well versed in the Leach offense. In '03 BJ Symons set the NCAA single season record with 5,833 (65.4%) with a 55-22 ratio (340 gross rush). In '04 Sonny Cumbie threw for 4,742 (65.6%) with a 32-18 ratio. In '05 Cody Hodges threw for 4,238 (66.5%) and a 31-12 ratio. Kingsbury threw for 186 in his first start, Symons 297, Cumbie 470 and Hodges 454... Taurean Henderson led the team in rushing in each of his four seasons and also avg'd 76 rec per year. He departed in '06 as Tech's all-time leader in rec's (302, NCAA rec RB, #3 all-time). He was also excellent at picking up blitzes (a key in the spread offense). Shannon Woods was the top backup in '05 (481 all-purp). Leach said he would use 3 RB's in '06 incl true frosh Baron Batch (PS#40) and rFr Kobey Lewis (PS#181). **UCLA** - After two years as the OC of the Titans, Norm Chow was let go but was still owed the final 2 years of his contract and the Bruins were able to hire someone who was HC caliber at the price of an asst. **UNLV** - This year the Rebels must replace LG Johan Asiata (12 st, 2Y st'r) who the *Las Vegas Review Journal* called the "best player on the team." **UTEP** - The key to the 3-3-5 defense is the Miner position (S/LB hybrid) and unfortunately Braxton Amy, the best fit for that spot was lost in the spring. His replacement, Roddray Walker was then lost in August. **WASHINGTON ST** - It looked like a winless Pac-10 season as Washington led for 59:00 but the Cougars got a TD with :02 left to force OT and the Huskies missed two 4Q FG's. WSU won it there. After the USC game most of the locker room was divided by players who had given up on the season and those who had not. **WISCONSIN** - They not only had 2 starters back but LT Gabe Carimi spent a lot of time in the weight room over the summer of 2007 (13 st) and were much stronger...During senior bowl practices, Cincinnati Bengals asst HC Paul Alexander said he was sure glad one of his guards, Kraig Urbik, was from UW. "They're so well-coached," Alexander said. "They've long been the best-coached linemen in the country. That's a big reason why Urbik is one of the top-rated guards in the current draft class. The feeling among coaches and scouts at the Senior Bowl is that Urbik is probably the closest to being ready to play in the NFL among the OL. He's not the type of guy where it's going to take him a long time to learn the game. It's not."

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2001	Ken Dorsey, Miami, FL
2000	Drew Brees, Purdue
1999	Ron Dayne, Wisconsin
1998	Ricky Williams, Texas
1997	Peyton Manning, Tennessee
1996	Danny Wuerffel, Florida
1995	Eddie George, Ohio State
1994	Kerry Collins, Penn State
1993	Charlie Ward, Florida State
1992	Gino Torretta, Miami, FL
1991	Desmond Howard, Michigan
1990	Ty Detmer, BYU
1989	Anthony Thompson, Indiana
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POWER PLAYS PROJECTED STATS FOR THE 2009 SEASON

SEC	OFF RUSH	OFF PASS	OFF PTS	DEF RUSH	DEF PASS	DEF PTS	YPG DIFF	PPG DIFF
Florida	255	240	39.3	60	155	11.1	280	28.1
Mississippi	200	245	34.3	95	215	16.1	135	18.1
Alabama	165	200	28.6	65	185	14.9	115	13.8
Georgia	165	255	31.1	115	190	20.5	115	10.6
LSU	185	235	31.8	130	185	21.1	105	10.6
Auburn	125	225	22.4	145	190	18.6	15	3.8
Arkansas	155	260	28.6	145	215	26.1	55	2.5
Tennessee	130	200	21.8	130	190	21.8	10	0.0
Kentucky	135	220	24.3	170	205	24.9	-20	-0.6
South Carolina	105	215	20.5	135	215	21.8	-30	-1.3
Vanderbilt	160	140	18.6	145	190	21.1	-35	-2.5
Mississippi St	120	190	19.9	175	225	28.6	-90	-8.8
BIG TEN								
Penn St	215	220	33.0	85	205	16.8	145	16.3
Iowa	170	205	26.8	105	180	14.9	90	11.9
Ohio St	195	195	27.4	125	180	17.4	85	10.0
Illinois	200	290	35.5	170	215	27.4	105	8.1
Michigan	210	200	30.5	135	225	24.3	50	6.3
Michigan St	140	240	27.4	125	190	21.1	65	6.3
Wisconsin	205	205	29.9	180	200	26.8	30	3.1
Northwestern	170	180	24.3	145	215	21.1	-10	3.1
Purdue	105	235	23.0	180	200	24.9	-40	-1.9
Minnesota	150	240	23.6	180	225	29.9	-15	-6.3
Indiana	130	200	18.6	165	225	31.1	-60	-12.5
BIG 12								
Texas	200	330	43.6	85	210	14.9	235	28.8
Oklahoma	190	330	39.9	70	250	21.8	200	18.1
Oklahoma St	245	265	37.4	105	265	26.8	140	10.6
Nebraska	175	235	33.0	135	215	23.0	60	10.0
Texas Tech	85	375	31.8	130	255	26.8	75	5.0
Kansas St	165	210	29.3	155	235	26.1	-15	3.1
Missouri	160	265	31.1	150	285	28.6	-10	2.5
Kansas	130	300	30.5	160	270	29.9	0	0.6
Colorado	175	215	27.4	165	225	27.4	0	0.0
Baylor	175	225	26.1	140	245	28.0	15	-1.9
Texas A&M	125	280	30.5	195	270	33.6	-60	-3.1
Iowa St	120	285	24.9	205	235	33.6	-35	-8.8
ACC								
Miami, FL	165	235	31.8	135	180	19.3	85	12.5
Clemson	175	205	26.1	125	170	16.1	85	10.0
North Carolina	140	220	26.8	115	200	18.6	45	8.1
Boston College	180	185	25.5	115	210	20.5	40	5.0
Georgia Tech	285	130	26.8	155	180	22.4	80	4.4
Florida St	160	220	28.6	155	205	24.3	20	4.4
NC State	160	230	26.8	130	230	23.0	30	3.8
Virginia Tech	195	170	23.0	120	180	20.5	65	2.5
Virginia	125	200	19.3	170	200	21.8	-45	-2.5
Duke	125	205	22.4	170	220	26.8	-60	-4.4
Maryland	130	205	20.5	205	205	26.8	-75	-6.3
Wake Forest	170	200	22.4	170	220	28.6	-20	-6.3
PAC-10								
USC	240	255	37.4	125	165	15.5	205	21.9
California	210	245	32.4	125	175	19.9	155	12.5
UCLA	130	230	27.4	145	175	22.4	40	5.0
Arizona	135	230	26.8	130	200	22.4	35	4.4
Oregon St	175	225	29.3	140	235	26.1	25	3.1
Stanford	190	200	26.1	150	225	25.5	15	0.6
Oregon	215	210	29.9	140	260	29.3	25	0.6
Arizona St	130	190	22.4	130	220	23.0	-30	-0.6
Washington	150	200	22.4	190	200	28.0	-40	-5.6
Washington St	120	155	16.8	235	240	37.4	-200	-20.6

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My Power Plays Projections take into account the strength of opponent faced. Each week during the season it projects a box score for each upcoming game with yards rushing, passing and points, etc. I thought it would be fun to plug in the Power Plays numbers vs their opponents' ratings and project the entire season. The chart to the left is projected statistics for the 2009 season.

2009 PROJECTED RUSH OFFENSES	2009 PROJECTED PASS OFFENSES	2009 PROJECTED SCORING OFFENSES	2009 PROJECTED TOTAL OFFENSES
1. Georgia Tech	1. Houston	1. Texas	1. Houston
2. Navy	2. Texas Tech	2. Oklahoma	2. Texas
3. Nevada	3. Texas	3. Florida	3. Oklahoma
4. Air Force	4. Oklahoma	4. Houston	4. Oklahoma St
5. Florida	5. BYU	5. Oklahoma St	5. Southern Miss
6. Oklahoma St	6. SMU	6. USC	6. Nevada
7. USC	7. UTEP	7. Illinois	7. Florida
8. Kent St	8. Hawaii	8. Tulsa	8. USC
9. Southern Miss	9. Notre Dame	9. Nevada	9. Illinois
10. Penn St	10. C Michigan	10. Southern Miss	10. Tulsa
11. Oregon	11. Kansas	11. Mississippi	11. Notre Dame
12. TCU	12. Illinois	12. Boise St	12. Texas Tech
116. Purdue	116. Vanderbilt	116. Indiana	116. Wyoming
117. New Mexico St	117. Georgia Tech	117. Wyoming	117. UCF
118. Texas Tech	118. Air Force	118. Army	118. WKU
119. Rice	119. Army	119. Washington St	119. Army
120. SMU	120. Navy	120. WKU	120. Washington St

2009 PROJECTED RUSH DEFENSES	2009 PROJECTED PASS DEFENSES	2009 PROJECTED POINTS DEFENSES	2009 PROJECTED TOTAL DEFENSES
1. Florida	1. Florida	1. Florida	1. Florida
2. Alabama	2. Pittsburgh	2. Pittsburgh	2. TCU
3. Oklahoma	3. USC	3. TCU	3. Alabama
4. TCU	4. TCU	4. Iowa	4. Pittsburgh
5. Texas	5. Clemson	5. Alabama	5. Iowa
6. Penn St	6. California	6. Texas	6. USC
7. Mississippi	7. UCLA	7. USC	7. Penn St
8. Rutgers	8. Notre Dame	8. Clemson	8. Texas
9. Utah	9. Iowa	9. Mississippi	9. USF
10. Oklahoma St	10. Virginia Tech	10. Penn St	10. Clemson
11. Pittsburgh	11. Ohio St	11. Ohio St	11. California
12. Iowa	12. Miami, FL	12. USF	12. Virginia Tech
116. Bowling Green	116. Texas A&M	116. Houston	116. WKU
117. Idaho	117. Tulsa	117. E Michigan	117. Houston
118. WKU	118. Missouri	118. UAB	118. Texas A&M
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BIG EAST	OFF RUSH	OFF PASS	OFF PTS	DEF RUSH	DEF PASS	DEF PTS	YPG DIFF	PPG DIFF
Pittsburgh	150	260	31.1	105	165	14.3	140	16.9
USF	180	240	28.6	110	185	18.0	125	10.6
Rutgers	185	225	29.9	95	230	19.3	85	10.6
West Virginia	180	190	22.4	125	195	19.3	50	3.1
Cincinnati	150	270	28.6	150	240	26.8	30	1.9
Louisville	165	220	27.4	150	225	26.1	10	1.3
Connecticut	155	170	23.0	140	215	24.3	-30	-1.3
Syracuse	130	185	19.9	185	215	29.3	-85	-9.4
Mountain West								
TCU	210	215	30.5	80	170	14.3	175	16.3
BYU	110	330	31.1	110	225	20.5	105	10.6
Utah	155	205	27.4	100	225	21.8	35	5.6
Air Force	265	130	26.8	155	180	23.0	60	3.8
UNLV	115	255	26.1	165	225	27.4	-20	-1.3
San Diego St	115	240	24.9	175	245	29.9	-65	-5.0
Wyoming	120	175	18.0	130	225	24.9	-60	-6.9
Colorado St	130	240	23.0	215	235	33.0	-80	-10.0
New Mexico	135	195	20.5	165	260	30.5	-95	-10.0
CUSA								
Southern Miss	225	280	34.3	145	235	23.6	125	10.6
Tulsa	195	280	34.9	140	275	29.3	60	5.6
Houston	160	375	38.6	175	285	33.6	75	5.0
East Carolina	145	240	26.8	130	215	23.0	40	3.8
Marshall	175	185	23.6	125	235	21.8	0	1.9
SMU	60	320	29.3	210	240	30.5	-70	-1.3
Memphis	185	240	28.0	160	230	29.3	35	-1.3
UTEP	130	310	31.1	180	265	33.6	-5	-2.5
UCF	120	175	19.9	120	245	24.3	-70	-4.4
UAB	190	235	25.5	170	300	34.3	-45	-8.8
Tulane	125	235	21.1	200	225	32.4	-65	-11.3
Rice	75	250	22.4	175	265	33.6	-115	-11.3
WAC								
Boise St	150	265	33.6	170	215	21.1	30	12.5
Nevada	270	235	34.9	110	270	26.8	125	8.1
Fresno St	195	220	32.4	185	215	26.1	15	6.3
Hawaii	115	310	31.1	190	235	31.8	0	-0.6
Louisiana Tech	195	180	24.3	150	245	28.0	-20	-3.8
Utah St	155	215	26.8	150	265	31.8	-45	-5.0
San Jose St	130	220	21.1	180	195	27.4	-25	-6.3
New Mexico St	90	225	19.3	205	200	32.4	-90	-13.1
Idaho	145	175	20.5	215	235	35.5	-130	-15.0
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Notre Dame	155	305	31.8	160	175	19.9	125	11.9
Navy	280	65	22.4	125	245	24.9	-25	-2.5
Army	190	90	17.4	185	180	21.8	-85	-4.4
MAC								
C Michigan	125	305	29.3	135	240	25.5	55	3.8
Ohio	135	240	27.4	145	200	24.9	30	2.5
Temple	110	190	21.1	150	180	19.3	-30	1.9
Akron	165	250	29.9	180	215	28.6	20	1.3
W Michigan	155	260	29.3	185	245	28.0	-15	1.3
N Illinois	185	180	26.8	160	220	26.1	-15	0.6
Ball St	145	200	23.6	145	235	24.3	-35	-0.6
Toledo	180	200	24.9	155	205	26.1	20	-1.3
Kent St	235	155	25.5	170	230	28.6	-10	-3.1
Buffalo	150	185	21.8	155	230	26.1	-50	-4.4
Bowling Green	135	240	25.5	215	235	31.8	-75	-6.3
E Michigan	160	255	25.5	210	215	34.3	-10	-8.8
Miami, OH	120	240	22.4	230	215	33.0	-85	-10.6
Sun Belt								
Troy	170	255	32.4	135	220	24.3	70	8.1
Arkansas St	195	200	24.3	135	200	23.6	60	0.6
Middle Tenn	170	205	25.5	185	220	27.4	-30	-1.9
Florida Atlantic	115	285	26.1	210	220	29.9	-30	-3.8
ULM	175	175	23.6	170	220	28.0	-40	-4.4
Louisiana	205	150	23.0	180	215	29.3	-40	-6.3
FIU	110	230	23.0	195	210	30.5	-65	-7.5
N Texas	130	255	24.3	180	225	32.4	-20	-8.1
WKU	140	145	16.8	225	225	31.8	-165	-15.0

MIP OFFENSIVE RUSH

1.	Clemson
2.	Middle Tenn
3.	Michigan
4.	Rutgers
5.	Washington
6.	Colorado
7.	Wake Forest
8.	UCLA
9.	Minnesota
10.	Notre Dame
11.	USC
12.	San Jose St
13.	San Diego St
14.	Arkansas
15.	Arizona St
116.	Louisiana
117.	Connecticut
118.	Rice
119.	Tulsa
120.	New Mexico

MIP OFFENSIVE PASS

1.	New Mexico
2.	Syracuse
3.	Notre Dame
4.	Auburn
5.	UCF
6.	Hawaii
7.	Wyoming
8.	Michigan
9.	Pittsburgh
10.	California
11.	Tennessee
12.	Kentucky
13.	Air Force
14.	Stanford
15.	SMU
116.	Ball St
117.	Kansas St
118.	Missouri
119.	New Mexico St
120.	Rice

MIP OFFENSIVE POINTS

1.	Michigan
2.	UCLA
3.	Washington
4.	SMU
5.	Colorado
6.	Notre Dame
7.	Illinois
8.	Arkansas
9.	Hawaii
10.	San Diego St
11.	Texas A&M
12.	Wyoming
13.	Auburn
14.	Miami, FL
15.	Tulane
116.	Ball St
117.	Texas Tech
118.	Oregon
119.	Tulsa
120.	Rice

MIP DEFENSE RUSH

1.	San Diego St
2.	Kansas St
3.	Washington
4.	UNLV
5.	Oklahoma
6.	Florida
7.	ULM
8.	Rutgers
9.	Marshall
10.	Louisiana
11.	Oklahoma St
12.	BYU
13.	North Texas
14.	Arkansas
15.	Fresno St
116.	Louisiana Tech
117.	Hawaii
118.	Bowling Green
119.	Maryland
120.	WKU

MIP DEFENSE PASS

1.	North Texas
2.	Texas
3.	C Michigan
4.	Temple
5.	Iowa St
6.	Nevada
7.	Indiana
8.	LSU
9.	Pittsburgh
10.	Louisiana Tech
11.	Idaho
12.	Kansas St
13.	N Carolina
14.	Florida
15.	Notre Dame
116.	Oregon St
117.	Bowling Green
118.	S Carolina
119.	N Illinois
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MIP DEFENSE POINTS

1.	N Texas
2.	Washington
3.	Kansas St
4.	SMU
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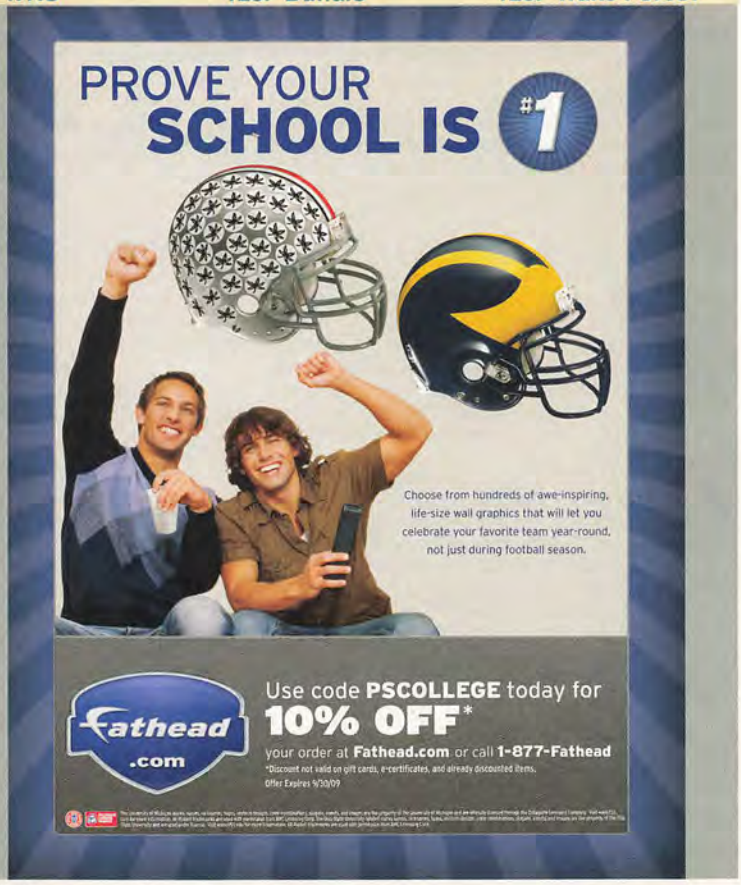
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Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task, even with a couple of weeks left in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. With just a few weeks left in 2002's race, Carson Palmer was not even in the Top 5 but he still ended up winning. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner four months prior to the season.

Florida
QB Tim Tebow

In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams (Texas) as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when Texas was humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in B2B weeks and he had just average games in both. At the time it looked like his Heisman chances were GONE. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and then he fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over, Wisconsin was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne had broken Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

In 2000, I had the only preseason publication in the country that called for Chris Weinke to win the Heisman and he was not even on many folks' lists at the start of the year. This long shot simply delivered my THIRD straight winner, despite the big odds. Michael Vick was by far the preseason favorite in 2000 but came up short.

In 2001, I missed with Chris Simms but did have Heisman winner Eric Crouch listed as #3 coming into the year. It would have been tough to pick who was going to win the Heisman that year, even on the morning of the presentation, as the voting was one of the closest ever.

In 2002, NO ONE pegged Carson Palmer to win the Heisman prior to the year and he was about a 100-1 long shot over the summer but I did have him #7 on my list of Preseason Heisman Favorites.

In 2003, Jason White was posted at 30-1 odds to win the Heisman with 20 players listed ahead of him so another Darkhorse won the award. I missed with Maurice Clarett of Ohio St (but we all know that story). In 2004, White finished 3rd in the voting but one of the favorites, Matt Leinart, took home the Trophy.

In 2005, Leinart was my pick but didn't become the 2nd two-time winner with his teammate Reggie Bush beating him out. Had the vote taken place AFTER the bowls, Vince Young would have won it.

In 2006 the QB of the #1 team in the country led from start to finish in the Heisman race as Troy Smith took home the award in a landslide. In 2007 Tim Tebow became the first soph to win it and in 2008 Sam Bradford became the 2nd soph to win. Here are this year's favorites:

MY FAVORITES

1. Tim Tebow, Florida

Tebow got my vote last year and while he had the most 1st place votes and outplayed the Heisman winner Sam Bradford in the bowl, he was just #3 in the voting. He put the Gators on his shoulders after the loss to Ole Miss and if the vote was done after the bowls he would have clearly won. Archie Griffin (the only two time winner) should get ready for some company.

2. Colt McCoy, Texas

McCoy had a solid '08 season and while Bradford had a pair of 1,000 yard rushers in his backfield and an NFL caliber OL in front of him, McCoy actually led the Horns in rushing and almost guided them to the title game. He hit 76.7% of this passes in '08 and has a stronger supporting cast to work with in '09.

3. Sam Bradford, Oklahoma

Bradford set the single season pass efficiency record last year and won the Heisman despite not having the most 1st place votes. He still has 2 great TB's behind him but does lose 4 starters from the front wall and two of his top 3 receivers.

4. Jevan Snead, Ole Miss

Jevan hit just 56% last year with a 26-13 ratio but got stronger as the season progressed hitting 66% over the final 3 which included LSU and Texas Tech. It is his 2nd year as a starter and Ole Miss could be favored in all 12 reg season games and he beat Tebow in the Swamp last year.

5. Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St

Dez was #3 in the FBS in rec ypg but his 17.0 ypc was the best of the top 5. He had 2 PR TD's in '08 and he is a threat to score every time he touches the ball. Gundy figures to get it in his hands many different ways this year.

6. Jahvid Best, California

Jahvid is the leading returning rusher from '08 and had an amazing 8.14 ypc, rushing for 1,580 yards. Cal is a darkhorse national title contender and an upset of USC would move him higher.

7. Juice Williams, Illinois

Sticking with the long shot theme, Juice has made solid improvements each year as a starter and should have a huge year statistically with one of the top offenses in the country.

8. Evan Royster, Penn St

Royster should have a big year and Penn St has a great shot at an unbeaten season in 2009. With most of their WR's gone, he figures to be an even larger part of the offense.

CONTENDERS

This list is heavy on experienced QB's that could put up big stats for National Title contenders which has been the formula for six of the last eight Heisman Trophy winners.

Zac Robinson, Oklahoma St

He is part of the triplets at OSU. The Cowboys will have a high flying offense and he is the guy at the controls.

Daryll Clark, Penn St

Clark outperformed expectations in his first year as a starter and will get more national recognition now that he is established.

Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame

There once was a time when a successful ND QB was an automatic for the favorite's role.

Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma St

He was 1st Team AA in '08 and had his best games vs the toughest opponents.

Terrelle Pryor, Ohio St

If he guides the Buckeyes to a home win vs USC, a road win vs Penn St and a Big Ten Title he may jump to the front of the line.

Max Hall, BYU

The numbers will be there and upsets of Oklahoma and Florida St would erase the non-BCS stigma.

Jonathan Dwyer, Georgia Tech

Tech showed they could play with the big boys LY and Dwyer is my pick to lead the nation in rushing in '09.

Noel Devine, West Virginia

He could be among the best in the FBS if WV sticks to running the football this year.

Matt Grothe, USF

A contender if he stays healthy all year. USF has been in the top 10 early the last two years.

CJ Spiller, Clemson

One of the top picks for the 2010 NFL draft and a solid runner, receiver, blocker and returnman.

Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon St

Did you watch him vs USC (186, 5.0, 2 TD's) LY?

POSSIBILITIES

Here are some quality players that will put up big stats but aren't likely to be playing for a National Title contender or may play for a Title contender but could split votes with other prime players:

Dan LeFevour, Central Michigan
MiQuale Lewis, Ball St
Case Keenum, Houston
Jarrett Brown, West Virginia
Arrelious Benn, Illinois
DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma
Charles Scott, LSU
Eric Berry, Tennessee
Chris Brown, Oklahoma
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Kellen Moore, Boise St
Taylor Potts, Texas Tech
Russell Wilson, NCSt
Josh Nesbitt, Georgia Tech
LeGarrette Blount, Oregon
Caleb King, Georgia
John Clay, Wisconsin

DARKHORSES

Jake Locker, Washington
Stafon Johnson, USC
Todd Reesing, Kansas
Javarris James, Miami FL
Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee
Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss
Eric Decker, Minnesota
DeAndre Brown, Southern Miss
Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas
Jordan Shipley, Texas
Damian Williams, USC
Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP
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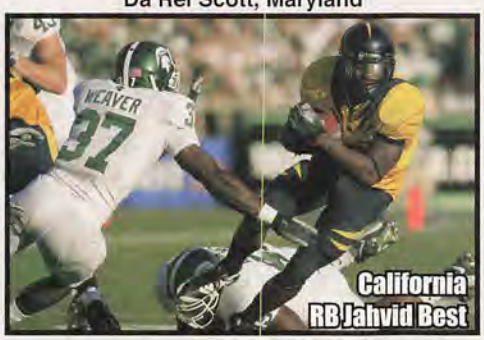

California
RB Jahvid Best

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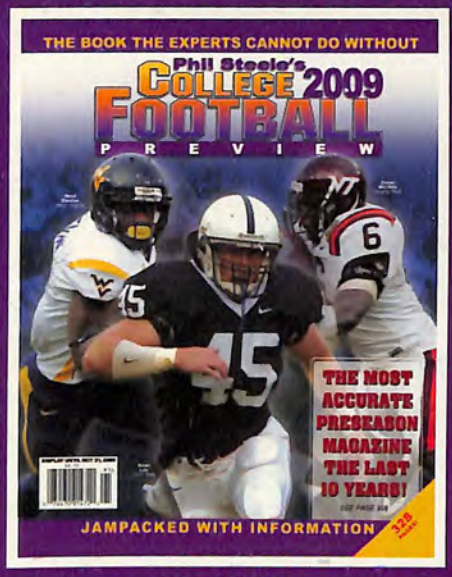
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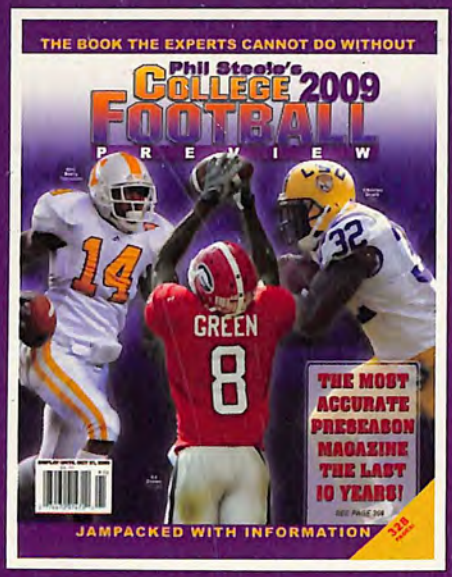
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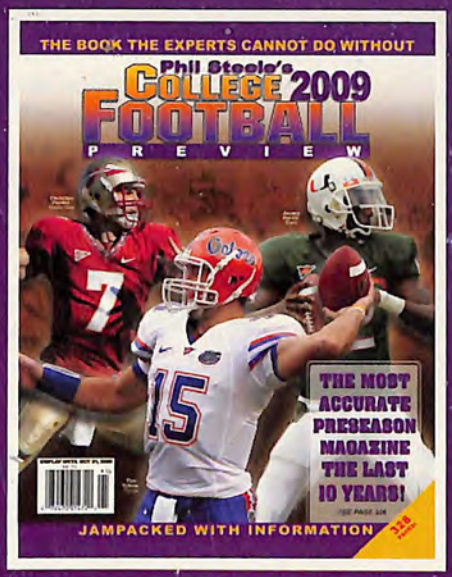
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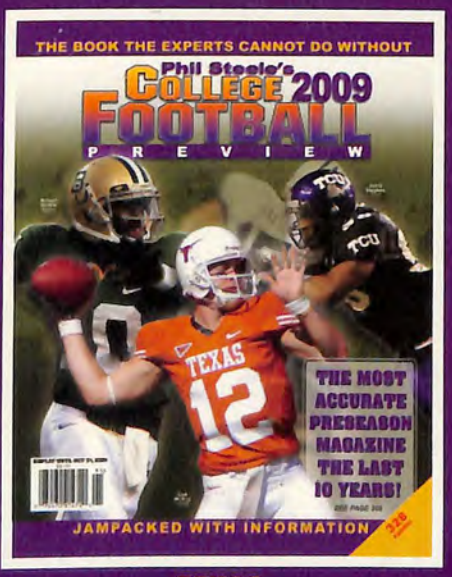
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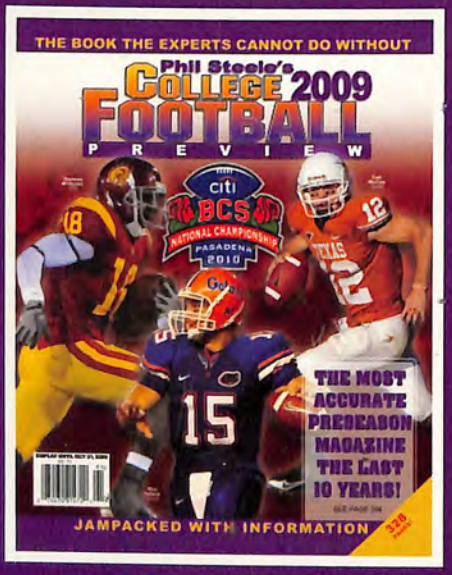
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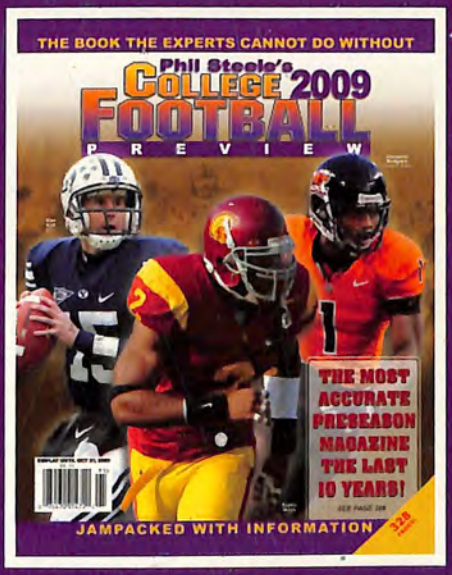
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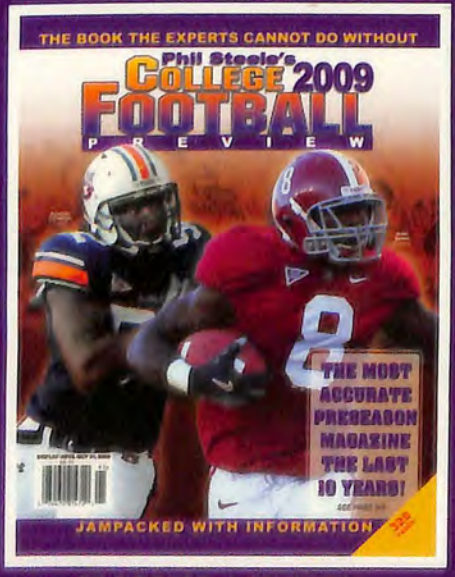
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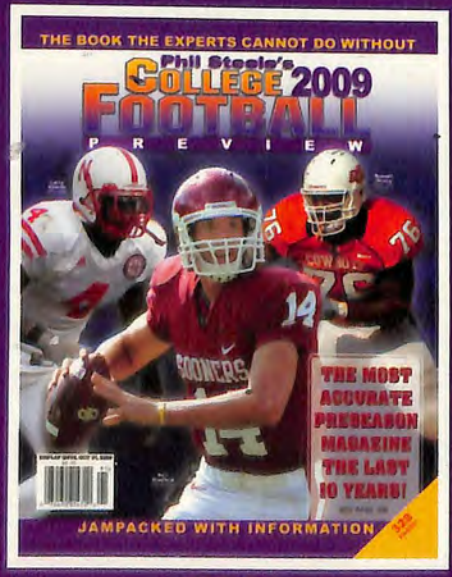
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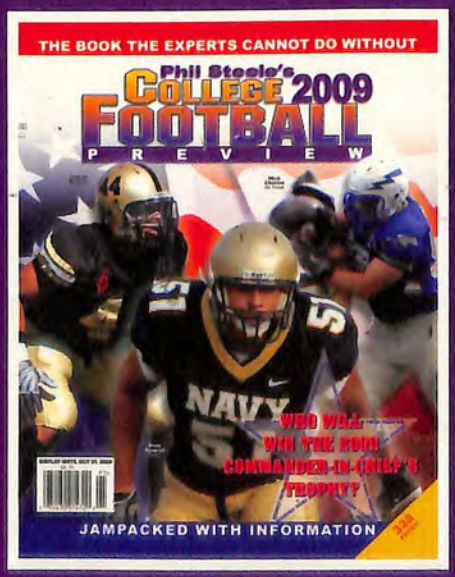
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